



Will County Reading Council

August 2016

President's Message

As I walked into school this past week, I couldn't help but think about change. Change is good for people. It is a renewal of perspective and challenges the mind. I am starting a new position in 6th grade this fall. I have new curriculum and a new room. Despite all the work that goes into learning new things about this different position, I know at the heart of it, I am a good teacher. I strive to be great as often as possible. There will be successes and struggles, highs and lows, but above all, I will be changing lives. My students will not be the same after this year and neither will I. My hope is that you will look at the face of change and think of the ways it could be positive. Change keeps all of us on our toes and adds excitement to our days. It keeps us out of the ruts in our daily routine of life. At the Illinois Reading Council Leadership Retreat, we learned about "Going from Good to Great." Instead of just being a good teacher, librarian, or administrator, be a great one. Instead of doing a good job on a project, do a great job. Instead of settling for a good book, choose a great one. IRC reminded me that change is good and your attitude in which you embrace change can be the difference between success and failure. With this in mind, my goal for this school year is to make these professional changes in my life GREAT.

I am wishing each of you a wonderful start to the school year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Christy Ziller



EVENTS for 2016-2017

August 31st- Barnes and Noble Teacher Appreciation (See Below)

September 13th-Author Event--Candace Fleming (See Below)

September 29th-October 1st-Illinois Reading Council Conference--Peoria Illinois

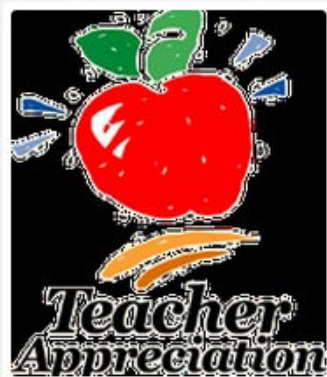
November 17th--Paint Night at Wilmington Middle School

December 20th & 21st-Santa Reads at Joliet Public Library

February-TBD--Will County Reading Council Winter Professional Development Mini-Conference

March 11th--ILLINOIS READS LAUNCH @ Wilmington Middle School

April/May (TBD)--Wine and Books



Teacher Appreciation and Membership Drive

WHEN: August 31st 4:00-9:00 pm

WHERE: Barnes and Noble 2621 Plainfield Rd Joliet, IL

WHAT: Come in and see us. If you are a Will County Reading Council member, you will receive a \$5.00 gift card to use at B/N or their Cafe. Also available, will be SAVE-THE-DATE information, Will County Reading Council Logo items, raffle baskets, and Will County Reading Council t-shirts (\$10/per shirt).

BUT WAIT, I AM NOT A MEMBER, YET. . .well come in and sign-up to become a member. By becoming a member, you can enjoy all the benefits of being a member of the Will County Reading Council as well as the Illinois Reading Council.



Spotlight School/Spotlight Member

This year the WCRC has decided to do something unique. We are going to be reaching out to more of you. Each month we will be **randomly selecting**, through the use of random.org, a **school and a current member to spotlight** each month. Be on the look out to see if you or your school is picked. It is just a way to say thank you and kudos for all the hard work you put in to make our Council so successful!

If you have questions,
please contact Christy
Ziller @ 815-768-5528.



Candace Fleming is coming!!!!!!!

Candace Fleming is an award winning author. Learn more about her [here](#).

Tuesday Evening

September 13th, 2016

Lewis University Dining Room

Welcome Reception and WCRC Board Meeting @5:15 pm

Author Presentation @ 5:50 pm

Autographing @7:00pm

Books will be available for purchase through Follett.

CASH, CHECK, or CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED or

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Interested in registering in advance. . .

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Benefits of Membership in Illinois Reading Council

Prepared by Mrs. Christy Ziller, Membership Chair

The heart of any organization is the people. Its members keep the blood pumping and the heartbeat pulsing into the rest of the parts of the whole. Why become a member of IRC? Well, in order for you to keep your professional blood pumping and get your heart racing for all the right reasons, IRC offers many benefits to keep your educational life healthy and fulfilling. Let's use Charlotte Danielson's Professional Practice framework to see if a membership in IRC can improve your literacy health. I would argue, yes!

The Illinois Reading Council can help improve its members' professional health in the following areas:

DOMAIN 1: Planning and Preparation

- *awards and grants
- *America Reads Challenge tutor materials
- *Raise-A- Reader program
- *Illinois Reads project
- *Web-links for parent resources and local and national organizations

DOMAIN 2: Classroom Environment

- *strategies shared through networking

DOMAIN 3: Instruction

- *Wired Wednesday Webinars – Available from the comfort of your own home
- *IRC Professional Development Services
- *IRC Library – No charge for members
- *Website- Literary Links

DOMAIN 4: Professional Responsibilities

- *membership to your local council or state-wide special council– programs, author visits, professional development, networking, and awards and grants
- *Professional Educational Leadership opportunities
- *IRC annual conference – authors, researchers, breakout sessions on classroom strategies and successes
- *IRC book club
- *IRC Journal – columns: Children's literature and YA, parent involvement, professional development, leadership in literacy, educational research, trends in education, and resources

Our IRC members are the heart of organization. Our members have innovative ideas and years of experience that keep our organization strong and healthy. Our members help bring excitement and renewal to each other, students, parents, administrations, and districts. The above list is an amazing collection of ways IRC can help you get a clean bill of health in your professional life. If you are not a member yet, please consider joining IRC. Join the nearly 4000 other professionals that make up this magnificent organization. Together, we will bring

energy to our communities and impact lives state-wide.




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Vision Statement-- Our vision is to provide leadership in the field of literacy; support and promote professional growth of educators; and collaborate with family and community partners to promote literacy.

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