

SOUTHERN LAKES READING COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Anchors away! Sailing along together teaching others to read!

Balancing Time

Time is an illusion. Lunchtime doubly so.

~Douglas Adams

English author (*The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy*) & humorist

Interesting quote—one to which teachers would wholeheartedly agree. Time (or more accurately, lack of it) seems to be an issue for many of us. It requires a delicate balance as we juggle family, home, career, hobbies, and friends, in an attempt to keep all in sync, some requiring more attention than others at times, but all in need.

Sometimes it is necessary for us to step back and reclaim our balance. Pernille Ripp (teacher from Oregon, WI) considers this in one of her blogs (Blogging Through the Fourth Dimension). Take the time to read what she has to say on this topic, but also take some time to read her other pieces—we could learn a great deal from this woman! “12 Ways I Got My Life Back in Balance as a Teacher” can be found at this link: <http://pernillesripp.com/2016/01/18/12-ways-i-got-my-life-back-in-balance-as-a-teacher/> .

Wishing you the best as you tackle balance!

Barb

P.S. I had suggested some of Pernille's other blogs—perhaps you saw this one: *When We Harm Rather Than Help—Some Thoughts on Reading Interventions*. <http://pernillesripp.com/2016/02/06/when-we-harm-rather-than-help-some-thoughts-on-reading-interventions/>

Hmmm...



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Don't miss our final program!

Collaborative Conversations

with **Kathy Galvin**

Saturday, April 9, 2016



Please RSVP by

Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Speaking/Listening Standards place increased emphasis on effective communication. Collaborative conversations can be a vehicle for building understanding across all disciplines. Join WSRA's Past President Kathy Galvin and explore how this works.

8:30 am light breakfast and brief business meeting, 9 am speaker

Please RSVP SouthernLakesReadingCouncil@gmail.com four days before a scheduled meeting to ensure your spot!

All meetings held at West Side Elementary School, 222 Sunset Drive, Elkhorn, WI 53121



Small Group Instruction Resources

Curriculum Corner offers some helpful resources for small group instruction including these:

- Main Idea Resources <http://www.thecurriculumcorner.com/thecurriculumcorner123/2016/02/02/main-idea-unit-of-study/>
- Word Work Resources <http://www.thecurriculumcorner.com/thecurriculumcorner123/2016/02/03/10446/>

Surfin' the Web



Promoting the Whole Teacher While this blog was more geared for January and the start of a new year, it deals with your well-being—and that's something that should be a priority no matter what month we are in! Find balance! <http://inservice.ascd.org/promoting-the-whole-teacher-make-a-commitment-to-yourself/>

Teaching Vocabulary—Any Subject! MiddleWeb's five favorite posts about word study can be found here. Just don't let the title fool you—it can be applied at levels *other* than those in the middle. <http://us2.campaign-archive2.com/?u=ddc40d98337d08b20a940ad0a&id=ce53a02d03&e=6963a12ad1>

Reading Skill or Reading Strategy? Learn the difference in this *Reading Teacher* article. <http://deepblue.lib.umich.edu/bitstream/handle/2027.42/88049/RT.61.5.1.pdf?sequence=1>

Giving Time Some students just need time to think—support them in the classroom. <https://www.choiceliteracy.com/articles-detail-view.php?id=2122>

QtA Here is a quick guide to Question the Author, a strategy you need to use if not already using! <http://www.adlit.org/strategies/19796/>

Invest, Influence, and Inspire Become a teacher leader and inspire needed changes! <http://inservice.ascd.org/invest-influence-inspire-teacher-leadership-in-action/>

10 Surefire Ideas to Remove Writing Roadblocks Regie Routman weighs in with helpful ideas! <http://www.middleweb.com/26954/10-surefire-ideas-to-remove-writing-roadblocks/>

Information Not Retained? Here are four tips to help information stick in the minds of learners. http://smartblogs.com/education/2016/01/13/where-did-it-all-go/?utm_source=brief

Making Learning Last Help students to process understanding with these simple tips. <http://www.edutopia.org/blog/diverse-learners-process-their-understanding-john-mccarthy>

Exploratory Notebooks might help to foster independent writers! <https://twowritingteachers.wordpress.com/2016/01/18/putting-the-exploratory-notebook-into-practice-with-thanks-to-ralph-fletcher/>

10 Student Engagement Techniques Hooking them in is most important! This link will provide additional links, as well. <http://inservice.ascd.org/ten-ways-to-engage-all-students-in-the-classroom/>

27 Ways to Give and Receive Feedback This poster is great for a quick reminder! <http://elearninginfographics.com/27-ways-teachers-can-give-and-receive-feedback-infographic>

Rigor Made Easy: 3 Ways to Go Deeper This quick article offers different suggestions to encourage deep thinking. <http://www.middleweb.com/27750/rigor-made-easy-3-ways-to-go-deeper/>

This Administrator? Outstanding!



Congratulations are in order for SLRC member, Cathy Pomaranski, who was recently named as one of WSRA's Outstanding Administrators! Cathy, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Elkhorn Area School District, was nominated by several SLRC members because she is an advocate of reading, encouraging and supporting literacy not only in the schools, but in homes as well as in the community. She is knowledgeable about the field of reading and her leadership reflects both current research and best practice. In addition, Cathy is thought to be an outstanding role model for administration, parents, students, and teachers. This photograph shows Cathy at the WSRA Awards Banquet, held during convention on Thursday, February 4. Her sons, Joe and Michael, shared the proud moment with their mom. Congratulations, Cathy!

Do you have an outstanding administrator in your district? Nominate him or her in 2017!



Wisconsin State Reading Association

WSRA... providing leadership, advocacy, and expertise

www.wsra.org

Service Project Success!

SLRC applied for and received a grant from WSRA for our *Food for Thought* service project. As a result, 298 books were purchased for about \$400 and delivered to several area food pantries. That's some great **Food for Thought!** Thank you, WSRA, for supporting us with the project. We were glad to match your funds and look forward to doing it again next year.



10 Great Quotes About Reading

Any book that helps a child form a habit of reading,
to make reading one of his deep continuing needs, is good for him.
~Maya Angelou

Books are the plane, the train, and the road.
They are the destination, and the journey. They are home.
~Anna Quindlen

I try to teach my students that books are a mirror, reflecting their own lives,
and a window giving them a peek into someone else's.
~Donalyn Miller

Reading is important, because if you can read,
you can learn about anything and everything and everything about anything.
~Tomie dePaola

So please, oh PLEASE, we beg, we pray. Go throw your TV set away.
And in its place you can install, a lovely bookshelf on the wall.
~Roald Dahl, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*

TV.
If kids are entertained by two letters, imagine the fun they'll have with twenty-six.
Open your child's imagination. Open a book.
~Author unknown

Writing is the painting of the voice.
~Voltaire

There are perhaps no days of our childhood we lived so fully
as those we spent with a favorite book.
~Marcel Proust

You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page
and feel a little as if you have lost a friend.
~Paul Sweeney

There are many little ways to enlarge your child's world.
Love of books is the best of all.
~Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis

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 2015-16

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 Sept. 24, 2015 (membership, programs, food). Single meeting: \$10 Single meal: \$5

_____ New Member _____ SLRC Renewal

Please send registration form and check to: Nancy Haak, N4097 County Hwy NN, Elkhorn, WI 53121

Wisconsin Literacy Dates to Celebrate!

March

- Music in Our Schools Month
- National Middle Grades Education Month
- National Women’s History Month
- March 2 Read Across America Day
- March 3-7 Newspaper in Education Week
- March 7-13 National Foreign Language Week
- March 20 Absolutely Incredible Kid Day

April

- National Poetry Month
- Keep America Beautiful Month
- Mathematics Education Month
- April 2 International Children’s Book Day
- April 12-18 Young People’s Poetry Week
- April 18-24 National Library Week



WSRA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Today's Date _____

First Name _____ Initial _____ Last Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip + 4 _____

Place of Employment/School District _____

Duties, Title & Level/Dept. _____

Home Phone (____) _____ Work Phone (____) _____

E-mail _____

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| _____ Ashland Bayfield Counties | 55045 |
| _____ 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 |

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) →

Send me information about: WSRA Committees Information about your local reading council can be found at wsra.org



Renewal New *Your membership expiration date appears on your mailing label.*

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.

You may join or renew your membership via:

MAIL: WSRA MEMBERSHIP • 909 Rock Ridge Road • Burlington, WI 53105-7230
 Please make checks payable to WSRA for \$37.00

ONLINE: Visit wsra.org and use your credit card