

Calls for Contributions for Future Issues of the Illinois Reading Council Journal

The IRCJ editorial staff welcomes manuscript submissions at any time. Please follow the guidelines below for preparing and submitting manuscripts.

The Illinois Reading Council Journal seeks manuscripts dealing with topics, issues, and events of interest to educators involved in literacy programs at all levels of education. Ideas for inclusion in the following columns will also be considered: Terrific Teaching Tips, Parent Involvement in Reading, and Leadership in Reading.

The review process for articles takes approximately 14-16 weeks; however, we do not send manuscripts received from mid May through August out for review until after the start of the fall quarter/semester. Upon receipt of a manuscript, the editor will send an acknowledgment to the author. The manuscript will be evaluated by at least two reviewers who are uninformed as to the identity of the author. Manuscripts are evaluated in terms of interest, quality of writing, appropriate documentation of ideas, uniqueness, and needs of the journal. Research articles should include a clear description of the methodology and should be written in a style that will be readable by classroom teachers. The final decision for acceptance of manuscripts resides with the editor. The editor reserves the right to suggest changes in format to the authors.

Short Submissions

For each issue, short items such as original poems, cartoons, or personal anecdotes may appear throughout the journal. Such submissions should be one-half page to one page in length, double-spaced, and word-processed. The editor selects these short items.

If you have questions about the submission process, please email Roxanne Owens, IRCJ editor, ircjournal@illinoisreadingcouncil.org

Illinois Reading Council Journal Submission Guidelines

Please prepare and submit your manuscript consistent with the following guidelines:

We seek articles that deal with research and innovative instructional practices for literacy education at all levels. Article submissions should be eight to 25 double-spaced pages, including references.

Manuscript Preparation

--Organization Style and Format: APA, most recent edition

--Font: Times New Roman, 12 pt

--Running Head: Please add a running head with the short title and page number in the upper right corner

--To ensure impartial, blind review, please remove **all** identifying information from the manuscript.

Manuscript Submission

1. Save the manuscript as a Word document .doc or .docx (Please do not save as .pdf, .pages, or .rtf).
2. Please use the contact author's last name, the word "article", and a six-digit submission date as the title of the document. For example, If Mary Owens submits an article on January 1, 2015, the title of the document would be Owensarticle010115.docx).
3. Complete the Cover Sheet. Save the cover sheet as contact author's last name, the word "Cover", and the six-digit submission date. (Owenscover010115.docx).
4. Attach both documents to an email with the SUBJECT LINE: IRCJ ARTICLE SUBMISSION.

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