

Rock River Reading Council

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Note to Membership:

Welcome back to another exciting year in education. We hope you all had a relaxing summer. We have another great year of presentations planned for you this year.

A topic that has been quite popular in the last few years is mentor texts. Our first meeting will feature Carolyn Huenink, a Reading Recovery Teacher & K-1 Literacy Interventionist, and certified Comprehensive Literacy Model Literacy Coach with the Waupun School District. She will be presenting on "Milking" a Mentor Text: Using Mentor Texts to Go Deeper in Order to Address College and Career Readiness Anchor Standards for Reading. This will take place at Theisen Middle School on September 20th. Please see attached flyer for more details. We hope you will be able to attend and gain a better understanding of how to use mentor texts in your literacy block.

Please read the following articles in this newsletter.

- Rock River Reading Council's Meeting Schedule and Topics
- Information on a one credit class through Marian University
- PB and J Service Project
- Update on our Little Free Libraries service project
- A list of our leadership and how we can be reached
- Registration form to renew or become a member of RRRRC
- Technology Corner
- Save the date for our Young Authors Workshop

We hope you will take the time to look through our newsletter, mark our meetings on your calendar and get inspiration to you get ready to start a new year.

Karen Kercher

**The more that you read,
The more things you will know.
The more that you learn,
The more places you'll go.
-Dr. Seuss**



Join the Rock River Reading Council to learn more about

“Milking” a Mentor Text to Go Deeper in Order to Address K-12 College and Career Readiness Standards For Reading

presented by Carolyn Huenink, Reading Recovery Teacher & K-1 Literacy Interventionist, and certified Comprehensive Literacy Model Literacy Coach - Meadow View Primary School, Waupun School District

We’re told that our mentor texts need to be worthy of “revisiting.” But what does that revisiting look like? The answer to this question lies in our purposeful planning and in our willingness to read and reread a mentor text (when planning for its use) through a variety of lenses. In this presentation, we’ll consider how the Common Core College and Career Readiness standards for Reading can shape our first and subsequent reads and revisits of mentor texts across workshop settings. Attendees are welcome to bring along a favorite mentor text or two that they use in their classrooms for immediate and relevant application of new learnings.

Tuesday, September 20, 2016
Theisen Middle School, 525 E. Pioneer Road, Fond du Lac, WI 54935
4:45 p.m. Social and Registration
5:15 p.m. Dinner
5:45 p.m. Business Meeting
6:15-7:30 p.m. Carolyn Huenink: “Milking” a Mentor Text to Go Deeper

Dinner will be a Deli Style Buffet to include turkey, ham, roast beef, tuna salad, and egg salad with various cheeses, lettuce and sub fixings on a variety of rolls, potato salad, pasta salad, fresh fruit and fresh baked cookies. Beverage choices will include coffee, bottled water and soda.

Please complete the registration form below and mail it along with your check to:

Kathy Parish
15 Park Circle
Fond du Lac, WI 54935

Otherwise, you may call Kathy Parish at (920) 960-2237 or e-mail parishk@fonddulac.k12.wi.us to register. Then, pay at the door on Sept. 20, 2016. If you sign up for the meal, but do not attend, you will be responsible for paying for the meal. Registration deadline to attend meal and presentation is September 15, 2016. Registration deadline to attend presentation only is Sept. 20!

Name _____ Phone _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____

Cost: Member _____ \$10.00 for meal

- *Members attend all 2016-17 meetings/programs free and pay only for the meal.
- *Rock River Reading Council Membership fee: \$10
- *Undergraduate/Graduate Student Members attend all 2016-17 meetings/programs free and pay only for the meal.
- *Student Membership fee: \$5

Nonmember _____ \$10.00 for meal _____ \$10.00 meeting

*We are doing our PB & J (Providing Books and Jammies) service project for children in need. Please bring a gift bag or two with a book and pajamas in each! If you don’t have time to shop, there will be a pink piggy bank that will be passed around for donations. Our treasurer, Rose Everett, will shop for books and pajamas!





Budget Friendly One-Credit Class Coming Your Way



Rock River Reading Council will be offering a one-credit class through Marian University again this semester. The cost is \$250 upfront, but you will be reimbursed \$100 when you complete the class and receive your grade. Grad classes are going for as high as \$400 and then you need to drive somewhere or do mountains of work while sitting alone at a computer. RRRC's class is facilitated by Chris Frinak, retired Reading Specialist. The "classroom" is the first 3 RRRC meetings, followed by informal discussions with your peers, and then some online blogging/emailing between meetings. Students will have some choices about how they want to frame the written work: two smaller projects due after meeting #1 and #2, or one paper due early in December.

Plan to stay after our September 20th at Theisen Middle School in Fond du Lac to get your questions answered, to receive a syllabus and registration forms. Marian University will take checks or credit card, and prefers if Chris mails in all of the forms and payments together within the week of September 20th. If you need to get approval from your district to take the class, try to do that before our first meeting. If you want a syllabus before the meeting, email Chris at chrisfrinak@gmail.com. Provide your email and she will send you a syllabus. Think about earning a credit with RRRC and your teacher friends. Marian University requires at least 6 students to offer the class. See you in September !

The meeting dates, locations, and topics are:

Tuesday, Sept. 20th at Thiesen Middle School in Fond du Lac - "Milking" a Mentor Text: Using Mentor Texts to Go Deeper with Carolyn Huenink

Tuesday, October 25th at Van Brunt Elementary School in Horicon - Growing Independent Learners in Your Literacy Block with Karen Kercher

Tuesday, November 29th, at Chapel of Archangels in Beaver Dam - What's New and Some All-Time Favorites in Children's Literature with Mary Lou Harris-Manske

Tuesday, April 4 at Waupun Junior/Senior High School - Being Intentional About Speaking and Listening with Laura Adams

Presentations begin at 6:15 p.m. Please join us for the social at 4:45, Dinner at 5:00, Meeting at 5:45. You need to make a reservation for dinner and pay for your meal if you plan to eat with us.

Come to the first RRRC meeting to learn about taking this course. Chris Frinak will meet with students right after the presentation to explain the course and give out registration materials.





Rock River Reading Council's "PB&J" Community Service Project



Please help provide a **B**ook to read, a pair of warm paJamas and a soft cuddly animal for needy children in our area. Our local Food Pantries, Homeless Shelters, Social Service Agencies and PAVE will help distribute these special gift bags to our needy children. Thus far, Rock River Reading Council has distributed to these agencies over 200 gift bags. Join us and WSRA (Wisconsin State Reading Association) in this wonderful service project to promote literacy and a love for reading to our children.

What You Can do

1. Purchase a new pair of seasonal 'jammies' for a child size newborn to 16.
2. Buy a **book** that is appropriate age-wise to the pajama size.
3. Prepare a gift bag with a gift label stating the pajama size, boy or girl and soft cuddly animal (if appropriate for the age group chosen).
4. Bring your gift bag to our Rock River Reading Council meetings for local distribution. (We meet approximately four times a year)
5. Or you can donate money toward this project at one of our meetings. *

NOTE: At each of our Rock River Reading Council meetings, we will have a "Ms. Pink Piggy Bank" set out to collect money to help purchase the appropriate items for our gift bags.

Questions? Contact Rose Everett, everett65@yahoo.com





Rock River Reading Council Minutes
April 21, 2016
Waupun HS



The meeting was called to order by Julie Wahl.

Minutes from the December meeting will be located and approved at the next meeting.

Since the treasurer was not able to attend tonight, the treasurer's report will be submitted to a member of the Leadership committee at the Leadership meeting at the end of June.

Julie spoke about RRRC's service projects, Books & Jammies and our new Little Free Library. Sue Bradley's grandchildren will be taking care of the new library at the Ice Age Center.

Discussion was held on our "line-up" for next year's meetings. Members wrote down and submitted ideas for topics.

Karen Kercher gave a presentation on the Young Author's Workshop put on by RRRC on April 9 at Marian University. It was well-attended with 96 students and 60 parents and educators. Karen shared a slide show of the event. It was suggested to send the slideshow to teachers to share in their classrooms to promote the event next year.

Kathy Champeau gave an update on legislative issues. She expressed the importance of contacting legislators, creating relationships with them, and developing an expertise on education issues.

Christine Frinak was congratulated on receiving the Friends of Literacy Award at the WSRA Reading Convention.

Jan Detrie was thanked for her hard work with Honor Council. As a result, RRRC was awarded \$200 from WSRA.

A door prize drawing of a WSRA membership was given out to Trish Colwin.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 to hear Deb Zarling and Kathy Champeau's Road Show presentation on RtI: Still at the Crossroads?

Submitted by,
Pat Kneser

Free Little Libraries

By: Julie Wahl, RRRC President



Rock River Reading Council is enthused to donate another one of our Little Free Libraries to the Ice Age Center in Dundee, Wisconsin. As a gift to parks, our mission is to bring the joy of "Take a book, leave a book!" to the park's patrons. Through these free book exchanges, we build a community of readers and bolster the love of reading.

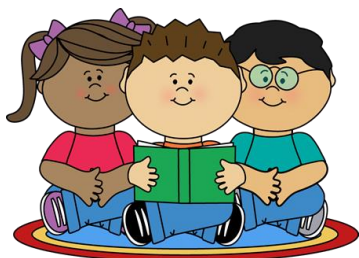
The Wisconsin Reading Association supports our council's efforts in a partnership through establishing the registration with the Little Free Library

Organization and provides a start-up kit of books. RRRC family members, Kaitlyn and Carter Vant Hoff, Sue Bradley's grandchildren, will maintain the Little Free Library by continuously monitoring the book collection.

Our Little Library was made with love and promises to bring books to the hands, hearts and minds of many. We welcome the Ice Age Center to the Little Free Library movement!

A big thank you to these RRRC Members who actively monitor and care for the following Little Free Libraries in Dodge County:

- Astigo County Park: Rose Everett
- Derge Park: Chris Frinak
- Ledge Park: Kathy Galvin
- Harnischfeger Park: Jan Detrie



WSRA Awards – WSRA Deadline November 1

Celebrate Literacy Awards*

The purpose of the WSRA Celebrate Literacy Award project is to honor an individual and/or a group for their significant contributions to literacy in their local council's community. The individual/group exemplifies efforts beyond their normal duties. Each council may nominate a person and a group. Is there anyone or an organization within our area that you would to have Rock River recognize for their contributions to literacy?

Exemplary Reading Program Award

The Exemplary Reading Program Award is sponsored by the International Literacy Association to recognize outstanding reading and language arts programs at all grade levels (elementary, middle, and high school). Each council may nominate a program. Does your school's program deserve this recognition?

Friends of Literacy Honor Roll

The Friends of Literacy Honor Roll honors individuals who have served WSRA for at least ten (10) years. Any current member may nominate a WSRA member for this award. If you have been involved with WSRA for a number of years, think of the people you have seen consistently working behind the scenes. Nominate them so we can recognize them.

Leadership in Literacy Technology Award

The candidate chosen should demonstrate the following qualities: 1) Integrates technology into the classroom to improve literacy skills and to meet curriculum standards; 2) Shares/promotes technology beyond the classroom. This could involve sharing at any level such as school/district, community or beyond. Each council may nominate a person, but they need to be a WSRA member.

Outstanding Administrator Award*

The purpose of the Outstanding Administrator Award is to honor Wisconsin administrators who demonstrate leadership in the field of reading. Each council may nominate one administrator and that administrator will be honored at the WSRA Convention. Is there an administrator in your district who has really stood up for literacy?

Outstanding Service Award

The purpose of the Outstanding Service Award is to honor a WSRA and local council member who has significantly impacted WSRA. The recipient is currently or has served as a local or state officer, on a local or state committee, participates in local and state regional reading conferences and workshops; demonstrates leadership and is exceptionally generous in the giving of time and talents to WSRA; and their achievements have resulted in a significant impact on the growth of WSRA and the local council. Each council may nominate a person.

Pat Bricker Research Awards

Pat Bricker Awards are given annually by WSRA for either traditional or classroom action research related to literacy. Proposals may request anywhere from \$25 to \$500 depending on the nature of the study and the funding needed. Consider doing some research in your classroom to determine the effectiveness of a program you are doing or would like to try. The WSRA Research Committee can help you shape the research study.

Student Scholarship Awards

The Wisconsin State Reading Association will offer five Wisconsin undergraduate college/university students scholarships to the WSRA Convention to be held in Milwaukee February 9-11, 2017. Each scholarship will provide full, 3-day convention registration fees, lodging (Thursday and Friday nights provided the recipient is willing to share a room with another recipient), and recognition at a reception at the convention. Any student may submit an application. Give the form to a student you know so they can attend convention.

* **Send your nomination for these awards to Sue Bradley by October 26.** Contact Sue Bradley wsra@centurytel.net for award forms.

RRRC and WSRA Information

International Literacy Day- September 8th

Join us for ILD 2016 as we explore our spotlight country Jamaica, where they believe "Out of Many, One People." We'll also get in step with the lengths to which students in countries with developing economies have to go to get to school each day, and go the distance to raise awareness and advance literacy in our own communities.

Taken from: International Literacy Association Website

To get your free IRA kit visit:

<https://www.literacyworldwide.org/about-us/news-events/international-literacy-day>

Technology Corner

<https://www.getepic.com/>: This is similar to Tumblebooks but it is free for educators. Students and teachers can instantly access over 15,000 Books for kids 12 and under.

<http://www.janrichardsonguidedreading.com/> Looking to change up your guided reading routine? Check out Jan's website. There are lots of free videos and resources available.

<http://www.easybib.com/> Do your students need to use the MLA or APA formats? Check this website out for a simple way to help your students.



RRRC Upcoming Meetings

Tuesday, October 25th

*Van Brunt Elementary, Horicon, WI
Growing Independent Learners in Your Literacy Block*

Presenter: Karen Kercher

Tuesday, November 29th

*Chapel of Archangels in Beaver Dam
What's New and Some All-Time Favorites in Children's Literature*

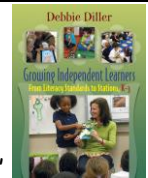
Presenter: Mary Lou Harris-Manske

Thursday, April 21st

*Waupun Junior/Senior High School, Waupun, WI
Being Intentional About Speaking and Listening*

Presenter: Laura Adams

Teacher Resource for October's Meeting



Do you want to make your students' literacy independent time more meaningful? Check out this resource by Debbie Diller.

Young Authors Workshop

Sponsored by Rock River Reading Council

Keynote Speaker: *Rick Chrustowski*

Local Authors: Katherine Penndorf and Karla Jensen

When: March 11, 2017

Who: Children in grades K through 8th

Where: Marian University

Children will have a chance to listen to authors, participate in a writing activity, share a piece of their writing and get books autographed by the above authors. Look for more information in the next newsletters and WSRA website.

WSRA Awards

Do you have a fellow educator that integrates technology into literacy? Do you have an administrator that promotes literacy? They may qualify for one of the WSRA awards listed in this newsletter. Check it out and go ahead and nominate a fellow colleague.

Rock River Reading Council Membership Form – Please print neatly

Name _____

Address _____

City/Zip _____

Home Phone (____) _____

School Phone (_____) _____

Email address: (indicate your preference to receive e-mail at your)

School _____ @ _____

Home _____ @ _____

How would you prefer to receive your newsletter?

____ Mail ____ E-mail/pdf form ____ Both

School you teach at _____

District _____

Position _____

Please check if you are currently a member

____ WSRA Member # _____ Expiration date _____

____ IRA Member # _____ Expiration date _____

Rock River Reading Council - Regular Membership \$10.00 (includes all speaker programs)

New Renewal (Circle one) Student Membership \$ 5.00

Make checks payable to: Rock River Reading Council

Mail to: Darcy Schobert-Bethke

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