

Meet your Guest Leader, **Dr. Cindy Wilson**

March 17th Book Chat: **“Teaching Poetry: Sharing Resources, Ideas, and Advice.”**

Teaching poetry can be daunting, joyful, difficult to fit in, hard to assess, a creative outlet – and so much more! With National Poetry Month fast approaching, Cindy will share resources that could help you address poetry with your students no matter your comfort or skill level. She will share professional books as well as some books for your students and several online resources. If you have resources, ideas, and advice, you will be able to share those as well. Feel like sitting back and just listening? Also fine! Come join us at 7:00 p.m. on March 17th to talk about teaching poetry!



More about Dr. Wilson:

- Former Literacy and Social Studies teacher at Mahomet-Seymour Junior High School
- Retired Associate Professor of Teacher Education, University of Springfield



- Past President, Illinois Reading Council
- Former Membership Director, Illinois Reading Council
- Publicity Committee Chair, Central Illinois Reading Council
- Chair, Prairie State Award Committee
- Member, Obama Literacy Fund Committee, Illinois Reading Council

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CIRC BOOK CHATS!

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Third Wednesday evening of each month (August 19th 2020 through May 19th 2021). In preparing for National Poetry Month (April), the topic for the March Book Chat will be **“Teaching Poetry: Sharing Resources, Ideas, and Advice,”** with guest leader Dr. Cindy Wilson. Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, March 17th**! ‘Chats’ are held from **7:00 – 8:00 p.m. via Zoom**; participants will have two weeks afterward to complete @ one hour of required asynchronous activities.

Guest Leaders highlight books (alternating professional books and literature) and offer ideas for use. Not just an online lecture – these are interactive **‘Book Chats!’** Participants DO NOT need to read books prior to the session!

Each individual session provides **2 clock hours of Professional Development!**

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Registration for each session opens two weeks prior to the session and closes two hours before the session begins. [Register here](#) for the **March 17th session, “Teaching Poetry: Sharing Resources, Ideas, and Advice.”**

P.S. Don’t forget – *register for each session separately* in order to participate!

Don’t forget to **share this opportunity** with your friends who are not yet IRC members!