

Through a series of four general meetings this year, we will provide speakers who address topics of interest to our members. Programs about such themes as literature-based reading and the connection between reading and writing provide our members with information and ideas to take back to their schools. Speakers will include presentations about vocabulary & comprehension, writers' workshop, strategies for teaching reading, and poetry for teachers.

To help us plan for next year, please indicate the topics below that would interest you by prioritizing them, with 1 being your greatest interest/need.

- ___ Early literacy
- ___ Vocabulary development
- ___ Comprehension strategies
- ___ Phonics & spelling development
- ___ Children's fiction / nonfiction
- ___ Performance assessment
- ___ Study and research strategies
- ___ Involving family in literacy
- ___ Other _____

About....

The St. Louis Suburban Council

Members include representatives of twenty-eight public school districts, the archdiocese, staff from seven universities, graduate and undergraduate students, several private educational organizations, and representatives of several reading textbook publishers.

1. Largest membership of a Missouri Council of the International Reading Association. Our highest membership was 604 in 1996-97.
2. Honor Council Awards from International Reading Association and Council of Honor Awards from the Missouri State Association of the IRA annually.
3. Activities include providing bookcases and books for Habitat for Humanity families, tab tops for Ronald McDonald House, and Penny-a-Page.
4. Provides professional development.
5. Supports international efforts to improve literacy through the Philippines Project and the Mayan scholarship fund.
6. Encourages active involvement of members in their schools in promoting literacy activities that include students and their families.

We are looking for literacy advocates!

It takes concerned and committed individuals to make a difference. If you would be interested in participating actively in our organization please complete and return the form below.

Name _____

District _____

School _____

Position _____

Address _____

City _____

State/Zip _____

Phone _____

E-mail _____