



Lee's Summit Council

of the INTERNATIONAL
READING ASSOCIATION

Congratulations to the following Poster Contest Winners from Lee's Summit!

Sarah Sunderland -- **Overall winner**
7th grader from BCMS

Kaitlyn Mosher -- 3rd place in grades 6 - 8
6th grader from Richardson

Sammy Morris -- 1st place in grades 3 - 5
4th grader from Underwood

Olivia Faulkner -- 1st place grades K - 2
2nd grader from Prairie View

Thanks to the generosity of Lee's Summit employees and council members, we were able to again donate hundreds of books to Lee's Summit Social Services!

Also, from those hundreds and hundreds of donated books, many were set aside to begin a new service project. Groups of books will be placed in Lee's Summit laundromats, vaccination clinics and other public areas where children and their parents will find books to enjoy there, then take books home to add to or create a library of their own.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Lee's Summit Reading Council Friends,

You are making a huge impact on the students and staff of the Lee's Summit R-7 School District by being an active member of the LS Reading Council. Congratulations!

This year we will work to provide fun and informative meetings where you can learn and socialize with friends and colleagues. You may choose to help a student get published in the YAC book or use some of the \$8000 of scholarship funds to attend a literacy workshop. Together we are promoting literacy throughout our schools, our community and even the world.

The importance of reading is undeniable. You, as a member of IRA, have chosen to take a stand to support literacy. Thank you.

Look for the LS IRA logo on communications and at events. It will help all members and non-members see what important things our council is doing for our students!

Sharon O'Donnell
President 2007-2008

Upcoming Events:

Community Service:

Organizing citywide event, "*Lee's Summit Reads*" where all will STOP and read.

Literacy at the Laundromat-books will be left at LS laundromats for children to read and take home

Young Author's Contest:

*Lisa Campbell Ernst will be presenting to our district's kindergarten through third-grade young author winners on March 27, 2008.

Literacy Award:

*Preparations have begun to select our council's 2008 Literacy Award winner. The award ceremony will be held in April.