

2023 Illinois Reading Council Conference Preliminary Program



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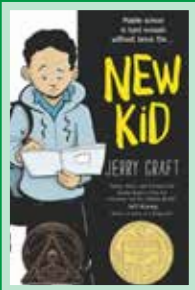
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JERRY CRAFT

Jerry Craft is the *New York Times* bestselling author and illustrator of the graphic novels *New Kid* and *Class Act*. *New Kid* is the only book in history to win the John Newbery Medal for the most outstanding contribution to children’s literature (2020), the Kirkus Prize for Young Readers’ Literature (2019), and the Coretta Scott King Author Award for the most outstanding work by an African American writer (2020). Jerry was born in Harlem and grew up in the Washington Heights section of New York City.



TIFFANY D. JACKSON

Tiffany D. Jackson is the *New York Times* Bestselling, award-winning author of YA novels *Monday’s Not Coming*, *Allegedly*, *Let Me Hear A Rhyme*, *Grown*, *White Smoke*, and co-author of *Blackout*. She received her bachelor of arts in film from HBCU Howard University, and has over a decade in TV/Film experience. She has been the Coretta Scott King – John Steptoe New Talent Award-winner and a nominee of the NAACP Image Award. Ms. Jackson is a Brooklyn native, currently residing in the borough she loves, and most often can be found multitasking.



MATT DE LA PEÑA

Matt de la Peña is the *New York Times* Bestselling, Newbery Medal-winning author of seven young adult novels (including *Mexican WhiteBoy*, *We Were Here*, and *Superman: Dawnbreaker*) and six picture books (including *Milo Imagines the World* and *Last Stop on Market Street*). In 2016 he was awarded the NCTE Intellectual Freedom Award. Matt received his MFA in creative writing from San Diego State University and his BA from the University of the Pacific where he attended school on a full basketball scholarship. In 2019 Matt was given an honorary doctorate from UOP. Matt currently lives in Southern California. He teaches creative writing and visits schools and colleges throughout the country.

For more information, visit www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org



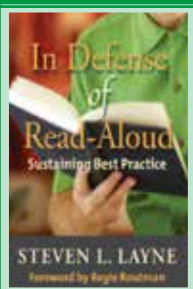
SARA K. AHMED

Sara K. Ahmed is the author of *Being the Change: Lessons and Strategies to Teach Social Comprehension* and coauthor with Harvey “Smokey” Daniels of *Upstanders: How to Engage Middle School Hearts and Minds with Inquiry*. She is an international speaker and staff developer in schools around the world – bridging literacy, inquiry, and social identity work through curriculum development, professional growth meetings, and lab classrooms. Sara currently serves as the Director of Curriculum Integration and 5th-grade advisor at Catherine Cook School in Chicago. She has taught and coached in city, suburban, public, independent, and international schools, where her classrooms were designed to help students consider their own identities and see the humanity in others. When she is not in the classroom or meeting with teachers, you can find her coaching cross country, soccer, or basketball.



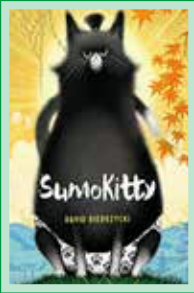
DERRICK BARNES

Derrick Barnes is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *The King of Kindergarten*, as well as the critically acclaimed multi-award-winning picture book *Crown: An Ode to the Fresh Cut* which received a Newbery Honor, a Coretta Scott King Author Honor, the 2018 Ezra Jack Keats New Writer Award, and the 2018 Kirkus Prize for Young Readers. In 2020, he became the only author, in the history of the award, to have won the Kirkus Prize twice for his twelfth release, the *New York Times* bestseller, *I Am Every Good Thing*. Derrick is a graduate of Jackson State University and was the first African-American male creative copywriter hired by greeting cards giant Hallmark Cards. He is a native of Kansas City, MO, but currently lives in Charlotte, North Carolina, with his enchanting wife, Dr. Tinka Barnes, and their four sons, the Mighty Barnes Brothers.



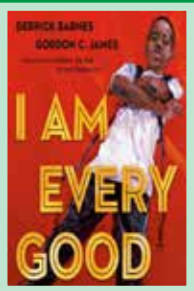
STEVEN L. LAYNE

Steven L. Layne has written more than 25 books in a wide range of genres. Among his most celebrated and award-winning titles are *The Teachers' Night Before Christmas*, *My Brother Dan's Delicious*, *Love the Baby*, *Verses for Dad's Heart*, *Life's Literacy Lessons*, *This Side of Paradise*, *Igniting a Passion for Reading*, and *In Defense of Read-Alouds*. He currently serves as Professor and Chair of the Department of Education at Wheaton College. His vast array of experience working at multiple grade levels in the public schools allows him a unique camaraderie with teachers and librarians and his award-winning books for children and young adults add another appealing element to his dynamic presentations. Steven has been honored with numerous awards for his work as an educator and researcher. At the conference, IRC is thrilled to announce that Steven will be the 2023 recipient of the Prairie State Award for Excellence in Writing for Children. Please join IRC is congratulating him!



DAVID BIEDRZYCKI

David Biedrzycki has loved to draw since he was 4-years-old. In his youth, he created stories for his parents and friends. As an adult, he became a commercial artist whose work has appeared in magazines, newspapers, book covers, billboards and even ice cream boxes. Since illustrating his first children's book in 1996, David has illustrated over 30 books including self-authored and award winning *Ace Lacewing*, *Bug Detective* series, *Me and My Dragon* series and his newest series *Breaking News Bear Alert*, a Junior Library Guild Selection and winner of the Illinois Monarch Picture Book Award and the Georgia State Picture Book Award. David travels the world extensively to over 100 schools a year sharing his digital book making process with aspiring young writers, illustrators and readers. You can visit David at www.davidbiedrzycki.com.



GORDON C. JAMES

Gordon C. James is an academic and expressive artist, whose chosen artistic genre has its roots in Impressionism. In the children's literature community, Mr. James is known for soulful and beautiful illustrations. Some of the most recent books he illustrated include Caldecott honor books *Crown: Ode to the Fresh Cut* and *I am Every Good Thing*. The most recent book illustrated by Gordon C. James is *Just Like Jesse Owens*. James currently resides in Charlotte, NC with his wife Ingrid, their children Astrid and Gabriel, and their dog Rascal.



JACOB GRANT

Originally from Ohio, Jacob Grant now lives in Chicago with his patient wife and two less-than-patient children. His latest book, *No Pants!*, is a laugh-out-loud father-son drama in which the dad learns an important and timely lesson – pants are NOT for everyone! He also illustrated the hilarious interactive book, *This Book Can Read your Mind*, by Susannah Lloyd. His other books include: *Bear Meets Bear*, *Bear Out There*, *Bear's Scare*, *Through With The Zoo*, *Cat Knit*, *Scaredy Kate*, and *Little Bird's Bad Word*. You can learn more about Jacob's work at jacobgrantbooks.com.



JOELLE CHARBONNEAU

Joelle Charbonneau has performed in opera and musical theatre productions across Chicagoland. Joelle is the author of the *New York Times* and *USA Today* best selling *The Testing trilogy* (*The Testing*, *Independent Study*, and *Graduation Day*), the fantasy duology *Dividing Eden* and *Eden Conquered* as well as the YA thrillers, *Need* and *Time Bomb*. Her books have appeared on the Indie Next List, on the YALSA Top 10 books as well as the YALSA Quick Picks for reluctant readers as well as dozens of state reading lists across the country. The conclusion to the *Verify* thriller series, *Disclose*, which explores the power of words to shape our world, was released in September of 2020. To learn more, visit Joelle at her website: www.joellecharbonneau.com.



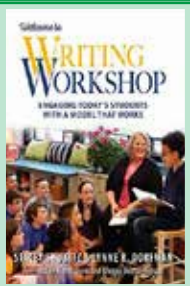
LAUREN TARSHIS

Lauren Tarshis's *New York Times* bestselling *I Survived* series tells stories of young people and their resilience and strength in the midst of unimaginable disasters and times of turmoil. Lauren has brought her signature warmth and exhaustive research to topics such as the battle of D-Day, the American Revolution, Hurricane Katrina, the bombing of Pearl Harbor, and other world events. Her book, *I Survived the California Wildfires, 2018* and book, *I Survived the Galveston Hurricane, 1900*, are no different. The *I Survived* series is currently being adapted into graphic novels, with *I Survived the Nazi Invasion, 1944* being released earlier this year. In addition to her historical fiction, Lauren has some tips on chocolate chip cookies and hiking. She lives in Connecticut with her family, and can be found online at laurentarshis.com.



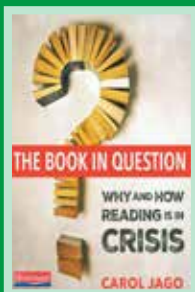
BLUE BALLIETT

Blue Balliett grew up in New York City, where she often visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Guggenheim Museum, and the Frick Collection. She took public transportation to school around the city, and discovered early that every crowded bus or train is packed with mystery and drama and that stories are everywhere. Balliett studied art history at Brown University. She and her family lived year-round on Nantucket Island for many years, and now live in Chicago. Before becoming a full-time writer, she taught at the University of Chicago Laboratory Schools. Balliett is a recipient of the Chicago Public Library's 21st Century Award, the first time the award was given to a children's book writer. She has appeared on NBC's Today Show and has been featured in various national and international publications.



LYNNE DORFMAN

Lynne Dorfman, a native of Philadelphia, has served as a classroom teacher, literacy coach, reading specialist, and staff developer in her 38 years at Upper Moreland School District. She is now co-director for the Pennsylvania Writing and Literature Project where she serves on the blog team, adjunct professor at Arcadia University, and works directly with teachers in classrooms as an independent literacy consultant. Lynne is co-author of *Grammar Matters: Lessons, Tips, and Conversations*, *Using Mentor Texts, K-6* and *A Closer Look: Learning More About Our Writers with Formative Assessment, K-6*. Her newest book, *Welcome to Writing Workshop: Engaging Today's Students with a Model That Works*, is written with *Jump Into Writing!* co-author Stacey Shubitz.



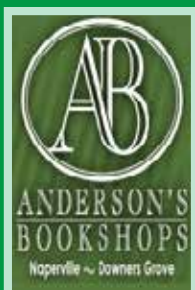
CAROL JAGO

Carol Jago has taught English in middle and high school for 32 years and is associate director of the California Reading and Literature Project at UCLA. She served as president of the National Council of Teachers of English and chair of the College Board's English Academic Advisory committee. She has published many books with Heinemann including *The Book in Question: Why and How Reading Is in Crisis*. She is also author of *With Rigor for All: Meeting Standards for Reading Literature* and *Cohesive Writing: Why Concept Is Not Enough*. Carol edits *California English*, the journal of the California Association of Teachers of English, and worked on the planning committee for the 2009 National Assessment for Educational Progress (NAEP) Reading Framework and the 2011 NAEP Writing Framework. She is a consulting author on the new Into Reading and Into Literature programs from Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. Carol is also the recipient of the 2022 National Council of Teachers of English Squire Award.



DONALYN MILLER

Donalyn Miller has taught upper elementary and middle school students in northeast Texas and received TCTELA's 2018 Edmund J. Farrell Lifetime Achievement Award for her contributions to literacy education. She is the author of several books about engaging children with reading, including *The Book Whisperer* and *Reading in the Wild*. Donalyn is the co-founder of the popular blog, *The Nerdy Book Club*, and co-hosts the monthly Twitter Chat #titletalk. Her articles about teaching and reading have appeared in publications such as *School Library Journal*, *Education Week Teacher*, *The Reading Teacher*, *Educational Leadership*, *Horn Book*, and *The Washington Post*. Donalyn is currently working on a new book with Teri Lesesne and recently announced her fifth book, co-authored with Colby Sharp, *The Common Sense Book on Classroom Libraries*, was published in 2022.



BECKY ANDERSON

Becky Anderson Wilkins is the owner of Anderson's Bookshops and Anderson's Bookfair Company in Naperville, Downers Grove, and La Grange, Illinois. She has been a children's literature consultant and book buyer for over 25 years. Her family business was awarded the Pannell Award in 2015 for the Best Children's Bookseller in the nation and the Publisher's Weekly Bookstore of the Year in 2011. She is the past-president of the national American Booksellers Association and past president of the Association of Booksellers for Children (ABC) and the Great Lakes Booksellers Association. Her love of reading and placing the right book in the right child's hand is apparent in her co-founding of Naperville Reads, a community-wide reading program and Andrea's Angels, a program that has distributed over 900,000 new and used books to disadvantaged children.



ILLINOIS READS EVENT

Join authors of the *2023 Illinois Reads Books* for a happy hour speed dating experience! This 2-hour event will bring you face to face with four of the Illinois Reads Authors. You will choose your **FREE BOOK** and four-author rotation at the door (rotations will be on a first-come, first-served basis). Participants will spend the hour moving table to table, meeting authors and discussing their books. Appetizers and nonalcoholic drinks are provided with your entry fee and a cash bar will be available. There will be an autograph session with the authors from 2:30 - 3:30 p.m., followed by an hour of meeting the Illinois Reads Authors (ten minutes with four of the authors). Illinois Reads books will be available for purchase at this event.

**ADMITTANCE REQUIRES A PRE-PURCHASED TICKET FOR \$20.
SPACE IS LIMITED SO ORDER YOUR TICKET TODAY!**



Kayla Ancrum
Grades 9-12



Jarrett Dapier
Grades K-2



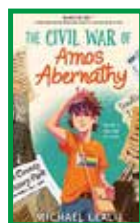
Jay Fleck
Grades K-2



Jacob Grant
Birth to 4



Janice N. Harrington
Grades 3-5



Michael Leali
Grades 6-8



Natalie Lund
Grades 9-12



Stephen F. Majsak
Birth to 4



Kelly Leigh Miller
Birth to 4



Mary Robinette Kowal
Birth to 4



Justin Roberts
Birth to 4



Skyler Schremp
Grades 3-5



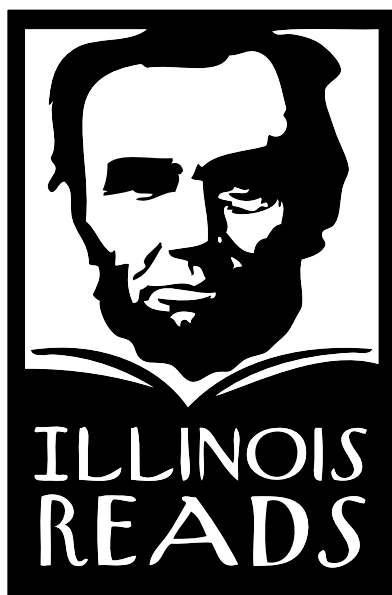
Sally M. Walker
Grades 6-8



Alex Willan
Grades K-2

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Birth-4

- Would You Come Too?*
by Liz Garton Scanlon and
illustrated by Diana Sudyka
- This is Music: Drums*
by Rekha S. Rajan
- Chicago, Baby!*
by Feather Flores and
illustrated by Kelly Leigh Miller
- ABC Animals!*
by Stephen F. Majsak
- I'll Be Your Polar Bear*
by Justin Roberts
- Molly on the Moon*
by Mary Robinette Kowal

6-8

- Courage*
by Barbara Binns
- The Civil War of Amos Abernathy*
by Michael Leali
- Pilar Ramirez and the Escape from Zafa*
by Julian Randall
- Tumble*
by Celia C. Pérez
- ReThink the Internet: How to Make the Digital
World a Lot Less Sucky*
by Trisha Prabhu
- Underground Fire: Hope, Sacrifice, and Courage
in the Cherry Mine Disaster*
by Sally M. Walker

K-2

- The Most Haunted House in America*
by Jarrett Dapier
- Stella Keeps the Sun Up*
by Clothilde Ewing
- Elephant's Big Solo*
by Sarah Kurpiel
- The Meaning of Pride*
by Rosiee Thor and illustrated by Sam Kirk
- Tortoise and Hare: A Fairy Tale to Help You
Find Balance*
by Susan Verde and illustrated by Jay Fleck
- Yetis are the Worst!*
by Alex Willan

9-12

- A Man Called Horse: John Horse and the Black
Seminole Underground Railroad*
by Glennette Tilley Turner
- Murder Among Friends: How Leopold and Loeb
Tried to Commit the Perfect Crime*
by Candace Fleming
- As Fast As Her: Dream Big, Break Barriers,
Achieve Success*
by Kendall Coyne
- Strike the Zither*
by Joan He
- The Wolves Are Watching*
by Natalie Lund
- Darling*
by K. Ancrum

3-5

- Exquisite: The Poetry and Life of Gwendolyn
Brooks*
by Suzanne Slade and
illustrated by Cozbi A. Cabrera
- Buzzing with Questions: The Inquisitive Mind of
Charles Henry Turner*
by Janice N. Harrington
- Pighearted*
by Alex Perry
- A Rover's Story*
by Jasmine Warga
- Apple Crush*
by Lucy Knisley
- Three Strike Summer*
by Skyler Schrempp

Adult

- The Upstairs House: A Novel*
by Julia Fine
- Grace: President Obama and Ten Days in the
Battle for America*
by Cody Keenan
- Eat, Drink, and Be Murray: A Feast of Family Fun
and Favorites*
by Andy Murray
- Remarkably Bright Creatures: A Novel*
by Shelby Van Pelt
- The Two Lives of Sara*
by Catherine Adel West
- Last Summer on State Street: A Novel*
by Toya Wolfe

Special Conference Event

A session specifically designed for teams of administrators, instructional leaders, and teacher leaders.

UNDERSTANDING AND SUPPORTING INSTRUCTIONAL COACHING: A TOOLKIT FOR ADMINISTRATORS

Instructional coaches are all over education and many schools have recently acquired them or grown their program. How do you as a leader help them and the program increase the instructional capacity of your faculty? This session will hone in on those practices that build up your tool box and understanding of the supportive actions administrators can take and how to avoid fragmentation with your evaluation and coaching processes. Coaching can be a major leadership lever for you to drive performance so our hope is for you to learn actual steps you can take to increase the skill of your coaches, teachers, and you!

GRADES: PreK-12
DATE: Friday, March 10, 2023
TIME: 8:30 AM – 3:30 PM (*Lunch will be on your own from 12:30-1:30 PM*)
COST: \$30 per person (*This cost is in addition to your conference registration fees*)

PARTICIPANTS EARN:

- Administrator Academy Credit (Approved AA #1859) OR
- 6 ISBE PD Clock Hours



Alison Gordon is co-founder and facilitator of the Educational Coaching Network of the Masters of Science in Education Program at Northwestern University's School of Education and Social Policy. The ECN provides training and support for teachers, instructional coaches, and school and agency leaders for the development of skills and best professional practices. Alison teaches graduate students in the MEd Teacher Leadership Program; her courses have included Professional Development Design and Implementation, Leading Teacher Teams, Mentoring and Evaluation, and Instructional Coaching. Alison provides consultation to the Office of Early Childhood Education in the Chicago Public Schools, as well as trainings through the Illinois Principal's Association. Alison has been a School Principal, Director of Student Services, and Interim Superintendent. Her interests in education include Early Childhood Education, Family and Community Engagement, Mentoring and Coaching, and Equity. Alison's doctoral work was focused on Educational Leadership and excellence in teaching.

THIS SESSION REQUIRES PRE-REGISTRATION AND SPACE IS LIMITED SO REGISTER YOURSELF OR YOUR TEAM TODAY!

Group Registration Rates

Illinois Reading Council (IRC) is one of the premier professional organizations in Illinois whose mission is to provide support and leadership to all who promote and teach lifelong literacy. IRC would like to extend you an invitation to join our organization.

Administrator Benefits

- Enhance knowledge of literacy instruction best practices
- Access to high-quality, low-cost professional learning offerings for staff
- Expand support of Evaluation Framework and teacher professional growth
- Access to local, state, and national resources
- Attend designated Administrator Strand at IRC Conference
- Enjoy reduced conference rates

Support Your Staff

IRC is proud of its nationally recognized journal publication, special projects, conferences, and workshops aimed at stimulating personal and professional growth – a key component of the Evaluation Framework domains.

- Premier annual literacy conference
- Monetary grants and awards
- Professional Development hours for licensure
- Networking with fellow educators
- Access to professional learning for growth
- Access to local, state, and national resources

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Attend the conference with a group of your staff
Group Rates per person:

NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS	10-19	20-39	40-59	60-79	80-99	100+
Discount		10%	20%	30%	40%	50%
Registration Fee	\$250.00	\$225.00	\$200.00	\$175.00	\$150.00	\$125.00

The group registration form is available online or register individually on page 33.



**ALL CONFERENCE
ATTENDEES ARE
INVITED
TO ATTEND!**

Welcome Reception

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

PAL Hotel Ballroom

Complimentary appetizers will be served!

Hear the Authors Read

and Late-Night Autograph Session

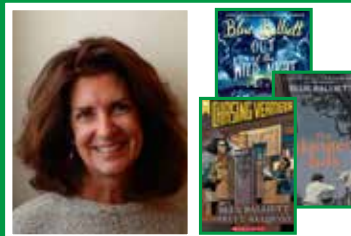
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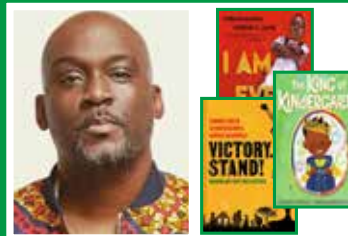
Wyndham Grand Ballroom

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Barnes**



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de la Peña**



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Grant**



**Tiffany
Jackson**



**Gordon
James**



**Steven
Layne**



**Lauren
Tarshis**



Preservice TEACHER Pizza Party



FRIDAY, MARCH 10, 2023

5:30 – 7:30 P.M.

PAL HOTEL BALLROOM

ALL Preservice Teachers are invited to the Friday Night Preservice Pizza Party. Join us for fun, games, and FREE pizza. Everyone will receive a door prize!

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

CLOCK HOURS and ADMINISTRATOR ACADEMY CREDIT

The Illinois Reading Council is an approved Illinois State Board of Education Professional Development Provider. While attending the conference, you may earn one PD CLOCK HOUR per hour of attendance and participation. For meal functions, you may also earn one (1) PD clock hour for the presentation only.

Sessions attended must be logged, and the ISBE Evaluation and IRC Record of Clock Hours Forms must be completed and deposited in the IRC evaluation box at the end of the conference. A form will also be provided for you to keep for your records. These forms will be provided when you pick up your registration packet at the conference.

The ISBE Evidence of Completion Form will be sent after the conference. Please review your personal License Renewal Plan to determine which sessions fit. Be sure that your goals are broad enough to include a variety of literacy topics. The Illinois Reading Council is merely the provider. The responsibility for determining which sessions agree with your plan and are granted credits by your school district is yours.

The Illinois Principals Association will also be providing AA Credit for the Administrator Academy at the IRC Conference.

Plan now to attend one of the

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Schedule, Handouts, and More

Download the **FREE IRC CONFERENCE APP** from the Apple Store, Android Marketplace, or the IRC Conference Website. The guide will feature an up-to-date conference schedule, exhibitor information, handouts, and more. The guide will be available starting **February 15, 2023**.



CONFERENCE OVERVIEW

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Registration - Exhibit Hall in the Bank of Springfield Center	5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Welcome Reception - PAL Hotel Ballroom	7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Registration - Exhibit Hall in the Bank of Springfield Center	7:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Orientation for New Participants - PAL Hotel Bond Room	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Thursday Breakfast - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Matt de la Peña</i>	7:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
Exhibits - Exhibit Hall in the Bank of Springfield Center	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Hall of Councils - Bank of Springfield Center Lower Level	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops	8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
Thursday Luncheon - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom - <i>Donalyn Miller</i>	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday Luncheon - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Jerry Craft</i>	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Thursday Lunch Sessions - Bank of Springfield Center	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Sessions/Featured Speakers/Workshops	2:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Illinois Reads Author Event - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom	2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Thursday PSA Banquet - PAL Hotel Ballroom - <i>Tiffany D. Jackson</i>	6:15 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.
Hear the Authors Read and Autographing - Wyndham Hotel Grand Ballroom	8:30 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.

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Administrators Academy - PAL Hotel Lincoln Room - <i>Alison Gordon</i>	8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
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Refreshments in Exhibit Area - Bank of Springfield Center Exhibit Hall	3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
IRC Annual Membership Meeting - PAL Hotel Lincoln Room	4:45 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.
Preservice Teachers' Pizza Party - PAL Hotel Ballroom	5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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- **Conference Sessions**

All conference sessions will be held in the Bank of Springfield Center, President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and Wyndham Hotel.

- **Pre-Registration & Registration**

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- **Food**

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- **No Smoking**

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Pre-Conference Sessions Wednesday, March 8, 2023

7:00 – 8:30

Welcome Reception

Conference Sessions Thursday, March 9, 2023

7:00 – 7:45

Orientation to the IRC Conference (All) *Presenters:* Boomer Crotty, Carrie Sheridan

7:00 – 8:30

Thursday Breakfast

Journey from Reluctant Reader to Author *Featured Speaker:* Matt de la Peña

8:30 – 9:30

An Educator's Guide to I Survived (All) *Featured Speaker:* Lauren Tarshis

Changing the World One Word, One Book and One Reader at a Time (All) *Featured Speaker:* Joelle Charbonneau

Everyone's a Teacher in a Writing Community (PreK-9) *Featured Speaker:* Lynne Dorfmann

Reading Fast and Slow: The Reading Brain in a Digital Age (All) *Featured Speaker:* Carol Jago

Books for a Better World (All) *Featured Speaker:* Donalyn Miller

Promoting Student Voices for Equity (4-12, ELL, Spec, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Steven Zemelman, Katy Smith, Tina Curry

Positivity Starts With Me (4-9, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenters:* Kimberly Gow

We Need to Talk ... About Writing (K-9, Admin, Writing) *Presenter:* Kristen Walsh

Transformative Grading Practices (6-12, Coaching) *Presenters:* Anna Jakubowski, Brian Roach

Turning Teens into Readers: "CRISP" Strategies for Implementing Young Adult Literature Book Clubs in the Secondary Setting (6-12, ELL, Spec, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Kathryn Hoving, Nichole Woodruff

What's Your Story? (K-3, Writing) *Presenters:* Keta Foltz, Amber Findlay, Christa Curley

Revolution in Illinois: The 1908 Race Riots and the NAACP (All, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Teresa Haley

Collaboration to Create a Culture of Reading (All) *Presenters:* Theresa Ciupinski, Jamie Reinke

Removing Students Masks for Increased Engagement (6-12, ELL, Spec, Admin, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Jennifer Lancaster

Getting the Most out of Decodable Texts (PreK-3, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Jewels Caliper, Jacqueline Jones

More Than a Letter: Using Assessment Results to Guide Reading Instruction (K-3, Admin) *Presenter:* Kristy Piebenga

Pairing Contemporary, Diverse, and Brand New Young Adult Literature with Books Commonly Used in the Classroom by Teachers (4-12, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib, Librarians) *Presenters:* Wendy Streit, Beth Stephens

What is the Science of Reading? (All) (Coaching) *Presenter:* Lyndi Davis

50 Book Talks that Rock: A Revolution of Informational Texts for Change (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Lib, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Margaret Policastro, Heather Cook

Dual Language Instruction Using the Science of Reading to Enable Students Attain English and Spanish Proficiency (PreK-6, ELL, Admin, English Language Learners) *Presenters:* Julie Ellis, Jorge Almodovar

Two Truths And A Lie: Creating A Balance of Reading Instruction (PreK-3, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Andrea Raskie

Writing in Response to Reading: Scaffolding Instruction to Meet the Needs of All Learners (K-9, Spec, Admin, Writing) *Presenters:* Jaime Herron, Jan Lenci, Mandy Helsel, Frosini Smith, Tina Scheffer

9:45 – 10:45

An Educator's Guide to I Survived (All) *Featured Speaker:* Lauren Tarshis

From Reluctant Reader to Published Author (All) *Featured Speaker:* Jerry Craft

My Journey to Writing (All) *Featured Speaker:* Tiffany D. Jackson

Awakening Our Dormant Writers: Finding Engaging Topics to Write About (PreK-6) *Featured Speaker:* Lynne Dorfmann

Why Read Poetry (At a Time Like This)? (All) *Featured Speaker:* Carol Jago

Making a Case for Reading Joy (All) *Featured Speaker:* Donalyn Miller

Deeper Reading Comprehension Lessons from Harry Potter and the Sacred Text (4-12, ELL, Univ, ICARE) *Presenter:* Deb Augsburger

What's Trending? Empowering Adolescent Writers (6-9, Spec, Admin, Writing) *Presenters:* Janel Sebeny, Naomi Kosier

Games are for Big Kids, Too: Popular Games with a Literacy Twist for Secondary Students (6-12, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Elizabeth Bramley, Philinda Coleman

Reconsidering Your Literacy Curriculum through the Lens of Student Identities (K-12, ELL, Spec, Univ, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Sophie Degener, Tina Curry, Gloria McDaniel-Hall

Leaving Little House Behind: Exploring Agriculture in Young Literature (4-12) *Presenter:* Kevin Daugherty

Fostering SEL in the Classroom (All, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenters:* Becky McTague, Laura Beltchenko

Reading the Pictures: Supporting Comprehension While Leveraging Students' Multimodal Skills (K-6, Lib, Early Career) *Presenter:* Grace Pigozzi

Revolutionizing Who's Doing the Work: Fostering Equitable Student Agency & Reading Engagement (4-12, SRL) *Presenter:* Cindi Koudelka

Coaching Collaboratively: Building Relationships Between Instructional Coaches and Staff (All, Coaching) *Presenters:* Jewels Caliper, Jacqueline Jones, Erica Larsen

Black Joy in Literature: Revolutionizing Representation in Your Classroom Library (All, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Melissa Wheeler, Jennifer Brooks, Julie Hoffman

Books for Struggling Readers Grades 5-12 (6-12, Lib, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley, Leslie Forsman, Tambree Krouse

Behind the Creation of ABC Animals! (PreK-3, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin) (Librarians) *Presenter:* Stephen Majsak

Poetry 101: Engaging Ways to Use Poetry (So Our Students Stop Hating It, 4-9, Writing) *Presenter:* Tina Scruggs

Engaging Literate Minds (K-6, Spec, Univ, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenters:* Peter Johnston, Kathryn Champeau

Reimagining the Reader as a Writer Using Wordless Books During Shared Reading (K-3, Adults, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Kari Pawl, Annette Van Aken

The Stories Quilts Tell (4-12, Spec, Writing) *Presenters:* Patricia Braun, Marianne Stremsterfer

11:00 – 12:00

New and Notable Books for Grades K-3 (PreK-3) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

Writing Books or Plagiarizing the World (All) *Featured Speaker:* Matt de la Peña

Changing the World One Word, One Book and One Reader at a Time (All) *Featured Speaker:* Joelle Charbonneau

Reading as Power (All) *Featured Speaker:* Blue Balliett

Successful Strategies for Building Lifetime Readers (All) *Featured Speaker:* Steven L. Layne

Formalve Feedback Loop in a Formalve Assessment Framework (All, CIRP) *Presenters:* Gena Lewis, Annette Van Aken

Book Clubs, Not Literacy Circles (6-12, ELL, Spec, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Bess Kirch, Andrea Mear

Authentic Voices: The Key to the Speaking-Writing Connection (4-6, ELL, Writing) *Presenters:* Elisa Brente, Maggie Munoz

Defy Literacy: Put Power Back in Students' Hands (4-12, ELL, Spec, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Nichole Woodruff, Kathryn Hoving

The Heart of an Elementary Literacy Community (PreK-6, Spec, Admin, Lib, Administration) *Presenter:* Anastasia Gruper

Selecting and Using Culturally Relevant and Diverse Children's Picture Books (PreK-6, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Laura Beltchenko

Integrate Frequent Research Experiences to Prepare for the Read-Write Performance Task (4-12, Admin, Lib, Writing) *Presenter:* Kristina Smekens

Changing the World One Reader at a Time: Inspiring Lifelong Readers by Building a Classroom Reading Community (4-9, Lib, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Kim Hollis, Kathryn Dages, Brenda Engelhardt

Innovative Learning with Technology to Improve Student Achievement (All, Technology) *Presenters:* Sheila Ruh, Sherry Sejnost

Implementing SOR (Science of Reading) Practices in the Secondary Classroom: A Practical, Research-Based Toolkit (9-12) *Presenter:* Raquel McGee

Choice Projects Boost Teacher Engagement (Adults, univ, Coaching) *Presenters:* Kristin Lems, Sarah Evans, Daune Demus

Librarians' Roundtable (All, Librarians) *Presenter:* Leslie Forsman

What is Disciplinary Literacy's Place in the Elementary Classroom? (K-6, ICARE) *Presenter:* Sue Cangro

Why Student Agency Matters: Strategies for Promoting and Developing Student Agency Across the Curriculum (All, Coaching) *Presenters:* Margaret Policastro, Carolyn Franklin

Developing Empathy: Changing the World Through Reading (PreK-3, ELL, Spec, Lib, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenter:* Christy Moore

Read-Aloud, Move-Aloud: An Innovative Approach to Elementary Reading Read-Alouds (PreK-3, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Corrine Wickens, Elizabeth Primrose

Expanding the Concept of Literacy: Media Literacy and the Common Core State Standards (6-12, Adults, Univ, Lib) *Presenter:* Laurie Hendrickson

12:15 – 2:00

Thursday Luncheon
Bringing Your Own Voice and Character to Life
Featured Speaker: Jerry Craft

Thursday Luncheon
Creating Strong Reading Communities
Featured Speaker: Donalyn Miller

1:00 – 2:00

Why Do So Many Students Have Reading Problems? The Science Is Wrong! (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Dee Tadlock

The Power of Play: Add Games to Your Classroom (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ) *Presenter:* Stefanie Crawford

The Student Knows: Using Foundational Concepts in Picture Books to Bridge the Familiar with the Unfamiliar (PreK-3, Lib, STEAM) *Presenter:* Alice McGinty

Bringing the Science of Reading to the Balanced Literacy Classroom (PreK-3, Spec) *Presenter:* Allison Arndt

Science of Reading: Principles and Research and Applying it to Best Practices (Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Lindsay Barts

The Science of Reading: What Is It and How to Apply It? (K-6) *Presenter:* Ethan Lynn

Get Savvy about Syllable Types: Unlocking Syllable Types to Improve Decoding Skills to Positively Impact Comprehension (All, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Beth Hatlen, Karla O'Brien

Shifting from Word Walls to Sound Walls: Benefits for Dyslexic Learners (PreK-6, ELL, Spec) *Presenter:* Keegan Wilson

Notable Decodables (K-3, ELL, Spec, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Elisa Brente, Maggie Munoz

2:15 – 3:15

New and Notable Books for Grades 4-8 (4-8) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

Writing Books or Plagiarizing the World (All) *Featured Speaker:* Matt de la Peña

My Journey to Writing (All) *Featured Speaker:* Tiffany D. Jackson

Using Children's/Young Adult Books to Excite Young Writers (All) *Featured Speaker:* Steven L. Layne

Bring Heart and Humor to the Classroom (All) *Presenters:* Sarah Aronson, Carolyn Crimi

Exploring Pedagogical Advantages Using Culturally and Linguistically Related Texts (PreK-9, English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Adelfio Garcia

Improving Speech, Vocabulary, Reading Comprehension, Fluency, and Building a Joy for Learning – All Through Storytelling (All, English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Michael Lockett

We Can't Help Pollen in Love: Helping Students Cultivate a Passion for Pollinators Through Literature (PreK-9) *Presenter:* Chris Wyant

The Multicultural Read-Aloud Project (K-6, English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Amy Davis

Navigating the Narrative: What Does "Science of Reading" Really Mean? (All) *Presenters:* Bert Crossland, Amy Huftalin

Young Readers Must Write! Expect Textual Evidence Communicated in Pictures, Labels, Lists, & Simple Sentences (K-3, ELL, Spec, Writing) *Presenter:* Kristina Smekens

Children's and Young Adult Literature as Instructional Disrupters: Targeting Hate, Bias, and Anti-Semitism (K-12) *Presenters:* Melanie Koss, Deborah Greenblatt

Elementary Reading Essentials: You Can't TEACH Them Everything – So Focus on What They Need To LEARN! (K-6, Admin, Administration) *Presenter:* Steve Oertle

Meet the MVPs of the Early Literacy Game: Developmental Approach and Mastery Learning (PreK-6) *Presenters:* Tracy Beling, David Paige, Jill Springer, Mary Gardner

Using Culturally and Linguistically Inclusive Picture Books for Biliterate and Bilingual Readers and Writers (K-6, ELL, Lib, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Dora Guzman

Sharing the Chalk: Co-Teaching Strategies and Techniques to Teach 21st Century Skills (4-12, ELL, SRL) *Presenters:* Erin Metaxas, Jennifer Lippert

Practice What We Preach: Let's Look at Educator Self-Care (All, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenter:* Jennifer Jacknewitz

Achieving Equity in Assessment for Multilingual Learners (MLs, PreK-12, ELL, English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Sarah Urbanc

The Spanish Reading Tapestry: A Linguistically Authentic Framework for Emerging Multilinguals (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Admin, English Language Learners) *Presenters:* Julia Cloat, Rocio del Castillo

2:30 – 4:30

Illinois Reads Speed-Dating Event (Tickets Required)

3:30 – 4:30

An Educator's Guide to I Survived (All) *Featured Speaker:* Lauren Tarshis

From Reluctant Reader to Published Author (All) *Featured Speaker:* Jerry Craft

Awakening Our Dormant Writers: Finding Engaging Topics to Write About (PreK-6) *Featured Speaker:* Lynne Dorfmann

PASS Meetings/ Providing All Students Success (PreK-9, Spec, Admin, ITA - Title I) *Presenter:* Judy Rothermich

Break It Down and Build It Up: Interactive Vocabulary K-3 (K-3, ELL, Spec, Admin, Reluctant Readers) *Presenters:* Andrea Mear, Kari Zeid Brandstedt

Multi-Linguistic Conversations with Multi-Generational promoting SEL and Parent Engagement with Latinx Families (All, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Adelfio Garcia

Implementing Quick Writes (K-9, Writing) *Presenters:* Vicki Kay, Carrie Werner

The Writing Rainbow – Coding for Clarity and Comprehension (6-12, Writing) *Presenters:* Sarah Giffin, Cassandra Rosencrans

Teaching Empathy with Read Alouds (K-3, ELL, Spec,) (Social Emotional Learning (SEL)) *Presenters:* Meg Billhartz, Shari Tockstein

Literacy & Learning Centers: The Intersection of Content Knowledge and Literacy Skills for 6-12th Graders (6-12)
Presenter: Katherine McKnight

High School Literacy Intervention: Pathways to Student Success (6-12, Admin, SRL) *Presenters:* Laura Johnson, Joan Witkus

Revolutionizing Relationships in the Classroom (All, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Melissa Wheeler, Pat Braun

More Hope than Anything (4-9, ELL, Spec, Reluctant Readers)
Presenter: Kristin Richey

Fluency For Real (K-6, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Rhonda Russell- Henderson

Literacy and Culturally Responsive Teaching Using the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (9-12, Equity & Diversity)
Presenter: Traci Johnson

Inspiring a Love of Literacy (All, Equity & Diversity)
Presenters: Demetra Disotuar, Mary List

They Won't Read! Classroom Practices and Routines That Make Independent Choice Reading Work In the Secondary Classroom (6-12, Admin) *Presenter:* Jennifer Connolly

Shake Up Shared Reading: Texts, Tips, and Teaching Strategies (PreK-3, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Maria Walther

Using Young Adult Fiction in a High School Health Class (9-12) *Presenters:* Nichole Miller

5:15 – 6:15

College Instructors of Reading Professionals
(CIRP) Reception

6:15 – 8:15

Thursday Prairie State Award Banquet
The Possibilities are Endless
Featured Speaker: Tiffany D. Jackson

8:30 – 10:30

Hear the Authors Read and Autographing

IRC AWARDS

Family Literacy Award

Wendy Streit
*Thursday Luncheon at the Wyndham Ballroom
with Donalyn Miller*

Obama Literacy Fund Award

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*Thursday Luncheon at the PAL Ballroom
with Jerry Craft*

Prairie State Award for Excellence in Children's Writing

Steven L. Layne
*Friday Luncheon at the Wyndham Ballroom
with Steven L. Layne*

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Blue Balliett
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with Tiffany D. Jackson*

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Kathleen Sweeney
*Thursday PSA Banquet at the PAL Ballroom
with Tiffany D. Jackson*

IRC Service Award

Stephanie Benson
*Friday Breakfast at the PAL Ballroom
with Sara K. Ahmed*

Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award

Elizabeth Goldsmith-Conley
*Friday Luncheon at the Wyndham Ballroom
with Steven L. Layne*

Static Sticker Decal Contest Winner

Ana-Elisa Scheick, Leland Elementary CUSD #1
*Friday Luncheon at the PAL Ballroom
with Derrick Barnes and Gordon C. James*

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Conference Sessions

Friday, March 10, 2023

7:00 – 8:30

Friday Breakfast

**What Gets Us to a High-Functioning Democracy?
Leveraging Our Reading and Teaching Lives
to Build Social Comprehension**
Featured Speaker: Sara K. Ahmed

8:30 – 3:30

Administrators Academy

**Understanding and Supporting Instructional
Coaching: A Toolkit for Administrators**
Featured Speaker: Alison Gordon

8:30 – 9:30

An Authorator's Story (All) *Featured Speaker: David Biedrzycki*

My Path From Kid to Published Author (All) *Featured Speaker: Derrick Barnes*

Finding Your Artistic Genre in Books (All) *Featured Speaker: Gordon C. James*

Instructional Practices that Support Linguistically Diverse Learners (4-12, ELL, Adults, English Language Learners)
Presenter: Karen Blaha

The Data Will Be Visualized: How Data Interrogation Energizes Relationships, Outcomes, and School Improvement (K-9, Univ, Admin, Coaching) *Presenters: Jerry Michel, Heather Cella*

Strength-Based Responsive Teaching and Learning (6-12, ELL, Spec, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenter: Suzanne Creer*

Integrating SEL and Academic Skills in the Middle School Classroom (6-9, ELL, Spec, Social Emotional Learning)
Presenters: Jennifer Henderson, Amy K. Cooley

The Gems of Multicultural Children's Literature (K-6, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Amy Davis*

How to Match Students With Books (6-12, Lib, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter: Dawn Taylor*

Building Students' Vocabulary: Implementing Explicit Vocabulary Instruction in the English Classroom (6-12, ELL, Writing) *Presenter: Adam Whitaker*

Encouraging Intellectual Curiosity, Using Picture Books with Young Advanced and Gifted Readers (PreK-3, ELL, Adults, Univ, Admin, Lib, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter: Laura Beltchenko*

Celebrating Students' Cultures While Improving Writing with Poetry (K-3, ELL, English Language Learners) *Presenter: Diana Brannon*

Terrific Text Sets to Energize Content Area Instruction: Sparking Interest and Inquiry (K-6, Writing) *Presenters: Karen Biggs-Tucker, Brian Tucker*

Building Resilient Adolescents: Infusing Social Emotional Learning Into Middle School Instruction (6-9, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenter: Tina Scruggs*

Doing it All in Middle School ELA (4-9, Coaching) *Presenters: Marissa Stratton, Jill Mutzbauer*

Bilingual Literacy Practices with Biliterate Readers (K-3, English Language Learners) *Presenters: Dora Guzman, Yuridia Zepeda*

Growing Readers: Books and Resources for the Young Gardener (K-6, Spec, Lib, Early Career) *Presenters: Christina Edmonds-Behrend, Michele McDaniel*

Korean Poetry Competition Provides Opportunity for American Students (All, Writing) *Presenter: Elizabeth Jorgensen*

How to Increase the Vigor of Your Writing Tasks (4-12, Spec, Writing) *Presenter: Peg Grafwallner*

9:45 – 10:45

My Path From Kid to Published Author (All) *Featured Speaker: Derrick Barnes*

Finding Your Artistic Genre in Books (All) *Featured Speaker: Gordon C. James*

Being the Change: Leveraging Identity and Social Comprehension in the Classroom (All) *Featured Speaker: Sara K. Ahmed*

A Move Towards Excellent Literature: The 2024 Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award Nominees (4-9, Admin, Lib, Early Career) *Presenter: Ruth Gheysen*

STEM to STREAM: Using STEM Picture Books to Stimulate Intellectual Curiosity, Critical Thinking, and Creative Writing (PreK-6, Lib, STEAM) *Presenters: Alice McGinty, Sarah Aronson*

11:00 – 12:00

The Science of Reading: What Teachers & Leaders Need to Know About Brain Development and Literacy (K-9, Univ, Admin) (Administration) Presenters: Martha Burns, John Rocco

Students Bloom Through Literacy Arts Infusion by Engaging and Empowering Collaboration of Teachers, Families and Communities (K-9, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib, Reluctant Readers) Presenters: Laura Mudd, Eleni Vrettos, Brianna Eggebrecht, Corinne Schultz

Implementing Culturally Responsive Teaching Practices into Math and Reading Interventions (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Admin, Coaching) Presenters: Jaclyn Turner, Teneka Richardson, Ryan O'Connor

Blending ELA Reading Informational Text and the Revised Illinois Social Studies Standards – Revolutionize your Instruction (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib, Equity & Diversity) Presenter: Laura Beltchenko

Enhancing the Literacy Experience With Apps (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Reluctant Readers) Presenters: Melanie Koss, Donna Wakefield

Content Area Literacy: Toolkit of Disciplinary Strategies for Middle and High School (6-12, ELL, Adults, Univ, Admin, SRL) Presenters: Rachel Lesinski-Roscoe, Paula Di Domenico, Jenni Clesen, Jerry Johns

Envision This! An Integrated Reading-Writing Workshop (K-6) Presenters: Maria Walther, Karen Biggs-Tucker

Be the Sorting Hat: Using Personality Typology to Grow Exceptional Classroom Community (K-12, Adults, Univ, Admin) (Social Emotional Learning (SEL)) Presenter: Laura McConkey

Culturally Responsive Standards for Teachers (All, Equity & Diversity) Presenter: Melissa Wheeler

Book Banning in 21st Century America: Is this Dystopian YA Fiction? (All, Librarians) Presenters: Jennifer Brooks, Jennifer Martin

Looking for Palestine – Resources for Teachers (All, Equity & Diversity) Presenters: Kristin Lems, Linda Kateeb

Disability Representation in Your Library (PreK-12, Spec, Univ, Admin, Lib, Early Career) Presenters: Michele McDaniel, Christina Edmonds-Behrend

Teens Love To Argue; Let's Develop Their Ability to Do So! (6-12, ELL, Writing) Presenters: Katherine McKnight, Alan Sitomer

Back to the Basics – Time to Regroup and Re-Energize (All) Presenter: Terri Colyer

New and Notable Books for Grades K-8 PreK-9 *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

When the World Hands You a Curriculum (All) *Featured Speaker:* Sara K. Ahmed

An Authorator's Story (All) *Featured Speaker:* David Biedrzycki

Grumpy Cats, Anxious Bears & The Debate on Pants – Books by Jacob Grant (All) *Featured Speaker:* Jacob Grant

It's Tradition! (4-12, Admin, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenter:* Kimberly Gow

How to Conduct a GREAT School Visit (PreK-12, Lib, Librarians) *Presenters:* Alice McGinty, Sarah Aronson, Reese Eschmann

Interactive Read Alouds for our Culturally Diverse World (PreK-9, Admin, Lib, Social Emotional Learning) *Presenter:* Carrie Molinero

Midwest Books 2 Prisoners ... Everyone Deserves the Freedom to Read (9-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ, Lib, Librarians) *Presenters:* Michelle Alfano, Jacqueline Spreadbury

Poetics of Piracy: Creative Writing with Mentor Texts (9-12, Writing) *Presenter:* Meg Davis

Google Slides: Tips, Tricks, Turns, and Twists (PreK-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Technology) *Presenters:* Donna Wakefield, Melanie Koss

Calling all Teachers of Writing: Locating the Most Effective Resources for Professional Growth (K-12, Adults, Admin, Writing) *Presenter:* Alma Vera

Extending the Read-Aloud Experience: Exciting Ideas to Cultivate Curiosity and Promote Creative Communication (K-6, Lib, Librarians) *Presenters:* Maria Walther, Rhonda Jenkins

Libraries, Languages, and Changing Community Needs (ELL, Admin, Librarians) *Presenter:* Jill Hallett

Rethinking Reader Response (K-9, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Kristy Piebenga

Novels! Novels! Novels! (4-9, Coaching) *Presenters:* Jill Mutzbauer, Marissa Stratton

Inclusive Texts Across Instruction (K-6, Univ, Admin, Lib, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Aimee Ellis

Centering Students' Lives in the Texts They Read: Writing Culturally Relevant Texts for Emerging and Uninspired Readers (K-3, ELL, Univ, Admin, Lib, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Gabriella M. Diaz, Mary E. Lyons

Scaffolding Up for Multilingual Learners (K-9, ELL, Admin, English Language Learners) *Presenter:* Carly Spina

Lead the Literacy Work or Get Out of the Way – A Real Conversation (K-12, Admin) *Presenter:* Tinaya York

12:15 – 2:00

Friday Luncheon

Empowering Others With Words and Art

Featured Speakers: Derrick Barnes, Gordon C. James

Friday Luncheon

If You Only Knew

Featured Speaker: Steven L. Layne

1:00 – 2:00

Book Gossip (All) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

Let's Talk About Sketch (4-12, ELL, Spec, Adults, Univ) *Presenter:* Stefanie Crawford

Connecting the Art of Teaching with the Science of Reading (K-3, Admin) *Presenters:* Eileen Townsend, Chris Burgess

What Does Structured Literacy Look Like in Practice? (K-9, Coaching) *Presenter:* Morgynne Hicks

A Prairie State Perspective: Learning to Love Agriculture through the Eyes of Illinois Authors (PreK-6, Lib) *Presenters:* Stephanie Hospelhorn, Lee Deal

Blossoming with Phonological and Phonemic Awareness (PreK-3, ELL, Spec, Admin) *Presenter:* Emily Larsen

Craft Polished Constructed Responses that Pass the Test (4-12, ELL, Spec, Admin, Writing) *Presenter:* Kristina Smekens

2:15 – 3:15

New and Notable Books for Young Adults (All) *Featured Speaker:* Becky Anderson Wilkins

An Authorator's Story (All) *Featured Speaker:* David Biedrzycki

Children's Literature as a Tool or Weapon: The Role of Media in the Politics of Teacher Curricular Freedom (PreK-9) *Presenters:* Kathleen Paciga, Melanie Koss

The Biography Clearinghouse; Where Curiosity, Craft, Content, and Creativity Converge (K-9, Adults, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Amina Chaudhri

Food and Identity in Children's Books: The Case For Too Many Tamales (K-3, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Antonio Causarano

Choose Students: Unearth Your Teaching Autonomy to Discover Golden Readers (4-12, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Nichole Woodruff, Kathryn Hoving

Digital Libraries for Spanish Bilingual Families (PreK-9, ELL, Admin, Lib, English Language Learners) *Presenters:* Samina Hadi-Tabassum, Crystasany Turner, Kristen Walter

Picture Books to Inspire Readers and Writers to be Change Makers (K-6, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Karen Biggs-Tucker

Google Tools for Differentiation (K-12, ELL, Spec, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Donna Wakefield

Writing: Who is More Board, Me or My Students? Enjoyment Leads to Success (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Writing) *Presenter:* Sherri Silva

Creating a Culture of Literacy (4-12, ELL, Spec, Admin, Lib) *Presenters:* Christine Lewis, Jennifer White, Amy Shirey, Sarah Roberts

How To Turn Your School Library Into The Most Valued Space In Your School (6-12, Admin, Lib, Administration) *Presenter:* Dawn Taylor

Teaching Early Reading in the Wake of COVID (PreK-3, Admin) *Presenters:* Tracy Beling, David Paige, Jill Springer, Mary Gardner

Challenging Advanced Learners with Discussion in the ELA Classroom (4-12) *Presenter:* Kimberly Koehler-Freitag

Structuring Learning Environments to Promote Both Student-Directed Literacy Learning and Teacher-Directed Instruction (PreK-3, Univ, Admin, Equity & Diversity) *Presenters:* Allana N. Blankenship, Mary E. Lyons

Building Students' Cultural Competence through Writing (4-12, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Elizabeth Jorgensen

Talk, Play, and Legos, Oh My! Co-Constructed Meaning-Making in an Elementary Classroom (4-6, ELL, Spec, Univ, Equity & Diversity) *Presenter:* Demetra Disotuar

3:30 – 4:30

Nurturing Student Learning Autonomy – Learning How to Learn (PreK-9, Spec) *Presenters:* Mary Beth Cunat, Jacque Lind

The Science of Reading: What It Looks Like and Sounds Like (K-6, Univ, Admin, Coaching) *Presenter:* Heather Cella

A Modified Pre-Bi-Literacy Block in Pre-Kindergarten Ensuring Academic Success: An Urban Admin Efforts Paid Off (PreK-9, ELL, Spec, Adults, Admin, Coaching) *Presenters:* Javier Arriola-Lopez, Adelfio Garcia

High School Student Reading Engagement in Online and Hybrid Learning (6-12, Admin, Technology) *Presenter:* Cindy Rousseau

Planning, Implementing, and Engaging Effective Literacy Practices (K-9, ELL, Spec, Univ, Admin, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Courtney Raschk

Integrating Executive Functioning Skills into the Adult Basic Education Curriculum (All, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Claudia Gates

The Art of Reading Assessment: An Organic Connection Between Teaching and Learning Processes (K-12, Early Career) *Presenter:* Chyrese Wolf

An Abraham Lincoln for the 21st Century (6-12, Adults, Admin, Lib, Reluctant Readers) *Presenter:* Jan Jacobi

Language Comprehension for All (K-9, ELL, Spec, Admin, English Language Learners) *Presenters:* Alyssa Kocher, Anne Fleming, Andrea Cohn

New YA Titles to Booktalk: AISLE's Lincoln Book Award (9-12, Lib, Librarians) *Presenter:* Brianna Keane

Why Reading Still Matters in the Secondary Writing Classroom (6-12, Lib, Writing) *Presenters:* Renee Stites Kruep, Lauren Popov Muniz, Madison Johnson

SIJO Workshop: Learning and Writing Korea's Poetry (K-12, Spec, Adults, Univ, Writing) *Presenter:* Elizabeth Jorgensen

4:45 – 5:15

Annual Membership Meeting

5:30 – 7:30

Preservice Teachers' Pizza Party

REMINDER!
 Don't forget
 your device to
 download the
 Conference App
 as there will not
 be a printed
 Final Program Book
 or a Conference Bag.

VISIT THE EXHIBITS

Thursday, March 9, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Complimentary Refreshments

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 10, 2023

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Complimentary Refreshments

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Hungry?

The BOS Center Concession Stand will be open in the Exhibit Hall.

*Grab lunch and head to one of the lunch time sessions planned
from 1:00-2:00 p.m. in the BOS Center.*



2023 CONFERENCE SHIRT ORDER FORM

Preorder your **2023 CONFERENCE SHIRTS** by February 1, 2023. Only preorders will be available for pick-up at the IRC Conference Registration Area in the Bank of Springfield Center in Springfield, Illinois. Shirts **will not** be available for purchase at the conference.

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BOOK CLUB

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Join educators from all over the state in the online **Spring 2023 IRC Book Club!** Choose one or two books!

Read, reflect on, and respond to *Being the Change: Lessons and Strategies to Teach Social Comprehension* by Sara K. Ahmed and/or *Rebellious Read Alouds: Inviting Conversations About Diversity With Children's Books* by Vera Ahyya. Beginning March 26, these seven-week online discussions will help your students develop skills of social comprehension to make sense of themselves and the world as they navigate relevant topics in today's society and/or to spark meaningful conversations about race, identity, and social justice in your classroom using read alouds as an entry point. Participants who complete all assignments will be eligible to receive **15 PD clock hours** for each book club. Participants who complete one book club during the Winter will have the opportunity to participate in the other one during the Spring session.



Required for participation:

- Gmail address (free at <https://mail.google.com/>). The Book Club uses Google Classroom, which does not work with Yahoo, AOL, Hotmail, etc.
- Texts: *Being the Change: Lessons and Strategies to Teach Social Comprehension* by Sara K. Ahmed and/or *Rebellious Read Alouds: Inviting Conversations About Diversity With Children's Books* by Vera Ahyya. Books can be purchased from the bookseller of your choice.

Register by **March 15, 2023**, to participate in the book club. Registration is **FREE** for IRC Members. The cost for non-members is \$45, which includes IRC membership for one year. **PLEASE NOTE: The cost of book is not included.**

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Name (Last) _____ (First) _____
 Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Telephone () _____ Gmail Address Required _____
 Are you an IRC member? _____ Yes _____ No _____ Membership Number _____

BOOK CHOICE (Check one):

_____ **BEING THE CHANGE** _____ **REBELLIOUS READ ALOUDS** _____ **BOTH BOOKS**

REGISTRATION (Check one):

IRC Members:

_____ **BOOK CLUB** **FREE FOR IRC MEMBERS**

Non-Members:

_____ **BOOK CLUB AND IRC MEMBERSHIP** **\$45.00**

(From IRC Membership Form, indicate local council choice _____)

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(\$2 service charge is added if paying by CC!)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED

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IRC Webinar Series

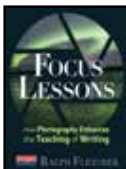
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IRC will be offering the Webinar Series for members only in 2022-2023. All webinars will begin at 7:00 p.m. Members who watch the live or recorded webinars can earn professional development clock hours. Mark your calendars and register to take part in this convenient, free IRC membership benefit. Members will receive monthly emails with links to register. Nonmembers can join online and email for the registration link.

September 7, 2022 ~ Ralph Fletcher How Photography Enhances the Teaching of Writing



Language arts teachers tend to be text-oriented—comfortable in the world of reading and writing. However, the world in which our students live is increasingly visual. They are bombarded by images. We ignore that world at our peril. We'll look at the interplay between photography and writing, and the uncanny parallels between them. We may find out that our students already know a great deal about images. We will look at how we can tap into their understanding of the visual world to help them become stronger writers.



February 1, 2023 ~ Becky Anderson Discovering the 2023 Illinois Reads Books



Join Becky Anderson as she presents the Illinois Reads books for 2023. Learn more about the Illinois Reads statewide literacy initiative that promotes reading for all Illinois citizens. Six books in six age bands from Birth to Adult will be shared. A variety of book topics and themes are chosen for each age band, highlighting the work of Illinois Authors.



October 5, 2022 ~ Melissa Stewart Creating Passionate Nonfiction Readers



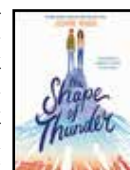
After learning simple ways to increase your classroom or library nonfiction circulation by two or three times, discover how tools like book match surveys, preview stacks, and reading ladders can help students identify the kinds of nonfiction books they enjoy reading most. Melissa will also share a wide range engaging, innovative ideas and activities for nurturing a love of nonfiction in ALL students.



March 1, 2023 ~ Jasmine Warga Stories As Connectors, Stories as Community Builders, and Stories as Conversation-Starters



A discussion about how stories are perfect vehicles for connecting us to one another, building community, and asking big questions about our world and the human experience. There will be a specific focus on the power stories have to shape our understanding of people and cultures that are often misrepresented or not represented at all. Jasmine will talk about the way she approaches her own writing—from a place of asking questions. She will explore the idea that books for young people should be viewed as conversation-starters—that we should always be most invested in helping young people to find and exercise their own voices.



November 2, 2022 ~ Lisa Fipps Starfishing



Lisa tells the story of how she went from a little girl reading books under the shade of a Rose of Sharon tree in her backyard and dreaming of writing books of her own to a journalist to an award-winning author. She talks about the inspiration for *Starfish*, a book she needed as a child – that all children need. A book that's a mirror for fat children and a window for nonfat children. She discusses why she chose to write *Starfish* in verse, why bullying is never okay, and how we can all be upstanders in our own lives.



April 5, 2023 ~ Beverley Holden Johns The Impact of Anxiety on Children's Literacy: Practical Strategies That Support Children



Anxiety disorders are recognized as the most prevalent mental health disorder among children and adolescents. Prior to the pandemic, twenty five percent of children between the ages of 13-18 had an anxiety disorder. Now there are estimates that this percentage may have doubled. Anxiety can negatively affect a child's academic success in the area of literacy. Teachers are often the first to notice signs. This session provides educators a basic understanding of the characteristics of anxiety in its various forms, guiding principles regarding positive interventions, and a whole array of strategies to support students with anxiety.



December 7, 2022 ~ Candace Fleming Writing Great Nonfiction With Kids



Can kids write engaging nonfiction? Absolutely! In this fast-paced presentation, award-winning author Candace Fleming will share her secrets for creating fascinating nonfiction. Participants will not only discover strategies for effective research and directed inquiry, but they will also leave with tips to help students create exciting "true stories" rather than dull, encyclopedic accounts.



May 3, 2023 ~ Josh Carlson Trauma 101



Trauma 101 will provide a brief overview of trauma, developmental trauma and adverse childhood experiences and their impact on children and youth. Participants will develop an understanding of the impact of trauma on brain development and how this manifests in behaviors. Participants will also gain some basic strategies to support and build resiliency within their students.



January 4, 2023 ~ Aimee Ellis Using Inclusive Texts in the K-6 Classroom



In this one hour session, we will explore a four-part framework from *Inclusive Texts in Elementary Classrooms* (Heineke & Papola-Ellis, 2022) on selecting, using, and engaging students with texts that promote students' identity, literacy engagement, and learning across disciplines. Various examples from teachers' classrooms will be shared, as well as suggested book titles to use across literacy and content area instruction.



June 7, 2023 ~ Blue Balliett Reading as a Secret Tool



Blue will share the many ways in which reading books has quietly made her the person she is today, and the deceptively invisible ways in which reading can be used to build life-changing strengths. Readers can engage in an activity that looks quiet to the outside world but in which thrilling, wild changes to their own thinking can occur... The right book at the right moment can definitely change a life! And with Q & A throughout the webinar, it can lead to unpredictable sharing and insights.



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CONFERENCE HOUSING RESERVATIONS

Conference Dates – Thursday, March 9, 2023 and Friday, March 10, 2023

Special room rates have been negotiated at the hotels listed below. To obtain these special rates, reservations must be made directly with the hotel either by phone or online by **February 15, 2023**. All conference meetings and meal functions will be held at the Bank of Springfield Center, the President Abraham Lincoln Hotel, and the Wyndham Hotel. The Springfield Convention and Visitors Bureau will be providing a complimentary shuttle service from the other hotels to the BOS Center. Downtown Springfield also has many public parking options that cost anywhere from \$5 to \$10 a day to park. Details on the public parking and the shuttle service will be provided in the Springfield Maps in this program and on the IRC website.

Go to www.illinoisreadingcouncil.org
Select **Conference** on the menu,
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ON-SITE HOTELS

President Abraham Lincoln Hotel.....\$124

701 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701
217-544-8800

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Located adjacent to the Convention Center

Wyndham City Centre.....\$125

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OTHER HOTELS

Candlewood Suites.....\$85

2501 Sunrise Drive, Springfield, IL 62703
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Northfield Inn.....\$104

3280 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
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3281 Northfield Drive, Springfield, IL 62702
217-523-4000

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Drury Inn & Suites.....\$134

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2023 IRC Conference

Registration Form

March 9 – 10, 2023

Springfield, Illinois



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Illinois Educator Information Number (IEIN) _____ (The IEIN will be used for ISBE to audit your PD Clock Hours only.)

REGISTRATION (check one) includes sessions on Thursday and Friday.

On or Before February 5, 2023 After February 5, 2023

Registration for IRC Member (Membership Number: _____)

___ Current IRC Member \$250 \$275

___ Retiree (Member) \$50 \$75

___ Preservice Teacher with Student ID (Member) \$50 \$75

Registration for Non-Member

___ Non-Member \$300 \$325

___ Retiree (Non-Member) \$100 \$125

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OPTIONAL MEALS AND EVENTS Check choice of menu and include payment with registration.

___ **Wednesday Welcome Reception (PAL Hotel Ballroom)** FREE FREE

___ Complimentary Appetizers

___ **Thursday Breakfast (PAL Hotel Ballroom)** *Matt de la Peña* \$25 \$30

___ Scrambled Eggs & Bacon ___ Scrambled Eggs & Vegetarian Patty

___ **Thursday Luncheon (Wyndham Hotel Ballroom)** ... *Donalyn Miller* \$35 \$40

___ BBQ Pulled Pork with Fries ___ Grilled Vegetable Napoleon

___ **Thursday Luncheon (PAL Hotel Ballroom)** *Jerry Craft* \$35 \$40

___ Open Faced Roast Beef ___ Vegetable Lasagna

___ **Thursday Illinois Reads Author Event (Wyndham Hotel Ballroom)** \$20 \$25

___ **Thursday Banquet (PAL Hotel Ballroom)** *Tiffany D. Jackson* ... \$40 \$45

___ Chicken Provençal & Wild Rice Pilaf ___ Pasta Primavera & Grilled Vegetables

___ **Friday Breakfast (PAL Hotel Ballroom)** *Sara K. Ahmed* \$25 \$30

___ French Toast & Sausage Links ___ French Toast & Vegetarian Patty

___ **Friday Administrators Academy (PAL Hotel Lincoln)** .. *Alison Gordon* \$30 \$35

___ **Friday Luncheon (Wyndham Hotel Ballroom)** *Steven L. Layne* \$35 \$40

___ Warm Roast Beef on French Roll ___ Portabella Ravioli

___ **Friday Luncheon (PAL Hotel Ballroom)** .. *Derrick Barnes & Gordon James* ... \$35 \$40

___ Chicken Florentine ___ Vegetable Stir Fry

___ **Friday Night Pizza Party for Preservice Teachers Only** FREE FREE

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BE A 2023 CONFERENCE VOLUNTEER

I would like to volunteer to work at the IRC Conference.

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Local Council _____

1. **While at the IRC Conference, I can volunteer to help for:**
- _____ 1 hour, schedule me as needed. (Circle one or all: Thursday and/or Friday)
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 - _____ Anytime, as needed.

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 - _____ Help with the Tech on Call
 - _____ Help with the special events and receptions
 - _____ Help with the exhibits
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 - _____ Serve as a host for featured speakers
 - _____ Help with the IRC Membership Booth/Treasure Chest
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2 List the council(s) you wish to join.
When you join, you receive membership in the IRC, as well as membership in a local or special interest council. You must select at least one of the councils listed on the back.

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3 List the dues amount of each council you are joining.
\$45 - One year membership for IRC and one council. If you join more than one council, each additional council is \$15.
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Professional Areas of Interest (Check 3)

- a. ____ administration
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- d. ____ assessment
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- f. ____ comprehension
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- j. ____ multilingual/multicultural
- k. ____ newspapers in education
- l. ____ parents and reading
- m. ____ reading for gifted students
- n. ____ research
- o. ____ study skills
- p. ____ teacher education
- q. ____ technology in reading
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- s. ____ young adult literature
- t. ____ young authors/writing

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- c. ____ 40-54
- d. ____ 55 and over

Years in Education Profession

- a. ____ 0-4
- b. ____ 5-14
- c. ____ 15-29
- d. ____ 30 and over

Highest Degree Earned

- a. ____ Bachelors
- b. ____ Masters
- c. ____ Doctorate

Present Position

Classroom Teacher:

- a. ____ preschool
- b. ____ K-3
- c. ____ 4-6
- d. ____ middle school/jr. high
- e. ____ high school
- f. ____ post Secondary

Administrator:

- a. ____ curriculum/reading supervisor
- b. ____ building principal
- c. ____ superintendent
- d. ____ other _____

Other:

- a. ____ librarian
- b. ____ parent
- c. ____ special ed. teacher
- d. ____ gifted/talented teacher
- e. ____ Title I/remedial
- f. ____ reading specialist
- g. ____ retired

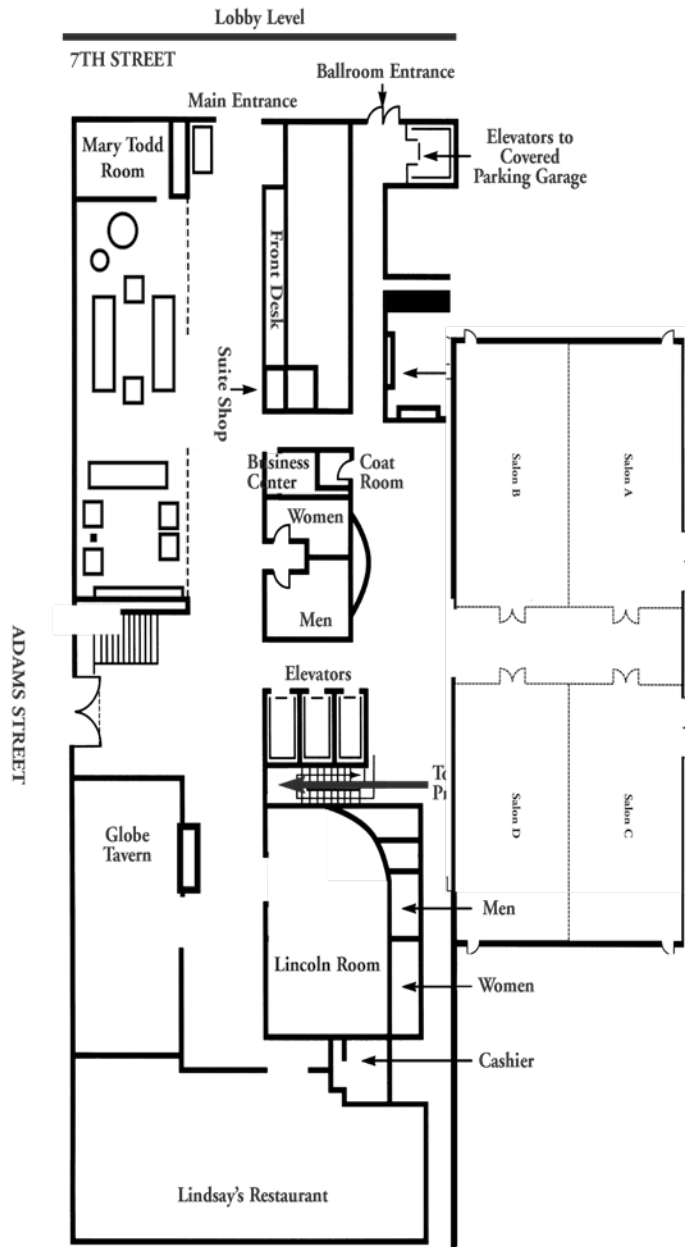
Illinois Reading Council Membership

Locations of IRC Local & Special Interest Council Regions by Counties

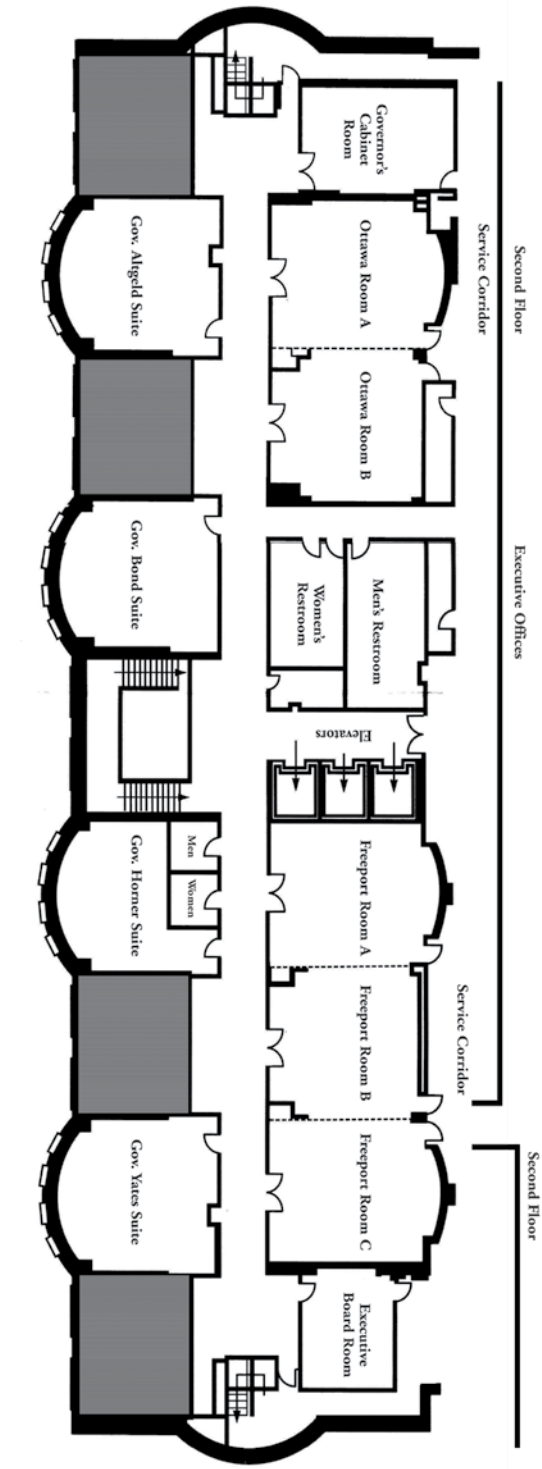
The annual membership of \$45 includes membership in the Illinois Reading Council **and** a local or special interest council. The annual preservice teacher membership is \$25 for one who has not been certified in the teaching profession and is working toward an initial teaching certificate. Please select the council(s) you wish to join from the list below. Residence in any of the designated council counties you join is not required. If you join more than one local or special interest council at this time, each additional council is \$15. Preservice teachers pay \$5 for each additional council. IRC Membership comes with online access to the webinars, book clubs, *IRC Journal*, and more. The *IRC Journal* and other membership benefits will also be sent by email to you. If you wish to purchase a print journal, it is an additional \$20 per year. Follow the steps on the front of this form.

REGION 1	REGION 4	REGION 7
<p>___ Northern Illinois Reading Council - (Boone, DeKalb, Winnebago, Eastern Lee & Ogle)</p> <p>___ Northwestern Illinois Reading Council - (Jo Daviess, Stephenson, Carroll)</p> <p>___ Sauk Valley Reading Council - (Eastern Whiteside & Henry, Western Lee, Ogle, & Bureau)</p> <p>___ Starved Rock Reading Council - (LaSalle, Grundy, Kendall, Livingston, Eastern Bureau)</p>	<p>___ Black Hawk Reading Council - (Rock Island, Mercer, Western Henry & Whiteside)</p> <p>___ Illinois Valley Reading Council - (Stark, Putnam, Marshall, Peoria, Woodford, Tazewell, Eastern Fulton, Mason)</p> <p>___ Mississippi Valley Reading Council - (Adams, Brown, Pike, Scott, Greene, Calhoun)</p> <p>___ Western Illinois Reading Council - (Henderson, Warren, Knox, McDonough, Hancock, Schuyler, Western Fulton)</p>	<p>___ East Central-EIU Reading Council - (Moultrie, Shelby, Cumberland, Coles, Clark, Edgar, Douglas)</p> <p>___ Illini Reading Council - (Champaign, Piatt, Southern Ford)</p> <p>___ Vermilion Valley Reading Council - (Vermilion)</p>
REGION 2	REGION 5	REGION 8
<p>___ Chicago Area Reading Association (CARA) - (Chicago Area - Cook County within the Chicago city limits)</p> <p>___ Lake Area Reading Council - (Western Lake, McHenry, Northwestern Cook)</p> <p>___ Suburban Council of IRA (SCIRA) - (Eastern Lake, Northern Cook)</p>	<p>___ South Suburban Reading Council - (Those parts of Cook Co. bounded on west by Will-Cook Rd., north by 115th St., and/or Chicago City limits)</p> <p>___ Two Rivers Reading Council - (Kankakee, Iroquois, Northern Ford)</p> <p>___ Will County Reading Council - (Will)</p>	<p>___ Lewis and Clark Reading Council - (Macoupin, Jersey, Madison, St. Clair, Monroe, Washington, Clinton)</p> <p>___ National Road Reading Council - (Bond, Effingham, Fayette, Marion)</p>
REGION 3	REGION 6	REGION 9
<p>___ Fox Valley Reading Council - (Kane)</p> <p>___ Prairie Area Reading Council - (Western DuPage County)</p> <p>___ West Suburban Reading Council - (DuPage County east of Route 83 and those parts of Cook County west of Austin Boulevard excluding all areas within the Chicago city limits)</p>	<p>___ Central Illinois Reading Council - (Logan, Menard, Cass, Morgan, Sangamon, Christian, Montgomery)</p> <p>___ Macon County Reading Council - (Macon)</p> <p>___ MID-State Reading Council - (McLean, DeWitt)</p>	<p>___ South Eastern Reading Council - (Lawrence, Richland, Crawford, Jasper, Edwards, Clay, Wabash, Wayne, White)</p> <p>___ Southern Illinois Reading Council - (Jefferson, Randolph, Perry, Franklin, Williamson, Saline, Gallatin, Union, Johnson, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Pulaski, Massac, Jackson, Hamilton)</p>
		REGION 10
		<p>___ CIRP - (College Instructors of Reading Professionals)</p> <p>___ ICARE - (Illinois Council for Affective Reading Education)</p> <p>___ ILLC - (Illinois Language and Literacy Council)</p> <p>___ ITA - (Illinois Title I Association)</p> <p>___ SRL - (Secondary Reading League)</p>

President Abraham Lincoln Springfield, A Doubletree Hotel

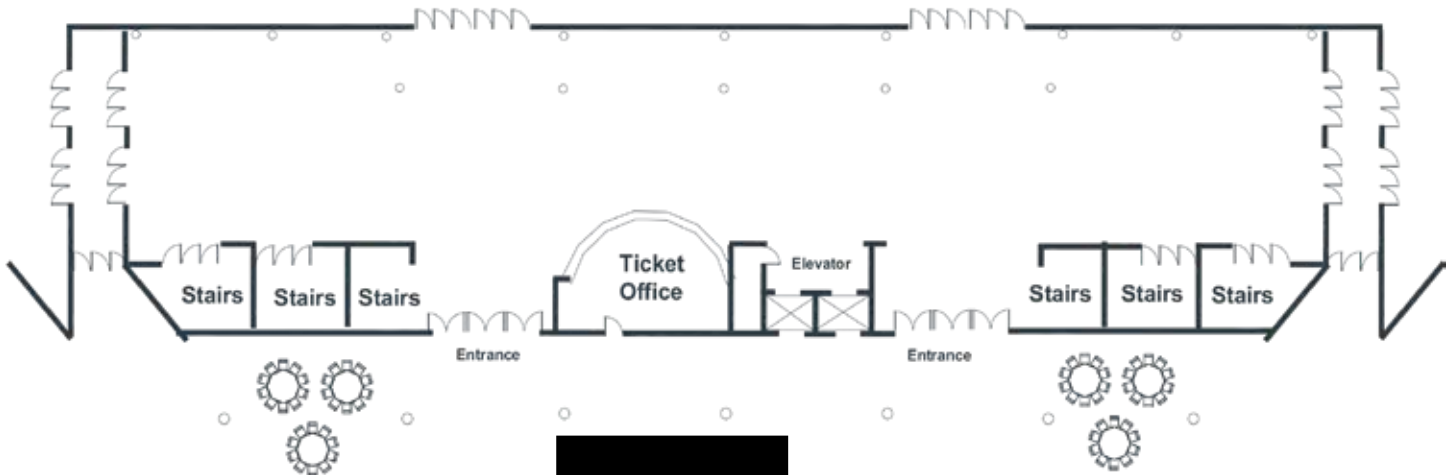


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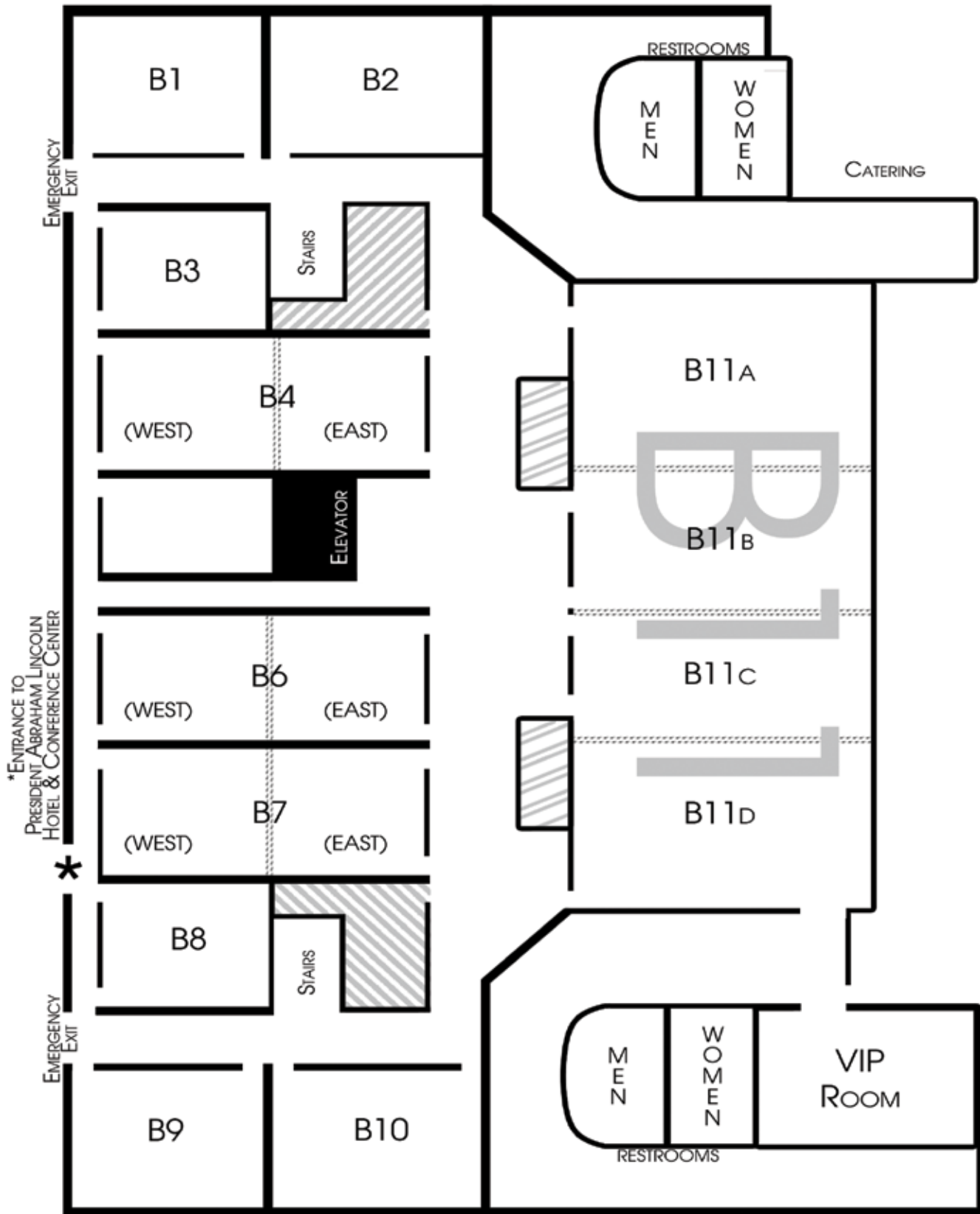
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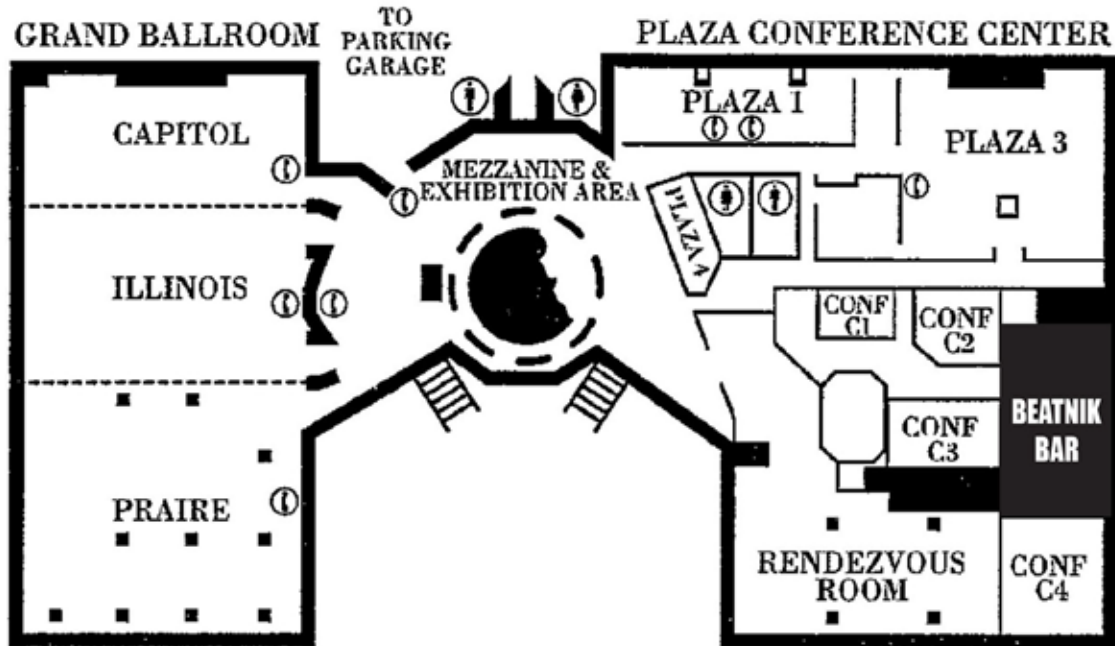
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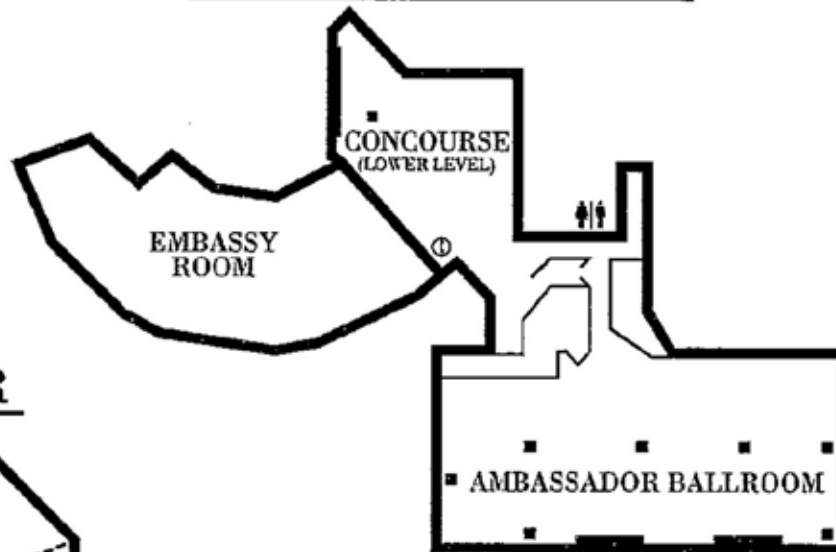
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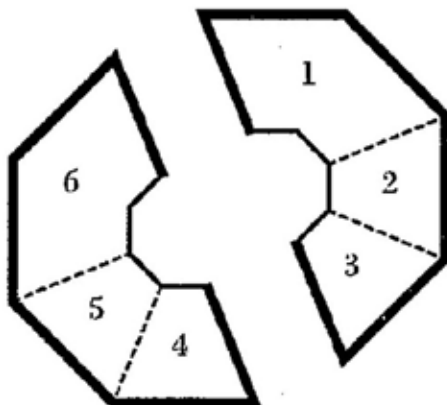
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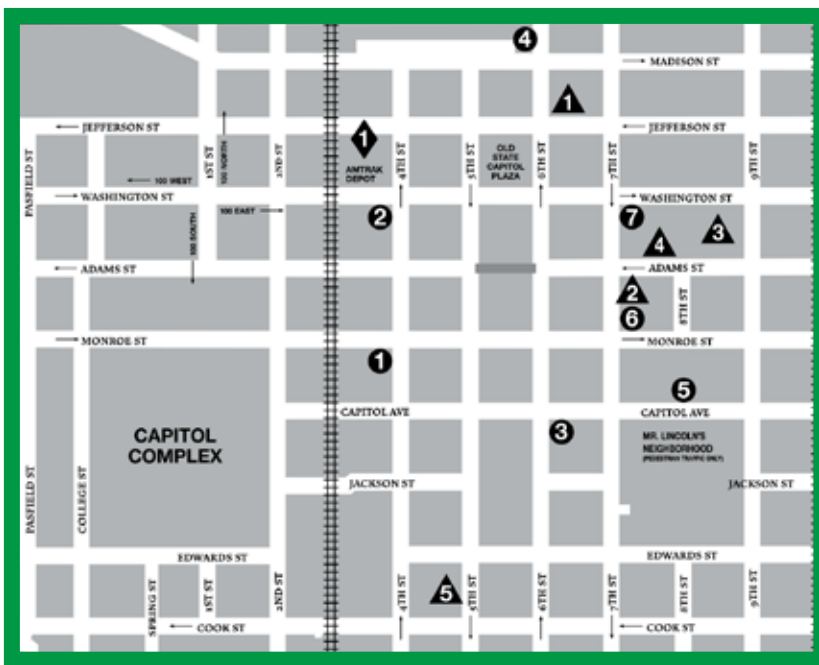
Springfield Overview

▲ HOTELS

1. Candlewood Suites
2. Carpenter Street Hotel
3. Comfort Suites
4. Drury Inn & Suites
5. Hampton Inn
6. Hilton Garden Inn
7. Microtel Inn & Suites
8. Northfield Inn & Suites
9. President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
10. Ramada Ltd. North
11. Residence Inn
12. Wyndham Hotel

◆ TRANSPORTATION

1. Abraham Lincoln Capitol Airport



● PUBLIC PARKING GARAGES & LOTS

1. 4th & Monroe
2. 4th & Washington
3. 6th & Capitol
4. 6th & Madison (Presidential Museum)
5. 7th & Capitol (under public library)
6. 7th & Monroe (Near Hilton Springfield Hotel)
7. 7th & Washington (Near PCCC and President Abraham Lincoln Hotel)

▲ SITES & HOTELS

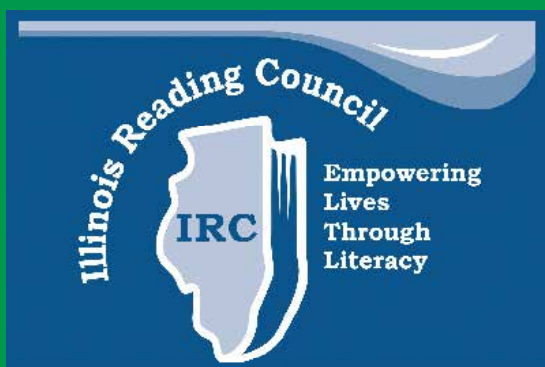
1. Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum
2. Wyndham Hotel
3. Prairie Capital Convention Center
4. President Abraham Lincoln Springfield - a DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel
5. Vachel Lindsay Home

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1. Amtrak

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