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## ST. LOUIS SUBURBAN COUNCIL

The St. Louis Suburban Council began the year with its first meeting Wednesday, September 21st. The featured speaker was Kathleen Killion, author of The Glass Heart. Future meetings are planned for November 10th, with the speaker being noted author and comprehension expert Carrice Cummins, whose presentation will be "How to improve comprehension across the grades"; and April 24th, when Rachel Crandell, author of Hands of the Maya, an honor book for the IRA Children's Book Award, will be the featured speaker. The Council also has various community literacy service projects in which members are actively involved. Among these are Habitat for Humanity book collection, to provide bookcases and books for eight Habitat families; the Penny a Page project (a partnership with First Book - St. Louis) which collected over \$14,000 in donations to provide free new books to disadvantaged children; and the collection to support relief efforts for Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. The Council is looking forward to a very successful year.