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Will County Reading Council

Winter 2021

AND....IT'S FEBRUARY!!!!

It's official-2021 has begun with a flurry! We have snow, vaccinations are starting, teachers and kids are transitioning to the classroom more often, and light is emerging with hope. A new year always provides us with a fresh start and new perspectives. Educators continue to be creative, giving everything they can to help students, the school community, their own children, all while trying to take care of their own well-being. Covid-19 has impacted all of us in different ways and we hope you and your loved ones are well. We are here for you and ready to help. Read on for updates and future events!!!

Kindest Regards,
Donna Herman, Past President

CONTEST-CONTEST-CONTEST!!!

Want a chance to win **free** books? Just look for your name in our newsletter, take a screen shot and send it to us. We'll send you a gift certificate which can be used online to support independent book stores. Each issue will include at least 2 *current members*.

What's New with WCRC?

Like you, this has been a year of change for WCRC and we continue to try and adapt, finding new ways to support our members. This past fall we hosted a virtual author event with Liesl Shurtliff. She was absolutely delightful! Liesl shared how she gets her ideas and what it's like to be a children's author. Here's a link to her website for more information- <https://lieslshurtliff.com/>

Each December, WCRC hosts a "Santa Reads" at Joliet's Black Road Branch Library. Board member, Boomer Crotty has served in the Santa role for quite some time, but this year, like everyone else, we adjusted. Since we couldn't meet in person, we donated over 200 books to the library for them to donate in the community. Your membership, **Kim Onak**, helped fund this donation and we are deeply grateful for the opportunity to put more books in kids hands.

Most recently, we hosted our Winter author event with Joelle Charbonneau. Great, great fun! Read below for highlights of this virtual event. For more information, check out her website at <http://www.joellecharbonneau.com/>

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2021. Our featured speaker is Dr. Pat Braun who will show us how to imbue relaxation into our literacy teachings with laughter and other tools.

A call for proposals <https://forms.gle/nkpxRKoqdzqH6688>

Registration link <https://forms.gle/qagC9Rwv49PoDHk76>

Our Donations to the Black Road Branch Library



Books, Books, Books!

The Will County Reading Council donated almost 200 books to the Black Road Branch Library in Shorewood.



Books for kids of all ages!

Birth through high school titles, including holiday titles.



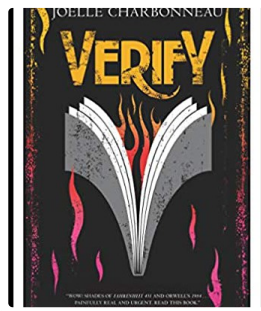
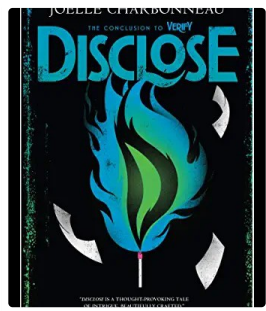
Wide range of titles for all to enjoy!

Fiction and non-fiction titles for kids which we think **Mary Baxter** will really enjoy!



JOELLE Charbonneau

Illinois author, Joelle Charbonneau, joined the Will County Reading Council on January 14th for an intriguing conversation, some music, (yes she sang), and an all around enlightening discussion about her books and writing challenges. If you haven't read or taken a look at **Verify** or **Disclose**, you might want to reconsider especially as they connect in the most ironic ways to events in the last year or so. Great Q & A with students as well!!!



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