

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2024-2025

Illinois Reading Council

July

July 1	All IRC officers take office
July 10	Executive Committee Meeting
July 11	Board of Directors Meeting
July 11	IRC Leadership Workshop (IRC Council of Excellence Award Requirement)
July 20	Councils – Submit Great Membership Idea
	• Mail summer issue of <i>IRC Journal</i>

August

August 1	Councils – Submit Council Calendar
August 1	Councils – Council Audit Form Deadline (Office will then file the Council's e-Postcard)
August 1	Councils – Review Bylaws Checklist and Revision Schedule
August 1	Councils – Submit a PL&D Padlet Resource
August 1	Committee Chairs – Submit Committee Chair Report with goals, budget requests and committee members' information to IRC Office
August 1	Professional Learning Committee Consultant Application with a Rolling Due Date
August 9-18	Illinois Reads at the Secretary of State Tent at the Illinois State Fair in Springfield

September

September 1	Councils – IRC Membership Grant with a Rolling Due Date until June 15th
September 1	Councils – Order supplies for Illinois Reads Family Reading Night
September 1	Program Proposals due for the IRC Conference
September 8	International Literacy Day
September 6	Executive Committee Meeting
September 7	Board of Directors Meeting held online via Zoom Webinar

October

October 1	Councils – Submit Council of Excellence Award Requirements to ILA State Coordinator
October 1	Nominations for IRC Officers due to Nominating Chair
October 15	Registration due for the online IRC Book Club
	• Mail fall issue of <i>IRC Journal</i>
	• Send IRC Preliminary Conference Program to IRC members and all schools in the state

November

November 1	Committee Chairs – Submit Committee Chair Report to the IRC Office
November 1	Deadline for IRC Service and Hall of Fame Award
November 1	Deadline for Barack Obama Library Award
November 1	Deadline for Family Literacy Award
November 1	Deadline for Jerry Johns Reading Educator of the Year Award
November 1	Executive Committee Meeting
November 2	Board of Directors Meeting held online via Zoom Webinar
November 21	Illinois Family Reading Night – Illinois State Library and Center for the Book <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Present slate of officers for January Ballot• Committees select all award recipients and announce in IRC Communicator

December

December 31	Councils – Submit ILA Honor Council materials electronically to ILA
December 31	Submit ILA Local Council Community Service Award
December 31	ILA Exemplary Reading Program Award Deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mail winter issue of <i>IRC Journal</i>

January

January 15	Committee Chairs – Submit Committee Chair Report to IRC Office
January 15	Ballots mailed to members
January 15	Registration due for the online IRC Book Club
January 15	Deadline for Static Stick Decal Contest application
January 24	Executive Committee Meeting
January 25	Board of Directors Meeting held online via Zoom Webinar

February

February 15	Ballots must be returned to IRC Office
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March

March 1	IRC Officers, Committee Chairs, Regional Directors – Submit Officer, Committee Chair and Director reports for Annual Meeting to IRC Office
March 1	Councils – Sign up for Hall of Councils display at IRC Conference
March 13-14	56th Annual IRC Conference in Springfield
March 14	Annual Membership Meeting, Springfield
March 14	Announce election results
March 15	Registration due for the online IRC Book Club

April

April 1	Committee Chairs - Submit Committee Chair Report to the IRC Office
April 11	Executive Committee Meeting
April 12	Board of Directors Meeting held at ISU Alumni Center, 1101 N Main St, Normal, IL
April 15	Councils – Submit Council Officer and Committee Representatives for 2025-2026
April 26	Tentative Date & Location for the Illinois Reads Book Festival in Jacksonville, Illinois <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Appoint IRC Committee Chairs for 2025-2026• Mail spring issue of <i>IRC Journal</i>

May

May 1	Deadline for IRC Literacy Support Grant applications
May 1	Deadline for IRC International Literacy Grant applications
May 1	Deadline for IRC Early Career Teacher Recruitment Program

June

June 15	Deadline for submitting Prairie State Award nominations
June 15	Registration due for the online IRC Book Club

July

July 9	Executive Committee Meeting
July 10	Board of Directors Meeting
July 10	IRC Leadership Workshop (IRC Council of Excellence Award Requirement) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Mail summer issue of <i>IRC Journal</i>