

Will County Reading Council

October 2016

President's Message

Fall is upon us! I particularly enjoy this time of year. Fall means changing of leaves in the cooler months. I was married twenty-three years ago in October. The leaves falling to the ground made for a beautiful backdrop for our photos. Our daughter was also married one year ago on Halloween. I guess you can say "We have 'fallen' in love with autumn."

Fall also means snuggling up under a blanket with a good book. I have recently read some of Tim Green's football novels. He was our guest school's fall author visit. Mr. Green has a great message for kids about how to be a good person in and out of the classroom and wraps it around an exciting sports tale. I have also read the true story *Rudy: My Story by Daniel "Rudy" Ruettiger*. It is a great read for adults and teens about overcoming adversity and having the determination to reach your personal goals. I gained so much more insight about the boy who grew up in our local area. He was not just the Notre Dame Football player the movies portrayed. There are more dimensions to a man than Hollywood can capture on film. His story was real and heartfelt. That makes for a great snuggle up title for teen boys.

Lastly, fall means rediscovering and celebrating America's history through Christopher Columbus, Election Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving, and Pearl Harbor Day. Of course, people celebrate more than just these special occasions. Schools, teachers, librarians, and students can celebrate the following: National Friends of the Library Week October 16th – 22nd; and Picture Book Month in November! Find a picture book or non-fiction article to share with students as a read a-loud. Use these as a jump start for journal writing. If you would like more ways to celebrate national observances in your classroom, check out this website www.nationaldaycalendar.com.



Candace Fleming Event

On September 13th, award winning author Candace Fleming visited Will County Reading Council and Lewis University in Romeoville. She spoke to a group of over 130 attendees about her writing process and recent travels that help inspire her work. She spoke of her Boston Globe-Horn Book Awards winning non-fiction novel *The Family Romanov: Murder, Rebellion, and the Fall of the Imperial Russia* and about her book, *Oh No!* The illustrations were inspired by personal photographs from her vacation and completed by her dear friend and Caldecott Award winning Illustrator Eric Rohmann. It was a spectacular event.



Upcoming Events

November 17th--Paint Night at Wilmington Middle School--[More Information Coming SOON](#)

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



Next month---We will have our Spotlight Member

The member has been chosen and we will have a little write-up about that member. Be on the look-out for this because we want to share all the amazing things our members are currently doing.

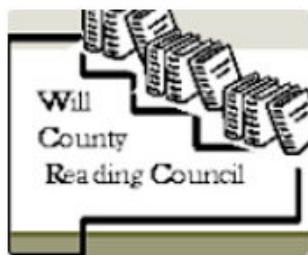
Look for Candace's newest books released in the last few weeks, *Presenting Buffalo Bill: The Man Who Invented the Wild West* and *Giant Squid* written by Candace and illustrated by Eric Rohmann.

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Top Ten Take Aways for the IRC Conference: Christy Ziller

There were so many things I learned! However, these are a just a few!

1. With read-alouds imagination is exercised! – Dr. Steven Lane
2. With no love and no joy of learning, there can be no engagement! – Jeff Wilhelm
3. Pleasure reading is SO important! It impacts math and cognitive thinking.– Jeff Wilhelm
4. Cut the cute in the classroom! – Debbie Diller
5. No competence = no confidence! – Kylene Beers and Robert Probst
6. Call to action! Put your butt in a chair and read! - Kylene Beers and Robert Probst
7. Reading habits contributes to writing skills. – Kelly Gallagher
8. Volume of reading and writing is the issue today. You are the sum of your practice. – Kelly Gallagher
9. Kindergarteners have a lower vocabulary than students their age in the 1950s. – Linda Hoyt
10. Reading volume – 30 min. of reading a day show that students learn 3000 new vocabulary words a day. – Linda Hoyt



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Mission Statement-- Our mission is to enhance lifelong literacy.

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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