

Will County Reading Council

February 2016

Winter Professional Development --Don't Miss It!

February 25th, 2016

@Lewis University Dining Room

5:00-8:00 pm

[Preliminary Program](#)





Will County Reading Council is looking to install a Little Free Library in our area!

What is a Little Free Library and what's so special about it?

A Little Free Library is a "take a book, return a book" free book exchange. They come in many shapes and sizes, but the most common version is a small wooden box of books. Anyone may take a book or bring a book to share. Little Free Library book exchanges have a unique, personal touch. There is an understanding that real people are sharing their favorite books with their community; Little Libraries have been called "mini-town squares." - www.freelittlelibrary.org

The library was built at Wilmington Middle School in Wilmington, IL. Industrial Arts teacher, Graham Geiss, had his eighth grade classes build five little libraries. Wilmington Middle School National Jr. Beta Club, an honor society, had one installed in a local children's park. Three libraries were built at the request of the Wilmington



WCRC AWARDS

Did you know that WCRC gives three awards each year to deserving individuals in the field of literacy?

These awards include a

- *Reading Scholarship* given to a member pursuing a graduate degree in reading;
- *Local Literacy Award* bestowed upon an individual who has made a significant contribution to literacy at any level, regardless of membership
- *Literacy Educator of the Year* is awarded to a teacher who has made inroads into the education of children.

Think about nominating a deserving individual who you feel has made a difference in the lives of others.

Look for a nomination form in our upcoming newsletter!

SAVE THE DATES

February 25th- Winter Professional Development
March 1st--[Program Proposal Deadline](#) for Illinois Reading Conference
May 6th--WCRC Book Crawl (more information in March Newsletter)

Public library to be placed in smaller subdivisions and parks in rural areas. The final library was built at the request of Christy Ziller, WCRC President, on behalf of Will County Reading Council. The WCRC board of directors believes this is a wonderful community outreach project! Ziller is the sponsor of the Beta Club and works with Mr. Geiss at Wilmington Middle School. "It has been a great partnership tying community service to a class project. Project based learning is not a new concept, but it doesn't always fit into today's rigorous curriculum. I taught all of the eight graders and they know my love of literacy! The students were so excited when I visited their classes to check in on the project. I even invited them to the library launch," said Ziller. WCRC is currently looking for a location for its little library. Please contact a WCRC board member if you know of a community who would love to share is this free book exchange project.

Reading In The NEWS

Here is what we have found in the news. . .

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[A Valentine's Reading List](#)

[Northern Illinois Reading Council \(made the news!\)](#)

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