

# Prairie Area Reading Council

Spring 2023 Newsletter


## *From the Desk of the President*

**Happy Spring!!!**

Please join us for the upcoming PARC events we have planned for Spring!

Feel free to email us if you have any questions! PARC Co-Presidents:

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DATE	PARC EVENT	REGISTRATION
<p><b>March 1, 2023</b>  <b>5:30-7:30pm</b>  <b>at Westmont</b>  <b>Community Center</b>            75 E Richmond St,            Westmont, IL</p>	<p>Painting with STEM &amp; Literature  <a href="#">Scan Below</a></p> 	<p>Participants will create the paints (STEM) in this hands-on workshop and will paint while talking about literature and creating writing reading extensions. Participants will come appreciate art and literature through this hands-on event. Participants will be given direction to make the paints to be used with their students as well as a list of literature resources that align with the painting.</p>

## IRC Conference

March 9-10, 2023: Illinois Reading Council will host the [54th Annual IRC Conference](#) in Springfield, Illinois. Please take a moment to peruse the highlights planned for 2023.

All events are free for members. Please make sure that you register for each event, separately.

# 2023 Illinois Reading Council Conference Preliminary Program



REVOLUTION

A CHANGE IS GONNA COME  
ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL

**March 9 - 10, 2023**  
**Springfield, Illinois**

## *PARC Pride*

We have 4 PARC Executive Board Members attending the Illinois Reads Council this year. Three of the members will be presenting! Please be sure to check out presentations by Sarah Ruh, Sherry Sejnost & Laura Kelly!



## *Join us at PARC!*

[Join the IRC](#) on our Board!

We are currently looking for new **PARC Executive Board** members for **2023-2024!** Apply directly to Laura Riley at [dlmriley@gmail.com](mailto:dlmriley@gmail.com)

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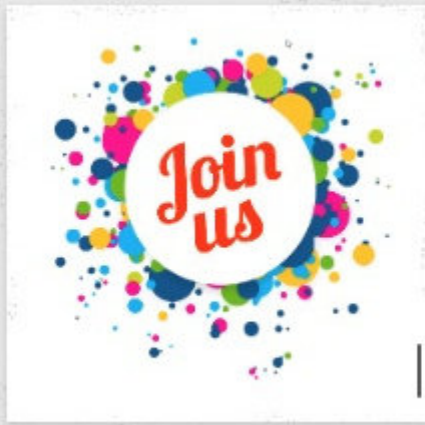
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### **Know someone who wants to become a member?**

Mission Statement: *to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach life-long literacy.*

While there are 32 local councils or special interest councils, the price of joining a local special council is included in the \$45 fee.

Join Illinois Reading Council (IRC) today at <https://www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org/>



## PARC Exec Board Ballot for 2023-2024

Are you looking for ways to get involved professionally? Be a (PARC) **Prairie Area Reading Council** executive board member! Charlotte Danielson said (Domain 4), "...most teacher's duties extend beyond the classroom doors.....One's professional colleagues are a rich resource regarding teaching."

**COME JOIN US!**



Name	Position
Sheila Ruh	President
Ann Peters	President-Elect
Sherry Sejnost	Vice President
Kari Bauerlein	Treasurer
Laura Kelly	Secretary

	<b>Membership Chair (ideas to recruit membership; recruit people to be members)</b>
Laura Riley	Corresponding Secretary (create & send newsletter)
Tracy Billie	Past President

## Upcoming Event! *Painting with STEM & Literature: Book Recommendations*

Danielson states, "A teacher translates instructional outcomes into learning experiences students through the design of instruction..." The Spring PARC speaker/event is ***Painting STEM & Literature***. *How can you incorporate this into your classroom?* Through good planning, purposeful activities, appropriate materials, students groups, and coherent structure. **Join us for our event on Wednesday, 3/1/23 from 5:30-7:30pm at Westmont Community Center.**

Below are a few book recommendations that may help your planning:

1. ***ABC's of Art*** by Sabina Hahn, (PK), Boardbook, \$11.59 on Amazon.
2. ***Anywhere Artist*** by Nikki Slade Robinson, (PK-3), Hardcover, \$18.99 on Amazon.
3. ***Hey, Wall: A Story of Art and Community*** by Susan Verde, (PK-3), Hardcover, \$12.79 on Amazon.
4. ***Alama's Art*** by Roda Ahmed, (K-3), Hardcover, \$17.99 on Amazon.
5. ***Art Matters: Because Your Imagination Can Change the World*** by Neil Gaiman, (YA), Hardcover, \$11.39 on Amazon.



*Bring a friend to our event on 3/1 & receive an extra raffle ticket!*

Prizes include:

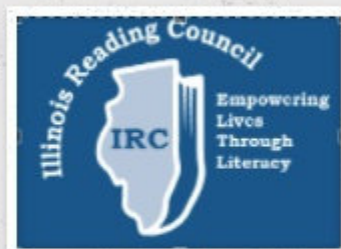
\$25 gift card from Anderson's Bookshop in Downers Grove  
& Professional Education Books

Prizes drawn & given at end of event

CPDU's offered at completion of the event!



*Thanks for helping Fortnight be so much fun!*



## 2022-2023 Board Members

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Announces events for 2022-2023

Registration can be found in the PARC newsletter or contact Tracy Billie @ [tracybillie12@gmail.com](mailto:tracybillie12@gmail.com) or Laura Riley @ [dlmriley@gmail.com](mailto:dlmriley@gmail.com)

**September 12, 2022**

### Meet 'n Greet

@Gatto's, Downers Grove  
Apps from PARC,  
drinks on you!  
5:30-6:15pm

### Back to School: Book Gossip

with Kathleen March  
@ Anderson's Bookshop,  
Downers Grove  
6:30-7:30pm  
Shop @Anderson's after Gossip

**January, 2023**

### Family Literacy Night

@Westmont Public Library

More information can be  
found in our newsletter

**\*\*Bring a book  
(new/used) to each  
event for an  
additional raffle  
ticket to win a prize!**

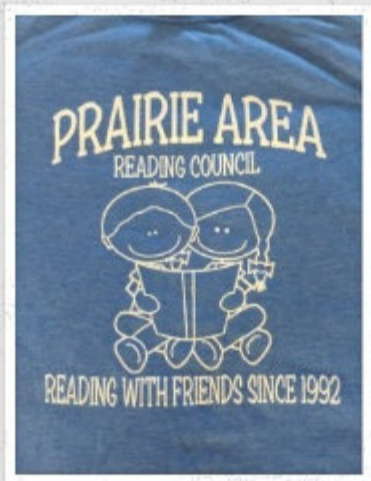
**March 1, 2023**

### Math and Mirth

Cross-curricular, hands-on  
multidisciplinary  
presentation using math  
lit in the classroom  
with Boomer Crotty

At TBD  
5:30-7:00pm

More information can be  
found in our newsletter



## Prairie Area Reading Council

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Make sure to connect with us!

Prairie Area is a professional non-profit organization dedicated to promoting literacy, a love for reading and the improvement of reading instruction.

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