

# SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Anchors away! Sailing along together teaching others to read!

## ***Welcome Back!***

Brenda Scheff and new Co-President, Jen Grossen, would like to welcome you back to the 2018-2019 school year and to Southern Lakes Reading Council. We would both like to thank Laura Vanderveen, past Co-President, for her commitment and service to SLRC this past year.

We have a lot of exciting things to offer this year. We have many literacy professional development opportunities available for your professional growth as well as for your Educator Effectiveness requirements.

Please join us at our new location, Turtle Creek Elementary School library (1235 Creek Road, Delavan, WI 53115), on September 20th for our first meeting. A light meal will be served at 5:00 pm along with a short business meeting. At 5:30 pm we will be welcoming Dr. Karen Blake Ruffner as she presents *Translating Data into Action: The Power of Collaboration*. She will show us a model for professional collaboration using a data team format.

During our second meeting we will be welcoming back Michael Ford who will be presenting *Intensifying Classroom Routines in Elementary Literacy Programs*. In his presentation, we will look at how to get more out of three typical class routines in shared reading, shared writing, and word walls. We will also learn how to intensify large group activities to maximize power and reach more readers and writers.

Stay tuned for more information on our winter and spring meetings. We can't wait to see you!

Fondly,

*Jen Grossen and Brenda Scheff*

SLRC Co-Presidents



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## Southern Lakes Reading Council Program 2018-2019

With exception of last meeting, all meetings held at  
Turtle Creek Elementary School, 1235 Creek Road, Delavan WI 53115

**Thursday, September 20, 2018** *Translating Data into Action: The Power of Collaboration* presented by Dr. Karen Blake Ruffner

This interactive session provides a model for professional collaboration using Doug Reeves' Data Team format. Participants will use authentic assessments and professional resources to share paths to improved instruction. 5:00pm light meal and business meeting, 5:30pm program

**Tuesday, November 13, 2018** *Intensifying Classroom Routines in Elementary Literacy Programs* presented by Michael Ford Sponsored by WSRA

Have your class routines become a bit routinized? In this presentation, we will look at how to get more mileage out of three typical class routines in elementary literacy programs: shared writing, shared reading, and word walls. Intensify large group activities to maximize power and reach more readers and writers. 5:00pm light meal and business meeting, 5:30pm program

**Thursday, January 10, 2019** WSRA Road Show *Mindfully Implementing Research-Based Practice* presented by Deb Zarlino

We are bombarded with information on the “best” way to teach. As literacy educators and leaders, we make decisions that impact the education, and ultimately the lives, of students. We know we are supposed to use “research based practices,” and make “data driven decisions,” but what does that really mean, and how do we know? How do we make sound decisions, and support and advocate for those decisions with others? 5:00pm light meal and business meeting, 5:30pm program

**Thursday, April 11, 2019** *Mindset Matters: Empowering Young Learners Through the Power of Yet* presented by Amy Sippert

Create collaborative, growth oriented learning communities. Learn to embed read alouds and mindset lessons within structure of existing reading workshops, utilizing gradual release of responsibility, continuously reflecting on purpose, relevance, and authenticity of this work. Dweck's research as well as work of Mraz and Hertz will be discussed. Join a journey incorporating growth mindset into daily work—see how the power of “yet” produces reflective students finding joy and satisfaction in learning. 5:00pm pizza buffet at Sperino's Little Italy (in Elkhorn) & brief business meeting, 5:30pm program

Please RSVP [SouthernLakesReadingCouncil@gmail.com](mailto:SouthernLakesReadingCouncil@gmail.com) four days before a scheduled meeting to ensure your spot!

## Surfin' the Web



**High Leverage Practices in Special Ed** Education Week released an article providing access to a publication listing high-leverage practices as well as videos showing these practices in action. [http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2018/07/good\\_special\\_education\\_teaching\\_videos.html](http://blogs.edweek.org/edweek/speced/2018/07/good_special_education_teaching_videos.html)

**E.N.G.A.G.E.** Read alouds can be *powerful* so here are six tips to ensure they *rock!* <http://corwin-connect.com/2018/07/e-n-g-a-g-e-six-tips-for-ramping-up-your-read-aloud-experiences/>

**Workable Seating** Maximize time and learning for your students with this arrangement. <https://www.teachingchannel.org/video/seating-arrangements/>

**Book Talks** Books not flying off the shelves as you'd like them to? Check this link for a guide to successful book talks—might just be the tool you need to get kids reading! [https://www.weareteachers.com/what-is-a-book-talk/?utm\\_source=WAT\\_MDR&utm\\_medium=Enews&utm\\_campaign=WAT\\_Enews071918](https://www.weareteachers.com/what-is-a-book-talk/?utm_source=WAT_MDR&utm_medium=Enews&utm_campaign=WAT_Enews071918)

**Helpful Writing Downloads** Curriculum Corner offers opportunity for a free download of their strategy menus to create a dynamic writing workshop. Additional writing-related links are included at the bottom of the page. <https://www.thecurriculumcorner.com/thecurriculumcorner123/2018/07/writing-strategies-menus/>  
Writing continuums for tracking progress are also available from Curriculum Corner at this link: <https://www.thecurriculumcorner.com/thecurriculumcorner123/2018/06/assessing-writers-using-writing-continuums/>

**Summer Slide = September Success** Common Sense Education offers tools that will allow teachers and students to mind map, reflect, and plan. [https://www.commonsense.org/education/blog/kick-off-the-school-year-with-interest-driven-projects?utm\\_source=073118%2BEdu&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=weekly](https://www.commonsense.org/education/blog/kick-off-the-school-year-with-interest-driven-projects?utm_source=073118%2BEdu&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly)

**HiP Tips** High Interest Publishing provides free downloads for teachers—practical, research-based teaching ideas you can use in your classroom, including graphic organizers, comprehension strategy sheets, vocabulary and word study, and more. <https://hip-books.com/teachers/>

**Top Tech Tools** Common Sense Education offers insight on essential teacher back-to-school tools. [https://www.commonsense.org/education/top-picks/essential-back-to-school-tools-for-teachers?utm\\_source=080718%2BEdu&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=weekly](https://www.commonsense.org/education/top-picks/essential-back-to-school-tools-for-teachers?utm_source=080718%2BEdu&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=weekly)

**Make Learning Stick** MiddleWeb Smart shares 7 brain-based ways to ensure learning sticks. <https://www.middleweb.com/37519/7-brain-based-ways-to-make-learning-stick/>

**Free Poster** Corwin offers a free poster for new teachers but, truthfully, it is a good message for all teachers! <http://corwin-connect.com/2018/08/advice-for-new-teachers-from-teachers-free-poster/>



**September 8, 2018**

Even though *International Literacy Day* falls on a Saturday this year, it is a great day to celebrate with your students as it draws attention to the importance of literacy in today's world. The day, promoted by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), brings an awareness of and concern for literacy problems experienced by individual communities across the world. Reading and writing are important—especially for our students—so let's celebrate them!

## Global Read Aloud: One Book to Connect the World



Grab your books and get ready to join the ninth Global Read Aloud designed to unite teachers and classrooms across the globe via books. Wisconsinite Pernille Ripp has once again come up with some quality titles to share with students this fall.

This year's picture book study features the work of author/illustrator Julie Flett and Monique Gray Smith. Titles include: *My Heart Fills With Happiness*, *Wild Berries*, *You Hold Me Up*, *A Day with Yayah*, *When We Were Alone*, as well as a title of your choosing.

Chapter books include these: *A Boy Called Bat* by Elana K Arnold (Early Reader Choice), *Amal Unbound* by Aisha Saeed (Upper Elementary/Middle Grade Choice), *Refuge* by Alan Gratz (Middle School/Junior High Choice) and *Love, Hate and Other Filters* by Samira Ahmed (Young Adult Choice).

Visit <https://theglobalreadaloud.com> to sign up for this increasingly popular event!

The logo for "Summer Books" features the words "SUMMER" and "BOOKS" in a large, colorful, multi-layered font. Each letter is filled with a different color (red, yellow, green, blue, purple) and has a thick, multi-colored outline. The text is set against a bright yellow rectangular background.

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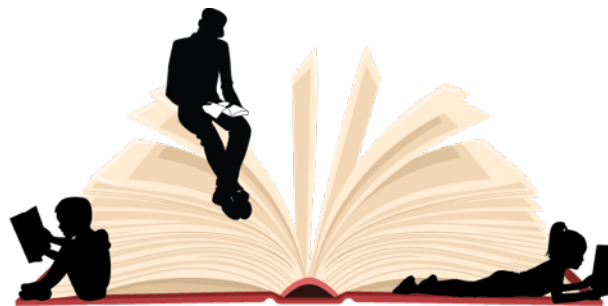
Thanks to Joyce Uglow's monetary donation and Sue Rabas's book donation, SLRC delivered books to area food pantries in both June *and* August! As can be expected, area food pantries were excited to receive the book donations and parents were appreciative of the opportunity to grab them. Thank you, SLRC members—especially Joyce and Sue—for seeing this as a priority and supporting “Food For Thought” books!

## Literacy Excellence: Equity, Engagement, and Empowerment

February 7-9, 2019

#WSRA19 convention at the Wisconsin Center in Milwaukee, WI

Registration for the #wsra19 convention will open mid-September.



**Wisconsin State Reading Association**

*WSRA... providing leadership, advocacy, and expertise*

## SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL

- We are dedicated to improving reading instruction and promoting literacy.
- We enjoy networking with others who are also dedicated to excellence in literacy from Walworth, Western Racine, & Western Kenosha counties.
- We benefit from hearing top-notch speakers at our meetings who present on best practices in the field of education.
- We believe it is important to stay current and informed.
- We publish newsletters with information on professional development opportunities, and current trends or practices in reading and writing.
- AND, if you're a first year teacher or undergrad student, we'll waive meeting fees!

**Come join us! You'll be glad you did!**

### SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP FORM 2018-19

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

School & District: \_\_\_\_\_

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION** Please check if you are a member of:

\_\_\_\_\_ WSRA Member # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ ILA (IRA) Member# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 Registration if received by Oct. 1, 2018 (membership, programs, food). Single meeting: \$10 Single meal: \$5

\_\_\_\_\_ New Member \_\_\_\_\_ SLRC Renewal

Please send registration form and check to: Barbara Townsend, 1309 Robincrest Lane, Elkhorn, WI 53121

Checks should be made out to *Southern Lakes Reading Council*

# Wisconsin Literacy Dates to Celebrate!

## September

- Library Card Sign-up Month
- September 8  
International Literacy Day
- September 15-October 15  
National Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 23-29  
Banned Books Week

## October

- Computer Learning Month
- October 7-13  
Teen Read Week
- October 17  
Black Poetry Day



### WSRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL

Today's Date \_\_\_\_\_

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Initial \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip +4 \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Duties, Title & Level/Dept. \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Home E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a member of International Literacy Association?  Yes \_\_\_\_\_  No  
Membership Number

Are you a member of a local reading council?  Yes  No If yes, check name(s) →

Access information about local reading councils at <http://www.wsra.org/councils>

Submit your self-nomination to join a committee at <http://www.wsra.org/committees-task-forces>

Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ WSRA Membership Number  New

Membership is for one year from the date of joining | Dues may be tax deductible. Some of the information provided will be in the WSRA Membership Directory.



Visit [www.wsra.org/membership-application](http://www.wsra.org/membership-application) to join or renew and pay by credit card to expedite your membership benefits or mail your \$37 check with this form payable to WSRA at 909 Rock Ridge Road, Burlington, WI 53105

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- Central Wisconsin 55050
- Door County 55075
- Eau Claire 55100
- Fox Valley 55125
- Greater Bayland 55150
- Headwaters 55200
- Hidden Valley 55210
- Interlake 55250
- Lake Superior 55300
- Madison Area 55350
- Mid-East Area 55400
- Midwest Wisconsin 55450
- Milwaukee Area 55500
- Muirland 55512
- Northeast Wisconsin 55525
- Northwest Wisconsin 55550
- Racine-Kenosha 55750
- Rock River 55825
- St. Croix Valley 55800
- South Kettle Moraine 55850
- Southern Lakes 55860
- Washington Ozaukee 55875
- Waukesha County 55900
- Wis. Professors of Reading 56703
- Wolf River 55950

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