

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

November 2007

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Duval County Reading Council 2007-2008 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings

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| Thurs., Nov. 8 | Debra Frasier
Sponsor: Harcourt
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M. |
| Thurs., Jan. 10 | TBA
Sponsor: Options Publishing
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M. |
| Thurs., April 10 | TBA
Sponsor: TBA
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M. |
| Thurs., May 8 | Installation
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M. |

Special Events

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| May 4-8 | International Reading Associations 53rd Annual Convention
Atlanta, Georgia |
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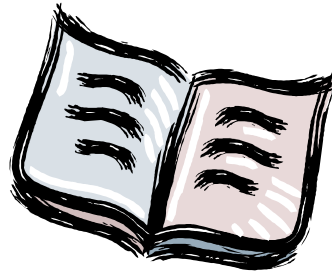
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Debra Frasier

Debra Frasier writes and illustrates picture books and her efforts have won numerous awards. Her first book, *On the Day You Were Born*, has had a worldwide reception, and the accompanying video won the American Library Association's highest honor for a children's film, the Andrew Carnegie Medal. *Miss Alaineus, A Vocabulary Disaster*, won the IRA's Children and Teacher's Choice Awards and has inspired Vocabulary Parades from coast to coast. Her newest book, *A Birthday Cake Is No Ordinary Cake*, tells the story of our planet moving in a great spinning circle around the sun, all while collecting ingredients for a birthday cake! Well known for weaving together academic material and heartfelt stories, Debra supports all her books with extensive curriculum for teachers, much of which can be found at her website, www.debrafrasier.com.



Congratulations to the following 19 schools for reaching 100% membership:

#37, #217, #95, #57, #98, #68, #259, #247, #263, #258, #73, #142, #13, #91, #242, #233, #83, #106, and Southside United Methodist Preschool.

Special recognition goes to Chaffee Trail Elem. for reaching 100% in their first year of existence and to Kernan Middle for being the first secondary school to reach 100%.

Members, please help your Building Reps by sharing about DCRC with new grade level/team members. Thanks!

***Fancy Nancy* Joins
Duval County Reading Council
At the 2007 Festival of Trees**

Our Duval County Reading Council will decorate a tree in the 2007 Festival of Trees at the Jacksonville Public Library. This event is sponsored by The Junior League of Jacksonville. Several events are planned between November 20-January 5 at the Main Library including:

Art Walk on December 5,
Party of Lights on December 7,
Children's Story Time
December 1,8,15,21,22,28, and 29.

The theme for the tree is based on the main character of *FANCY NANCY* by Jane O'Connor from the Florida Reading Association Children's Book Award titles. Fancy Nancy is a young girl who loves fancy things and helps her family to be fancy for one special night. She's fun and little "over the top!" Be sure to check out the Reading Council's tree at the library.

You may also want to bring your kids to enjoy Children's Story Time where some of your Reading Council colleagues will participate as readers. Rumor has it that Fancy Nancy will make an appearance, so mark your calendars for this fun event.

Visit the Jacksonville Public Library's website or The Junior League of Jacksonville's website for more details. Most importantly show your support of literacy events in our community and plan to attend.

Kelli Heath,
Hospitality



The Herrold-Charbonnet Scholarship

Six scholarships will be awarded to eligible members of the Reading Council or their child. A \$250.00 scholarship will be awarded to six persons enrolled full-time in an accredited college or university, junior year or above in a degree seeking program. Two of those scholarships will be awarded according to IRA criteria, requiring the applicants to pursue an undergraduate degree in Education or Reading or a graduate degree in Reading. Scholarship applications are available online at www.duvalreadingcouncil.org.

Vicki Scott,
Scholarships/ Awards



Holiday Bags for Hubbard House

It's that time of year again. Yes, it's time to support our children of Hubbard House. Remember that most of these children arrive with only the clothes on their backs. Due to those circumstances, they have no personal items to call their very own.

Last year you gave so much the staff at Hubbard House had a difficult time storing all of those little bags. For that reason, we are asking that this year you try to fill your bag with only the listed items. This will also keep the bags equitable.

By the way, the bags may be used at different times of the year, not just at the holidays. These children arrive all year long, even on their birthdays.

You can help them by purchasing a medium-sized gift bag and filling it with toiletry items, word puzzles, games, pens, pencils, a small stuffed toy and BEST of all, a book.

Just bring your bag to the **November 8th** meeting. You are so giving and caring that I'm sure the Hubbard House children know that there are people who care for them from all over Jacksonville. **Thank-you for your help!!**

Candy Cole, Community Service Project



President's Message.....

There are so many things to value in our lives. Time, Talent and Treasure are among these. Our two meetings so far have been outstanding examples of time well-spent. The talent of our speakers has inspired, informed, and impressed us to stretch and grow as professional educators. No one will deny that there are many demands with time-constraints in our daily lives. For about 300 Duval County teachers, coaches, administrators, and educators-in-training, our last General Meeting was a remarkable display of just how dedicated they are to continuous learning opportunities, networking, and sharing *on their own time!* The treasures placed in gift bags for Hubbard House residents are yet again examples of how the generosity of our members overflows into the public sector, far beyond our classrooms. Filling a bookcase with various types of good books and literature to be given to a much-deserving Habijax family as they move into their new home is another way our members reach out with the gift of

literacy. There are several other community service projects forthcoming. Thank you for being a “treasure” in our organization as you participate at whatever level you are able. Please know that you are appreciated! We look forward to seeing each and every one of you at our next meeting on Nov. 8 for our next opportunity to grow together as educators and to share our gifts with others.

Lynette Weber
President

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