

# MID-State Reading Council

## An Illinois Reading Council Affiliate

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## President's Message

I hope everyone's school year is off to a great start. It is hard to believe that two months has already gone by and we will soon be preparing for the end of 2016.

For anyone that had the pleasure of attending the "Reading: Unlocking Opportunities" IRC conference at the beginning of this month, I hope you were able to come back to school with some great new ideas. Did you know, our very own MID-State Reading Council

past president, Janel Sebeny, was this year's conference chair? She did an amazing job from the presenters, to the planning, to the scheduling, to the meal choices. Thank you Janel for your incredibly hard work. You make us so proud!

Speaking of proud... Have you heard that another MID-State Reading Council board member is making us proud? Michelle Glatt (Chiddix and Evans Junior High School Librarian) has been named

School Librarian of the Year by Illinois School Library Media Association. Way to go Michelle!

MID-State has plenty of great events in the works. If you missed our first book club meeting, but are still interested in joining, please let us know. We will be reading and discussing The Reading Strategies Book by Jennifer Serravallo. This is an excellent resource for K-8 teachers. We also have our annual Carnival of Reading event coming

Meet the 2016 MID-State Board & Officers

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## Exciting Library News

The Bloomington Public Library and Normal Public Library has many events you will want to check out. Go to the websites below to find out more!  
<http://www.bloomingtonlibrary.org> <http://www.normalpubliclibrary.org>



**LOVE YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY**

## President's Message (Continued)

up in November. Author Amy Logan will be sharing her message of spreading kindness and the superhero within all of us. We hope you are able to take advantage of some

of these upcoming events. Have a great end to 2016!

*Christa Hoder*

## Come one! Come All! Step Right Up & Read!

By Claire Current, MID-State Vice President

Mark **Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>** on your calendars to attend MID-State Reading Council's annual community literacy event. The Carnival of Reading is intended for Bloomington - Normal Families with students Pre K - 5. Our special guest this year will be author Amy Logan. She is best known for her book, "A Girl with A Cape." Her stories empower all readers to use kindness to change the world. Each family in attendance will receive an Illinois

Reads book appropriate for their family. This event is made possible by the fundraising done at our semi-annual book fairs at Barnes and Noble, membership support, and the member volunteers. Families in attendance will also have an opportunity to enjoy a book walk, photo booth, orange drink, popcorn, activities from both libraries, and so much more! So come out and have a ball!

**Please be on the lookout for the flyer in this newsletter to promote the event to your families.** If you are interested in volunteering at this fun filled night that celebrates reading, please email: [mid-state@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:mid-state@illinoisreadingcouncil.org) for more information.

## Book Study Update!

By Mary Current, MID-State Past President

The Reading Strategies Book by Jennifer Serravallo Book Study

MID-State Reading Council is sponsoring a monthly book study of Jennifer Serravallo's The Reading Strategies Book. This is your opportunity to practically apply successful and research supported strategies in your classroom and then reflect on what works for you, what does not work for you, and how you can adjust to better support the

readers in your classroom. This book is a great resource for those teachers incorporating reading workshop into their daily routine and using the CAFÉ model designed by Gail Boushey and Joan Moser. Additionally, this book study will help prepare you for Jennifer, Gail, and Joan's visit to Illinois next October for the Illinois Reading Council Conference in Peoria. They will be keynote

presenters and you will want to listen to them in person following this book study. If you would like more information, please contact Christa at [mid-state@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:mid-state@illinoisreadingcouncil.org) or Mary at [region6@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:region6@illinoisreadingcouncil.org).

**JOIN US!**  
**MID-STATE'S ANNUAL FALL**  
**CARNIVAL OF READING**

November 18, 2016  
from 6:00-8:00pm  
Colene Hoose Elementary School,  
600 Grandview Drive, Normal, IL

Come hear Amy Logan, local author of  
**The Girl with the Cape**  
books

**DON'T MISS:**  
★ **MAGICIAN★POPCORN**  
★ **B/N LIBRARY TABLES**  
★ **BOOK WALK★BOOKMARKS**

This is a FREE family event! All children must be accompanied by an adult.



## An Opportunity to Help Promote Literacy in our Community!

By Carol Owles, MID-State Treasurer

The accompanying article explains what “Book Showers for Literacy” is all about. It also describes how your classroom, school, or organization can collect new books to serve as holiday gifts for children in our community who do not have the privilege of having books in their homes or receiving holiday gifts. Please consider having a Book Shower at your school or in your classroom to help with this literacy project!!

MID-State members can also contribute to this project by serving as volunteers at the book distribution at the Salvation Army before the holidays. The new books collected through Book Showers are given to

Brotherhood Tree recipients and also distributed through the Salvation Army Christmas Clearinghouse and social service agencies that work with low-income families, the homeless, and children at risk.

As volunteers, we would assist parents who come to the Salvation Army’s Toy Distribution to choose a book for each child in their family as another holiday gift. The dates and times that volunteers are needed are December 20th from 1 to 7 p.m. and December 21 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at Youth Build in the Crossroads Center (formerly the Outlet Mall) in Normal. Sheila Diaz, the chair of this literacy initiative, will set

up two hour shifts for volunteers to work on these dates. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Carol Owles at 309-376-7031 or by email at [carolowles@frontier.com](mailto:carolowles@frontier.com), and she will get more information to MID-State members, closer to the date of this event. Thanks for considering helping in some way with this worthwhile literacy initiative.



## Guide for Planning a Book Shower

**What:** Sponsor a Book Shower for Literacy

**Why:** To share the gift of reading with children in the community

**Who:** Organizations, clubs, churches, scout troops, schools, businesses, and other interested groups.

**When:** Until December 15th

**Where:** At your regularly scheduled meetings, at a special event, or through drop-off boxes in your buildings.

**How:** Hold a Book Shower at your organization, club, school, or church to collect new children's books that will become holiday gifts for underprivileged children. STAR Literacy Program is accepting donations of new children's books. **Please note: We will not be accepting donations of used books this year.** The new children's books will be distributed through the Salvation Army Christmas Clearinghouse and social service agencies that work with low-income families, the homeless, and children at risk. In November and December at both Bloomington and Normal Public Libraries and the Children's Discovery Museum will accept new book donations. Barnes and Noble Booksellers is holding a Book Drive to benefit Book Showers. Books can be purchased at each register and left at the store for pick up. If your group would like to purchase books through Barnes and Noble, contact Mary MacAvoy at 662-1506. If you would like to make arrangements to have your book donation picked up or for more information, call Sheila Diaz at 838-8306 or by email at [sdiaz@roe17.org](mailto:sdiaz@roe17.org).



MID-State Reading Council Presents:



*The Reading Strategies Book,*  
by Jennifer Serravallo

**Grow your teaching practice!**

- 4:30PM-5:30PM ■ @ Barnes & Noble in Bloomington
- All interested teachers are welcome
- First Wednesday of the month October-March

★ EMAIL your interest to [carolowles@frontier.com](mailto:carolowles@frontier.com) OR  
★ FILL out the form below and return to Carol Owles

8325 Edgewater Drive  
Carlock, IL 61725

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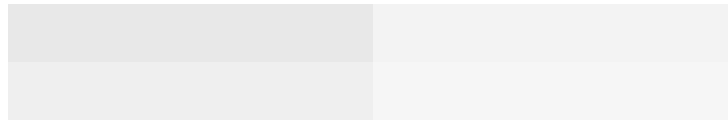
**MID-State Reading Council**

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MID-State Reading Council is your local chapter of the Illinois Reading Council. It is a productive organization that works to raise awareness of literacy and its uses throughout the area. It was founded 59 years ago and has a strong membership base. MID-State Reading Council sponsors literacy events for teachers, children, and their families in many different ways.

Please check out our webpage at

<http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/localcouncils/midstate.html> for more information. The council is also on facebook and has a blog. Get involved today!



MID-State Reading Council-  
*Unlocking Opportunities for You!*  
Calendar of Events 2016-2017

MIX & Mingle ✓	September 17, 2016
IRC Conference ✓	September 29-October 1, 2016
Barnes & Noble Book Fair ✓	October 15, 2016
'Reading Strategies' Book Study	October 2016-April 2017
Carnival of Reading	November 18, 2016
Winter 'LEGO-land'	March 2, 2017
Barnes & Noble Book Fair	April 15, 2017
Wine-a-Read—Book Talks	April 20, 2017