

## **St. Louis Suburban Council 2006 Fall News**

The St. Louis Suburban Council kicked off the year with its first dinner meeting Monday, September 11, 2006. The featured speakers were Dr. Cathy Collins Block and Dr. John N. Mangieri, authors of *Reason to Read: Thinking Strategies for Life Through Literature* and *Exemplary Literacy Teachers: Promoting Success for all Children in Grades K-5*. Dr. Block and Dr. Mangieri spoke on vocabulary development and reading comprehension. Their presentation was informative and well received. Future meetings are planned for November 8, 2006, where the featured speaker will be Kristen Painter, author of *Living and Teaching the Writing Workshop*; January 18, 2007, the St. Louis Suburban Council will join with the Mid Rivers Council and present Lori Oczkus, author of *Reciprocal Teaching at Work: Strategies for Improving Reading Comprehension*; and April 24, 2007, the featured speaker will be poet Mary Kim Shreck.

The Council also has various community literacy service projects in which members are actively involved. Led by Vicki Gonzalez-Rubio, our Council has bought and filled bookcases to be placed in ten Habitat for Humanity homes on Saturday, November 18, 2006.

The St. Louis Suburban Council is looking forward to a very successful year.