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A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Happy New Year! Years ago I quit making New Year's Resolutions; mostly because the resolution was either lame, such as to lose fifteen pounds before May 1st, or too broad that I was not even sure what I was promising, like being a better citizen. This year, though, I am committed to continuing my implementation of *The Daily Five* structure within my classroom; many of you are familiar with this from Joan Moser and Gail Bousher.

At the beginning of the school year, I was willing to step out of my box and take the risk of adapting a new strategy that will ultimately influence the learning and achievement of my students. I asked myself if this new strategy will facilitate them to be life-long readers. I am pleased to share that my quest of using *The Daily Five* model has been a smooth transition for me and my second graders. I am most impressed with the volume of time that my young learners are engaged in reading-independently, with a partner, and in small groups. Of course this emersion has contributed to elevating the level at which all the children are reading.

Another goal of mine this New Year is that I am also committed to sharing the personal benefits I have received as being a member of Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association. It seems that I have been given several opportunities to reflect with colleagues about the opportunities I have had as a member of my local council. I've credited activities I am using in my own classroom to the conferences I have attended sponsored by MSC-IRA. I've passed along professional literature shared with me from participating in Teachers as Readers sessions at the

State Board Meetings. I've shared the volumes of children's literature that have been shared with me by my friends and reading buddies across the state. I've passed along issues of *The Missouri Reader*, *Reading Today*, and *The Reading Teacher* to friends who I felt might be interested in an article or two that I have read.

I am encouraging you to sing the praises of this quality professional organization to all those you come in contact with this New Year. Invite a new face to your local council meeting. Maybe re-invite someone you have already asked previously and they declined. You can never tell, this time they may be encouraged by your perseverance and come along for the ride.

Thank you for your membership and dedication to MSC-IRA!
Marie

"I would rather be a success at something I love, than a failure at something I hate."
~George Burns~

Submitted by Marie Puett
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From the Coordinator

With the start of a new year and the school year half over, we take stock of what we have accomplished and what we still need to do to meet our goals. Most importantly, I hope everyone had a happy holiday season and were able to spend time with family and friends.

Linda McGlothlin and her Conference Committee are to be congratulated on their hard work and dedication which made our 2008 Fall Conference a wonderful experience! Everyone in attendance went away with new ideas and strategies for helping students in their home school districts. In addition, it's always enjoyable to renew old acquaintances and meet new literacy friends each year!

As you make plans for the 2008-09 year, schedule your election of new officers soon after the first of the year. This will ensure that you will have your officer list ready for submission before the due date of **April 15, 2009**. (This is a Show-Me requirement.) It will also give newly elected officers the opportunity to work with the current officers to learn the responsibilities of their office and how to make the new council year a successful one.

Remember – The deadline for Honor Council (International) and the Show Me State Award materials is March 1. I know that local councils have been working very hard to meet the requirements for these awards. Be sure to double check the list of requirements and if you have any questions, please contact me or your Zone Coordinator for assistance.

Each new year always brings new challenges for each of us when trying to meet the needs of the students in our classrooms on a daily basis. The website, publications, and information to be gained from attending local council and state meetings, and the sharing of ideas with fellow IRA members across the state can be of great assistance to you in your efforts to provide quality instruction for your students.

Please let me know if you have any questions. My contact information is listed below.

Sincerely,
Lou Sears
MSC/IRA State Coordinator
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COUNCIL NEWS

What exciting events are happening in your council?

Share your successes with other councils through the MSC-IRA Newsletter. Send your articles to:
Jeanie Cozens at
cozens-j@mssu.edu

Please send a short summary of what is taking place in your council. It is always interesting to hear what others are doing. Although council news is online at www.missourireading.org it was decided by the MSC-IRA Board that the council news should also be published in the newsletter.

Photos taken at local council meetings will still be published on the website.

Celebrate Literacy Award

Time has come to submit your "Celebrate Literacy Award" nominees to the MSC-IRA committee to be considered for the award given at the state level.

This award may be used by your council as one of the options to qualify for Honor Council. Please see page 11-3 through 11-5 in your Leader's notebook for guidelines.

The local nominations submitted to us will be considered for an award to be given at the **Fall 2009 Regional IRA Conference**. Be sure to include the following information:

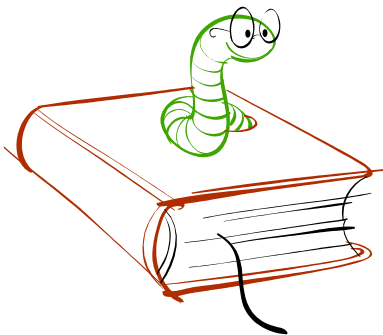
- Name, address, and phone number of the nominee;
- Descriptions of the contributions to literacy on which the nomination is based (not to exceed three pages);
- Results of their contributions and their benefit to the community and the state.

Nominations should be sent to:

Barbara Ryczek
Literacy Award Chairperson
7618 N.E. 75th Terr.
Kansas City, MO 64158

Submitted by Barbara Ryczek
barbryczek@aol.com

The deadline is May 1, 2009



CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS FOR THE MSC-IRA RESEARCH IN READING AWARD GUIDELINES

You are invited to share your research with the rest of the SHOW-ME State. Guidelines and directions to apply for the MSC-IRA Research in Reading Award are posted below. The MSC-IRA Research in Reading Award is awarded annually to the member who designs and carries out research focused on reading, writing, spelling or any other aspect of literacy.

Eligible Projects:

- All applicants must be members of the Missouri State Reading Council.
- Studies may be undertaken using various research approaches or methods, including teacher-research or action research.
- Studies conducted in conjunction with advanced degrees (Masters, Specialist, or Doctorate) are eligible.
- Projects developing new programs or instructional materials are not eligible.

Deadline:

Applications must be postmarked by Sept 1, 2009.

Mail Application to:

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Department of Teacher Education
3950 East Newman Road
Joplin, MO 64801
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Missouri Show Me Readers Award

Are you looking for books to add to your personal library?

I cannot think of a better thing to do when meeting with a colleague than reading new books! Suzanne Thomas, fellow Northwest member, and I spent a few delightful hours together reading the preview books for the 2009-2010 Show Me Awards. We were excited to be selected as readers for the award list, and to be able to cast our vote for our favorite ten books. Some books were easier to rate than others, but needless to say our task kept us engaged reading great books!

Each year the Missouri Association of School Librarians (MASL) sponsors the Missouri Show Me Readers Award for literature that appeals to elementary readers grades one through three. Children read or have the books read to them from a previously determined list. They must read the books prior to March 1st. Then the children vote on their favorite book. The votes are tallied and the winner is selected.

The Show Me Readers books for 2008 – 2009 are:

Can I Bring My Pterodactyl to School (Grambling, Lois),
Gold Miner's Daughter: A Melodramatic Fairy Tale (Hopkins, Jackie Mims),
Hero Cat (Spinelli, Eileen)
Jake's 100th Day of School (Laminack, Lester),
Last Day Blues (Danneberg, Julie)
Library Lion (Knudson, Michelle),
Lilly's Big Day (Henkes, Kevin),
Melissa Parkington's Beautiful, Beautiful Hair (Brisson, Pat),
Miss Malarkey Leaves No Reader Behind (Finchler, Judy), and
One Potato, Two Potato (DeFelice, Cynthia)

There is still time to cast your vote! Visit MASL's web site for the official rules and details at www.maslonline.org.

The nominated list is already posted for the 2009-2010 Show Me Readers Award. These titles include:

Some Dog (Casanova, Mary)
Jack's Talent (Cocca-Leffler, Maryann)
The Old House (Edwards, Pamela Duncan)
Vinnie and Abraham (FitzGerald, Dawn)
One Thousand Tracings: Healing the Wounds of World War II (Judge, Lita)
Badger's Fancy Meal (Kasza, Keiko)
Snow Day! (Laminack, Lester L.)
Boy Who was Raised by Librarians (Morris, Carla)
The Orange Shoes (Noble, Trinkia Hakes)
Callie Cat, Ice Skater (Spinelli, Eileen)
Hair for Mama (Tinkham, Kelly A.)

Not all of my favorites made it to the final list, but it was a difficult decision to make.

MASL also provides activities to go with each of the books! These can be found on the MASL web site, too!

Submitted by Marie Puett
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Membership Report

Last fall the Missouri State Council voted to discontinue the database portion of the website for local membership directors and local members to use for recording membership. A new system was put into place whereby local council membership chairs would send a list of local council members to the State Membership Director on an Excel spreadsheet. This information would be used to maintain the current membership list.

This has worked in most instances, however, there have been some problems in getting the information needed to record the information and make sure that the local councils' membership lists are up-to-date. We are still in the process of working on this and hope to have it all corrected and updated soon.

We will be discussing the procedure at our January Executive Committee meeting and you will be notified of any changes that are made at that time.

If you have questions, or concerns, please e-mail me and I will try to address your specific problems.

Submitted by Barbara Hiles
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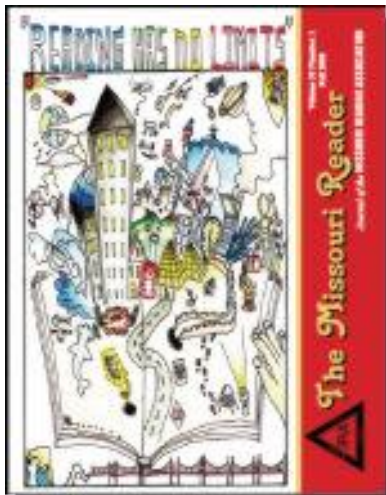
From the Editor

This year has been a new experience for me as I began my role as the MSC-IRA Newsletter editor. Thankfully, I was fortunate to have Dodie Barnes and all the experience she brings to guide me in this transition.

I want to thank each of you responsible for contributing articles each time. Without your willing cooperation, there would be no newsletter. The information provided is greatly needed and appreciated by all the MSC-IRA members.

If you have any suggestions or questions regarding the newsletter, I would love to hear from you. My contact information is:

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The Missouri Reader Engaging Learners as Writers

The Fall 2008 edition of the
Missouri Reader
is now on the MSC-IRA website.
You can find it at
www.missourireading.org

!! POSTER CONTEST !!

It is time for all those hard working sponsors to encourage your students' creativity for our Missouri IRA Reading Poster Contest! The following are the regulations to cultivate those posters into show pieces. Please note the Poster Contest has moved from the fall Conference to the Spring Board Meeting. See details below.

GUIDELINES FOR POSTER PREPARATION

- Posters should be unfolded on poster board or heavy index card stock, size 11" x 14".
- The longer side must be VERTICAL.
- Magic markers, crayons, pen and ink, tempera paint, acrylics, watercolors, or a combination of mediums may be used. NO CHALK OR PENCILS. Bold colors are preferred. Avoid pale colors. Must be printable (e.g., dark backgrounds do not print well). Lettering must be easily read.
- All artwork must be ORIGINAL. DO NOT USE TRADEMARKS, such as Garfield, Disney characters, etc. NO REAL BOOK TITLES ALLOWED.
- Only one entry per student is allowed. OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK given below must be completed FULLY and ATTACHED to the BACK of the poster. NO POSTER WILL BE JUDGED WITHOUT ALL OF THIS INFORMATION.

POSTER JUDGING

Posters will be judged on:

- (1) freshness of theme and treatment of subject
- (2) original, eye-catching, appealing artwork
- (3) inventive and bold design
- (4) ability to encourage students of varying ages to read.

Winners will be selected in FOUR GRADE CATEGORIES: K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12

PROCEDURES FOR SUBMITTING POSTERS

- Posters are completed in the local school districts. Local school districts determine which posters in each GRADE category will be forwarded to the local IRA Council Poster Chairperson.
- Posters are judged in the local IRA Council Poster Contest and the winners (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) in each GRADE category are forwarded to the State Poster Chairperson.
- A TOTAL OF ONLY 12 POSTERS may be submitted to the State Poster Chairperson by each local IRA Council. All entries must be postmarked by no later than March 1st.
- *Entries will be judged and displayed at the Spring Board Meeting.*

Contact your local IRA Council or State Chairpersons for more information.

State Poster Chairs: Jim and Donna Bonebrake, 11345 SE St. Rt. DD, Gower, MO 64454

Email: jbonebrake@ccr3.k12.mo.us

***Posters will not be returned UNLESS the sponsor provides a self-addressed and stamped envelope or picks up posters following the Spring State Board Meeting.

WINNING POSTERS

The overall winning poster will become the official Missouri IRA poster to receive special recognition by the organization. The top posters in the four grade categories will also be recognized by Missouri IRA. Both the state winner and the winner's sponsor will receive gift certificates from a local bookstore. All State Poster Contest winners will receive ribbons and certificates of participation. The winners will be selected at the Spring Board Meeting and will be announced in the Missouri IRA Newsletter and the contestants' local newspapers.

All winning posters become the property of Missouri IRA and may be used to promote literacy throughout the state.

Submitted by Jim and Donna Bonebrake

State Poster Chairs

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OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK FOR THE IRA STATE POSTER CONTEST
(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY)

Student's Name _____

Age _____ Grade _____

Student's Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Sponsor's Name _____

Phone () _____

Name of School District _____

School Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Local Council Name _____

Local Newspaper _____



MSC-IRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2008-2009

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| January 24, 2009 | MSC-IRA Executive Board Meeting, Columbia Public Library Columbia, Missouri, 9:00 AM- 3:00 PM (For State Executive Board Only) |
| February 21-25, 2009 | IRA Annual Convention-West Phoenix, Arizona |
| March 1, 2009 | Honor Council Deadline (International Award) Show-Me Award Deadline (State Award) Poster Contest Deadline |
| April 15, 2009 | Local Council Officer List Due (International) |
| April 24, 2009 | MSC-IRA Executive Committee Meeting, Location to be announced, 7:30 p.m. (For State Executive Board Only) |
| April 25, 2009 | MSC-IRA Board of Director's Meeting, Location to be announced, 9:00-2:00 p.m. |
| May 3-7, 2009 | 54th Annual IRA Convention - North Central, Minneapolis, MN |
| June 19, 2009 | Executive Committee Meeting (Location to be announced) |
| June 20, 2009 | 15th Annual Summer Leadership Workshop (Location to be announced) |

**SEND NEW CALENDAR ITEMS AND ARTICLES
BY *APRIL 1ST* FOR THE *SPRING NEWSLETTER* TO:**

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