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Darcy graduated from Northwestern University where she studied Art History and Studio Art. For ten years, she led a visual literacy program in a K-5 school. When not walking her enormous rescue dog, Darcy can be spotted riding her bike on the lakefront or sketching at concerts, on the bus, or just about anywhere. You can see more of her art on her website, darcydayzoells.com, or follow her on Instagram [@darcydayzoells](https://www.instagram.com/darcydayzoells).

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Join educators from all over the state in the online **Fall 2024 IRC Book Club!** Choose one, two, or all three books!

Read, reflect on, and respond to *The Playful Classroom: The Power of Play for All Ages* by Jed Dearybury and Julie P. Jones and/or *Get Free: Antibias Literacy Instruction for Stronger Readers, Writers, and Thinkers* by Tricia Ebarvia and/or *Translanguaging for Emergent Bilinguals: Inclusive Teaching in the Linguistically Diverse Classroom* by Danling Fu, Xenia Hadjoannou, and Xiaodi Zhou.

Beginning **October 20**, educators will participate in online discussions for the next seven-weeks. With *The Playful Classroom*, participants will learn how and why they should bring play into the classroom to make learning meaningful, relevant, and fun. With *Get Free*, participants will explore a framework that can help implement transformative and anti-bias literacy instruction where students better understand themselves, others, and the world. With *Translanguaging for Emergent Bilinguals*, participants will examine the development, evolution, and current realities of educating emergent bilinguals and where the future of emergent bilingual education lies in an inclusive translanguaging pedagogy.

Participants who complete all assignments will be eligible to receive **15 PD clock hours** for each book club. Required for participation:

- Gmail address (free at <https://mail.google.com/>). The Book Club uses Google Classroom, which does not work with Yahoo, AOL, Hotmail, etc.
- Texts: Books can be purchased from the bookseller of your choice.

Register by **October 15, 2024**, to participate in the book club. Registration is **FREE** for IRC Members. The cost for non-members is \$50, which includes IRC membership for one year. **PLEASE NOTE: The cost of book is not included.**



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September 4, 2024 ~ Peter H. Johnston Classroom Talk and Literacy Learning



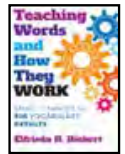
The ways in which we talk with students and arrange for them to talk with each other have substantial effects on their literacy learning. This webinar examines the relationships among classroom talk, student engagement, and individual and collective student development. It shows how the classroom choices we make, particularly our language choices, influence the qualities of the classroom learning community along with students' literate, social and emotional development.



February 5, 2025 ~ Elfrieda H. Hiebert Applying the Science of Reading in Vocabulary to Build Comprehension and Engagement



In this presentation, Freddy will share valuable insights from recent scholarly research, highlighting how vocabulary instruction can effectively support students in three key areas: expanding their word knowledge, enhancing their ability to comprehend complex texts, and facilitating the construction of knowledge from these texts. Freddy will delve into the research that shows how students can have strategies and enthusiasm for deciphering the meanings of unfamiliar words within complex texts.



October 2, 2024 ~ Priten Shah

AI in the Literacy Classroom: Friend or Foe?



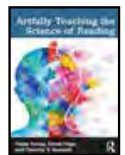
Is Artificial Intelligence a revolutionary tool for literacy instruction or a threat to traditional teaching methods? This webinar explores the dilemma of AI in education. We'll examine how AI can enhance learning and save time and discuss concerns about over-reliance on technology and potential biases. Join us to critically assess AI's role in shaping the future of literacy education and decide: Is AI a valuable ally or a challenging adversary in our classrooms?



March 5, 2025 ~ Chase Young Developing Fluent Readers



Embark on a journey to develop confident readers in this immersive session. Learn and practice strategies to boost reading fluency, from pacing to expression. Discover effective ways to overcome obstacles and personalize instruction for every learner. Leave equipped to empower students with the fluency skills they need to thrive academically and beyond.



November 6, 2024 ~ Jan Hasbrouck Understanding, Assessing, and Teaching Our Students with Dyslexia



Dyslexia is a disorder with emotional, behavioral, and social impacts. Our understanding has deepened with new technologies being used by researchers to study the complex brain functions involved in reading and writing. While the IDA has developed a definition of dyslexia based on a convergence of reading science, there still is not universal agreement on how to define it. A number of myths and misunderstandings continue to persist regarding this neurobiological disorder which must be addressed and dispelled.



April 2, 2025 ~ St. Clair Detrick-Jules Empowerment Through Storytelling



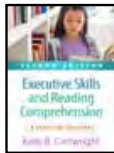
St. Clair Detrick-Jules will share her journey to becoming an author, photojournalist, and public speaker. She'll touch on her writing process, finding subjects to include in her work, and creating spaces for people to share their stories. Themes will include representation of marginalized groups in media, cultivating community empowerment, and narrative storytelling as a vehicle of self-empowerment and social change.



December 4, 2024 ~ Kelly B. Cartwright Why Don't My Best (Word) Readers Comprehend Text? Reading Science to Support Self-Regulated Comprehension



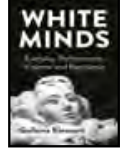
Some students seem to have the necessary skills they need to be good readers, yet still struggle with putting all of these things together in order to comprehend texts. In this session, we will look beyond these familiar skills to explore essential thinking skills, called executive skills, that support successful word reading and reading comprehension. Executive skills are self-regulatory skills that help students manage their thoughts, emotions, actions, and involve things like working memory, self-control, and mental flexibility.



May 7, 2025 ~ Guilaine Kinouani African Conceptualizations of Trauma



Group analysis has much to contribute to our understanding of ourselves and the world. It requires us to be deliberate, effortful and reflective; so we may start to see forms of violence which often go unnoticed and within been which we are all implicated. In this talk, we will do just that as we explore the importance of witnessing and storytelling for the survival of black groups across the globe. Trauma constitutes a form of (a)temporal and (a)spatial bodily archives which ensures that the memory of the suffering of those who came before us is kept alive across timespace and geopolitical boundaries.



January 8, 2025 ~ Becky Anderson Discovering the 2025 Illinois Reads Books



Join Becky Anderson as she presents the Illinois Reads books for 2025. Learn more about the Illinois Reads statewide literacy initiative that promotes reading for all Illinois citizens. Six books in six age bands from Birth to Adult will be shared. A variety of book topics and themes are chosen for each age band, highlighting the work of Illinois Authors.



June 4, 2025 ~ Rachel Lesinski-Roscoe Students Should OWN It! Fostering Secondary Students' Ability to Independently Navigate Complex Texts



Our goal is always for students to be able to navigate this world independently by applying what they learn from us. We can support that goal by not only teaching students how to use strategies, but how to independently transfer those strategies to new and unfamiliar texts. Join us in learning how to foster students' independence when working with complex text.



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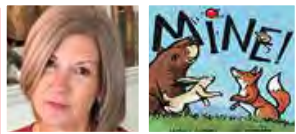
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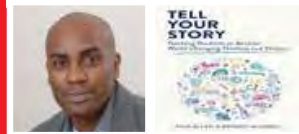
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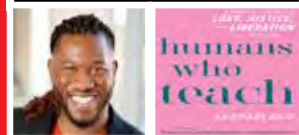
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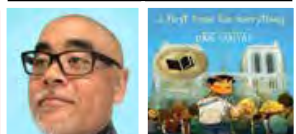
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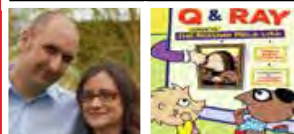
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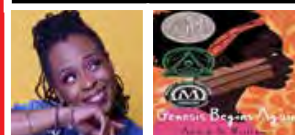
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Illinois Reads Author Panels



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___ Turkey & Swiss on a Pretzel Bun ___ Grilled Vegetable Napoleon		
___ Thursday Luncheon with Liz Kleinrock (PAL Hotel Ballroom)	\$40	\$45
___ Chicken Francesca with Capresa ___ Pasta Primavera with Veggies		
___ Thursday Boxed Lunch (Lunch Sessions in Bank of Springfield Center)	\$25	\$30
___ Ham Croissant ___ Grilled Vegetable Spinach Wrap ___ Chicken Caesar Salad		
___ Thursday Banquet with Alicia D. Williams (PAL Hotel Ballroom)	\$45	\$50
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___ Friday Luncheon with Duncan Tonatiuh (Wyndham Ballroom)	\$40	\$45
___ BBQ Pulled Pork with Steak Fries ___ Portabella Ravioli		
___ Friday Luncheon with Ernest Morrell (PAL Hotel Ballroom)	\$40	\$45
___ Rost Beef with Rosemary Au Jus ___ Vegetable Stir Fry		
___ Friday Boxed Lunch (Lunch Sessions in Bank of Springfield Center)	\$25	\$30
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Fox Valley	Diana Wolf	\$700	Building Empathy Through Book Clubs
Prairie Area	Katy Boehm	\$1,500	Writing Workshop with Kate Hannigan

REGION 4

Black Hawk	Lynn Keck	\$1,475	Community Reads
Western Illinois	Patricia Bertelsen	\$1,300	Collaborating for Success: Using Literacy to Strengthen the Home to School Connection

REGION 5

Will County	Lisa Kissel	\$1,500	Motivating Kids to Read with Informational Text
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REGION 6

Central Illinois	Danica Luttrell	\$250	Creating Community Through Rebecca Caudill Books
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REGION 8

National Road	Andrea Kinder	\$800	Ready to Read the Magnificent Monarch Books of 2025
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REGION 9

Southern Illinois	Melinda Graham	\$1,300	Keeping Cultural Connections with Books
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A Book About You and All the World Too
by Jean Reidy
Ethan and the Strays
by John Sullivan

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Lila Greer, Teacher of the Year
by Andrea Beaty

3x4: TOON Level 1
by Ivan Brunetti
The New Bicycle
by Darcy Day Zoells

Not a Monster
by Claudia Guadalupe Martínez

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by Bob Raczka
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by Ruth Spiro

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IRC Awards & Grants

Are you interested in learning how to nominate individuals from your area for IRC awards or how to benefit from grant money that is available each year for various educational activities? To find out more about these IRC Awards and Grants, please visit the IRC website at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

Barack Obama Library Award. This award is a classroom library, valued at over \$1000, which was created in 2006 through a generous gift to the IRC from (then) Senator Obama. This collection is comprised of carefully selected literature that is “culturally relevant” for African-American readers and targets students in the middle-school (5th-8th) grade range. The award will go to a teacher in a predetermined IRC Region. Each year, the region will be announced on the IRC Website. Nominations are due by November 1st.

Family Literacy Award. This award recognizes an IRC member who promotes and supports parent involvement in children’s reading. Proposals should be postmarked by November 1st.

Gene Cramer ICARE for Reading Award. The Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education recognizes an educator who has performed in an outstanding manner to show concern for the affective domain and who has performed lifelong reading habits among students. The Nomination Form is due by November 1st.

Hall of Fame Award. The IRC has designed the Hall of Fame to recognize significant contributions to reading or reading education. The award will be given at the annual conference. The immediate Past President shall receive the nomination forms and final determination will be made by the Executive Committee no later than 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Deadline: All Nomination Forms must be received by November 1st.

International Grant. The International Committee of the Illinois Reading Council has created a grant to promote literacy projects internationally. The maximum amount per grant is \$1,000. The application deadline is May 1st.

IRC Service Award. The IRC will present the IRC Service Award (formerly known as the Certificate of Recognition) at the annual statewide conference. Certificates are awarded to the most deserving individuals who meet the criteria listed. Deadline: All Nomination Forms must be received by November 1st.

Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award. This award recognizes outstanding teachers who make contributions in promoting literacy among students, colleagues, and school communities. Application Form, letters of recommendation, and your philosophy statement are due by November 1st.

Literacy Support Grant. The Illinois Reading Council will award financial grants to local and special interest councils and individual council members for the purpose of promoting literacy development in the school and community, and/or providing professional development opportunities related to the improvement of reading and writing instruction. Application deadline will be May 1st.

Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children. This award recognizes an Illinois Children's Young Adult Author whose body of work demonstrates excellence, engenders a love of literature, and embraces an important part of the mission of the Illinois Reading Council—to promote lifelong literacy. All Nomination Packets must be postmarked by June 15th.

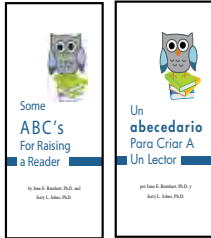
Static Stick Decal Design Contest. Students in grades 4, 5, or 6 are encouraged to create an original design promoting reading. The winning design is printed on static stick decals. Entries must be postmarked no later than January 15th.

IRC PUBLICATIONS ORDER FORM

The Illinois Reading Council offers many resources to their members. Take advantage of these great materials to share with organizations, parents, or teachers! The items listed below can be ordered by fax at 309-454-3512, by returning the form by mail, or online at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

BROCHURES:

QUANTITY PRICE



Some ABC's for Raising a Reader (*In English*)

Un abecedario Para Criar A Un Lector (*In Spanish*)

Parents are their child's first teachers, and it's never too soon to introduce your child to books. By reading aloud to your child, you provide the sounds of written language, demonstrate book handling skills, develop your child's expectation that the print and pictures carry a message and build positive attitudes toward reading. Use this ABC listing of ways that you can encourage a love of reading and make reading fun for your child. *Also available in Spanish.*

One brochure - \$.50
 25 brochures - \$ 8.00
 50 brochures - \$15.00
 100 brochures - \$25.00



Attempting Unknown Words: Suggestions for Parents

As the parent of a young child, you are a very important person for your child's reading and language development. You are your child's first teacher! This tri-fold brochure will provide strategies to aid your child as they attempt unknown words.

One brochure - \$.50
 25 brochures - \$ 8.00
 50 brochures - \$15.00
 100 brochures - \$25.00

BOOKLETS:



Help Me Grow To Be A Reader

This little 16-page booklet helps parents understand how children grow to be readers, as told from the child's point of view. Strategies for helping young readers develop their reading skills are outlined in a fun format.

One booklet - \$1.00
 25 booklets - \$15.00
 50 booklets - \$25.00
 100 booklets - \$50.00

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED:

\$ _____

SHIP TO:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

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Illinois Reading Council
 1100 Beech Street, Building 8, Suite 2
 Normal, IL 61761

Method of Payment: Check to IRC Visa Mastercard Discover American Express
 (Sorry, no P.O.'s accepted.)

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Calls for Contributions for Future Issues of the Illinois Reading Council Journal

The Illinois Reading Council Journal seeks manuscripts dealing with topics, issues, and events of interest to educators involved in literacy programs at all levels of education.

About The Review Process

The complete review process takes approximately 10 to 16 weeks. Upon receipt of a manuscript, an initial review will be conducted and feedback sent to the author. Manuscripts accepted for peer review will be evaluated by at least two reviewers who are uninformed as to the identity of the author. The editor will compile notes from the reviewers and send feedback to the author, including whether the article has been accepted for publication and any requests for revision. Manuscripts are evaluated in terms of interest, quality of writing, appropriate documentation of ideas, uniqueness, and needs of the journal. Research articles should include a clear description of the methodology and should be written in a style that will be readable by classroom teachers. The final decision for acceptance of manuscripts resides with the editor. Please review articles in the journal before submitting manuscripts for consideration. Any questions about the submission process should be directed to Roxanne Owens, IRCJ Editor, by e-mail at ircjournal@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

Short Submissions

For each issue, short items such as original poems, cartoons, artwork, or personal anecdotes may appear throughout the journal. Such submissions should be one-half page to one page in length, double-spaced, and word-processed. Front and back cover art is also accepted. The editor selects these items.

If you have questions about the submission process, please e-mail Roxanne Owens, *IRCJ* Editor, at IRCJournal@illinoisreadingcouncil.org.

IRCJ Submission Guidelines

Article submissions should be eight to 25 double-spaced pages, including references. Please prepare and submit your manuscript consistent with the following guidelines.

Manuscript Submission Guidelines

NEW! You can now submit your article online at <http://illinoisreadingcouncil.org/ircjournalsubmission.html>:

- *Anonymize the Manuscript Text:* Remove any names or references to the author(s) and affiliated institutions (clearly marked placeholders may be employed, e.g., [Author Name]; [Name of Institution]).
- *Text Formatting:* In general, apply APA style guidelines (7th ed.) to your text (e.g., Times New Roman 12 point or a similar serif font, double spaced, 1-inch margins, etc.).
- *File Type:* Save the manuscript as a MS *Word* document .doc or docx. (MS *Word* is used to provide in-text comments and revisions, so please do not submit pdf., .pages or .rtf.)
- *File Name:* This should conform to the following format:
article v1_{title of article}_mm-dd-yy
Example: article v1_Reading is essential_5-10-20
- Download the cover letter template from the submission webpage and fill it out.
- Rename the cover letter file name as follows:
cover_{title of article}_mm-dd-yy
- Example: cover_Reading is essential_5-10-20

Additional questions can be sent to

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1 Please print or complete the form online.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____ E-mail _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ County _____

Home Phone () _____ Bus. Phone () _____

School Name _____ District _____ City _____
or
Business/Institution _____ City _____

Are you a Preservice Teacher? ____ yes ____ no College/University _____

2 List the council(s) you wish to join.

When you join, you receive membership in the IRC, as well as membership in a local or special interest council. You must select at least one of the councils listed on the back.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

3 List the dues amount of each council you are joining.

\$50 - One year membership for IRC and one council. If you join more than one council, each additional council is \$15.
\$30 - Preservice Teacher membership and \$5 for each additional council.

4 Option to Purchase Print Journals.

IRC Membership comes with online access to the *IRC Journal*. Current issues will also be sent by email quarterly to you. If you wish to purchase a print journal, it is an additional \$20 per year.

Total Before Optional Print Journal _____
Add \$20 Fee for Print Journal _____
TOTAL AMOUNT DUE _____

5 Return this form with payment to:
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6 In our continuing effort to provide meaningful services to our members, IRC requests the following information.

Are you a member of the International Literacy Association (ILA)?

a. ____ yes membership # _____ expiration date _____
b. ____ no

Professional Areas of Interest (Check 3)

- a. ____ administration
- b. ____ adult literacy
- c. ____ affective reading
- d. ____ assessment
- e. ____ children's literature
- f. ____ comprehension
- g. ____ content area reading
- h. ____ family literacy
- i. ____ holistic reading
- j. ____ multilingual/multicultural
- k. ____ newspapers in education
- l. ____ parents and reading
- m. ____ reading for gifted students
- n. ____ research
- o. ____ study skills
- p. ____ teacher education
- q. ____ technology in reading
- r. ____ Title I/remedial reading
- s. ____ young adult literature
- t. ____ young authors/writing

Age

- a. ____ 18-24
- b. ____ 25-39
- c. ____ 40-54
- d. ____ 55 and over

Years in Education Profession

- a. ____ 0-4
- b. ____ 5-14
- c. ____ 15-29
- d. ____ 30 and over

Highest Degree Earned

- a. ____ Bachelors
- b. ____ Masters
- c. ____ Doctorate

Present Position

Classroom Teacher:

- a. ____ preschool
- b. ____ K-3
- c. ____ 4-6
- d. ____ middle school/jr. high
- e. ____ high school
- f. ____ post Secondary

Administrator:

- a. ____ curriculum/reading supervisor
- b. ____ building principal
- c. ____ superintendent
- d. ____ other _____

Other:

- a. ____ librarian
- b. ____ parent
- c. ____ special ed. teacher
- d. ____ gifted/talented teacher
- e. ____ Title I/remedial
- f. ____ reading specialist
- g. ____ retired

Illinois Reading Council Membership

Locations of IRC Local & Special Interest Council Regions by Counties

The annual membership of \$50 includes membership in the Illinois Reading Council **and** a local or special interest council. The annual preservice teacher membership is \$30 for one who has not been certified in the teaching profession and is working toward an initial teaching certificate. Please select the council(s) you wish to join from the list below. Residence in any of the designated council counties you join is not required. If you join more than one local or special interest council at this time, each additional council is \$15. Preservice teachers pay \$5 for each additional council. IRC Membership comes with online access to the webinars, book clubs, *IRC Journal*, and more. The *IRC Journal* and other membership benefits will also be sent by email to you. If you wish to purchase a print journal, it is an additional \$20 per year. Follow the steps on the front of this form.

REGION 1	REGION 4	REGION 7
<p>Northern Illinois Reading Council - (Boone, DeKalb, Winnebago, Eastern Lee & Ogle)</p> <p>Northwestern Illinois Reading Council - (Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll)</p> <p>Sauk Valley Reading Council - (Eastern Whiteside & Henry, Western Lee, Ogle, & Bureau)</p> <p>Starved Rock Reading Council - (LaSalle, Grundy, Kendall, Livingston, Eastern Bureau)</p>	<p>Black Hawk Reading Council - (Rock Island, Mercer, Western Henry & Whiteside)</p> <p>Illinois Valley Reading Council - (Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Eastern Fulton, Mason)</p> <p>Mississippi Valley Reading Council - (Adams, Brown, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun)</p> <p>Western Illinois Reading Council - (Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler, Western Fulton)</p>	<p>East Central-EIU Reading Council - (Moultrie, Shelby, Cumberland, Coles, Clark, Edgar, Douglas)</p> <p>Illini Reading Council - (Champaign, Piatt, Southern Ford)</p> <p>Vermilion Valley Reading Council - (Vermilion)</p>
REGION 2	REGION 5	REGION 8
<p>Chicago Area Reading Association (CARA) - (Chicago Area - Cook County within the Chicago city limits)</p> <p>Lake Area Reading Council - (Western Lake, McHenry, Northwestern Cook)</p> <p>Suburban Council of IRA (SCIRA) - (Eastern Lake, Northern Cook)</p>	<p>South Suburban Reading Council - (Those parts of Cook Co. bounded on west by Will-Cook Rd., north by 115th St., and/or Chicago City limits)</p> <p>Two Rivers Reading Council - (Kankakee, Iroquois, Northern Ford)</p> <p>Will County Reading Council - (Will)</p>	<p>Lewis and Clark Reading Council - (Macoupin, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Clinton)</p> <p>National Road Reading Council - (Bond, Effingham, Fayette, Marion)</p>
REGION 3	REGION 6	REGION 9
<p>Fox Valley Reading Council - (Kane)</p> <p>Prairie Area Reading Council - (Western DuPage County)</p> <p>West Suburban Reading Council - (DuPage County east of Route 83 and those parts of Cook County west of Austin Boulevard excluding all areas within the Chicago city limits)</p>	<p>Central Illinois Reading Council - (Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery)</p> <p>Macon County Reading Council - (Macon)</p> <p>MID-State Reading Council - (McLean, DeWitt)</p>	<p>South Eastern Reading Council - (Lawrence, Richland, Crawford, Jasper, Edwards, Clay, Wabash, Wayne, White)</p> <p>Southern Illinois Reading Council - (Jefferson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski, Massac, Jackson, Hamilton)</p>
		REGION 10
		<p>CIRP - (College Instructors of Reading Professionals)</p> <p>ICARE - (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education)</p> <p>SRL - (Secondary Reading League)</p>

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