

!! Poster Contest !!

It is time for all those hard working sponsors to encourage your students' creativity for our Missouri IRA Reading Poster Contest! The following are the regulations to cultivate those posters into show pieces. Please note the Poster Contest has moved from the fall Conference to the Spring Board Meeting. See details below.*

Guidelines for Post Preparation

- Posters should be unfolded on poster board or heavy index card stock, size 11" x 14".
- The longer side must be **VERTICAL**.
- Magic markers, crayons, pen and ink, tempera paint, acrylics, watercolors, or a combination of mediums may be used. **NO CHALK OR PENCILS**. Bold colors are preferred. Avoid pale colors. Must be printable (e.g., dark backgrounds do not print well). Lettering must be **easily read**.
- **All artwork must be ORIGINAL. DO NOT USE TRADEMARKS**, such as Garfield, Disney characters, etc. **NO REAL BOOK TITLES ALLOWED**.
- Only one entry per student is allowed. OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK given below must be completed FULLY and ATTACHED to the BACK of the poster. NO POSTER WILL BE JUDGED WITHOUT ALL OF THIS INFORMATION.

Poster Judging

Posters will be judged on:

- (1) freshness of theme and treatment of subject
- (2) original, eye-catching, appealing artwork
- (3) inventive and bold design
- (4) ability to encourage students of varying ages to read. Winners will be selected in **FOUR GRADE CATEGORIES; K-2, 3-5, 6-8, 9-12.**

Procedures for Submitting Posters

- Posters are completed in the local school districts. Local school districts determine which posters in each GRADE category will be forwarded to the local IRA Council Poster Chairperson.
- Posters are judged in the local IRA Council Poster Contest and the winners (1st, 2nd, & 3rd) in each GRADE category are forwarded to the State Poster Chairperson.
- **A TOTAL OF ONLY 12 POSTERS** may be submitted to the State Poster Chairperson by each local IRA Council. All entries must be **postmarked by no later than March 1st**.
- ***Entries will be judged and displayed at the Spring Board Meeting.**
- Contact your local IRA Council or State Chairpersons for more information.
State Poster Chairs: **Jim and Donna Bonebrake, 11345 SE St. Rt. DD, Gower, MO 64454**

Email: jbonebrake@ccr3.k12.mo.us

***Posters will not be returned **UNLESS** the sponsor provides a self-addressed and stamped envelope or picks up posters following the Spring State Board Meeting.

WINNING POSTERS

The overall winning poster will become the official Missouri IRA poster to receive special recognition by the organization. The top posters in the four grade categories will also be recognized by Missouri IRA. Both the state winner and the winner's sponsor will receive gift certificates from a local bookstore. All State Poster Contest winners will receive ribbons and certificates of participation. The winners will be selected at the Spring Board Meeting, and will be announced in the Missouri IRA Newsletter and the contestants' local newspapers.

All winning posters become the property of Missouri IRA and may be used to promote literacy throughout the state.

OFFICIAL ENTRY BLANK FOR THE IRA STATE POSTER CONTEST

(PLEASE PRINT ALL INFORMATION CLEARLY)

Student's Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Student's Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Phone () _____

Name of School District _____

School Name & Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Local Council Name _____

Local Newspaper _____

Local Newspaper's Address _____