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**Elizabeth “Betty” Taglieri
Boys Classroom Library (K-8) (\$500)
Illinois Reading Council**

Funded annually by her son, Ronald Taglieri

Elizabeth “Betty” Taglieri is a former Northern Illinois Reading Council and Illinois Reading Council member. She taught third grade in Lake Zurich for many years. She was Pam Farris’s masters and doctoral student at Northern Illinois University.

Pam approached her family to see if they would be interested in supporting an annual \$500 classroom library for a K-8 teacher that would focus on books targeted at boys: informational books, adventure novels, biographies about athletes and scientists, graphic novels, and the like. Betty always rooted for the underdog and devoted much time working with struggling boy readers—always searching for that perfect book that would excite a young boy to read.

The library grant would be open to any K-8 teacher who is a member of IRC and who can demonstrate the need for such a library to use with students. While the library focus would be books that would entice boys to read, girls would have access to the books once in the classroom. Given the current state of funding for classroom supplies, likely almost every classroom could use more informational books, biographies, graphic novels, etc.

Betty’s son Ron is willing to fund the \$500 scholarship annually (pending his finances). He is an attorney with a corporation in Kentucky. Pam Farris’s Rural Classroom Library committee would review the grant submissions and present both awards at the annual IRC Conference (same luncheon for both awards to make it efficient). Pam would also arrange for the purchase/delivery of the books, stamp to indicate they were part of the award, etc. Titles would be selected based on input from the committee and award winning lists, etc.

Dr. Pamela J. Farris
Chair, Taglieri Boys Classroom Library Award

Members of the committee:

Mary Gardner
Kim McKenna
Pamela Nelson

Elizabeth “Betty” Taglieri
Boys Classroom Library Proposal (Grades K-8)
Illinois Reading Council

Nomination (Proposal) Form Due November 1st
(Self Nominations & Nominations by Others Welcome)

Nominator Name: _____

Relation to Nominee: _____ Date Submitted: _____

Contact Information for Nominator

Affiliations (IRC, School, University, School Patron): _____

Title/Position: _____

IRC Membership Number and Expiration Date: _____

IRC Council: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: _____

Name of Teacher Nominee: _____

Contact Information for Nominee

Affiliations (IRC, School Name): _____

Position/Grade Level: _____

IRC Membership Number and Expiration Date: _____

IRC Council: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____ School Phone: _____

On a SEPARATE SHEET, please address the following:

1. Please tell us about the nominee’s (your) class in terms of demographics. (5 points)
2. Address the issue of need for a classroom library targeting boys within the nominee’s (your) classroom. (15 points)
3. What are the expected outcomes/benefits should the classroom library be awarded to the nominee (your classroom)? (5 points)

Submit application **by November 1st** to: Illinois Reading Council, Attn: Taglieri Boys Classroom Library Award, 203 Landmark Drive, Suite B, Normal, Illinois 61761.

Electronic submission are acceptable also. Submit to irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.