



Will County Reading Council

(a network of the Illinois Reading Council)

Wishing You a Memorable and Impactful School Year!

Welcome Back Everyone!

School starts and summer ends despite the 95+ temps we have recently experienced! Regardless, it is good to be back and we are looking forward to a fantastic school year and hope you are as well.

The Will County Reading Council is thrilled to share an exciting lineup of events and professional development opportunities for you and your colleagues. Our plans are designed to inspire, engage, and empower you as you embark on the new school year. We encourage you and your colleagues to join us when you can, as we look to support your teaching skills and foster collaboration and innovation. Let's make this year memorable and impactful together!

Join us in September for our annual

author visit and 1 hour PD credit.



Barb Rosenstock

Learn about her 2024 book: *The Great Lakes*, & the importance of reading and writing nonfiction.

Fall Author Visit

Tuesday, September 24, 2024

Location: Lewis University Dining Room



Register in advance to save your seat:
<https://forms.gle/3a6TP8S5AJLv2Z77>

5:00 welcome
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5:30 author talk
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6:15 autographing



Books will be available for purchase
CASH, CHECK, OR CREDIT CARDS



Barb Rosenstock likes true stories. A lifelong reader and library nerd, she mixes fascinating research and playful language into children's books that bring history to life. Barb was born and still lives near Chicago with her family. Her picture book, *The Noisy Paint Box*, illustrated by Mary Grandpré, was awarded a Caldecott Honor. Other award-winning books include *Otis & Will Discover the Deep*, *The Secret Kingdom*, *Through the Window*, *The Camping Trip that Changed America* and many more. She loves to visit schools across the country to share writing stories with students and their families.

The annual author visit is co-sponsored by the Lewis University Department of Education and Will County Reading Council.
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Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan

Wait...there's an Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan? Yep, there is and we are excited to help area educators learn more about it! Throughout the academic year, we will be offering a series of professional development opportunities designed to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the state's new literacy initiative with skills you can use! Continuing education credits will be available. Watch your emails for more information in the next couple of weeks.

Our Fall Lineup!

September

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**Author Event: Barb Rosenstock -True Stories for Today's Kids
Lewis University**

Barb Rosentstock registration link:
forms.gle/3a6TP8S5AJLv2Z77

October

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Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan-I Oracy & Phonics
Virtual Event (details to follow)

November

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Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan-II Word Recognition
Virtual event-details to follow

We Need You!

Consider volunteering with WCRC as a committee member or officer. We are seeking volunteers with a commitment to literacy, learning, and a desire to make an impact. Email us at willcountyreadingcouncil@gmail.com