



# Macon County Reading Council

## Mission Statement

To provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.

## Vision Statement

The Illinois Reading Council advocates quality literacy opportunities for all learners and serves as a primary organization that provides educators at all levels access to research, materials, and methodologies to promote and teach lifelong literacy and learning. Support of an active, well-organized system of local and special interest council and state committees provides a viable network for communication, exchange of information, and grass roots involvement of a diverse membership. The IRC's publications, special projects, conferences, and workshops stimulate personal and professional growth of educators.

## Benefits for becoming an IRC/Macon Co. Member

- \*Professional involvement (local and statewide)
- \*Reduced rates to the Annual Illinois Reading Council Conference (October 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>)
- \*Illinois Reading Council Communicator (Quarterly)
- \*Illinois Reading Council Journal (Quarterly)
- \*Wired Wednesday (1 PD hr./per webinar 10 webinars throughout the year)
- \*Online Book Club-15 PD hours
- \*Danielson Evaluation-ALL DOMAINS  
-Planning and Instruction, Classroom Environment, Instruction, and Professional Responsibilities
- \*Activities to close to home-6 FREE PD Hours
- \*Resources and Professional contacts available
- \*Newsletters connect local professionals for networking

## Upcoming Events-Macon County

**August 31:** IRC Kickoff @ Lock, Stock, and Barrel from 4:15pm-6:15pm. Network with other educators. **FREE**

**September 14:** Improving Writing through Effective Formative Assessments @ Decatur Public Library from 4:15pm-6:15pm. **2 PD HRS FREE for members/non-members \$10**

**October 5-7<sup>th</sup>:** IRC Conference in Peoria.  
**Discounted fees for members**

**October 15:** Deadline for Book Club. 7 week online discussion. **30 PD HOURS for both books. 15 PD Hours for one book. Free to members-\$45 for Non-members (this includes a 1-year membership to IRC).**

<http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/conference/joinircbookclub.html>

**October 22:** Book Club 7 week online discussion begins. **15 PD Hours per Book (30 Total if completing both books).**

**January 18:** 21<sup>st</sup> Century Dyslexia: Case studies and Instruction @ Decatur Public Library from 4:15pm-6:15pm. **2 PD HRS FREE for members/non-members \$10**

**April 19:** Book Talk for the Elementary Classrooms @ Decatur Public Library from 4:15pm-6:15pm. **2 PD HRS FREE for members/non-members \$10**

**May 10:** Member Appreciation @ Lock Stock and Barrel from 4:15pm-6:15pm. **FREE**

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