

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

February 2007

duvalreadingcouncil.org

Duval County Reading Council 2006-2007 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

Thurs., Feb. 22

Vicki Gibson

Sponsor: McMillan/McGraw-Hill

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., April 19

Installation

Location: Schultz Center

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Special Events

March 5-9

Newspaper in Education Week

May 13-17

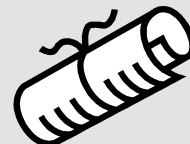
**52nd Annual International Reading Association Convention
Toronto, Canada**

Sept. 6-9

**Florida Reading Association's 45th Annual Conference
Shingle Creek Resort, Orlando**

**The Herrold-Charbonnet Scholarship Deadline
has been extended to Feb. 15th.**

See duvalreadingcouncil.org for more details



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Vicki Gibson

Vicki Gibson has been teaching students, training teachers, writing curriculum, and directing instruction since 1975. She is the owner and director of Longmire Learning Center, Inc. (LLC), a private educational facility serving families with children ages 2-8 years. She is also co-owner of What Works With Kids, a publishing company for instructional materials. Prior to opening LLC, Dr. Gibson owned two private pre-schools, taught and lectured for ten years at Texas A&M University, and spent ten years in public schools as a Kindergarten teacher, special education resource teacher, adaptive

behavior specialist, and learning disability specialist. She received her B.S., M.S., and Ph.D. at Texas A&M University. Dr. Gibson is a well-respected, nationally recognized author and speaker on early childhood curriculum design and methodology, classroom management, integrating and aligning assessment with instructional planning, and using effective instructional strategies for emerging and low-performing students. She provides consultation and conducts workshops for parent groups, child-care providers, teachers, supervisors, and administrators.

2006-2007 Florida Reading Association's Children's Book Award

Its nearly time to vote!

Once students have heard at least five of the eight Children's Book Award titles, they are eligible to vote. Votes are to be sent to the Children's Book Award chairman by downloading a form to print and fax or can done electronically online. Ballots must be received no later than April 15. The winning books will be posted on the FRA website (www.flreads.org) by May 1st.

Catching the Moon
by Myron Uhlberg

Dad, Jackie, and Me
by Crystal Hubbard

Groundhog Gets a Say
by Pamela Curtis Swallow

Our Tree Named Steve
by Alan Zweibe

*Over in the Ocean In a
Coral Reef*
by Marianne Berkes

Three Silly Billies
by Margie Palatini

Too Many Frogs
by Sandy Asher



Wild About Books
by Judy Sierra



Habijax Project Update

Eight bookcases were delivered to Habijax homes this year. A book drive was held to help fill the bookcases.



What's in Your book bag?

Books and resources to try



Books and Beyond: New Ways to Reach Readers
by Michael Opitz, Michael P. Ford, and Matthew D. Zbaracki
ISBN 13: 978-0-325-00743-4
Heinemann

Are you looking for new things that will spark your students' interest in reading? Do you have some students who would rather get a root canal than read? Are you feeling like your "bag of tricks" isn't as full as it was in August? If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, *Books and Beyond* may be a book you'll want to add to your professional reading list. Chapter titles include:

- The Case for Going Beyond Books
- Magazines
- Poetry
- Multilevel Texts

- Newspapers
- Series Texts
- Humorous Texts
- Dramatic Texts
- Real-Life Texts
- Anthologies
- Cyber Texts

The Last Part First

Whether you're on the beach, on your couch, or in your backyard, with Spring Break only a month and a half away, you'll need a good read to snuggle up with. Happy reading!

Michelle Stinson
Henry F. Kite

Newspaper In Education Week is March 5-9

More information on using newspapers as an instructional tool coming soon on our website at

duvalreadingcouncil.org



Thank You

Hubbard House Community Service Project



\$205.64 was collected at the January meeting to renew yearly subscriptions to ten quality children's magazines. Magazines such as Sports Illustrated for Kids, National Geographic World, Your Big Back Yard and Highlights will continue to arrive monthly at Hubbard House thanks to your generosity. Thank you.



Mark Your Calendars Now!

FRA's 45th Annual Conference



September 6-9, 2007

Shingle Creek Resort Orlando, FL
Check FRA website, www.flreads.org for conference updates

Master Plan Points Reminder

The February meeting is the last meeting in which one can earn points. See the master plan points table at the meeting to turn in your paperwork.



Reading gives us important things to remember.

The thing I remember best about successful people I've met all through the years is their obvious delight in what they're doing . . . and it seems to have very little to do with worldly success. They just love what they're doing, and they love it in front of others.

Fred Rogers

Anyone who attended the January Reading Council meeting witnessed a man who took delight in what he does. Sam Sebesta (or Dr. Sam as he is known to his students) has such a joy about him as he shares his love of literature. Lively doesn't begin to describe this man who is in constant motion playing the piano, storytelling, and drawing in the audience to participate with his demonstrations. His techniques for enlivening literature are both light-hearted and knowledgeable. I can only imagine a school where the students are met by teachers who radiate their delight in what they do. Let us all examine the face we present to our children so that our love of reading becomes contagious and they all want to be part of the excitement.

Katy Kearson
President

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