

# South Suburban Reading Council



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Dear South Suburban Reading Council Members,

I hope that the school year is going well for everyone. I hope those of you who were able to attend the first dinner meeting enjoyed Nancy Updegraff's presentation. It is always nice to have some ideas to start off the year. The meetings are a great way to meet with colleagues who share an interest in reading. If you know of someone who might like the meetings, please invite them to the next meeting. The south Suburban Reading Council is always looking for new members.

Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 13, 2007. We will have April Decasre speak. She is going to present information on Writer's Portfolio. I am sure it will be an evening well spent.

The SSRC board members meet five times a year to plan for the meetings and projects. If you are interested in being part of the board please contact me. We can always use more people. If you have any suggestions or questions, please let us know. We want to make SSRC work for you.

I know as the year goes on we are challenged with trying to meet the needs of all our students. Remember, the job you are doing is priceless. You touch the lives of so many students through your hard work and dedication. Keep up the great work!

Anne Wallace  
President  
Awalla1@aol.com



## Studies and Research

*By Bernadette Wachel*

A list of highly recommended literacy web sites can be found below. Enjoy!

**[www.literacyresourcesinc.com](http://www.literacyresourcesinc.com)** - Provides complete and thorough information on word walls and accompanying activities. Excellent! (Be sure to click on RESOURCES on the home page menu)

**[www.readwritethink.org](http://www.readwritethink.org)** - Sponsored by the IRA and NCTE, this site provides literacy lessons, practices and resources. Some of the lessons have interactive components (see word sorts and phonograms) that are great to use in a literacy work station (center).

**[www.bookadventure.com](http://www.bookadventure.com)** - Sponsored by Sylvan, this free site allows K-8 students to create personal reading lists from a selection of over 7,000 titles. Students can take multiple choice quizzes and even earn points! One of my favorites for educators and parents!

**[www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)** - Established by the Screen Actors Guild, you will find some of your favorite children's books read aloud in a streaming video program. Wonderful for school and home!

**[www.ReadingA-Z.com](http://www.ReadingA-Z.com)** - \* Online program that features leveled books and standards-based lessons for guided reading and phonics. (Free samples available on site)

**[www.Raz-Kids.com](http://www.Raz-Kids.com)** - \* Online interactive reading program that allows students to listen to a leveled story, record their reading and take a comprehension quiz. (Free samples available on site)

**[www.Reading-Tutors.com](http://www.Reading-Tutors.com)** - \* Provides 400 leveled reading tutor packets on the following: alphabet, phonological awareness, phonics, high frequency words and comprehension. Very useful for the educator seeking to provide a student with extra, individualized support or ambitiously looking to establish a school wide tutoring program. (Free samples available on site)

**[www.Writinga-z.com](http://www.Writinga-z.com)** - \* Allows instant access to hundreds of downloadable, leveled writing lesson plans and resources. Well organized and well done! (Free samples available on site)

**[www.edhelper.com](http://www.edhelper.com)** - \* Provides extra practice activities in a variety of subject areas for K-8 students. (Free samples available on site)

**[www.brainpop.jr](http://www.brainpop.jr)** - \* Offers animated movies that teach across the content areas. Addressing a variety of literacy elements, BrainPop, Jr. is instructionally explicit, student friendly and very engaging! (Free 14 day trial offer)

\*Subscription Fee

## **Writer's Portfolio: Writing Across the Curriculum**

**April DeCesare, Innovative Learning Solutions**

**November 13, 2007**

How do we increase writing skills for all children? We all know that reading and writing are reciprocal skills: what a child learns about reading helps him or her become a better writer and what a child learns about writing, helps him or her become a better reader. Therefore, improving children's writing will improve their reading. Writer's Portfolio™, developed by Innovative Learning Solutions, engages every child in the writing process from the first day until the last and improves writing skills for all children. Based on research and effectively organized, Writer's Portfolio™ meets the state standards with every assignment and is an effective assessment tool as well. Come hear how to implement Writer's Portfolio™ in your classroom.

April DeCesare is a dynamic and energetic presenter who has gained recognition for her work with both the No Child Left Behind and Reading First initiatives. She is the author of Teaching with Smart Centers™, the creator of the Smart Center Kits™ series and Musical Big Books™. April's presentation will provide us with the tools we need to implement the Writer's Portfolio™ and inspire our students to love writing.

**Don't miss this meeting!** It is guaranteed to send you on your way with a smile on your face, a spring in your step, and ideas to use right away.

## **America's Biggest Bedtime Story**

**National Young Readers Day**

**November 13, 2007**

Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, is National Readers Day. Intended to celebrate the joys and benefits of reading, this annual event was co-founded in 1989 by Pizza Hut Book It National Incentive Program and the Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. You can celebrate by participating in America's Biggest Bedtime Story. The fun begins at BookIt.com with a live web cast of John Lithgow reading his latest book, The Remarkable Farkle McBride. Many other fun activities can be found at this site. Be sure to vote for your favorite bedtime story.

## South Suburban Reading Council Board Members 2007 - 2008

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### SSRC Events for 2007 – 2008

April DeCesare  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Writer's Portfolio  
Silver Lakes Country Club  
Orland Park

Michelle Kuhn and Dawn Zuffante with  
KZ Creations  
Thursday, January 24, 2008

Literacy and Math centers  
Orland Chateau  
Orland Park

Dr. Maureen Reichel  
Tuesday, March 4, 2008

Reading First  
DiNolfo's, Mokena

Megan Hillegass  
Thursday, May 8, 2008

Language Development for  
ELL students  
Riviera Country Club  
Orland Park

# Illinois Reading Council Membership Form

Illinois Reading Council, 1210 Fort Jesse Road, Suite B2, Normal, IL 61761-1836

Toll Free Telephone Number: 1-888-454-1341

**1** Please print or type. *Individual Membership for One Year*

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Initial \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_ County \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Bus. Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ District \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 or  
 Business/Institution \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
 or  
 Are you a full-time student?  yes  no Undergraduate  Graduate  College/University \_\_\_\_\_

<p><b>2</b> List the council(s) you wish to join. You must select at least one of the councils listed on the back.</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p>	<p><b>3</b> List the dues amount of each council you are joining.</p> <p><b>\$40.00 - One year membership</b>  <b>\$25.00 - Student membership</b>          (To be eligible as a student member, you must be enrolled as a full-time student.)</p>	<p><b>4</b> Discounts are available for multiple memberships only. (If you join more than one council at this time, you may deduct \$25 for each council after the first one.)</p>	<p><b>5</b> Total the dues amount</p>
		no discount	=
		subtract \$25.00 from council dues amount	=
		subtract \$25.00 from council dues amount	=
		subtract \$25.00 from council dues amount	=
<b>Total Amount</b> _____			

**6** Return this form with check or credit card information to:

**Illinois Reading Council**  
 1210 Fort Jesse Road, Suite B2  
 Normal, IL 61761-1836

**Method of Payment:**  Check (payable to IRC)  Visa  MasterCard

Credit Card Expiration Date: 

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**Membership Information**

**7** In our continuing effort to provide meaningful services to our members, IRC requests the following information.

<p><b>Are you a member of the International Reading Association (IRA)?</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> yes membership # _____ expiration date _____</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> no</p>	<p><b>Professional Areas of Interest</b> (Check 3)</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> administration</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> adult literacy</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> affective reading</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> assessment</p> <p>e. <input type="checkbox"/> children's literature</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> comprehension</p> <p>g. <input type="checkbox"/> content area reading</p> <p>h. <input type="checkbox"/> family literacy</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> holistic reading</p> <p>j. <input type="checkbox"/> multilingual/multicultural</p> <p>k. <input type="checkbox"/> newspapers in education</p> <p>l. <input type="checkbox"/> parents and reading</p> <p>m. <input type="checkbox"/> reading for gifted students</p> <p>n. <input type="checkbox"/> research</p> <p>o. <input type="checkbox"/> study skills</p> <p>p. <input type="checkbox"/> teacher education</p> <p>q. <input type="checkbox"/> technology in reading</p> <p>r. <input type="checkbox"/> Title I/remedial reading</p> <p>s. <input type="checkbox"/> young authors/writing</p>
<p><b>Age</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> 18-24</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> 25-39</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> 40-54</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> 55 and over</p>	<p><b>Years in Education Profession</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> 0-4</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> 5-14</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> 15-29</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> 30 and over</p>
<p><b>Present Position</b></p> <p><b>Classroom Teacher</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> preschool</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> K-3</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> 4-6</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> middle school/jr. high</p> <p>e. <input type="checkbox"/> high school</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> post Secondary</p>	<p><b>Administrator</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> curriculum/reading supervisor</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> building principal</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> superintendent</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> other _____</p>
<p><b>Highest Degree Earned</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Bachelors</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Masters</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> Doctorate</p>	
<p><b>Other</b></p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> librarian</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> parent</p> <p>c. <input type="checkbox"/> special ed. teacher</p> <p>d. <input type="checkbox"/> gifted/talented teacher</p> <p>e. <input type="checkbox"/> Title I/remedial</p> <p>f. <input type="checkbox"/> reading specialist</p> <p>g. <input type="checkbox"/> retired</p>	

# Illinois Reading Council Membership

## Regions of the State, Councils, Locations (counties)

The cost of membership is \$40.00 per year which includes membership in a local council, as well as membership in the state council (IRC). The cost of membership for full-time students is \$25.00.

Please select the council(s) you wish to join from the list below. (You do not need to live in the county of the council you join.)

If you join multiple councils at the same time, you will receive a \$25.00 discount for each council you join after the first.

Follow the directions on the front of this form.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>North-Northwest Region (Region 1)</b></p> <p>___ <b>Blackhawk Reading Council</b> - (Rock Island, Mercer, Western Henry &amp; Whiteside)</p> <p>___ <b>Northern Illinois Reading Council</b> - (Boone, DeKalb, Winnebago, Eastern Lee &amp; Ogle)</p> <p>___ <b>Northwestern Illinois Reading Council</b> - (JoDavies, Stephenson, Carroll)</p> <p>___ <b>Sauk Valley Reading Council</b> - (Eastern Whiteside &amp; Henry, Western Lee, Ogle, &amp; Bureau)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>West Central-Central Region (Region 4)</b></p> <p>___ <b>Central Illinois Reading Council</b> - (Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery)</p> <p>___ <b>Illinois Valley Reading Council</b> - (Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Eastern Fulton, Mason)</p> <p>___ <b>MID-State Reading Council</b> - (McLean, DeWitt)</p> <p>___ <b>Western Illinois Reading Council</b> - (Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler, Western Fulton)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Southwest Region (Region 7)</b></p> <p>___ <b>Lewis and Clark Reading Council</b> - (Macoupin, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe)</p> <p>___ <b>National Road Reading Council</b> - (Bond, Effingham, Fayette)</p> <p>___ <b>Mississippi Valley Reading Council</b> - (Adams, Brown, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>North-Northwest Chicago Region (Region 2)</b></p> <p>___ <b>Fox Valley Reading Council</b> - (Kane)</p> <p>___ <b>Lake Area Reading Council</b> - (Western Lake, McHenry, Northwestern Cook)</p> <p>___ <b>Suburban Council of IRA (SCIRA)</b> - (Eastern Lake, Northern Cook)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>North Central Region (Region 5)</b></p> <p>X ___ <b>South Suburban Reading Council</b> - (Those parts of Cook Co. bounded on west by Will-Cook Rd., north by 115th St., and/or Chicago City limits)</p> <p>___ <b>Starved Rock Reading Council</b> - (LaSalle, Grundy, Kendall, Livingston, Eastern Bureau)</p> <p>___ <b>Two Rivers Reading Council</b> - (Kankakee, Iroquois, Northern Ford)</p> <p>___ <b>Will County Reading Council</b> - (Will)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Southeast Region (Region 8)</b></p> <p>___ <b>Southern Illinois Reading Council</b> - (Jefferson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski, Massac, Jackson)</p> <p>___ <b>South Eastern Reading Council</b> - (Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Crawford, Jasper)</p>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Chicago Region (Region 3)</b></p> <p>___ <b>Chicago Area Reading Association (CARA)</b> - (Chicago Area - Cook County within the Chicago city limits)</p> <p>___ <b>Prairie Area Reading Council</b> - (Western DuPage County)</p> <p>___ <b>West Suburban Reading Council</b> - (DuPage County and those parts of Cook County west of Rt. 43 excluding all areas within the Chicago city limits)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>East-East Central Region (Region 6)</b></p> <p>___ <b>East Central-EIU Reading Council</b> - (Moultrie, Shelby, Cumberland, Coles, Clark, Edgar, Douglas)</p> <p>___ <b>Illini Reading Council</b> - (Champaign, Piatt, Southern Ford)</p> <p>___ <b>Macon County Reading Council</b> - (Macon)</p> <p>___ <b>Vermilion Valley Reading Council</b> - (Vermilion)</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Statewide Councils (Region 9)</b></p> <p>___ <b>CIRP</b> - (College Instructors of Reading Professionals)</p> <p>___ <b>ITA</b> - (Illinois Title I Association)</p> <p>___ <b>ICARE</b> - (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education)</p> <p>___ <b>ILLC</b> - (Illinois Language and Literacy Council - formerly IWL)</p> <p>___ <b>SRL</b> - (Secondary Reading League)</p>

South Suburban Reading Council presents  
*April DeCesare*  
Writing Across the Curriculum  
Tuesday, November 13, 2007

*Menu*

*Chicken Rosamarina Soup*  
*Caesar Salad*  
*Sliced Roast Sirloin of Beef*  
*Garlic Mashed Potatoes*  
*Green Beans Almandine*  
*Vanilla Ice Cream with Chocolate Sauce*  
*Rolls & Butter, Coffee, Tea (Hot and Iced), Milk*

Silver Lakes Country Club  
West Garden Room  
14700 S. 82<sup>nd</sup> Avenue  
Orland Park, IL 60462  
5:00 Cash Bar  
5:45 Dinner

Come early for convenient seating.  
Reservations are due by **October 20, 2007.**

Mail this form and payment to:

Gail Prindle  
17203 Parkside Ave.  
Tinley Park, IL 60477

There is limited seating and first come  
will be first served.  
Late reservations cannot be honored.  
No smoking please.

Please PRINT clearly and make check payable to SSRC

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ District & School \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate: (Amount due)

\_\_\_\_\_ Member (\$21.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Non-member (\$28.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Student Teacher (\$10.00)

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I would  
like to receive 1 CPDU  
for attending this dinner.