The Illinois Reading Council invites you to join us for our 49th Annual Conference

September 29-October 1, 2016
Peoria, Illinois
### Kelly Gallagher

A teacher for 31 years in Anaheim, California; this former co-director of the South Basin Writing Project at California State University, Long Beach has written several books coaching teachers towards producing readers and writers who are motivated and confident. He is the author of many titles including *Reading Reasons: Motivational Mini-Lessons for Middle and High School* and *Readicide: How Schools Are Killing Reading and What You Can Do About It*. Kelly’s most recent title, *In the Best Interest of Students*, focuses on effective strategies teachers can use in their ELA classrooms.

### Laurie Halse Anderson

This New York Times-bestselling author has earned countless national and state awards, as well as international recognition for her work. Writing for all ages, Laurie Halse Anderson was honored with the 2009 Margaret A. Edwards Award given by the YALSA division of the American Library Association. In addition to this recognition, two of her books, *Speak* and *Chains*, were National Book Award finalists. Her writing is rich with young adult themes which tackle tough subjects with humor and sensitivity.

### Andrew Clements

With over 10 million copies sold, Andrew Clements established his writing career starting with his first novel, *Frindle*. Prior to writing children’s books, Andrew was a singer/songwriter, worked in publishing, and taught middle and high school grades in the public schools north of Chicago. These experiences, along with his love of reading at a young age, gave him ideas that would prove to engage children in stories such as *A Week in the Woods, Extra Credit*, and *Lost and Found* and many more. His books have been nominated for numerous awards including two Christopher Awards and an Edgar Award. Andrew’s outlook on writing is simply to “write one word at a time” – great advice!
DEBBIE DILLER

An educator for nearly 40 years, this national consultant and author has experience from PreK through 10th grade in various public schools. As a Title I reading specialist to migrant teacher to literacy coach, Debbie continues to seek opportunities to learn and grow in education. She is an author of many books including Math Work Stations, Making the Most of Small Groups, and her latest book, Growing Independent Learners. She has coached many teachers across North America on literacy and small group instruction. Debbie has several videos as well for teachers to see these practices in action!

TERI LESESNE

Also known as “Professor Nana,” Teri Lesesne is a Professor in the Department of Library Science at Sam Houston State University. Highly respected by her peers and teachers nationwide, Teri serves as the Executive Director of ALAN (the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of NCTE) and judge for the National Book Awards Young People’s Literature. Teri received the 2007 ALAN award for her significant contributions to the field. Her books include: Reading Ladders: Leading Students from Where they Are to Where We’d Like them to Be, Making the Match: The Right Book for the Right Reader at The Right Time, and Naked Reading: Uncovering What Tweens Need to Become Lifelong Readers. Currently, Teri is working on a new professional book with Donalyn Miller about reader engagement and identity.

JOHN SCHUMACHER (AKA MR. SCHU)

John Schumacher (aka Mr. Schu) maintains a successful blog MrSchuReads.com which promotes getting books into the hands of students! Out of Oak Brook, Illinois, this teacher-librarian has served on ALSC’s Children and Technology Committee, AASL’s Best Websites for Teaching and Learning, and the 2014 Newbery Committee. When not serving on committees promoting literature and learning, John is in the classroom redefining what it means to be a teacher-librarian. He was named “The Xtreme Librarian” by the Library Journal for his techniques and excitement used to create student readers.

NELL K. DUKE

Nell K. Duke is author of Inside Information: Developing Powerful Readers and Writers of Informational Text through Project-based Instruction, and has also authored or co-authored countless journal articles and book chapters. She is known for her work in literacy development – specifically children living in poverty, comprehension development and instruction in early schooling, and equity in literacy education. Nell has been acknowledged for her work through many awards including the P. David Pearson Scholarly Influence Award from the Literacy Research Association.

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JEFFREY WILHELM

Currently a Distinguished Professor of English Education at Boise State, this classroom teacher for over 15 years has authored or co-authored over 30 pieces regarding literacy. His work, You Gotta BE the Book, received the NCTE Promising Research Award and Reading Don’t Fix No Chevys was honored with the Russell Award for Distinguished Research – the two top research awards in English Education. An internationally known teacher and author, Jeffrey serves as director of the Boise State Writing Project and teaches middle schoolers each spring. His texts Engaging Readers and Writers with Inquiry and Inquiring Minds Learn to Read and Write tackle reframing curriculum with inquiry and how teachers are doing this while still meeting the CCSS.

KYLENE BEERS
ROBERT E. PROBST

Kylene Beers and Robert (Bob) Probst co-authored Notice and Note: Strategies for Close Reading and Reading Nonfiction, Notice & Note Stances, Signposts, and Strategies. Along with Linda Rief, Kylene and Bob are also co-editors for Adolescent Literacy: Turning Promise into Practice. Kylene is a former middle school teacher who has turned her commitment to adolescent literacy and struggling readers into the major focus of her research, writing, speaking, and teaching. She is author of the best-selling When Kids Can’t Read/What Teachers Can Do. She has taught at the University of Houston, served as Senior Reading Researcher at the Corner School Development Program at Yale University, and most recently acted as the Senior Reading Advisor to Secondary Schools for the Reading and Writing Project at Teachers College. Bob began his teaching career as a high school English teacher and then became a supervisor of English for a large district in Maryland. He spent most of his academic career at Georgia State University where he is now Professor Emeritus of English Education. He has served as research fellow for Florida International University. Bob also authored Response and Analysis. Together, Kylene and Bob speak at state, national, and international conferences and work with schools focusing on literacy improvement.

CAROL JAGO

Carol Jago spent her childhood immersing herself in language with books of all genres. As an adult, she taught English in both middle and high school for over 30 years. Now an author and presenter, Carol has received numerous awards and accolades for her work including NCTE’s “Teacher of Excellence Award” in 2006. She has published books such as With Rigor for All: Meeting Common Core Standards for Reading Literature and edits California English, the journal of California Association of Teachers of English. Carol is associate director of the California Reading and Literature Project at UCLA.

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**LINDA HOYT**

Linda Hoyt has had many titles over the years: teacher, reading specialist, curriculum and staff developer, Title 1 district coordinator, author, consultant, and speaker—however, Linda prides herself in being a teacher at heart. This passion fueled her writing, producing twenty professional books and videos. Her interest in working with teachers and students learning together in an engaging classroom helped create titles like *Revisit, Reflect, Retell, Interactive Read Alouds*, and *Explorations in Nonfiction Writing*. She offers numerous professional development services through online PD and videos, as well as speaking at conferences throughout the U.S., Canada, and Australia.

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**JEFF ANDERSON**

Teachers nationwide have shared their newfound passion for teaching writing after studying Jeff Anderson’s books and DVDs. Who knew grammar and theory could be so much fun? Jeff’s enthusiasm for writing spills onto the page as he shares practical ideas for teaching in a writer’s workshop instructional setting using mentor texts, mini-lessons, and conferences. His work includes *Mechanically Inclined, Everyday Editing, and 10 Things Every Writer Needs to Know*. A former elementary and middle school teacher; his first novel for middle grades, *Zack Delacruz: Me and My Big Mouth*, conveys a great message about what happens when you stand up to a bully.

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**STEVEN L. LAYNE**

After fifteen years of working as a classroom teacher and reading specialist in public education, Steven Layne currently serves as Professor of Literacy Education at Judson University in Elgin, Illinois, where he directs the university’s masters and doctoral programs in Literacy Education. Steve has received numerous honors for his work as an educator and researcher, including the Milken Foundation’s National Award for Teaching Excellence, the USA Today’s All-Teacher Team, NCTE’s Edwin A. Hoey Award Winner for U.S. Outstanding Teacher at the junior high level. Steve has authored 27 books in different genres. His latest books include the YA novel *Paradise Lost*, the picture book *Stay with Sister*, and the professional book *In Defense of Read-Alouds*.

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**MARGO SOUTHELL**

Educational Consultant Margo Southall specializes in differentiated instruction and reading intervention. Margo’s experience as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, literacy coach, and university teacher has given her a plethora of ideas and strategies to share with teachers across the U.S. and Canada. Her grade-level series of *Ready-to-Go Differentiated Literacy Centers Kits* includes tiered tasks to meet the needs of all students. Margo is also known for her best-seller, *Differentiated Small-Group Reading Lessons*. Her work is designed to assist teachers in developing best practices in differentiated instruction.
**TIM GREEN**

Not only did Tim Green dream of becoming an NFL player, he also wanted to be a writer. This retired NFL defensive end turned *New York Times* Bestselling author focuses on putting education before sports in his school visits, and urges young children to think about success in terms of personal relationships and kindness rather than fortune and fame. Tim calls reading “weightlifting for your brain,” which builds character and increases school success. His 2014 Rebecca Caudill nominee, *Unstoppable*, brought relationships and sports together in a heartfelt story. With more than one million copies sold, his books for young readers feature baseball and football, while his books for adults are page-turners with a mysterious edge.

**JOAN BAUER**

Influenced by her grandmother’s love of stories, this Illinois native has written numerous titles filling young adults with laughter and relatable characters. Her novels have won countless awards and nominations including the Newbery Honor Medal for *Hope was Here*; and her book *Rules of the Road* was chosen as one of the top young adult books of the quarter century by the American Library Association. A *New York Times* Best-selling author, Joan has been the recipient of many awards such as the Boston Public Library’s “Literary Light” Award. Her thirteenth novel, *Soar*, is about a boy and his love for baseball, written with a little humor and a whole lot of heart.

**JORDAN SONNENBLICK**

Once upon a time, Jordan’s creative writing teacher at Stuyvesant High School in Manhattan, Mr. McCourt, wrote, “Yes, you’ve got the comic talent. But there’s deeper stuff waiting to come out. You’re a born writer.” Those words stuck with Jordan through the years as he became a public school teacher, and in 2003 when he had a student named Emily. This student was dealing with a difficult time in her life, and Jordan wanted to find that just right book to help. After coming up empty-handed, he began writing *Drums, Girls, and Dangerous Pie*. This book would later be translated into thirteen foreign languages and sell over 500,000 copies. He continues to write more books for teens, with *Falling Over Sideways* as his most recent release in 2016.

**JOELLE CHARBONNEAU**

This *New York Times* and *USA Today*’s best-selling author writes *The Testing* series. Her books *The Testing, Independent Study*, and *Graduation Day* received several recognitions including the YALSA Quick Picks for reluctant readers and many state lists nationwide. In addition to her popular YA books, Joelle has also written two adult mystery series. Her most recent young adult novel, *Need*, is a page-turner! You may know Joelle from her performances in opera and musical theatre productions across Chicagoland. She currently teaches private voice lessons.
CARMEN AGRA DEEDY

Carmen Agra Deedy is an internationally known, award-winning author of children’s literature, storyteller, and radio contributor. Born in Havana, Cuba, she came to the United States as a refugee with her family in 1964 after the Cuban Revolution. Carmen began her career as a storyteller and has engaged audiences at such varied venues as the American Library Association, Refugees International, the Disney Institute, and the Kennedy Center, just to name a few. An ardent supporter of libraries, she was the 2008 National Spokesperson for School Library Media Month and some of her most notable award-winning books that fill our libraries include *14 Cows for America*, *The Yellow Star* and *The Library Dragon*.

RALPH FLETCHER

Ralph Fletcher has been a mentor to teachers and young writers everywhere. He frequently works with young writers in schools, and speaks at education conferences in the U.S. and abroad, helping teachers find wiser ways of teaching writing. Ralph is the author of many bestselling teacher professional books, including *Writing Workshop*, *The Essential Guide*, *Craft Lessons*, and *What a Writer Needs*. Students know Ralph as the award-winning author of more than 20 books for children and young adults, including: *Flying Solo*, *Twilight Comes Twice*, and *Guy-Write: What Every Guy Writer Needs to Know*.

SANDRA K. ATHANS

Author of her newest book, *Close Reading for the Whole Class*, Sandra Athans remains active as a National Board Certified classroom elementary teacher. In addition to writing for educators with titles such as *Quality Education* and *Fun-tastic Activities for Differentiating Comprehension Instruction*, Sandra also writes high interest children’s books including *Secrets of the Sky Caves*. These informational texts have been nominated for awards like the 2015 Outstanding Science Trade Books. In addition to writing and teaching elementary school, Sandra is an Adjunct Professor at Le Moyne College offering graduate level literacy classes and recently received the 2014 New York State Outstanding Elementary Social Studies Teacher of the Year Award.

AMY RASMUSSEN

An AP English language and composition teacher, Amy Rasmussen advocates for choice reading and readers and writers workshops in all English classes. Many teachers and administrators are moving toward readers and writers workshop for their students who struggle, because students who read make for better thinkers and better writers. Amy encourages everyone to imagine the possibilities if we all improved instruction by using workshop for our proficient and advanced students, too. As a contributor to the *Three Teachers Talk: Readers & Writers Workshop*, the blog provides mentoring, insights, and support for all secondary teachers interested in workshop.
Betsy Sisson and Diana Sisson are international literacy consultants who have authored several books and articles on literacy instruction. Both sisters hold doctorates in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies as well as being certified reading consultants. They have worked abroad in developing reading programs, consulted on federal research grants, presented at national and international conferences, and guest lectured at a number of universities. They currently serve as adjunct professors at Central Connecticut State University and the University of Saint Joseph, in literacy, special education, and educational research design. Diana and Betsy also sit on the Board of the Connecticut Association for Reading Research (CARR) as CARR’s principal investigators on a three-year research study on teacher preparation programs in the field of literacy.

Becky Anderson Wilkins

In addition to her service on the Illinois Reads committee, Becky Anderson Wilkins, co-owner of Anderson’s Bookshops in Naperville and Downers Grove, has been president of the American Booksellers Association, the Association of Booksellers for Children, and the Great Lakes Booksellers Association. Her mission to share a passion and knowledge of books to create lifelong readers is apparent in her co-founding of Naperville Reads, a community wide reading program; Andrea’s Angels, a program that has distributed over 350,000 books to disadvantaged children; Turning the Page, which collects books for use in alternative high schools and arranges for young adult author visits; and Books for Troops, which has sent hundreds of books to troops.

Tracy Tarasiuk

Tracy Tarasiuk has worked as a Reading Specialist at all grade levels for over a decade. She luckily settled into the middle school grades where she currently works with struggling readers teaching English. Tracy’s publications and dissertation are centered around engaging middle school students, increasing self-efficacy, and supporting their independent reading. In addition to teaching and researching, Tracy serves as President of the Lake Area Reading Council (LARC) and has been a valuable participant in IRC for over fifteen years.

Mike Lockett

Mike Lockett is a professional storyteller and a children’s author. He served as a reading educator and school administrator for 33 years in the public school system. A regular presenter in schools, libraries and at conferences, Lockett has given more than 3000 programs across 29 states and 14 countries. He is the author of nine bilingual children’s picture books, 5 CDs and a DVD. His books appear in English, Chinese and Spanish. He has received more than 25 awards for his storytelling recordings and books and is rapidly becoming a favorite storyteller at storytelling festivals across the U.S.A.
Jennifer Berne
Currently an Associate Professor and Dean of Liberal Arts at Harper College in Palatine, Illinois, Jennifer earned her Ph.D. in Teacher Education from Michigan State. She has spent more than fifteen years in teacher education working with pre-service teachers, reading specialists, teachers, and administrators on implementing effective literacy instruction. Her research interests include teaching writing, comprehension strategy instruction, and teacher education. She has written The Writing-centered Classroom: Writing Workshop in the High School and Process of Discovery: A Writer’s Workshop. Jennifer has also co-authored three books with Sophie Degener including The One-on-One Reading and Writing Conference: Working with Students on Complex Texts.

Sophie Degener
Currently an Associate Professor at National Louis University in Chicago, Sophie Degener also serves as Associate Editor for the Illinois Reading Council Journal, co-editing and writing the quarterly Professional Development column. Sophie earned her doctorate in Language and Literacy from Harvard University Graduate School of Education. Teaching in Evanston, Illinois, her work with diverse families assisted in her motivation to help educators understand best practices in meeting the needs of every child in literacy instruction. Her research interests include family literacy, differentiating literacy instruction, and teacher education. Sophie Degener has co-authored three books with Jennifer Berne including Strategic Reading Instruction: Guiding Middle Grade Readers.

Deb Hays
Throughout her career as a literacy leader, mentor, administrator, and graduate instructor, Deb Hays has enjoyed collaborating and supporting the professional growth of educators. In the past three years, she has been coaching and consulting with educators to facilitate the implementation of RtI and continuous improvement, Common Core State Standards, and professional appraisal. Gail Huizinga is an enthusiastic K-12 educator and professional development provider with over 30 years of experience. In her former position as Curriculum Coordinator for a suburban K-8 district, she was able to use her broad experience to work with district staff in incorporating reading strategies, instructional best practice, and implementation of the Common Core Standards. Since retiring from public education, Gail has embarked upon a career as an educational consultant and National Trainer for Project CRISS, a researched-based instructional framework.

Adam Peterson
Adam Peterson is the creator of the social media channel teacherslearn2.com. Adam was awarded the 2006 local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year. His down to earth personality is captured as he shares tips about writing, games, and technology with his followers. A kindergarten teacher and self-published author, Adam is on a mission to keep education developmentally appropriate and allow children to learn on a daily basis.
Lynda Mullaly Hunt

A former teacher, Lynda Mullaly Hunt soon discovered that writing helps you “figure out the things around you.” Her characters beg to have their stories told, which is apparent in her books *One for the Murphys* and *Fish in a Tree*. Her debut novel, *One for the Murphys*, has been featured on over 20 state award lists. She is active in the writing community including the Society of Children’s Book Writers. Because Lynda recognized how difficult it is for foster children to have their own books, she founded “Book Train for Kids” collecting and distributing books to foster children.

Jennifer L. Holm

Three-time Newbery Honor winning Jennifer L. Holm has written a variety of books for young children including the *New York Times* bestselling book, *The Fourteenth Goldfish*. First a television producer in New York, she became a full time writer with her debut novel, *Our Only May Amelia*. Later in her career, Jennifer created two graphic novel series with her brother Matt, *Babymouse* and *Squish*. Inspired by family stories, her heartwarming books have appeared on the *New York Times* bestseller list with starred reviews. Illinoisans might know her best from her two Rebecca Caudill Nominees *Penny from Heaven* and *Turtle in Paradise*, which also happened to be Newbery Honor Books.

Jason Reynolds

Residing in Brooklyn, New York, Jason Reynolds has been called the most promising of Young Adult novelists today. He is the author of the Coretta Scott King Honor books *Boy in the Black Suit* and *All American Boys*, co-written with Brendan Kiely, and the critically acclaimed *When I was the Greatest*, and also the recipient of the Coretta Scott King/John Steptoe Award for New Talent. Often referred to as the next Walter Dean Myers, Jason Reynolds’s love for poetry and writing stories is evident in his award-winning work.

Debra Franciosi

Debra Franciosi was the first Secondary School Improvement Specialist in her district in Oregon and taught English Language Arts, Social Studies, Reading, and Alternative Ed grades 6-12. Her doctoral work focused on adolescent literacy in secondary schools. Debra is currently Director of Empower Lifelong Learning, Project CRISS. Not only has she has written several articles on best practices, literacy, and integrating technology into the classroom, she is also a co-author of *Project CRISS: Creating Independence through Student-Owned Strategies* (4e).
Illinois Authors Panels

Illinois Reads authors have been invited to share in a panel format within specific grade bands. Come participate in this exciting chance to meet and greet Illinois authors as they discuss their inspiration for their stories, current projects they are working on, and ask questions you’ve been anxious to know about your favorite characters. Facilitated by Illinois Reading Council members Leslie Forsman, Michelle Glatt, Julie Hoffman, and Cathy Askeland. We are thrilled to share this opportunity with our attendees.

BIRTH TO 2ND GRADE

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Join the statewide literacy initiative! Six books in each age band birth to adult with fun activities, book clubs, author events, online blogs, Skype visits, and more! Find out more in the Illinois Reads Exhibit Booth.

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Birth-4
Good Night, Gorilla
by Peggy Rathmann
Peter’s Trucks
by Sallie Wolf
Bike On, Bear!
by Cynthia Liu
Friendshape
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal
Who Said Coo?
by Deborah Ruddell
Steam Train, Dream Train
by Sherri Duskey Rinker

K-2
My Grandfather’s Coat
by Jim Aylesworth
Yum! Yuck!
by Linda Sue Park and Julia Durango
The Noisy Paint Box
by Barb Rosenstock
Mama Built a Little Nest
by Jennifer Ward
Winnie: The True Story of the Bear Who Inspired Winnie-the-Pooh
by Sally M. Walker
A Tree is Nice
by Janice May Udry

3-5
The House That George Built
by Suzanne Slade
Josephine
by Patricia Hruby Powell
The Detective’s Assistant
by Kate Hennigan
The Show Must Go On!
by Kate Klise and Sarah Klise
Stick Dog
by Tom Watson
Wanderville
by Wendy McClure

6-8
NEED
by Joelle Charbonneau
Hold Fast
by Blue Balliett
Bird
by Crystal Chan
The Keepers: The Box and the Dragonfly
by Ted Sanders
Blind
by Rachel Dewoskin
Fantastic Fugitives
by Brianna DuMont

9-12
Tempest
by Julie Cross
Bone Gap
by Laura Ruby
Me Being Me is Exactly as Insane as You Being You
by Todd Hasak-Lowy
Oblivion
by Sasha Dawn
The Carnival at Bray
by Jessie Ann Foley
Pirate Hunters: Treasure, Obsession and the Search for a Legendary Pirate Ship
by Robert Kurson

Adult
Paris, He Said
by Christine Sneed
Dollface: A Novel of the Roaring Twenties
by Renée Rosen
Made in America
by Chris Chelios
The Blade Itself
by Marcus Sakey
Turn of Mind
by Alice LaPlante
The Hidden Man
by David Ellis
Welcome Reception

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
Pere Marquette Cotillion Ballroom

All Conference Attendees are invited to attend!

LIGHT APPETIZERS WILL BE SERVED
Anderson’s Bookshops

Book Gossip

Wednesday, September 28, 2016
8:30 - 10:00 p.m.
Pere Marquette
Cheminee Ballroom

What are the hottest new adult titles for your reading pleasure? Come to the Book Gossip to hear about great reads for grown ups!

Books will be available for purchase.

POPcorn AND SODA WILL BE PROVIDED
Hear the Authors Read
and Late-Night Autograph Session

Thursday, September 29, 2016
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Sponsored by Anderson’s Bookshops

Joan Bauer
Joelle Charbonneau
Andrew Clements
Ralph Fletcher
Tim Green
Laurie Halse Anderson
Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Jordan Sonnenblick
Download the FREE IRC CONFERENCE APP powered by Guidebook from the Apple Store, Android Marketplace, or the IRC Conference Website. The guide will feature an up-to-date conference schedule, exhibitor information, handouts, and more. The guide will be available starting September 1, 2016.

The guide will also feature the QR Code Scavenger Game. At the conference, ask the exhibitors for help finding the hidden QR codes. Here’s a clue: each exhibitor has been given one of the 20 color-coded QR Codes that solves the puzzle.

Once you have found all of the QR codes and completed the entire phrase in your guide, show it to an IRC volunteer at the Registration Booth for a raffle ticket. Two tickets will be drawn: the winners will receive a FREE 2017 IRC CONFERENCE REGISTRATION. The drawings will be held at 4:00 p.m. at the Exhibit Hall Extravaganza on Thursday, September 29, 2016 and at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, September 30, 2016 in the Exhibit Hall. Raffle tickets can be completed and deposited at the Membership Booth or Registration Booth. Good Luck!
ALL Preservice Teachers are invited to the Friday Night Preservice Pizza Party. Join us for fun, games, and FREE Pizza. Everyone will receive a door prize!

Friday, September 30, 2016
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Pere Marquette
Cotillion Ballroom
The Illinois Reading Council is an approved Illinois State Board of Education Professional Development provider. While attending the conference, you may earn one PD CLOCK HOUR per hour of attendance and participation. Sessions attended must be logged, and an ISBE evaluation form must be completed and deposited in the IRC evaluation box at the end of the conference. The Evaluation and Evidence of Completion Forms must also be completed for your records. Please review your personal License Renewal Plan to determine which sessions fit. Be sure that your goals are broad enough to include a variety of literacy topics. The Illinois Reading Council is merely the provider. The responsibility for determining which sessions agree with your plan and are granted credits by your school district is yours.

One semester hour of university credit will be available for attending the conference. For more information, download the College Credit Registration form available on the IRC Website.

Plan now to attend one of the

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CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

Registration - Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby
Welcome Reception - Pere Marquette Cotillion Ballroom
Book Gossip - Pere Marquette Cheminee Ballroom

Thursday, September 29, 2016

Registration - Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby
Orientation for New Participants - Peoria Civic Center Room 210
Thursday Breakfast - Pere Marquette Ballroom - Jeffrey Wilhelm
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops
Exhibits - Peoria Civic Center Exhibit Hall A, B, and C
Hall of Councils - Peoria Civic Center Skylight Lobby
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Peoria Civic Center Exhibit Hall A, B, and C
Thursday Luncheon - Peoria Civic Center Ballroom 400 - Joan Bauer
Thursday Lunch Sessions - Peoria Civic Center
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops
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Exhibit Hall Extravaganza - Peoria Civic Center Exhibit Hall A, B, and C
Thursday PSA Banquet - Peoria Civic Center Ballroom 400 - Beers and Probst
Hear the Authors Read and Autographing - Pere Marquette Ballroom

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The Power of Story - Pere Marquette Illinois Room - Mike Lockett
IRC Annual Membership Meeting - Pere Marquette Cheminee Ballroom
Preservice Teachers’ Pizza Party - Pere Marquette Cotillion Ballroom
Friday Banquet - Pere Marquette Ballroom - Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Saturday, October 1, 2016

Registration - Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby
Saturday Breakfast - Pere Marquette Ballroom - Linda Hoyt
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops
Saturday Author Luncheon - Pere Marquette Ballroom - Jennifer Holm
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GENERAL CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Please take a moment to read the information below regarding the 2016 IRC Conference.

- IRC Conference is an Open Forum
  The IRC Conference serves as an open forum and exchange of ideas and opinions. Opinions that are expressed by program presenters and participants do not reflect endorsements by the Illinois Reading Council.

- Conference Sessions
  All conference sessions will be held in the Peoria Civic Center and Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel.

- Pre-Registration & Registration
  Pre-registered conferees may obtain their registration packets at the Registration Desk in the Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby. On-site registration is also available. Hotel reservations and meal function tickets should be secured prior to arrival in Peoria. Meal functions usually sell out early.

  Registration Hours:  Wednesday, September 28 – 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  Friday, September 30 – 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
  Thursday, September 29  – 7:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  Saturday, October 1   – 7:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- Admission to Meetings
  Paid conferees receive a badge with their registration packet. Badges are required at all times and for all conference functions. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. Pre-purchased tickets are required for all meal functions.

- Special Accommodations
  Individuals who need special accommodations should make specific requests in writing to the IRC office three weeks prior to the conference in order for their needs to be met.

- Food
  All scheduled meal functions require pre-purchased tickets. The concession area in the Civic Center will be open during exhibit hours. Peoria restaurant information will be available at the hospitality table in the Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby.

- Hospitality & Information Table
  A hospitality and information table is located in the lobby of the Peoria Civic Center Terrazzo Lobby.

- Message Board
  There will be a message board for conferees to leave notes in the registration area at the Peoria Civic Center. A phone line (309-680-3621) has been established at the Registration Desk to receive emergency phone calls.

- Lost and Found
  Inquire at the Registration Desk in the Peoria Civic Center regarding lost and found items. IRC is not responsible for lost or stolen items.

- Shuttle Service
  Some of the East Peoria Hotels will provide guests with complimentary shuttle service to and from the Peoria Civic Center. Shuttle arrangements can be made directly with the front desk at each hotel. The Peoria Civic Center also has over 700 FREE parking spaces in the Marquee and Fulton Parking Lots.

- Preliminary Program Book
  In accordance with ILA guidelines, individuals have not been designated by titles. Acknowledgments to publishers and other companies for sponsoring speakers and special events are current as of this printing. Information in this preliminary program is subject to change.

- No Smoking
  In consideration of others we request your cooperation in observing the NO SMOKING regulations inside buildings.

- Cell Phones
  Please silence phones during sessions at the conference.

- Videotaping/Audiotaping/Photos
  Unless notified in writing, registration to the conference constitutes an agreement that the registrant’s image, likeness, and appearance can be used in photographs of such events and activities. It is also not permitted to videotape, audiotape, or take photos of conference speakers without the speaker’s consent.

- Cancellation/Refund Policy
  Conference refund requests must be in writing and postmarked by September 15, 2016. Requests can also be faxed to (309) 454-3512 or emailed to irc@illinoisreadingcouncil.org. A $25 processing fee will be assessed. Please note that membership fees are non-refundable. Conference registrations are transferable, but replacement names must be requested by September 15, 2016.

For more information, visit www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org
2016 IRC Conference Preliminary Program

Pre-Conference Sessions
Wednesday, September 28, 2016

7:00 – 8:30
Welcome Reception

8:30 – 10:00
Anderson’s Bookshops Book Gossip

Conference Sessions
Thursday, September 29, 2016

7:00 – 7:45
Orientation to the IRC Conference (All) Presenters: Boomer Crotty, Kathleen Sweeney

7:00 – 8:30
Thursday Breakfast
Reading Unbound: The Power of Pleasure Reading
Featured Speakers: Jeffrey Wilhelm

8:00 – 9:00
Why I Write (Or, Hey! There’s Hope for Your Most Annoying Student!) (4-10) Featured Speaker: Jordan Sonnenblick

Get Psyched to Teach Reading (4-12) Featured Speaker: Tracy Tarasiuk

Growing Independent Learners: From Literacy Standards to Stations in K-5 (K-5) Featured Speaker: Debbie Diller

The Art of Storytelling (All) Featured Speaker: Mike Lockett

Helping Kids Find the Hero They’ve Got Inside (All) Featured Speaker: Joan Bauer

Intentional Instruction Fostering Learner Independence (All) Featured Speakers: Deb Hays, Gail Huizinga

Books + Award Winning Art = Deeper Comprehension through Visual Literacy: Using Caldecott Books to Foster Deeper Understanding of Texts (PreK-6, ELL) Presenter: Sandra Vølling

A One-Room Schoolhouse: The Simplicity and the Complexity (K-9) Presenter: Cindy Gerwin

Using Complex Texts to Unlock CCSS Restraints on Content Area Literacy Instruction (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) Presenter: Brian Johnson

Motivating Writers in the ELA Classroom (4-12, ELL, Spec) Presenters: Jenny Gustavson, Eric Coval

Lead to Succeed: Student Engagement and Self Directed Learning (K-3, Admin) Presenters: Becky Furnish, Karen Hayes, Julie Klemm

Writing Letters to Our Troops: Connecting Our Students to the World (K-12, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib) Presenters: Mary Alheim, Anne Hufnus, Kenneth Davidson

Shake it up! Creative Ways to Incorporate Speaking and Listening Standards into the Classroom (4-12, ELL) Presenters: Erin Metaxas, Karen Jaffe

Using Diverse Children’s Literature As Windows and Mirrors to Help Engage All Learners (K-6) Presenter: Karen Biggs-Tucker

Complex Novels for Struggling Readers (4-6, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) Presenter: Joanne Komenda

Running Records: More Than a Level! (K-3, Spec) Presenter: Sheila Tucker

Going Graphic: Exploring the Benefits of Graphic Novels in the Classroom (K-12, ELL, Spec, Admin) Presenter: Amy Bender

Engaging Book Club Strategies for the Classroom Teacher (4-9, Spec, Lib) Presenter: Jodie Treptow

Introduce STEM/STEAM in Early Childhood (All) Presenter: Patrick T. McBriarty

Unlocking and Opening the World of Possibilities with a District Series (K-3) Presenters: Michelle Coble, Jennifer Porter, Jennie Smith, Rose Bell

Talk & Technology: Building Comprehension in Math (K-9, ELL, Spec, Admin) Presenters: Laura Meehan, Loretta Johnson

Stay Connected...Reading, Writing, and Tech Connecting Student Learning (K-3) Presenters: Pam Moriarty, Barbara Mayer

Enacting a Culturally Responsive Approach to Literacy Assessment for K-6 Pre-service and In-service Teachers (K-6, ELL, Spec, Univ) Presenters: Sara Jozwik, Yojanna Cuenca-Carlino

Fluency Fun to Engage Everyone (K-3) Presenter: Greg Micek
Engaging Students through the Veteran History Project: Conducting Oral History Interviews (9-12, Adults, Univ, Lib) **Presenters:** Byron Holdiman, Peggy King

Managing And Supporting Professional Development Around Academic Conversations In Your School (Adults, Admin) **Presenters:** Jessica Hartless, Phyllis Boemo

**9:30 – 10:30**

**New and Notable Books for Grades K-8 (K-8) Featured Speaker:** Becky Anderson Wilkins

**Writing Is Life: Connecting Books to Your Students’ Experience** (4-12) **Featured Speaker:** Jordan Sonnenblick

**The Path I Was Never Suppose to Take** (All) **Featured Speaker:** Joelle Charbonneau

**Revision Decisions: Talking Out Sentences and Beyond** (5-10) **Featured Speaker:** Jeff Anderson

**Reading is Weightlifting for the Brain** (All) **Featured Speaker:** Tim Green

**Reimagine Your Primary Classroom To Create Student Independence!** (K-3) **Featured Speaker:** Adam Peterson

**Creating a Community of Readers** (5-12) **Featured Speaker:** Debra Franciosi

**Targeted Interventions for Common Core: Helping Struggling Students Meet the Rigors of the Standards** (K-8) **Featured Speakers:** Diana Sisson, Betsy Sisson

**Unlocking Student Engagement** (All) **Featured Speakers:** Deb Hays, Gail Huizinga

Folktales to Fables: Gender Bias in Children’s Literature (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib) **Presenter:** Danielle Beliveau-Derion

K-3 ILA Children’s Choices for STEAM and Social Studies Lessons to Improve Comprehension and Vocabulary Development (K-3) **Presenters:** Pam Farris, Mary Gardner

Multi-Disciplinary Peer-Editing Strategies Using Video (9-12) **Presenter:** Michael Tompkins

Loving Literacy (PreK-3, Admin, Lib) **Presenters:** Emily Hays, Angela Pagel, Kay Coulson, Philisha Paragi

Standing Up, Speaking Out, Standing Firm – Facing the Lion in Nazi Europe (4-12, ELL, Lib) **Presenters:** Marjorie Fulton, Gaye Flowers

What Makes People Happy? Teaching Argument in an Authentic Way (6-12) **Presenters:** Kristina Patel, Alina Romanuik, Simone Larson, Christine Vasilj

The Key to ELLs in the RtI Matrix (K-6, ELL, Admin) **Presenter:** Janice Eilken

Hook, Line and Sinkers for Reluctant Readers (6-9) **Presenters:** Courtney Knowles, Chelsea Keyser, Barb Hertseil

Diagnostic Instruction: Moving Beyond “He Just Can’t Do Anything” (K-9, ELL, Spec) **Presenters:** Dawn Dettloff, Pat Schiller, Megan Goodman

Using Technology To Improve Reading Instruction (PreK-3) **Presenter:** Kristin Richey

Modeling Curiosity: Empowering Students to Question and Connect to the World, So They Become Active Readers of All Content (9-12) **Presenter:** Kelly Carroll

Professional Juggling Act: Content in the Literacy Block (PreK-6) **Presenters:** Anastasia Ely, Jackie Gonski

Unlocking Reading and Writing Opportunities with Comics (K-6, ELL, Lib) **Presenters:** Shari Frost Roth, Eti Berland, Anna Shkolnikov, Sarah Burnstein

Riding the Literacy Wave with Technology (4-12, Spec) **Presenters:** Shawn Schwerman, Carolyn Sunkel

Quick Content-Area Writing Strategies (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) **Presenter:** Nancy Steineke

Literacy Tutoring Online (4-9, Univ) **Presenters:** Peter Fisher, Kimberly Sendelbach, Rachel Schwartz

New YA Titles to Booktalk – ISLMA's Abraham Lincoln Book Award (9-12, Lib) **Presenters:** Amy Bland, Katie Kirsch, Alyse Liebovich

Keys to Successful Literacy Coaching: Unlocking Leadership Opportunities (Univ, Admin) **Presenter:** Patti Tylka

**11:00 – 12:00**

**New and Notable Books for Grades K-3 (K-3) Featured Speaker:** Becky Anderson Wilkins

**Reading Nonfiction: What Matters Most** (All) **Featured Speakers:** Kylene Beers, Bob Probst

Diving Deep Into Nonfiction: Using Readers Rules of Notice (3-12) **Featured Speaker:** Jeffrey Wilhelm

Capture Readers with Humor: Inspiring Reading and Writing (3-8) **Featured Speaker:** Jeff Anderson

In Defense of Read-Aloud (All) **Featured Speaker:** Steven L. Layne
Next Steps in Differentiated Literacy Centers: Make Standards Concrete and Achievable for Every Student (K-3) Featured Speaker: Margo Southall

21st-Century Visual Literacy: Using Images to Build an Argument (6-12, Adults, Univ) Presenter: Robert Boldwyn

Powerful Partnerships: Increasing Learning in Literacy and Math Through Engaging Home and School Connections (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib) Presenters: Christine Hittmeier, Amy Kappele, Lynn Pittner

Conferring with Writers: Feedback that Matters (K-6) Presenters: Nicole Counihan, Daniel Wolf, Elizabeth Epley

Comprehension: A Multi-Faceted Skill (K-9) Presenter: Vanda Underwood

Family Fun with Family Reading Night (All) Presenters: Katie Ludes, Jessica Zierman

Increasing Literacy Through Inquiry Based Thinking (6-12, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib) Presenter: Mark Levine

Fluency Passages Are Not Just For Fluency! (ELL) Presenter: Sherry Chandler

Get Caught Reading! Strategies to Improve Reading Motivation (K-6, Spec, Admin, Lib) Presenters: Gina Shaw, Diana Wirth

Writing Instruction Using Mentor Texts (K-6) Presenters: Beth Luttrell, Kim Gremaud

Research and Writing in the Content Areas (K-6) Presenter: Suzanne Cowan

Helping Students Write Right (6-12) Presenters: Cynthia Henrichs, Nicole Malham, Mary Plucinski

Reading + Language Arts = Gateway to Inspire STEM Creativity (K-9, ELL, Lib) Presenter: Barbara Ashton

The Keys to a Successful Middle School Book Club (4-9) Presenters: Jennifer Henderson, Amy Cooley

21st Century Dyslexia: Case Studies and Instruction (Spec) Presenter: Lou Ferroli

App it! Apps and websites for the Literacy Based Classroom (K-9) Presenters: Beth Herrig, Moira Arzich

Nonfiction Mentor Text: Craft Coach and Content (K-3) Presenters: Deborah Shefren, Debra Gurvitz

Maximizing the Potential of Informal Reading Inventories (IRIs) (K-9, Spec, Univ, Admin) Presenters: Jerry Johns, Laurie Elish-Piper

PISA's Potential Impact on Illinois Literacy Policy, Teacher Development, and Instructional Implications (9-12, Univ, Admin) Presenter: Chyrese Wolf

Ununlocking the 2017 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award List (4-9, Lib) Presenters: Michelle Glatt, Ruth Gheysen

Panel Discussion: PERA Implementation to Support Building-Wide Literacy Growth (All) Presenters: Stacie Noisey, Sandy Allen, Amy Zaher

12:15 – 2:00

Thursday Luncheon
Good Soil
Featured Speaker: Joan Bauer

Thursday Luncheon
Spaces & Places: The Power of Classroom Environment
Featured Speaker: Debbie Diller

1:00 – 2:00

The Art of Storytelling (All) Featured Speaker: Mike Lockett

Bringing the Literacy Block and Standards to Life with Informational Text (K-6, ELL, Spec) Presenters: Becky Bone, Sheila Oates

Drawing Connections to Nonfiction Texts (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Adults, Lib) Presenter: Kristen Walter

Reading by Design! (K-6) Presenter: Jackie Jones

Unpacking Performance Tasks (4-12) Presenter: Amy Waller

Connect Your Students to eBooks & eResources in MackinVIA (All) Presenter: Chas Sima

Reading for Meaning – Fluently (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adult, Admin) Presenter: Carol Ann Kane

Reaching the Reluctant Writer (3-12, ELL, Spec) Presenter: Linda Mikottis

Prove It! – Teaching Argumentative Writing in the Secondary Classroom (6-12) Presenter: Jamil Odom

Foundational Reading Skills: Helping K-2 Students Develop Word Recognition and Fluency (K-2, Admin) Presenters: Kristy Rauch, Linda Rourke
Create an Evidence-Based Classroom (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin)  Presenter: Kristina Smekens

Pieces of the Puzzle: Creating a Powerful Oral Language Program (PreK-3, Spec, Admin)  Presenters: Deonna Montei, Bridget Smith

Seamlessly Integrating Technology, Literacy, & Content Knowledge Into Your Classroom Instruction (4-12, ELL, Spec, Admin)  Presenter: Christine Maleska

Two Books are Better than One!  Reading and Writing Across Texts K-2 (K-2)  Presenter: Shari Frost Roth

Building a Reading Brain:  What PreK-1 Educators Need to Know (PreK-3, Spec, Admin)  Presenter: Kathy Barclay


2:30 – 3:30

New and Notable Books for Grades 4-8  (4-8)  Featured Speaker: Becky Anderson Wilkins

Building Engagement:  Getting Kids Involved with Texts  (All)  Featured Speakers: Kylene Beers, Bob Probst

Get Psyched to Teach Vocabulary  (4-12)  Featured Speaker: Tracy Tarasiuk

“I’ve Never Written So Much!”  How Mentor Texts Inspire and Nurture Writers  (3-8)  Featured Speaker: Jeff Anderson

Reading is Weightlifting for the Brain  (All)  Featured Speaker: Tim Green

From Journals to Books!  Motivate, Write, and Publish With Your Students!  (K-3)  Featured Speaker: Adam Peterson

Reflecting on Practice, Process, and Content  (All)  Featured Speaker: Debra Franciosi

Helping Kids Find the Hero They’ve Got Inside  (All)  Featured Speaker: Joan Bauer

Top Ten Ways to Crack Challenging Text with Students  (K-8)  Featured Speakers: Diana Sisson, Betsy Sisson

Intentional Instruction Fostering Learner Independence  (All)  Featured Speakers: Deb Hays, Gail Huizinga

Comprehensive Planning & Data Collection Templates for Responsive Small Group Reading Instruction (K-6, ELL, Spec, Admin)  Presenters: Kimberly Corr, Brandy Lokshin, Dawn O’Brien

Understanding and Building Formative Assessments in the K-5 Writing Classroom (K-6, Admin, Lib)  Presenter: Jill Brown

Unlocking the Writer Inside  (4-6)  Presenter: Brenda Gonzalez

Book Pairings:  Pinkerton Detectives and the Civil War in Fiction and Nonfiction  (4-9, Lib)  Presenters: Kate Hannigan, Samantha Seiple

Investigative Journalism and Muckraking:  Getting Struggling Readers to Analyze Multiple Sources of Evidence  (All)  Presenters: Rob Schmidt, Jason Stevens

Deepen Student Analysis with Multimedia Texts  (4-12)  Presenter: Christy Rush-Levine

Tips for Your Language-Building Toolbox:  Turn Bland into Grand by Promoting Movement and Academic Conversations  (K-6, ELL)  Presenters: Kate Zak, Jenna Nelsen, Rosemary Unger

Ready or Not, Here We Come!  (PreK-3)  Presenters: Mary Gardner, Beth Taylor

Solving the School-Community Puzzle:  Putting All the Pieces in Place  (All)  Presenters: Pamela Sarandos, Howard Sussman

Integrated Vocabulary Instruction:  A Framework that Engages ALL Learners Across the Content Areas  (K-6)  Presenter: Alexandra Guilamo

I’m the Only English Teacher at my School:  How Do I Collaborate? Creating community PLC’s in Rural Areas  (6-12, Admin)  Presenters: Nichole Folkman, Jeff Hyde

Using Interactive Notebooks to Enhance Literacy Learning in Science and Social Studies  (K-6)  Presenters: Aimee Fugiel, Jennifer Gray

Comprehension Strategies in the Age of Digital Literacy  (6-12)  Presenter: Darcy Hacke

Turning Tech to Your Advantage in the English Classroom  (6-12)  Presenter: Jason Arneson

Unlocking Reading Opportunities Using Self “I” dentity Techniques  (All)  Presenter: Mitchell Lazarus

The Literacy Connection  (PreK-3, Univ)  Presenters: Danielle Beliveau-Derion, Berni Carmack, Randy Hengst, Megan George, Brittany Kellett, Kylee Villareal, Alexandra Madison, Taylor Ambrozi, Haylee O’Donnell, Katie Aquadro, Ana Hernandez, Becca Strandberg

Butterflies and Grasses:  An Introduction to the 2017 Monarch and Bluestem Nominees  (All)  Presenter: Leslie Forsman

Developing Literacy Leaders  (Admin)  Presenter: Stacie Noisey
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4:00 – 5:00

Sneak Peek: My Next Two Books (4-8) Featured Speaker: Jordan Sonnenblick

Improving Comprehension with Think Alouds (3-12) Featured Speaker: Jeffrey Wilhelm

Writing a Story One World Building Decision at a Time (All) Featured Speaker: Joelle Charbonneau

Growing Independent Learners: From Literacy Standards to Stations in K-5 (K-5) Featured Speaker: Debbie Diller

Changing Notions of Good Reading: Cognitive Modeling of Complex Texts (2-8) Featured Speakers: Jennifer I. Berne, Sophie C. Degener

Rethinking Comprehension Intervention Using Neuroscience: Make Learning Memorable! (K-3) Featured Speaker: Margo Southall

Literacy Support Tools and Resources for English Language Arts (All) Presenter: Laura Beltchenko

Centers that WORK! Using the PLC Model to Implement Literacy Work Stations K-2! (PreK-3, ELL, Spec, Admin) Presenters: Katie Russell, Nikki Gahagan, Carla Ehlers, Kari Kilquist

Get them Talking: How to Improve Academic Conversations in the Primary Grades (K-3) Presenters: Phyllis Boemo, Jessica Hartless

Every Student, Every Day: Creating a Motivating and Comfortable Reading Classroom Environment (K-12) Presenters: Lyndi Davis, Heidi Klein, Dawn Williamson, Michelle Mohr

Integrating Writer’s Notebooks with Google Classroom (K-12, ELL, Lib) Presenter: Kevin Wardzala

Out of Many, One: Unlocking the Power of Strategy Based Groups (K-3, ELL, Univ, Admin) Presenter: Andrea Raskie

Unlocking Your Teaching Potential (All) Presenter: Christy Ziller

Redesigning the High School Reading Class (9-12, ELL, Spec, Admin) Presenter: Amanda Krich

Establishing an ELD (English Language Development) in a 2nd Grade Dual Language Classroom (K-3, ELL, Adults, Univ, Admin) Presenters: Cynthia Drumheller, Maria Graft, Ana Ruiz

What Motivates My Readers? (K-6, ELL) Presenter: Michele Cook

Branching Across Genres and Planting the Seeds for Lifelong Readers (K-9, Spec, Admin, Lib) Presenters: Mindy Matthews, Amy Stevens

Engaging All Learners: Classroom Strategies and Activities for Diverse Learners (K-6) Presenters: Ellian Eydis, Gina Dell’Arling

Engaging Multi-Modal Processes in Creating Meaning for Readers Across Ability Levels (All) Presenters: Denise Gilbert, Heidi Davey, Diane Mankowski

Using Literature in STEAM Activities (K-3) Presenters: Julie Steinke, Jamie Matthews, Jennifer Donovan

Igniting Student Wonder (4-6) Presenters: Carrie Werner, Cathy Church, Patti Nishimura

Diversity – Unlocking Perspectives (K-12, ELL, Lib) Presenters: Cindy Gerwin, Julie Hoffman

Now and Then: Bringing the Past to Life by Podcasting in the Classroom (6-12) Presenters: Elena Caracci, Tracey Servé, Candace Marcotte

Improving Writing through Effective Formative Assessment (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin) Presenter: Patti Tylka

Important Tips for New Higher Education Reading Faculty: Wisdom from the Veteran Professors (Adults, Univ) Presenter: Jon Jones

Librarians’ Roundtable (Lib) Presenter: Leslie Forsman

Building a Professional Learning Community at Your School: Strategies that Work (Admin) Presenter: Sarah Dennis

5:00 – 6:00

College Instructors of Reading Professionals (CIRP) Reception

Exhibit Hall Extravaganza

6:15 – 8:15

Thursday Prairie State Award Banquet

It’s Rigor, Not Rigor Mortis

Featured Speakers: Kylene Beers, Bob Probst

8:30 – 10:30

Hear the Authors Read and Autographing
## Conference Sessions
### Friday, September 30, 2016

### 7:00 – 8:15

**Friday Breakfast**  
**Teaching Practices and Instructional Strategies That Position Students Closer to Reading and Writing Excellence**  
*Featured Speaker: Kelly Gallagher*

### 8:00 – 9:00

**Writing and Telling Stories For Children** (All)  
*Featured Speaker: Carmen Agra Deedy*

**Motivation Matters: How to Motivate Informational Reading and Writing** (All)  
*Featured Speaker: Nell Duke*

**Adolescent Literacy & Books** (All)  
*Featured Speaker: Teri Lesesne*

**At the Crossroad of Fiction and Real Life in Illinois** (All)  
*Featured Speaker: Andrew Clements*

**Rigor and Relevance: An Idea Whose Time Has Come** (3-12)  
*Featured Speaker: Carol Jago*

**Crazy about Stories** (All)  
*Featured Speaker: Jason Reynolds*

**Conferring Matters: How Conferring Gives Students What They Need and Teachers What They Want** (6-12)  
*Featured Speaker: Amy Rasmussen*

**Understanding and Analyzing Arguments – From Kindergarten to Grade Eight** (K-8)  
*Featured Speakers: Diana Sisson, Betsy Sisson*

**Changing Notions of Good Reading: Cognitive Modeling of Complex Texts** (2-8)  
*Featured Speakers: Jennifer I. Berne, Sophie C. Degener*

**Next Steps in Differentiated Literacy Centers: Make Standards Concrete and Achievable for Every Student** (K-3)  
*Featured Speaker: Margo Southall*

**Unlock Your Students’ Minds Before Reading a Text** (K-12, ELL)  
*Presenter: Jacqueline Easley*

**Beef and Books** (4-9)  
*Presenter: Kevin Daugherty*

**Scaffolding Kindergarten English Language Arts State Standards for Differentiated Instruction** (PreK-K)  
*Presenters: Rebecca Cook, Melissa Jones-Bromenshenkel, Shawn Huisinga*

**Engaging Students in the Abraham Lincoln Award Book Club Through Technology and Enthusiasm** (4-12, Admin, Lib)  
*Presenters: Laura Dabezic, Susan Lynch*

**Engaging Student Discussion Strategies** (6-12, ELL, Spec)  
*Presenter: Jamie Gourley*

**ELL Strategies for ALL** (ELL)  
*Presenters: Lucy Carrera, Leah O’Donnell*

**Teaching History through Historical Fiction: Introduction to the Holocaust** (4-9)  
*Presenters: Jake Bilbruck, Tracy Hostettler, Jennifer Parker, Karissa Smith*

**Q&A with ISBE** (PreK-12, Spec, Admin)  
*Presenter: Nancy Paprocki*

**Literature Weekend Bags of Family Fun!** (K-3)  
*Presenters: Mary Griffel, Cindy McDowell*

**How Can Close Reading Help Me Assess CCSS and Still Give Me Time to Teach?** (K-6, Admin)  
*Presenters: Michelle Malone, Gerry Krull*

**Educating Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness: Making Positive Impacts for the Future** (All)  
*Presenter: Vicki Hodges*

**Getting Techy with It: Literacy Classroom from the Future!** (4-9, Admin)  
*Presenters: Joanna Malinger, Andrea Sheahan*

**Literacy Assessment and Technology** (Pre-K-6)  
*Presenters: Pamela Gianakakos, Kirsten Murray*

**Celebrating Elementary Science and Literacy Connections** (4-9, Univ, Admin, Lib)  
*Presenters: Nancy Galas, Rebecca D’Angelo, Sandra Laszkiewicz*

**Growing a Successful Literacy Coaching Program: One District’s Journey** (K-6, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin)  
*Presenters: Beth Gambro, Kelley Gallt, Lauren Foster, Kelly Bachewicz, Amy Moore*

**Unlock the Potential of IRC Grants** (PreK-3)  
*Presenters: Christina Basham, Carley Eighner*

**Deep and Wide: Creating Fluent Readers** (K-3, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin)  
*Presenters: Becky Selk, DeeDee Baker*
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9:30 – 10:30

New and Notable Books for Grades K-8 (K-8) **Featured Speaker:** Becky Anderson Wilkins

Making Nonfiction From Scratch (2-8) **Featured Speaker:** Ralph Fletcher

There’s No Place Like Home: Fostering Family Literacy in the Preschool Years (All) **Featured Speaker:** Nell Duke

In Defense of Read-Aloud (All) **Featured Speaker:** Steven L. Layne

Rigor and Relevance: An Idea Whose Time Has Come (3-12) **Featured Speaker:** Carol Jago

Crazy about Stories (All) **Featured Speaker:** Jason Reynolds

Cool, Loud, and Everywhere: Being a Reading Advocate (All) **Featured Speaker:** John Schumacher (aka Mr. Schu)

Be Someone’s Hero. No Cape Required (All) **Featured Speaker:** Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Changing Notions of Good Reading: Cognitive Modeling of Complex Texts (2-8) **Featured Speakers:** Jennifer I. Berne, Sophie C. Degener

From Speak to Twisted – The Stories Behind the Stories of Laurie Halse Anderson (All) **Featured Speaker:** Laurie Halse Anderson

Laugh(ture) and Literature Across the Curriculum (K-9, ELL) **Presenter:** Boomer Crotty

The Power of Formative Assessment in the New Balanced Literacy School and Classroom: Unlocking Opportunities for Teachers and Children (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) **Presenters:** Margaret Policastro, Becky McTague, Diane Mazeski, David Wood

Teach Writing Skills with Poetry (and Love it) – Mentor Writing with Poetry (4-9) **Presenter:** Suzanne Pettyjohn

Student Led Discussions (K-3) **Presenters:** Elizabeth Niemiec, Julie Atchison, Jennifer Eirinberg, Angel Frattinger

“Smart-Scots” are the Key to Success (K-12, Adults, Admin, Lib) **Presenters:** Keta Foltz, Amber Findlay, Christa Curley

The Key to Learning: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners in the Core Classroom (4-9, Admin) **Presenters:** Mindi Rench, Sarah Avallone

Unlocking Literacy for Non-English Speaking Newcomers (K-6, ELL) **Presenter:** Janice Eilken

11:00 – 12:00

Engaging Teachers and Children in the Comprehension and Composition Modalities of Literacy: Shifting from Reading Specialists to Literacy Specialists (K-9, Spec, Univ, Admin) **Presenter:** Stephanie McAndrews

Literacy in Social Studies and Science: It is Possible (4-12, ELL, Univ, Admin) **Presenter:** Roberta Sejnost

READ for Kicks on Route 66! A Year Long School Theme to Promote Reading (All) **Presenters:** Kimberly Link, Suzi Tiburzi

Just Like Me: Children’s Books to Promote Inclusion (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Lib) **Presenters:** Cecile Arquette, Dianne Hollister

Making the Most of Kindergarten Literacy Stations: Providing Teachers of Young Learners With Engaging and Meaningful Literacy Activities (K-3) **Presenters:** Maggie Dobbeck, Rita Weber

How Do You Know If They Know What You Think They Know? Using Formative Assessments to Improve Student Achievement (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ) **Presenters:** Robert Culp, Stephanie Renderman, Carrie Busse

Digital Storytelling: A Transformational Tool for Learning (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib) **Presenters:** Anne Elsener, Penny Silvers, Courtney Kilian, Ivonne Machuca

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Building Deeper Readers (All) **Featured Speaker:** Kelly Gallagher

Writing and Telling Stories For Children (All) **Featured Speaker:** Carmen Agra Deedy

Adolescent Literacy & Books (All) **Featured Speaker:** Teri Lesesne

The Art of Storytelling (All) **Featured Speaker:** Mike Lockett
2016 IRC Conference Preliminary Program

**Twenty-Five Top Tips, Tricks, Tools, and Techniques to Deliver Masterful Close-Reading Instruction** (3-6) *Featured Speaker: Sandra Athans*

**Illinois Reads Panel for Birth to 2nd Grade** (Birth-2) *Host: Leslie Forsman Featured Authors: Julia Durango, Sherri Duskey Rinker, Barb Rosenstock, Deborah Ruddell, Sallie Wolf*

**Illinois Reads Panel for 9th to 12th Grade** (9-12) *Host: Michelle Glatt Featured Authors: Julie Cross, Sasha Dawn, Jessie Ann Foley, Todd Hasak-Lowy*

Research and Resources, Skills and Strategies (4-12, Spec, Univ, Admin) *Presenter: Peg Grafwallner*

Empowering Students (K-6) *Presenters: Vickiela Wright, Kristy Litwiller, David Pittman*

Exploring Mentor Text for the Craft of Writing (K-6) *Presenter: Debra Honegger*

Curriculum Design and Instructional Planning with Paired Texts: Demystifying the Common Core State Standards & Intertextuality (K-6) *Presenters: Benjamin Boche, Kelly Werle*

Can IRC Have an Effect on You? (All) *Presenters: Katie Ludes, Jennifer Burisek, Nancy Paprocki*

Keeping It Real: Engaging Students with Authentic Texts For Authentic Purposes (6-12) *Presenter: Cindi Koudelka*

Reflecting on the “What’s Hot in Literacy” Survey: Applications for ELs and Their Teachers (K-6, ELL) *Presenters: Sarah Westberg, Patricia Connelly*

Increasing Student Engagement and Rigor with Technology (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Lib) *Presenters: Sheila Ruh, Sherry Sejnost*

Structured Repeated Readings for Fluency and Comprehension (K-3) *Presenters: Lorraine Strutner, Dana Tieman*

Middle School Minds: Motivation, Misfits, and Magic (4-9, Spec) *Presenters: Stephanie Wilson, Rachelle Prough*

Visual Meaning-Making in an Era of New Literacies (K-9) *Presenter: Brian Tucker*

Books vs. Technology ... Creating a Balance for Young and Growing Minds (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib) *Presenter: Laura Beltchenko*

Complexity Through Inquiry (4-9) *Presenters: Erica Sypek, Raul Guerra, Dave Lynch*

Using Book Apps to Promote Classroom Literacy (All) *Presenters: Donna Wakefield, Melanie Koss*

Reading Like a Writer with Picture Books as Mentor Texts (4-9, Adults) *Presenter: Amy Vujaklija*

Building a District-Wide Literacy Coaching Program (K-12, Adults, Admin) *Presenters: Andrea Pavlik, Donna Beeding, Mary Mendelin*

Middle School: Reading Intervention on a Budget (4-9, ELL, Spec) *Presenters: Laura Riley, Amy Quattrone*

Reading Ideas from New Zealand, Note-taking, and Strategies that will Unlock Opportunities for your Elementary Students (PreK-6, Univ) *Presenter: Melissa Stinnett*

**12:15 – 2:00**

**Friday Luncheon**

**Let’s Take the Chill Out of the Writing Classroom**

*Featured Speaker: Ralph Fletcher*

**Friday Luncheon**

**Louisa May Alcott Ate My Homework!**

*Featured Speaker: Laurie Halse Anderson*

**1:00 – 2:00**

**Asking Good Questions** (5-12) *Featured Speaker: Debra Franciosi*

Accelerate Advanced Phonics Learning Simply (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) *Presenter: Marnie Ginsberg*

Creating Critically Thinking Writers (K-9, ELL, Spec, Lib) *Presenter: Kristen Walter*

Read to Compete! (All) *Presenter: Brad Banning*

Creating Informal Reading Assessments Aligned to the CCSS (K-12, Admin) *Presenters: Randi Forrest, Heather Cella*

Powerful Questions, Deep Learning: Effective Reading and Shared Inquiry Discussion of Complex Texts (All) *Presenter: Denise Ahlquist*

One Minute Reader – A Motivating System to Improve Reading at Home (K-6, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenter: Carol Ann Kane*

Reaching the Reluctant Primary Writer (K-2) *Presenter: Linda Mikotiss*

Reading, Researching, and Writing Nonfiction (K-12, Adults, Lib) *Presenter: Judith B. Fradin*

Conferring in a Literacy Workshop (K-6, Admin) *Presenters: Kristy Rauch, Linda Rourke*
Plan and Deliver Dynamic Mini-Lessons in Writing (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Admin) **Presenter:** Kristina Smekens

Close Reading Can Be a SNAP! A Process for Working Through the Demands of Complex Text and Text Dependent Questions (2-8) **Presenter:** Mark Sullivan

Enhance ELA Instruction with Dynamic Digital Innovation (K-9, ELL, Spec, Admin) **Presenter:** Michael Schafstall

Building a Classroom Library: The Non-Negotiables (K-12, Admin) **Presenter:** Jillian Heise

What School Leaders Need to Know About Preventing Reading Difficulties in the Early Grades (K-3, Admin) **Presenter:** Kathy Barclay

Presto! Engaging Readers with Magic & Interactives (K-12) **Presenters:** Jeff Lefton, Dan Davis

**2:30 – 3:30**

New and Notable Books for Young Adults (Young Adult) **Featured Speaker:** Becky Anderson Wilkins

Building Adolescent Writers (All) **Featured Speaker:** Kelly Gallagher

Writing and Telling Stories For Children (All) **Featured Speaker:** Carmen Agra Deedy

Stories I Rarely Tell (All) **Featured Speaker:** Steven L. Layne

At the Crossroad of Fiction and Real Life in Illinois (All) **Featured Speaker:** Andrew Clements

A Tale of Two Irresistible and Totally Awesome Adventures! Embracing the Nitty Gritty of Close Reading Through Really Cool Paired Texts! (3-12) **Featured Speaker:** Sandra Athans

I've Got them Reading, Now What? Let's Talk Teaching in Secondary Readers and Writers Workshop (6-12) **Featured Speaker:** Amy Rasmussen

Be Someone’s Hero. No Cape Required (All) **Featured Speaker:** Lynda Mullaly Hunt

Illinois Reads Panel for 3rd to 5th Grade (3-5) **Host:** Julie Hoffman **Featured Authors:** Kate Hannigan, Patricia Hruby Powell, Wendy McClure

Illinois Reads Panel for 6th to 8th Grade (6-8) **Host:** Cathy Askeland **Featured Authors:** Crystal Chan, Joelle Charbonneau, Rachel DeWoskin, Brianna DuMont, Ted Sanders

Providing Digital Feedback to Emerging Writers (4-12, Spec, Univ, Admin) **Presenters:** Alyssa Jones, Alecia Evans

Using Children's Literature and Anchor Charts in the Learning Workshop to Meet Standards: Lessons on Successful Professional Learning and Implementation (K-6, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) **Presenters:** Sue Larson, Gabbie Arteaga, Trish Bertelsen

Unlocking Opportunities in Science with Books, Foldables, Experiments and Activities (PreK-3) **Presenters:** Stacy Baker, Ann Klusener

Worry-Free Writer’s Workshop (4-9) **Presenter:** Morgan Chellin

Dyslexia: What Is It and What Helps? (K-12, Spec, Univ, Admin) **Presenter:** M. Tara Joyce

Thirty-Plus Lessons Learned from Thirty-Plus Years of Teaching (All) **Presenter:** Roxanne Williams

Designing Close Reading Lessons So (Even Struggling) Readers Can Unlock Complex Text (6-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) **Presenter:** Terry McHugh

Working with English Language Learners: Teaching Strategies (PreK-3, ELL, Univ) **Presenter:** Jessica Ramirez

Books for Struggling Readers Grades 5-12 (4-12, Spec, Lib) **Presenters:** Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley, Wahku Ziel, Michelle Glatt, Tambree Krouse, Leslie Forsman

Every Student Succeeds Act: An Overview for Educators (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Admin) **Presenter:** Nancy Paprocki

How Does Your Farm Grow? (K-3) **Presenter:** Jane Hemann

Bridging the Gap: Engaging Families in the Learning Process (PreK-6, Spec) **Presenters:** Andrea Cox, Meghan Hembrough, Katie Thompson

Fever 1793: An Interdisciplinary Unit (4-9, ELL, Spec, Lib) **Presenter:** Laura Riley

Transforming Literacy Lessons for the Era of Higher Standards (K-6) **Presenters:** Karen Biggs-Tucker, Brian Tucker

Technology + Writing + Sharing + Global Audience = Authentic Learning (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib) **Presenters:** Robin Yokas, Katrina McLaughlin

Literature Circles – Helping Kids Develop Deep Comprehension Through Meaningful Conversations (4-12) **Presenter:** Jan Booth

What I Wish I Knew About Effective Peer Coaching (Adults, Univ, Admin) **Presenters:** Katie Sullivan, Ben Zulauf

Standards-Based Strategic Response to Intervention (6-12, Admin) **Presenters:** Tracy Sebastian, Kristen Marshall
3:45 – 4:45

**Illinois Title I Association Meeting** (Title I) *Presenter:* Nancy Paprocki

4:00 – 5:00

**How Mentor Texts Lift Student Writing** (2-8) *Featured Speaker:* Ralph Fletcher

**Adolescent Literacy & Books** (All) *Featured Speaker:* Teri Lesesne

**Rigor and Relevance: An Idea Whose Time Has Come** (3-12) *Featured Speaker:* Carol Jago

**Twenty-Five Top Tips, Tricks, Tools, and Techniques to Deliver Masterful Close-Reading Instruction** (3-6) *Featured Speaker:* Sandra Athans

**Crazy about Stories** (All) *Featured Speaker:* Jason Reynolds

**Mr. Schu’s Review of Books for You and Your Readers, Too!** (All) *Featured Speaker:* John Schumacher (aka Mr. Schu)

**From Speak to Twisted – The Stories Behind the Stories of Laurie Halse Anderson** (All) *Featured Speaker:* Laurie Halse Anderson

**The Power of Story** (All) *Featured Speaker:* Mike Lockett

Engaging Students in Systems Thinking Across the Curriculum (K-9) *Presenters:* Peter Fisher, Vito Dipinto, Naomi Hershisier, Christopher Hershisier, Roxanne Turner

Up Close with Good Books: Close Reading Across Grade Levels (K-9, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenters:* Amy Stewart, Amber Reedy

Speaking & Listening: A Gateway to Reading and Writing Engagement (K-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin) *Presenter:* Kathi Rhodus

A Tale of Two Bloggers: Using Student Blogs to Strengthen Writing and Foster Collaboration (4-12, ELL, Spec) *Presenters:* Rachel Belkov, Kristine Joyner

Deepen Students’ Comprehension with Reader Response (K-12, ELL, Spec) *Presenter:* Melissa Pletkovich

I Wish I’d Known Then What I Know Now (All) *Presenters:* Lindsay Bohm, Jamie Impson, Molly Lindsey

The Classic Sampler Plate: Keeping the Quality while Cutting the Quantity (9-12, Spec) *Presenters:* Michele Hettinger, Ellen Foley, Tamara Jaffe-Notier

It’s Not ADD. It’s a Visual Processing Deficiency! (PreK-12, Spec) *Presenter:* Karen Petelle

Using Collaborative Self-Study to Understand Linguistically Responsive Pedagogy and Transform the Preparation of Literacy Teachers to Serve ELL Students (K-12, ELL, Univ, Admin) *Presenter:* Leah Romaine

Poetry: It’s Just a Walk in the Park! (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Lib) *Presenter:* Marcia Thompson

One Author – One School: Promoting a Passion for Literacy Through a School-Wide, Cross-Curricular Program (K-12, Admin, Lib) *Presenters:* Heather Kraus, Megan Truax, Lindsay Allen

Keep Calm and Close Read! (K-3) *Presenter:* Adrienne Wilson

Science and Social Studies Doesn’t Stink! (K-6) *Presenters:* Terri Colyer, Deede Carey, Kelsie Dearing

Writing to Improve Comprehension (K-6) *Presenters:* Erin Anderson, Kasie Kosinski, Betsy Fulton

Technology! Strategies! Engagement! Oh My! (4-12, Spec) *Presenters:* Stephanie Tedford, Lisa Breese

Finding Sentence Music in Writer’s Workshop (4-12, ELL, Spec) *Presenter:* Jennifer Lippert

Teaching Children Social Equity Through Classroom Analysis of Literacy-Based Art (4-9) *Presenters:* Chyrese Wolf, Joanna Rea

Instructional Improvement Teams: Using ELA Common Core School Wide (K-6) *Presenters:* Tracey Ratner, Tatiana Conrad

5:15 – 5:45

Annual Membership Meeting

5:30 – 7:30

Preservice Teachers’ Pizza Party

6:15 – 8:15

Friday Banquet

Fish In A Tree

*Featured Speaker:* Lynda Mullaly Hunt
Conference Sessions
Saturday, October 1, 2016

7:00 – 8:30

Saturday Breakfast
Igniting a Sense of Wonder with Power Writes!
*Featured Speaker:* Linda Hoyt

8:00 – 9:00

**It Takes A Family** (All) *Featured Speaker:* Jennifer L. Holm

Whole Language in the PreK-12 Classroom: What it Is, Why it Matters, How to Make it Happen (PreK-12) *Presenters:* Sherry Sanden, Deborah MacPhee, Cassandra Mattoon, Tonya Barra

Independent Reading: How to Keep Track of Student Progress (K-6) *Presenter:* Katherine Klowden

Inquiring Minds: Using Inquiry Circles with Intermediate Grade Students (K-6) *Presenter:* Ivy Sitkoski

Empowering Student Ownership in the Primary Classroom through Literature Circles (K-3, ELL, Spec) *Presenter:* Karen Hess

Next Steps for Struggling Readers: Helping Classroom, Intervention, ELL, and Special Education Teachers Plan Powerful Guided Reading and Writing Lessons (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenter:* Julie Allsworth

Building Momentum in Guided Reading for Middle School Students (4-6, ELL) *Presenter:* Jeanne Sutton

How Do Fine Motor Skills Especially Pencil Grasp Affect Literacy? (PreK-3, Spec) *Presenter:* Carol Armann

Reading Your Way Through Math (3-6) *Presenters:* Cathleen D’Alessandro, Noelle Hoffmeister

Guiding Kindergarten Writers Using Visual Models to Support Genre Studies (PreK-3) *Presenter:* Debbie Scanlan

Multi-Sensory Techniques for Phonics Instruction (K-3) *Presenter:* Carol Mayer

Literacy and Learning Cooperatively (4-12, ELL) *Presenter:* Carol Gutekanst

Rap is Literacy: Analyzing Metaphors in Rap Songs to Analyze Metaphors in Classic Literature (6-12) *Presenter:* Joe Prendergast

Co-Teaching Approaches and Strategies Used in a Middle School ELA Classroom (6-9, Spec) *Presenters:* Detra Jernigan, Twylia Bennett

What Do Oompa-Loompas and Pirates Have in Common? (K-6, Lib) *Presenters:* Sarah Hartman, Jessica Lackey

The Science All Around You: The Way a Nonfiction Author Sees the World (4-6) *Presenter:* Jennifer Swanson

Behind the Book: Building Relationships to Develop Readers (4-9) *Presenter:* Jonathan Sricharmorn

Let’s Have a Tea Party! Building Students’ Motivation, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension and Critical Thinking (4-12, ELL) *Presenter:* Jennifer Gardner

Transcending Literacy Into the 21st Century with Ease (K-6) *Presenter:* Kelli Westmoreland

TECH Me Out: Online Literacy Resources for Primary Students (K-3, Univ) *Presenter:* Natalie Young

Reaching and Teaching High-Ability Learners: Ten Promising Practices (All) *Presenter:* Michele Kane

The Use of WebQuests to Support Reading Skills (6-12, Univ) *Presenters:* Christina Lyons, Anna Jackson, Noah Coleman, Taylor Voegel, Colby Williams

Reaching More Students: Connecting Art Responses with Informational Texts (K-6) *Presenters:* Darryn Diuguid, Jacqueline Goebel

Using Thinking Routines To Develop A Strong Literacy Culture In Your Classroom (K-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin) *Presenter:* Kathleen Kuziel

Fostering Student Literacy through Tabletop Gaming: Using Research Findings to Design Instruction (6-12) *Presenters:* Michael Cook, Matthew Gremo, Ryan Morgan

Gender, Power, and Action: Using Literacy to Activate Social Consciousness (9-12, Admin) *Presenter:* Erin Hettinger

Figurative Language: Where to Find it, How to Teach it (K-9, ELL) *Presenters:* Kristin Lems, Maria Marquez

Give Quick Write a Chance: Other Literacy Modalities Need to be Applied Too! (K-12, Univ) *Presenter:* Msengi Shadrack

Genius Hour and Read-Alouds: Unlock the Opportunities for Passionate Research (4-9, ELL, Spec, Lib) *Presenter:* Jennifer Katrein

Using Cartoons in the Classroom to Explore and Expand Concepts in Literature and Writing (PreK-9, Spec) *Presenter:* Michael Bleyle
9:30 – 10:30

**Get Psyched to Teach Writing** (4-12) *Featured Speaker:* Tracy Tarasiuk

**Conferring Matters: How Conferring Gives Students What They Need and Teachers What They Want** (6-12) *Featured Speaker:* Amy Rasmussen

Balancing Act: Classroom Assessment and Their Place at the Table (All) *Presenter:* Laura Beltchenko

Leveling the Playing Field (All) *Presenter:* Cindy Gerwin

ISBE Literacy Resources in a One Stop Shop: www.ilclassroomsinaction.org (All) *Presenters:* Jill Brown, Kathi Rhodus

An Inclusive Literature Workshop: The Books and Conversations that Illuminate Our Lives Within and Beyond the Classroom (6-9) *Presenter:* Sarah Donovan

Poetry Connections with Children's Books: Electronic Links, Author and Reader Perspectives, Performance Partners and Learning Outcomes (K-6) *Presenter:* Frances Steward

How to Apply a Mathematical Lens Using Graphic Organizers (K-12, ELL) *Presenter:* Jennifer Melberg

Improving Sentence Structure through Contextualized Writing Instruction: A Student-Centered Approach (6-12) *Presenter:* Alma Martinez

The Implications of Action Research for Literacy Instruction (PreK-12, ELL, Spec) *Presenters:* Kathi Lippert, Cassie Bailey

A Tale of Two Co-Teachers (K-12, Spec, Admin) *Presenters:* Linda Lee, LeeAnne Brandt

Using Reading Strategies to Unlock the Content Areas (6-9) *Presenter:* April Flood

Using Assessment Data as a Tool for Partnership: Increasing Parental Competence, Decreasing Parental Confusion (PreK-6, ELL, Spec) *Presenter:* Rachel Pratt

IWitness: Teaching Difficult Histories Using Testimonies (6-12, Univ, Admin, Lib) *Presenter:* Brandon Barr

You Get a Book – Think Oprah for Books (K-6, Admin, Lib) *Presenters:* Natalie Lanser, Stefanie Pitzer

Digital Discussions: Unlocking All Student Voices (4-12) *Presenters:* Brittany Kennedy, Hallie Munao

Graphic Novels: Not Just a Comic Book! (All) *Presenters:* Dawn Paulson, Debbie Harrison

Unlock Student Learning with a Literacy-Based Instructional Framework (6-12, ELL Spec, Univ, Admin) *Presenter:* Terry McHugh

Reading with SHARKS: Using Self-Selection Strategies to Engage Readers (4-9, Admin, Lib) *Presenter:* Jason Biggs

Approaching Literacy Through the Physical (PreK-6, Spec, Admin) *Presenter:* Laura St. John

Google Your School (K-6, ELL) *Presenters:* Kristi Gianaras, Leslie Schuett

C.R.A.F.T.S. (Context, Role, Audience, Format, Theme, Structure) (4-12) *Presenter:* Laurie Hendrickson

For the Love of Reading! (4-9) *Presenters:* Amanda Hilt, Shae Gugle


Data, Data Everywhere! Let’s Bring it All Together for Easy Access (All) *Presenters:* Ann Marie Bauer Ross, Tricia Franke

Spoken Word Poetry in the High School Classroom: A Tool for Skill Development and Engagement (9-12) *Presenter:* Ben Thomas

Student Self-Awareness-Learning through Life, Literature, Language Arts, and Visual Arts (All) *Presenter:* Carol Hanzlik-Chasnoff

Using DBQs in the English Classroom (4-12, Admin) *Presenters:* Jill Uhlman, Lisa Castleman

Yes They Can! Implementing an Effective Writer’s Workshop in Kindergarten (PreK-3, Spec) *Presenters:* Amy Huftalin, Emily Green

11:00 – 12:00

**Wild About Words: Elevating Language and Vocabulary** (K-8) *Featured Speaker:* Linda Hoyt

**Best Websites for Teaching and Learning** (All) *Featured Speaker:* John Schumacher (aka Mr. Schu)

Roadblocks to Success: Impacts of Deficit Thinking on Literacy Achievement (K-6, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenters:* Andrea Pavlik, Sarah Urbanc

Integrating Developmental Word Study into Guided Reading: Various Word Study Activities Used Across Gradients of Levels in Guided Reading Lessons (PreK-6, ELL, Spec) *Presenter:* Sandra Weaver

What do YOU Notice? Let’s Note It! (4-9) *Presenters:* Tracie Widmaier, Gillian Sandler
Understanding and Building Formative Assessments in the 6-12 Writing and Content Area Classrooms (6-12, ELL, Admin, Lib)
**Presenter:** Jill Brown

Words Matter: Teaching Academic Vocabulary (4-12, ELL)
**Presenters:** Kimberly Hollis, Brenda Engelhardt, Ashley Falkos

Unlocking the Secret Identities: Speed Dating Historical Figures (4-9)
**Presenter:** Patty Rieman

No Textbook, No Worries! Incorporating Science and Social Studies Standards into the ELA Block (K-3)
**Presenters:** Nicole Olson, Jennifer Mitchell

C.R.A.F.T Writing: How to Construct Writing Prompts that Students will be Excited About! (K-3, Spec)
**Presenters:** Kimberly Powell, Lauren Johnson

Common Core Keys to K-8 Vertical Articulation (K-9)
**Presenters:** Marcy Biletzky, Mary Strohm

What Does 6th Grade Sourcing, Corroboration, and Contextualization Look Like? Supporting Middle School Students’ Critical Interpretation of Historical Texts (All)
**Presenters:** Jacquelynn Popp, Jodi Hoard

Design Thinking & Literacy Instruction (K-12)
**Presenters:** Tarah Tesmer, Dana Murphy, Kelly Neylon, Nicole Counihan

No More Dancing Around Dyslexia! (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Admin)
**Presenters:** Casey Logan, Lindy Schenk

Many, Many Mentor Texts! (K-6, ELL)
**Presenter:** Vicki Kay

Building a Mentor Text Support System (All)
**Presenter:** Neal Hancock

Talking Books with Mr. Kramer (4-12, Lib)
**Presenter:** Tim Kramer

Unlocking Background Knowledge to Succeed in Reading (K-6)
**Presenter:** Denise Reid

Tips and Tricks with ReadWriteThink.org (K-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Lib)
**Presenter:** Lisa Fink

Shifting to a Student-Centered Classroom (4-9)
**Presenters:** Noor Shammas, Jennifer Adams

Setting a Purpose for Reading (K-9, ELL, Spec)
**Presenters:** Samantha Gibbert, Jessica White, Shannon O’Connor, Laura Evans

Google “Hacking” Using Apps and Extensions to Differentiate for All Learners (K-9, ELL, Spec)
**Presenter:** Alice Frankowski

Adaptations: Creating Something New (6-12)
**Presenter:** Erika Bolte

Is the Medium the Message? Reading Comprehension and Technology (4-6)
**Presenter:** Janis Michael

Picture This: Mentor Texts for the Intermediate Classroom (4-9)
**Presenters:** Lindsay O’Keefe, Allison Free, Kiley Doherty

See How the Illinois Reading Council Supports Literacy in Morant Bay, Jamaica (All) (Poster Session)
**Presenter:** Darryn Diuguid

Making Goals and Beyond! Student Goal Setting and Data Tracking (K-6, Admin)
**Presenters:** Samantha O’Hara, Tracy Brogran

IRC Grants: The Key to Granting Your Dreams for Students (All)
**Presenter:** Tambree Krouse

Book Clubs: Making Lit Circles Come Alive (6-9)
**Presenters:** Teresa Burdin, Christina Becker

**12:15 – 2:00**

**Saturday Author Luncheon**
**Get Graphic!**
**Featured Speaker:** Jennifer L. Holm

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**VISIT THE EXHIBITS**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2016**
**8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.**
**Complimentary Refreshments**
8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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**Hungry? The Peoria Civic Center Concession Stand will be open in the Exhibit Hall. Grab lunch and head to one of the lunch time sessions planned from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the Peoria Civic Center.**
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**DUE AUGUST 15, 2016**

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City: _____________________________ State: ______________ Zip: __________________
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Credit Card Expiration Date: Mo ___ Yr. ___

Signature ________________________________
Join educators from all over the state in an online book club!

Read, reflect, and respond to Reading Nonfiction: Notice & Note Stances, Signposts, and Strategies by Kylene Beers and Robert E. Probst. This nine-week course, beginning June 12, will focus on principles and strategies presented in Beers and Probst’s text that will help students comprehend nonfiction text. Participants who complete all assignments are eligible to receive 15 PD clock hours at the conclusion of the book club. The expected time commitment for participants is approximately 1.5-2.0 hours/week.

Required for participation:
- Gmail address (free at https://mail.google.com/). The Book Club uses Google Sites.

Register by June 1, 2016 to participate in the book club. Registration is FREE for IRC Members. The cost for non-members is $45, which includes IRC membership for one year. Book club participants also have the opportunity to attend sessions with Kylene Beers and Robert Probst at the 2016 IRC Conference. PLEASE NOTE: Conference registration and cost of book is not included.

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One Name on Each Form

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Name (Last)________________________________________ (First)____________________________________________________
Address__________________________________________ City _____________________  State ________  Zip ___________
Telephone (          ) _______________________________  Email ___________________________________________________

Are you an IRC member? _______ Yes _______ No  Membership Number ______________________________

REGISTRATION (Check one):

IRC Members:
______ BOOK CLUB .......................................................... FREE FOR IRC MEMBERS

Non-Members:
______ BOOK CLUB AND IRC MEMBERSHIP ........................................ $45.00

(From IRC Membership Form, indicate local council choice ____________________________)

METHOD OF PAYMENT
(Sorry, no P.O.'s accepted!)

Check (payable to IRC)
Credit Card (Visa, MasterCard, Discover)  Signature ____________________________

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED $__________

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READER EDITIONS: Notice and Note Stances, Signposts, and Strategies

Kylene Beers and Robert E. Probst

Heinemann, 2015


Online resources include: Classroom Posters, Formative Assessment Exemplars, Teaching Tips, and more.
Special room rates have been negotiated at the hotels listed below. To obtain these special rates, reservations must be made directly with the hotel either by phone or online by **August 15, 2016**. Some of the East Peoria Hotels will provide guests with complimentary shuttle service to and from the Peoria Civic Center. Shuttle arrangements can be made directly with the front desk at each hotel. The Peoria Civic Center also has over 700 FREE parking spaces in the Marquee and Fulton Parking Lots. All conference meetings and meal functions will be held at the Peoria Civic Center and Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette Hotel.

Go to [www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org](http://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org) Select **Conference** on the menu, then click on **Reserve Housing Online!**

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Special room rates end on August 15, 2016!
ONE NAME ON EACH FORM Please print or type. Form may be reproduced.

Name (Last)________________________________________ (First)____________________________________

School/Business________________________________________________________ City__________________________

Home Address_________________________________________________________ City__________________________

State Zip Telephone ( )________________________________________________________ Email __________________________

Position/Grade Level? __________________________ Presenting at Conference? ___Yes ___ No Are you an ILA member? ___Yes ___ No

Illinois Educator Information Number (IEIN)______________________________ (The IEIN will be used for ISBE to audit your PD Clock Hours only.)

REGISTRATION (check one) includes sessions on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. On or Before August 15, 2016 After August 15, 2016

Registration for IRC Member:
___Current IRC Member (Membership Number: ________________________) ... $165 $190
___Retiree (Member) ... $25 $50
___Preservice Teacher with ID (Member) ... $25 $50

Combined Registration ($160) & Membership ($45)–Savings of $5
___Select Local Council from Membership Form (Council: ____________________) ... $205 $230

Registration for Non-Member
___Non-Member ... $240 $265
___Retiree (Non-Member) ... $50 $75
___Preservice Teacher with ID (Non-Member) ... $50 $75

MEALS Meals are optional. Check choice of menu. Include payment with registration.

___Thursday Breakfast (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Jeffrey Wilhelm ... $20 $25
___Scrambled Eggs & Sausage Patty ___Scrambled Eggs & Vegetable Patty

___Thursday Luncheon (Peoria Civic Center Ballroom) ... Joan Bauer ... $25 $30
___Classic Greek Salad with Chickpeas ___Vegetarian Caesar Salad

___Thursday Luncheon (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Debbie Diller ... $25 $30
___Chicken Caesar Salad ___Eggplant Remoulade

___Thursday PSA Banquet (Peoria Civic Center Ballroom) ... Beers & Probst ... $35 $40
___Rosemary & Garlic Roasted Chicken ___Eggplant Caesar Salad

___Friday Breakfast (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Kelly Gallagher ... $20 $25
___Cinnamon French Toast with Bacon ___Cinnamon French Toast & Vegetarian Patty

___Friday Luncheon (Peoria Civic Center Ballroom) ... Ralph Fletcher ... $25 $30
___Black Forest Ham on Pretzel Roll ___Grilled Marinated Vegetable Wrap

___Friday Luncheon (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Laurie Halse Anderson ... $25 $30
___Turkey & Provolone on Focaccia ___Mozzarella Caprese on Baguette

___Friday Night Pizza Party for Preservice Teachers Only ... FREE... FREE

___Friday Banquet (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Lynda Mullaly Hunt ... $35 $40
___Vegetable Lasagna

___Saturday Breakfast (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Linda Hoyt ... $20 $25
___Scrambled Eggs & Ham ___Scrambled Eggs & Vegetable Patty

___Saturday Author Luncheon (Pere Marquette Ballroom) ... Jennifer Holin ... $30 $35
___Stuffed Chicken Breast ___Wild Mushroom Tortellini

METHOD OF PAYMENT TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

(Sorry, NO Purchase Orders accepted!)

Check (payable to IRC) \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\] \[\]

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Special Accommodations – Individuals who need special accommodations must make specific requests in writing to the IRC office at least three weeks prior to the conference.

Cancellation/Refund Policy – Requests must be made in writing by September 15, 2016. Please see the complete policy under General Conference Information or at the IRC Website.

Unless notified in writing, this registration constitutes an agreement that the registrant’s image, likeness, and appearance can be used in photographs of such events and activities.

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GET INVOLVED!

BE A 2016 CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER

I would like to volunteer to work at the IRC Conference.

Name________________________________________________________________________________

Address______________________________________________________________________________

City_________________________________ State______________  Zip______________________

Home Phone __________________________ Work Phone __________________________________

Email_______________________________________________________________________________

Local Council_________________________________________________________________________

1. While at the 2016 IRC Conference, I can volunteer to help for:
   ________ 1 hour, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
   ________ 2 hours, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
   ________ 3 hours, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday, Friday, Saturday)
   ________ Thursday morning block (1/2 day)
   ________ Thursday afternoon block (1/2 day)
   ________ Friday morning block (1/2 day)
   ________ Friday afternoon block (1/2 day)
   ________ Saturday morning block (1/2 day)
   ________ Anytime, as needed.

2. I would prefer to help in one or more of the following areas:
   ________ Collect tickets at a meal function
   ________ Work at the registration booth
   ________ Help with book sales/autographing sessions
   ________ Help with the audio-visual equipment
   ________ Help with the special events and receptions
   ________ Help with the exhibits
   ________ Assist with collecting evaluations
   ________ Assist with putting up or changing room signs
   ________ Serve as a host for featured speakers
   ________ Help with the IRC Membership Booth/Treasure Chest
   ________ No preference, I will help as assigned.

   Your Help is Needed - Please Volunteer!

Please send by August 15, 2016 to: Illinois Reading Council
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Normal, IL 61761-1836

Or, fill out the online form on the Conference Page at www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org.
MEMBERSHIP FORM

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 _________________________

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.
   $45 - One year membership
   $25 - Preservice Teacher membership

   1. _______________________________________________________________________________________
   2. _______________________________________________________________________________________
   3. _______________________________________________________________________________________
   4. _______________________________________________________________________________________

4. Discount for multiple memberships.
   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.
   Total Before Discount ______________________
   Discount ______________________
   TOTAL AMOUNT DUE ______________________

5. Return this form with payment to:
   Illinois Reading Council
   ATTN: Membership Dept.
   203 Landmark Drive, Suite B
   Normal, IL 61761
   Paying by credit card? Join Online or
   Fax: 309-454-3512
   Signature ____________________________
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   Expiration Date: Mo    Yr.

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

   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 reading specialist
g. ___ retired

   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

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**Illinois Reading Council Membership**  
**Locations of IRC Local & Special Interest Council Regions by Counties**

The annual membership of $45 includes membership in the Illinois Reading Council and a local or special interest council. The annual preservice teacher membership is $25 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. Follow the steps on the front of this form.

### REGION 1
- **Northern Illinois Reading Council** - (Boone, DeKalb, Winnebago, Eastern Lee & Ogle)
- **Northwestern Illinois Reading Council** - (Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll)
- **Sauk Valley Reading Council** - (Eastern Whiteside & Henry, Western Lee, Ogle, & Bureau)
- **Starved Rock Reading Council** - (LaSalle, Grundy, Kendall, Livingston, Eastern Bureau)

### REGION 2
- **Chicago Area Reading Association** (CARA) - (Chicago Area - Cook County within the Chicago city limits)
- **Lake Area Reading Council** - (Western Lake, McHenry, Northwestern Cook)
- **Suburban Council of IRA (SCIRA)** - (Eastern Lake, Northern Cook)

### REGION 3
- **Fox Valley Reading Council** - (Kane)
- **Prairie Area Reading Council** - (Western DuPage County)
- **West Suburban Reading Council** - (DuPage County and those parts of Cook County west of Rt. 43 excluding all areas within the Chicago city limits)

### REGION 4
- **Black Hawk Reading Council** - (Rock Island, Mercer, Western Henry & Whiteside)
- **Illinois Valley Reading Council** - (Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Eastern Fulton, Mason)
- **Mississippi Valley Reading Council** - (Adams, Brown, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun)
- **Western Illinois Reading Council** - (Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler, Western Fulton)

### REGION 5
- **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)
- **Two Rivers Reading Council** - (Kankakee, Iroquois, Northern Ford)
- **Will County Reading Council** - (Will)

### REGION 6
- **Central Illinois Reading Council** - (Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery)
- **Macon County Reading Council** - (Macon)
- **MID-State Reading Council** - (McLean, DeWitt)

### REGION 7
- **East Central-EIU Reading Council** - (Moultrie, Shelby, Cumberland, Coles, Clark, Edgar, Douglas)
- **Illini Reading Council** - (Champaign, Platt, Southern Ford)
- **Vermilion Valley Reading Council** - (Vermilion)

### REGION 8
- **Lewis and Clark Reading Council** - (Macoupin, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Clinton)
- **National Road Reading Council** - (Bond, Effingham, Fayette)

### REGION 9
- **South Eastern Reading Council** - (Lawrence, Richland, Clay, Crawford, Jasper, Edwards, Wabash)
- **Southern Illinois Reading Council** - (Jefferson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski, Massac, Jackson)

### REGION 10
- **CIRP** - (College Instructors of Reading Professionals)
- **ICARE** - (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education)
- **ILLC** - (Illinois Language and Literacy Council)
- **ITA** - (Illinois Title I Association)
- **SRL** - (Secondary Reading League)
Peoria Civic Center

Fourth Floor
(Meeting rooms are located above Exhibit Hall D on Map and can be accessed by the escalators or elevators from the Great Hall lobby.)

Second Floor
(Meeting rooms are located above Exhibit Hall A & B and can be accessed by the stairs and elevator in the Skylight Lobby.)

First Floor
(Meeting rooms are located across from Exhibit Hall A & B in the Skylight Lobby.)

Conference Registration is outside Exhibit Hall C in the Terrazzo Lobby.
**Hotels & Civic Center**

1. Courtyard Peoria Downtown
2. Mark Twain Hotel
3. Peoria Civic Center
4. Peoria Marriott Pere Marquette
5. Staybridge Suites

**Parking**

1. Civic Center Fulton Parking Lot
2. Civic Center Marquee Parking Lot
3. City Center Plaza Parking Lot
4. Commerce Bank Garage
5. Jefferson Parking Garage
6. Pere Marquette Parking Garage
7. PNC Bank Garage
8. Twin Towers Garage

**East Peoria**

**Hotels**

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7. Stoney Creek Hotel
MISSION
The mission of the Illinois Reading Council is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy.

VISION
The Illinois Reading Council advocates for high-quality literacy opportunities that empower all learners. As a leading literacy organization, the IRC provides access to research, materials, and methodologies to teach literacy and promote lifelong learning. As an active well-organized system of local and special interest councils and state committees, the IRC provides a supportive network for grass-roots involvement and the exchange of information for a diverse membership.