

WIRC NEWS

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WIRC'S FEATURED MEMBER OF THE MONTH: MELISSA STINNETT

I am proud to have been a WIRC member for several years. WIRC is an awesome organization for several reasons. First, the focus of WIRC is about children and the promotion of literacy. Those of us in education feel passionately about those two things. Also, I like knowing about what is happening with literacy in our state of Illinois and what other councils are doing. It connects us to the state organization and informs us as educators. Another reason is that teaching can be an isolating job and WIRC connects us with others who feel the same way about teaching literacy. It is inspiring and encouraging to be among other teachers. We share ideas. We share our passion. It is a good way to spend time with our colleagues and experience collegiality. Lastly, professional development is important for us teachers to remain encouraged with what we do and to learn about strategies to help us improve our craft. As a professor, I think it's important to introduce professional development to my undergraduate students. Professional development is not only the ideas that you take away, but a way of living your career. All of these reasons are why I have been involved in WIRC since my professorship at Western Illinois University and the state organization, IRC, throughout my entire teaching career.



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IRC CONFERENCE



[IRC's Preliminary Program](#) is now available!

CURRENTLY READING...

- Equipped for Reading Success – David Kilpatrick
- The Whole Brain Child – Daniel Siegel
 - The Deepest Well – Nadine Burke Harris
- Teaching in the Online Classroom – Doug Lemov
- I Wish My Teacher Knew – Kyle Schwartz

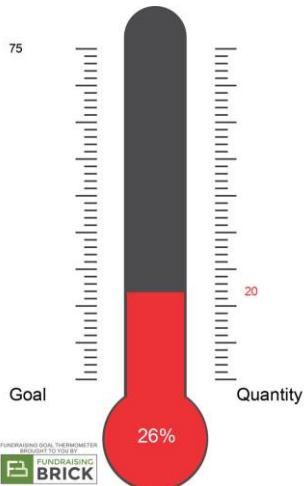
WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS!

Ellen Rush DeAnn Spring

THANK YOU FOR RENEWING!

Anita Lovell Libby Heidt
Jenny Bredemeier

MEMBERSHIP GOAL UPDATE



In order to bring Dave Burgess to our online webinar lineup in May we need to hit the goal of 75 new members! We are currently at 20 so we have quite a ways to go to get there. If each current member recruited one new member we could reach this goal! WIRC Memberships make the perfect gift for colleagues, student teachers, or pre-service teachers! [Join today!](#)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 22 7:00-8:30 PM – [Grace Stevens Webinar * Teaching in a Post Covid Classroom](#)

Saturday, February 27 10 AM-12:30 PM – [Developing a Love of Literacy Conference 3.0](#)

Wednesday, March 3 7:00 PM – wired Wednesday Webinar * The Power of Wordless Picture Books with Matthew Cordell

Monday, March 22 7:00-8:30 PM – Wiley Blevins * A Fresh Look at Phonics

Flyer coming soon!