

## Lee's Summit

The Lee's Summit Reading Council is off to a great start for the 2005-2006 school year. In September, we began the year with a program designed to aid teachers by offering literacy center activity ideas. At this meeting, we also recognized our building representatives and committee chairs with a beautiful mum plant.

As a service to the students relocated to Lee' Summit from Hurricane Katrina, our community service committee provided funds for books. Secondary students were given gift cards to use at Borders Bookstore and elementary students were provided with a voucher to use at the fall book fair in his/her building.

Reading Week was celebrated in every school across the district in November, and we held our November general meeting at the new Longview Elementary School. Our program focused on technology to use in the classroom. Those in attendance were given an overview of United Streaming (educational videos) and Rollyo.com (personalized search engines). Since it was held at the newest elementary school, we were given a tour as well. Also in November we collected over 1200 new and gently used youth and children's books, which were gratefully received by the Lee's Summit Social Services. Many children got books for Christmas due to the generosity of our members.

In February our general meeting will be held at the Lee's Summit Borders Bookstore. We will explore "Intellectual Freedom". This program is sure to be of interest to all teachers in the district.

Other programs and activities our members are involved in include the Young Author's Conference to be held in March. Marsha Diane Arnold will be our honored author for this event. We are also looking forward to taking several busloads of students to the Children's Literature Festival, honoring one of our members with the Literacy Award, and initiating our new officers in May.

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