



Winter News 2016

Two Rivers Reading Council

New Year, New Opportunities

Welcome 2016! Two Rivers Executive Board Members would like to wish you a Happy New Year! We have several exciting professional development opportunities for you to participate in for the remainder of this school year. One such opportunity is coming up on Tuesday, February 23rd. Join us to hear Michael Carton discuss Legos, Literacy and 21st Century Skills. Scroll down to see the flyer for more information and to sign up!

Congratulations to Sheryl Orr! She was the winner of the membership contest. Her name was drawn out among the new and renewed members of TRRC between Aug-Oct. 2015. She won a \$100 Hotels.com gift certificate.

TRRC would like to thank all of the building reps who participated in our Bulletin Board contest. The winners were pre-service teachers, Brittany Reilly and Alissa Combe from Olivet Nazarene University and they received Barnes & Noble gift cards. We also wanted to recognize those hard working teachers who went above and beyond to help spread the word of our fabulous organization by displaying bulletin boards at their schools. We thanked them with a Barnes and Noble gift card. Thank you to Mary Fitzpatrick, Lisa Homerding, Melody Orth. Your displays were awesome!

Most of our board members attended the **Illinois Reading Conference in Peoria, IL** this past fall. A great time was had by all. So many fabulous educators gathering in one place to share their love of literacy and learning! TRRC is pleased to announce that we won **FIRST PLACE** for our Hall of Council display. Check out the pictures of some of the fun that was had.

Remember to take time to visit the Illinois Reading Council website at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org. Opportunities and information abound; such as, Wired Wednesdays, Angel Funds, 2016 IRC conference information, other councils' events, etc. Remember, [being a part of a professional organization is an important component for your teacher evaluation.](#)

Upcoming Events

[Sign up here for the LEGO event](#)

LEGOS, Literacy, and 21st Century Skills



LEGOS and Reading!

Are you having difficulty getting your reluctant readers more engaged? LEGOS are not just for STEM classrooms any longer! With LEGO, your reluctant students are able to:

- Build Literacy
- Comprehension
- Content Area
- Spelling
- Digital Learning skills

Come join us as we invite Michael Carter to present how to build this excitement for reading through the use of LEGOS. Participants will get to experience all the possibilities that LEGOS can bring to their LA Classroom!

When: Tuesday, February 23, 2016

Where: RC, 50-W Industrial Pkwy, Karlsruhe, IL 62951

Time: 5:30pm-7:30pm

Cost: \$10 non-member, \$5 student, FREE for TRRC members

RSVP: by February 16th to: tworiversreadingcouncil@gmail.com

Mail: Payment can be mailed in advance to: TRRC, 2208 St. Charles St., Karlsruhe, IL 62951

***There will be raffle tickets sold at this event! Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

[Sign up here for the Autism event](#)

ASSEMBLY REQUIRED: PIECING TOGETHER A NEW NORMAL WITH AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS

Presented by **Kilann Stambres**
Indiana University

This presentation will be a discussion from multiple perspectives of one family's experience with Autism Spectrum Disorders. A factual overview of the historical, medical, educational, and ethical issues of this disorder will be presented. A university professor/classroom teacher/mother will share her perspectives about this growing exceptionality. Techniques to promote literacy will be discussed. Find out how to "assemble" your classroom by piecing together a "new normal" to meet the needs of ALL learners!

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2016

TIME: 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

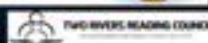
PLACE: Ohio State Nazarene University, Weber Coors, Room 304

COST: \$10 non-member, \$5 student, FREE members

RSVP: to tworiversreadingcouncil.com by March 9th



There will be a raffle at this event.
\$1 each or 6 for \$5



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Photos from IRC Conference



Aargh

Tricia Nagel, TRRC

Literacy Fun

Jamie Matthews, TRRC

FIRST PLACE

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co-president, is excited to hear Dave Burgess present "Teach Like a Pirate" at the Illinois Reading Conference

vice-president, is ready for a "tropical getaway" or may just "to get away" at the IRC conference

was awarded first place in the Hall of Councils display contest at the Illinois Reading Conference



Photo Booth Op

Christine Throop, TRRC president-elect, and Kelly Dickenson take advantage of the photo opportunity fun at the TRRC display at the IRC Hall of Councils



Celebrity Sighting

Julie Steinke, TRRC co-president, had the privilege to meet Dave Burgess, author of Teach Like a Pirate.



Excitement at IRC

Tricia Nagel, TRRC co-president, had the honor of introducing Dave Burgess at the Illinois Reading Conference luncheon

Photos from STEM event



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