

# SECONDARY READING LEAGUE

LEADERS FOR LITERACY IN GRADES 6-12

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It may not feel like it yet in all parts of Illinois, but spring is here! With it comes PARCC and SAT testing, National Poetry Month, and the countdown to the end of the year. For SRL, spring means our annual YA Book Talks & Pizza Dinner, Executive Board elections, and planning for next year.

Each year that I have served on the board, one of our frequent topics of discussion is how to bring value to you, our members. For next year, we are looking at expanding our programming in order to bring experts on secondary literacy to the membership. We would love your input! If you have an idea for programming or an article to submit for a future newsletter, please do not hesitate to contact me at [srl@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:srl@illinoisreadingcouncil.org).

## GET INVOLVED WITH SRL - RUN FOR AN EXECUTIVE BOARD OFFICE!

The Secondary Reading League is looking for members that want to become more involved

in the leadership of SRL. Looking to expand your leadership experience and bolster your professional credentials? Now is your chance! Each spring, the Secondary Reading League accepts nominations for various Executive Board positions. We ask that you please consider dedicating a small bit of your time to advance the success of the Secondary Reading League.

The Executive Board meets throughout the year to plan SRL activities, advocate and promote adolescent literacy and chart the course for high quality, literacy-based professional development. As we approach spring, it is already time to think about SRL officers for next year and we need YOUR Help!

This cycle, SRL is seeking nominations for the following Executive Board positions.

**President-elect**—the SRL President-elect serves for a multi-year period, advancing from the President-elect position to President (year 2), and Past-President (year 3). At each step in the leadership progression, the President-elect works closely with the Executive Board in planning events and providing organizational leadership. Year one provides initial familiarity to the SRL Executive Board functions and operations, assisting the Executive Board in planning and decision making. Years two and three offer a greater level of organizational leadership serves as a mentor to succeeding Executive Board members. *(three-year, progressive term due to position vacancy)*

**Vice-President**—the SRL Vice-President serves for a multi-year period, advancing from the VP position to President-elect (year 2), President (year 3), and Past-President (year 4). At each step in the leadership progression, the Vice President works closely with the Executive Board in planning events and providing organizational leadership. Year one provides initial familiarity to the SRL Executive Board functions and operations, assisting the President and President-elect in planning and decision making. Years two and three offer a greater level of organizational leadership. During year 4, this candidate serves as a mentor to succeeding Executive Board members. *(four-year, progressive term)*

**Secretary**—keeps the official records of the SRL; takes minutes at meetings, provides reports as needed. *(two-year term)*

**Membership Chair**—tracks and maintains membership records and notifies members of upcoming renewals; assists with membership drives and completes related paperwork into IRC. *(two-year term)*

**Newsletter Chair**—creates, publishes and distributes the newsletter of the Secondary Reading League, utilizing articles and information submitted by all SRL Exec Board members. *(two-year term)*

You know the quality work that SRL performs. Now is your chance to get involved and promote your own teacher leadership credentials (did anyone say Danielson Domain 4? If you are interested in a leadership position or would like to know more, please contact Terry McHugh at [tmchugh@dayofreading.org](mailto:tmchugh@dayofreading.org) ASAP. The 2017-18 Executive Board members will be announced at the SRL YA Book Talk

**YA BOOK TALKS SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 19!**



What's new and hot in young adult literature?

Join fellow book lovers and the YA experts from Anderson's Bookshops for an evening of book talks and pizza dinner at Lou Malnati's. Following the dinner and presentation, we will walk down the block to Anderson's for book shopping, where participants will enjoy a 20% discount on the purchase of books shared during the Book Talks.

Where: Lou Malnati's in downtown Naperville

When: April 19, 2017 at 5:30 pm.

Registration is open now! Click [here](#) to register!

Questions? Contact President Elect Mark Levine at [gentlewolf225@gmail.com](mailto:gentlewolf225@gmail.com)

## **WANT TO WIN A COPY OF THE BIG BOOK OF DETAILS?**

The Secondary Reading League is looking for newsletter submissions! Simply submit a newsletter article to [srl@illinoisreadingcouncil.org](mailto:srl@illinoisreadingcouncil.org) and be entered to win a FREE copy of *The Big Book of Details*. Deadline for entry is April 30, 2017.

Need ideas? Consider writing:

- a short article about your literacy hero
- a review of a young adult book
- a review of a professional book
- a description of something that's worked in your classroom

We'd love to hear from you!