

State Newsletter Item

Council: Mid Rivers #28345

The spring meeting of the Mid Rivers Area IRA was held on March 15 at Stegton Regency in Saint Charles.

Dr. Cathy Collins Block was our guest speaker. Dr. Block is a nationally recognized literacy expert. She presented research on vocabulary development. Along with Dr. John Mangieri, Dr. Block recently published Powerful Vocabulary for Reading Success. Dr. Block's vocabulary program provides a research-based instructional program. She presented us with strategies that ensure learning beyond a list, and how to provide multiple exposures to important words. We were challenged and inspired to become exemplary literacy teachers. Our members also collected early childhood board books to place in bags for new mothers at our local hospitals. This community service project will provide an early start to future readers in our community.

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