



WCRC Winter Newsletter



Welcome 2025!

Happy New Year Members and Friends,

It may be cold outside, but we have plans to keep your learning hot! First up is the next installment of our virtual PD, addressing the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan (ICLP)- Fluency. As we move into February we will host two events-one virtual and the other in person. Read on for more information and registration information.

Stay warm, hunker in with a good read, and enjoy winter's slowed pace. Spring is just around the corner!

Donna Herman

President, WCRC

UPCOMING EVENTS

[January 21st-Fluency-part 3 of *Unlocking the Illinois Comprehensive Literacy Plan \(ICLP\)*](#)

[February 11th-Vocabulary-part 4 of ICLP](#)

[Register here or email us for more](#) for our webinar series.

[February 27th-WCRC Winter PD "Not This, But That: Keys to Unlocking the ICLP."](#)

5-8 PM, Lewis University Academic Center. 2.5 CPD's

[Not This, But That-Winter PD Registration](#)

**Not This, But That:
Keys to Unlocking the ICLP**
Consider sharing your knowledge and ideas with us at our annual Winter PD. Use the link below for more information or email

UNLOCKING THE ILLINOIS COMPREHENSIVE LITERACY PLAN

Will County Reading Council to Host a Webinar Series on
Understanding & Using the Illinois Literacy Plan

Throughout the academic year, WCRC will offer professional development opportunities with webinars and in person events, designed to deepen your knowledge and understanding of the state's new literacy initiative with tools you can use! Together, with teachers in the field, we will provide information and resources on components of the plan as we support each other on this journey. Continuing education credits will be available. Join us for one or join us for all.

Webinar Dates with 1 PD credit for each session attended.

Webinar Cost:

WCRC Members: \$20.00 for all webinars or \$5.00 each. Registration required.

Non-WCRC Members: \$50. for all webinars or \$10.00 each. Registration required.

- **10/15/24-Oracy and Phonemic Awareness**
- **11/19/24-Word Recognition**
- **01/21/25- Fluency**
- **02/11/25-Vocabulary**
- **04-15-25-Comprehension**
- **05/20/25-Writing**

READY to take payments! SQUARE site address for purchasing:

<https://willcountyreading.square.site/>

(refunds only available if an event is cancelled)

In-Person Dates/Events

- **02/27/2025** WCRC Mini-Conference/Winter Event (Thursday mini-conference/winter PD event: 2.5 hours PD); register in advance; non-members \$25; Members \$0. Registration details will be sent in January.
- **March 13, 2025**- WCRC to host round table discussion on questions and findings so far at the Illinois Reading Council Conference. Register by attending the IRC Conference.

Questions? Email us at willcountyreadingcouncil@gmail.com

IRC's Annual Conference

DYSLEXIA

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) recommends all students in Kindergarten be screened for possible reading difficulties. Screeners are tools educators can use to facilitate interventions before a special education referral. In this article, IDA shares the Colorado Learning Disabilities Questionnaire a simple and quick screener that may provide feedback regarding reading difficulties. The article has great information about Dyslexia with screening information on pages 12-14.

[Dyslexia in the Classroom...](#)



The Illinois Reading Council
invites you to join us for the 95th Annual Conference

ILLINOIS READING COUNCIL
LIBERATING LITERACY
Embrace Love, Joy, & Empowerment

March 13-14, 2025
Springfield, Illinois

Laurie Halse Anderson	Darce Little Badger	Cozbi Cabrera	Dare Coulter
Candace Fleming	Liz Kleinrock	Kass Minor	Ernest Morrell
Adam Peterson	Darius Phelps	Dwayne Reed	Shamari Reid
Dan Santat	Trisha Sneed Shaskan & Stephen Shaskan	Amy Stewart	Duncan Tonahill
Julia Torres	Becky Anderson Wilkins	Alicia D. Williams	Kristin Ziemke

Illinois Reads Author Panels

[IRC Annual Conference Information and Registration](#)

"The color of springtime is in the flowers,
the color of winter is in the imagination" (Terri Guillemets)
"One kind word can warm three winter months" (Japanese proverb)

