

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

January 2009

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Duval County Reading Council 2008-2009 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

Thurs., January 29th Dr. Alfred Tatum
Sponsor: Pearson
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Thurs., February 19th **Jane Feber**
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

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

Special Events

IRA Conference

International Reading Association
Phoenix February 21-25
Minneapolis May 3-7



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Dr. Alfred Tatum Ph. D.



Alfred W. Tatum is an associate professor in the Department of Literacy Education at Northern Illinois University. Before joining NIU's faculty, he served as a reading clinic director, senior program associate for the North Central Regional Education Lab, and assistant professor of curriculum and instruction at the University of Maryland. He began his career as an eighth-grade teacher, later becoming a reading specialist.

Currently, he serves on the National Advisory Reading Committee of the National Assessment of Educational Progress. He provides professional development support to schools across the nation interested in addressing the literacy needs of students characterized as vulnerable, particularly African-American adolescent males. He has also published in nine journals including *Reading Research Quarterly*, *The Reading Teacher*, *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*, *Educational Leadership*, the *Journal of College Reading and Learning*, and *Principal Leadership*. Dr. Tatum is active in several professional international and national literacy organizations.

Dr. Tatum conducts qualitative research, particularly case study research. His research interests are the literacy development of African-American adolescent males and teacher professional development in urban middle and high schools. Dr. Tatum earned his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois — Chicago.

Looking Ahead to February's Meeting

Jane Feber

As a middle-school language arts teacher for 36 years, Jane Feber's innovative approach to language-arts instruction has earned her several awards including the 2008 NMSA Distinguished Educator Award. In 2006 she was awarded the Edwin A. Hoey Award by the National Council of Teachers of English. She also received the Gladys Prior Award for Teaching Excellence in 2002 and the 2003 Teacher of the Year for Florida Council of Teachers of English. Jane is a National Board Certified Teacher in the area of Early Adolescent English/Language Arts. She earned a Master's in reading from the University of North Florida. Jane teaches language arts to students in grades 6, 7, and 8 at Mandarin Middle School in Jacksonville, FL. Her books, *Creative Book Reports: Fun Projects with Rubrics for Fiction and Nonfiction* and *Active Word Play: Games and Activities that Build Vocabulary* are published by Maupin House. Jane is also a contributing author for the 2010 Prentice Hall literature series.

Jane has presented at IRA, Southwest IRA, Southeast IRA, and reading associations in Arkansas, Texas, Michigan, Georgia.

Hubbard House Service Projects

In the coming year, the children who find their way into the shelter of Jacksonville's Hubbard House (the shelter for women and children who are in abusive and dangerous relationships) will sleep a little easier thanks to the generosity of the Duval County Reading Council. Even with the early November deadline, you responded with about 100 bags to send to boys and girls at Hubbard House. The employees there were shocked with the number of bags and delighted with their contents. We filled a hallway and anteroom with the bags. It's easy to say that this is another of those worthwhile community service projects that someone else will take care of. It's another to respond the way the Duval County Reading Council does annually. Thank-you for your support of this worthy literacy project!

Magazine Bucks will once again be collected at the January meeting. The Duval County Reading Council membership collected \$154.39 last year to purchase magazines for Hubbard House. After sending 5 subscriptions to Hubbard House we had money left over. The board voted to send 5 subscriptions to Ronald McDonald House in addition to the Kids Discover we had renewed from the previous year.



This continues to be a wonderful community service project for our children who have been forced to live at Hubbard House. Being able to touch those children those our Magazine Bucks is a very powerful outreach for the DCRC. Remember to bring at least one dollar for those much less fortunate than we are. Thanks in advance for your continuing support!

Candy Cole, Community Service Project

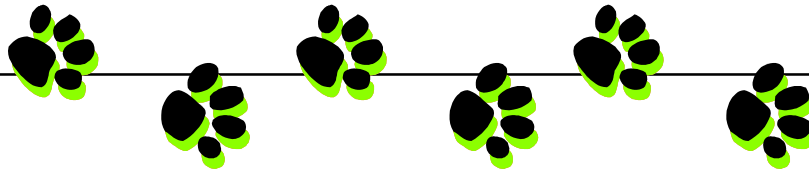


President's Message.....

The New Year holds many promises for innovative and exciting ways to celebrate our roles as educators. We can share our skills with new teachers and reminisce with colleagues who have been around for a few years. Our Reading Council members can also take part in community support activities. One way is to make a care package for children who find their way to Hubbard House with just a few personal items. We are also promoting the gift of sharing books with families in doctors' waiting rooms, children's hospital wards, and other areas that children and parents may need a bit of distraction. What could be better than a book from Reading the Cat – our Duval County Mascot for the year? If you forget your items you can still help out when we count dollar for donation subscriptions for Hubbard House. These are just a few ways our teachers share their love of reading.

Remember we continue to have quality speakers such as Scott Miller, Dr. Heibert, and Roger Farr. This month we are honored to have Dr. Alfred Tatum a renowned poet and writer of short stories. Make it your resolution to continue your own professional development with the best teachers of past years and present!

Susan Lauzon
President Duval County Reading Council



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