

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

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Duval County Reading Council 2008-2009 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

Thurs., Sept 11th **Scott Miller-The Six Traits of Effective Writing**
Sponsor Nick Ewan- Harcourt
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., Oct. 9 Dr. Heibert
Sponsor: Mychelle Williamson-Pearson
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., Nov. **TBA**
Sponsor: Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

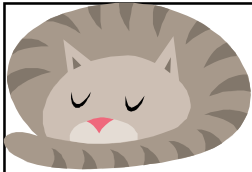
Thurs., Jan **TBA**
Sponsor: Scholastic
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., Feb **TBA**
Sponsor: TBA
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., April **Installation**
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Special Events

September 6-9 **Florida Reading Association's 45th Annual Conference**
Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, FL



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Scott Miller

Scott Miller has taught in all grade levels, K through 12. He has served as a literacy-intensive summer school administrator for Chowchilla Elementary School District (California), as an Instructional Specialist for Lufkin Independent School District (Texas), and most recently as a Coordinator of Writing Instruction in Clovis Unified School District in California. In Clovis, Scott helped to co-found the "Buchanan Area Writing Project". The Project successfully articulated a trait-based model for writing instruction among nearly three hundred teachers in nine area schools. Scott has traveled extensively around the country, teaching model lessons, gathering best instructional practices,

and helping teachers master trait-based writing instruction. Scott is currently the National Reading and Language Arts Consultant for Great Source Education Group.

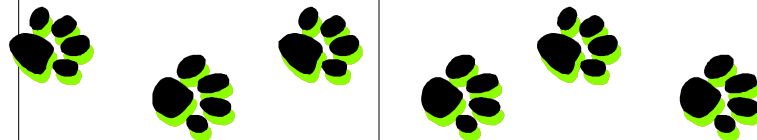
Please see the DCRC Building Rep at your school to renew your membership! You can also renew at the first meeting on September 11th. Keep sharing the benefits of DCRC with your colleagues!

Donna James and John James, Membership Development



Be sure to check out our website www.duvalreadingcouncil.org for our link to the Florida Times Union's offer of Newspapers in the Classroom program. This is a wonderful way to teach reading in a content area. The materials are provided free to teachers and they are tailored to grade level.

Over 35 schools earned 100% membership last year!! How much can we grow this year??



What's in Your Book Bag?



FRA Children's Book

FRA Winners for 2007-2008

The winner Gingerbread Girl with 18417 votes

Honor Book Fancy Nancy with 18181 votes

Honor Book Mammoths on the Move with 8905 votes



In an effort to save on paper we are going green!

You will find your updated monthly newsletter on the web

at www.duvalreadingcouncil.org instead of in school mail. You will continue to receive your meeting reminders in school mail.

We will save in two ways, less paper and less money spent on printing!

Florida Reading Association' Book Award encourages young children to become enthusiastic about books by soliciting their votes for the Children's Book Award. Once students have heard/read at least five of the eight Children's Book Award titles, they are eligible to vote for their favorite. Participating schools should register between Sept. 1st and Dec. 17th. Registration is online at www.flreads.org (See children's book award section).

Presenting this year's collection.....

Woolbur
by Leslie Helakoski

Winston the Book Wolf
by Marni McGee & Ian Beck

Do Unto Otters: A Book About Manners
by Laurie Keller

Martina the Beautiful Cockroach: A Cuban Folktale
by Carmen Agra Deedy

Max's Words
by Kate Banks

Goopy Jellyfish
by Natalie Lunis

Emma's Turtle
by Eve Bunting

Toad by the Road: A Year in the Life of These Amazing Amphibians
by Joanne Ryder



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Name _____ Position _____

School Name _____ # _____ Home Phone _____

Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Please check here if you have **changed schools** this year.

Former school name _____ # _____

Please check here if you are a **New Member** (not on last year's membership list).

Annual dues: \$5.00

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RETURN TO:

Your Building Representative or

Nancy Laszlo, Beauclerc Elem. #230

4555 Craven Rd. W., Jax., FL 32257

President's Message.....

As summer days are fading, we look forward to a new school year and wonder where our educational journey will take us this year. The Reading Council plans to support your journey with professional development opportunities this year. We hope your plans include attending the 2008 Florida Reading Association Annual Conference "Passport to Success" which is set for September 4-7, 2008 at the Shingle Creek Resort in Orlando. If you plan to attend, registration information can be obtained through the following website www.freads.org.

The Duval Reading Council has its own theme this year – "Pawspport to Success". We will have some fun finding "Reading," the traveling cat. Join us at our five General Membership meetings held at the Schultz Center to solve the clues to his adventures. Come share ideas, relax and listen to nationally-renowned speakers. You can participate in the fun by sharing your own favorite books. We appreciate your membership and hope you will join early. Remember that we have scholarships available and you can earn 10 Master Plan points. I hope each and everyone has a purrfect school opening.

P.S. – We will be trying to go green this year. In an effort to keep the cost of printing down to a minimum, our newsletter format will change. Please take a moment and add www.duvalreadingcouncil.org to your "favorites" to access our online newsletter.



Susan Lauzon
President

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