

# SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Anchors away! Sailing along together teaching others to read!

## New Beginnings!

***And suddenly you just know...  
It's time to start something new  
and trust the magic of beginnings.***

**~Meister Eckhart**

**German theologian and philosopher**

September—start of another school year and new beginnings. And complain as many of us do, deep down, we know it is sort of exciting to get back in the swing of school again. Here's hoping you had a summer that could be described by "The 3 Rs": relaxing, refreshing, and revitalizing!

Southern Lakes Reading Council has a great line-up of speakers planned this school year. We hope you join us so we can be partners in Educator Effectiveness—please consider becoming a member and experience the expertise of not only our council's planned speakers, but that of your colleagues, as well! Networking is so very valuable in this business.

We hope you continue to find our newsletter to be a worthwhile source of information. Feel free to share it with a colleague!

Besides a listing of the year's programs and our traditional "Surfin' the Web" links, it includes information on Global Read Aloud and International Literacy Day.

Wishing you the best of new beginnings  
—may it be *most magical!*

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## Southern Lakes Reading Council Programs 2016–2017

All meetings held at West Side Elementary School

222 Sunset Drive, Elkhorn, WI 53121

**Thursday, September 22, 2016** This program is sponsored by WSRA!

***Capture the Reader, Mentor the Writer*** presented by **Mary Lou Harris-Manske**

Reading and writing are so much more than subjects—they are a way of being in the world and we want to support students on their journeys of developing “readerly” and “writerly” lives. Spark interest with books that capture hearts and minds, written by authors they love. This presentation will feature books that do just that! Mary Lou Harris-Manske will have children’s books from *The Book Look* featured in her presentation and available for purchase at 20% discount! (Cash, check, or credit card accepted.) Great opportunity here! 5pm light meal and brief business meeting, 5:30pm program

**Thursday, November 3, 2016**

***Accessing and Comprehending Complex Text*** presented by **Kathy Galvin**

Students are expected to engage with complex texts, but simply assigning difficult texts will not ensure high level learning. How do we provide access to complex texts, building bridges between reader and text? Join Kathy for a road map to effective instruction that helps support students in developing full literacy potential! 5:00pm light meal and brief business meeting, 5:30pm program

**Monday, February 6, 2017**

***Guided Reading: What’s New and What’s Next?*** presented by Michael Ford

Guided Reading has been around a long time, but what does research tell us about its implementation and impact? Let’s actively examine current practices, looking closely to think about insights and practical ideas to improve future practices, maximizing the promise of guided reading’s instructional power for all learners. 5:00pm light meal and brief business meeting, 5:30pm program

**Monday, April 24, 2017**

***Up Close & Personal: A Sophisticated Look at Assessment and Its Impact on Students***

presented by **Kathy Champeau**

This WSRA Roadshow will uncover what productive literacy assessments look like, should be, and how they may or may not match what is currently used to make important instructional and student decisions. Moral and ethical dilemmas surrounding the use/abuse of unproductive assessment practices will be discussed as well. 5:00pm light meal and brief business meeting, 5:30pm program

Please RSVP [SouthernLakesReadingCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernLakesReadingCouncil@gmail.com) four days before a scheduled meeting to ensure your spot!

## Surfin' the Web



**Improve Teaching & Learning** What are your students' passions? Find out and create a successful environment for all. Here are four key steps to implement passion-based learning. <http://www.eschoolnews.com/2016/05/02/the-4-essential-elements-of-passion-based-learning/>

**Text Level Indicators** This is a helpful guide from Fountas and Pinnell to assist you in leveling texts. [http://futureworldleadersof224.weebly.com/uploads/1/8/0/0/18007365/text\\_level\\_indicators.pdf](http://futureworldleadersof224.weebly.com/uploads/1/8/0/0/18007365/text_level_indicators.pdf)

**Ruth Ayres Writing Resources** Author Ruth Ayres offers valuable writing wisdom filled with guidance and inspiration to *teach* writing. Download her free guide, "Jump In: Great Teaching Begins in the Pool," when you visit [https://app.convertkit.com/landing\\_pages/41177](https://app.convertkit.com/landing_pages/41177) . If you are interested in more by Ayres, preview her book, *Celebrating Writers: From Possibilities Through Publication*, at Stenhouse [https://www.stenhouse.com/content/celebrating-writers?item\\_num=0950&r=n380](https://www.stenhouse.com/content/celebrating-writers?item_num=0950&r=n380) , OR check out *this* article from Choice Literacy titled, "Back to Basics: Routines in Writing Workshops" found at this link: <https://www.choiceliteracy.com/articles-detail-view.php?id=2259> . Need more from Ruth? Check out *The Writing Process...and Processes*: <https://www.choiceliteracy.com/articles-detail-view.php?id=1444>

**Manipulatives for Close Reading** David McCandless offers color-coded cards for extreme close reading with older students! <http://www.informationisbeautiful.net/visualizations/rhetological-fallacies/>

**The Electric Slide Effect** Authors Jan Burkins and Kim Yaris explain why students' reading plateaus in this blog from Stenhouse. The comparison, posted in late June, is most insightful in a very unique way! <http://blog.stenhouse.com/archives/2016/06/21/blogststitute-2016-why-students-reading-plateaus/>

**Noteworthy Observations** Notes we take on our students help in so many ways. In her article, "Establishing a Routine for Notetaking", Brenda Power suggests five activities to assist teachers in this effective practice. <https://www.choiceliteracy.com/articles-detail-view.php?id=289>

**Positive Classroom Culture** *The Teaching Channel* offers a "Deep Dive" into the makings of a successful classroom. Explore resource that help you build relationships with students, create an engaging, productive environment, and set the tone for shared responsibility and success all year long. [https://www.teachingchannel.org/class-culture/?utm\\_source=newsletter20160827/](https://www.teachingchannel.org/class-culture/?utm_source=newsletter20160827/)

**Remote Control Reading** Use this spin to successfully compare self monitoring in reading to a remote control--an item MANY kids know all too well... <https://hip-books.com/remote-control-reading/>

## Global Read Aloud: One Book to Connect the World

The Global Read Aloud project is now in its seventh year and has grown by leaps and bounds in that short time. Pernille Ripp (a *great* teacher from Wisconsin!) has planned and organized this event, allowing classroom teachers from across the globe to **easily** participate. The fun starts October 3rd and continues through November 11th. Consider joining this worthwhile project!



This year's picture book author study explores the works of author and illustrator Lauren Castillo. The following titles are included: *Twenty Yawns*, *Yard Sale*, *Nana in the City*, *The Reader*, and *The Trouble Maker*.

Chapter books include these titles:

- *The BFG* by Roald Dahl (early grades)
- *Pax* by Sara Pennypacker (middle grades)
- *Orbiting Jupiter* by Gary D. Schmidt (middle school)
- *All American Boys* by Brendan Kiely and Jason Reynolds (young adult)

**Need details or sign up info?**

<https://theglobalreadaloud.com>

**Join the fun!**



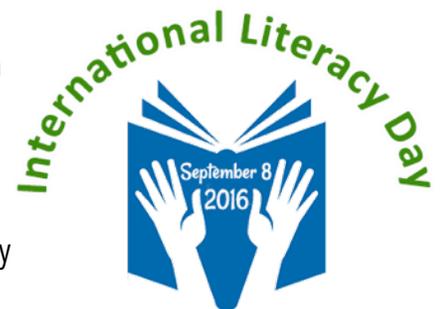
### Wisconsin State Reading Association

*WSRA... providing leadership, advocacy, and expertise*

[www.wsra.org](http://www.wsra.org)

### Steps to Advance Literacy

International Literacy Association (ILA, formerly IRA) is inviting us to join them as they spotlight global literacy needs by focusing on the small island nation of Jamaica. Raise classroom awareness about literacy in your own community as well as world wide. Sign up for the *free* ILA resource kits: *Steps to Advance Literacy* (Activity Kit) and *Make Your Steps Count* (Service Project Kit).



<http://literacyworldwide.org>

# ODE TO TEACHERS

BY  
PAT MORA

I remember  
the first day,  
how I looked down,  
hoping you wouldn't see  
me,  
and when I glanced up,  
I saw your smile  
shining like a soft light  
from deep inside you.

"I'm listening," you encourage us.  
"Come on!  
Join our conversation,  
let us hear your neon certainties,  
thorny doubts, tangled angers,"  
but for weeks I hid inside.

I read and reread your notes  
praising  
my writing,  
and you whispered,  
"We need you  
and your stories  
and questions  
that like a fresh path  
will take us to new vistas."

Slowly, your faith grew  
into my courage  
and for you—  
instead of handing you  
a note or apple or flowers—  
I raised my hand.

I carry your smile  
and faith inside like I carry  
my dog's face,  
my sister's laugh,  
creamy melodies,  
the softness of sunrise,  
steady blessings of stars,  
autumn smell of gingerbread,  
the security of a sweater on a chilly day.

source *Dizzy in Your Eyes* (Alfred A. Knopf, 2010)

We are teachers, but the job of an educator is so much more than delivering content. Because we are dedicated to our students, we pour ourselves into our roles as educators. We go above and beyond to reach each and every one of "our" students. (And, yes—they belong to us.) We are the positive force that allows them to blossom and grow as the year moves along, because we are teachers.

## SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL

- We are dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy.
- We enjoy networking with others who are also dedicated to excellence in literacy from Walworth, Western Racine, & Western Kenosha counties.
- We benefit from hearing top-notch speakers at our meetings who present on best practices in the field of education.
- We believe it is important to stay current and informed.
- We publish newsletters with information on professional development opportunities, and current trends or practices in reading and writing.
- AND, if you're a first year teacher or undergrad student, we'll waive meeting fees!

**Come join us! You'll be glad you did!**

### SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2016-17

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School & District: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

IMPORTANT INFORMATION Please check if you are a member of:

\_\_\_\_\_ WSRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ILA (IRA) Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 Registration if received by Sept. 22, 2016 (membership, programs, food). Single meeting: \$10 Single meal: \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ SLRC Renewal

Please send registration form and check to: Barbara Townsend, 1309 Robincrest Lane, Elkhorn, WI 53121

# Wisconsin Literacy Dates to Celebrate!

## September

- Library Card Sign-up Month
- September 8 International Literacy Day
- September 15-October 15  
National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 25-October 1  
Banned Books Week



## October

- Computer Learning Month
- October 9-15 Teen Read Week
- October 17 Black Poetry Day
- October 20-23 Wisconsin Book Festival

### WSRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip + 4 \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment/School District \_\_\_\_\_

Duties, Title & Level/Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

_____ Ashland Bayfield Counties	55045
_____ Central Wisconsin	55050
_____ Door County	55075
_____ Eau Claire	55100
_____ Fox Valley	55125
_____ Greater Bayland	55150
_____ Headwaters	55200
_____ Hidden Valley	55210
_____ Interlake	55250
_____ Lake Superior	55300
_____ Madison Area	55350
_____ Mid-East Area	55400
_____ Midwest Wisconsin	55450
_____ Milwaukee Area	55500
_____ Muirland	55512
_____ Northeast Wisconsin	55525
_____ Northwest Wisconsin	55550
_____ Racine-Kenosha	55750
_____ Rock River	55825
_____ St. Croix Valley	55800
_____ South Kettle Moraine	55850
_____ Southern Lakes	55860
_____ Washington Ozaukee	55875
_____ Waukesha County	55900
_____ Wis. Professors of Reading	56703
_____ Wolf River	55950

Are you a member of International Literacy Association?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_  No

Are you a member of a local reading council?  Yes  No If yes, check name(s) → \_\_\_\_\_

Send me information about:  WSRAs Committees Information about your local reading council can be found at wsra.org



Renewal  New *Your membership expiration date appears on your mailing label.*

Membership is for one year from the date of joining • Dues may be tax deductible.  
Some of the information provided will be in the WSRAs Membership Directory.

You may join or renew your membership via:

**MAIL:** WSRAs MEMBERSHIP • 909 Rock Ridge Road • Burlington, WI 53105-7230  
Please make checks payable to WSRAs for \$37.00

**ONLINE:** Visit wsra.org and use your credit card

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