

WCRC Fall Newsletter



Autumn leaves, the beauty of literacy.

Hello Members and Friends!

WCRC had a great start to the school and hope you did too! Our fall author event featuring award-winning author, Barb Rosenstock, was entertaining and informative. Barb visited a local Will County school and joined educators for an informative and motivational evening presentation on writing informational texts. I am continually in awe of how motivating authors can be for our students and teachers. This event was sponsored by the Will County Reading Council and Lewis University. We are grateful for Lewis University's continued support and collaboration.

We also kicked off our first in a series of virtual professional development PD addressing the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan. We reviewed and discussed key ideas of the plan and then looked at the role of Oracy and Phonemic Awareness in literacy development. We had a great conversation with participants and shared teacher insights, questions, and ponderings. Read below for more information about the PD and consider joining us.

Donna Herman
President, WCRC

UPCOMING EVENTS

Join us for our virtual PD on **November 19th** for our 2nd in the series of *Unlocking the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan* as we discuss and share ideas about

Word Recognition!

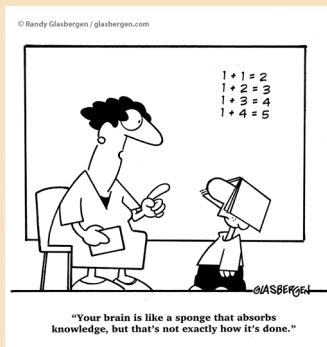
[Register here or email us for more information](#)

Consider Presenting

As we begin planning our Winter/Spring Professional Development, consider sharing your ideas or expertise as a presenter. Watch your emails for more information.

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There are abundant resources, advice all around us, and many questions. How do we sort through all of this to help our students and each other? Let us know if you are interested in an informal "table talk" to share what we know and what we need to know.



DID YOU KNOW?

IRC WEBINARS

In case you didn't know....you can register for all IRC's Wednesday Webinars and get reminders. If you can't make it for the live event, you can watch the webinar on your own time and still get a PD unit (time limit for viewing). You can check out IRC's webinar page for more information.

WCRC Webinar Series

UNLOCKING THE ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY PLAN

Will County Reading Council to Host a Webinar Series on
Understanding & Using the Illinois Literacy Plan

Throughout the academic year, WCRC will offer professional development opportunities with webinars and in person events, designed to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the state's new literacy initiative with tools you can use! Together, with teachers in the field, we will provide information and resources on components of the plan as we support each other on this journey. Continuing education credits will be available. Join us for one or join us for all.

Webinar Dates with 1 PD credit for each session attended.

Webinar Cost:

WCRC Members: \$20.00 for all webinars or \$5.00 each. Registration required.
Non-WCRC Members: \$50. for all webinars or \$10.00 each. Registration required.

- 10/15/24-Oracy and Phonemic Awareness
- 11/19/24-Word Recognition
- 01/21/25-Fluency
- 02/11/25-Vocabulary
- 04-15-25-Comprehension
- 05/20/25-Writing

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<https://willcountyreading.square.site/>

(refunds only available if an event is cancelled)

In-Person Dates/Events

- **02/27/2025** WCRC Mini-Conference/Winter Event (Thursday mini-conference/winter PD event: 2.5 hours PD): register in advance; non-members \$25; Members \$0. Registration details will be sent in January.
- **March 13, 2025**- WCRC to host round table discussion on questions and findings so far at the Illinois Reading Council Conference. Register by attending the IRC Conference.

Questions? Email us at willcountyreadingcouncil@gmail.com

"Once you learn to read, you will be forever free."

Fredrick Douglas