

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.6 **Dr. Roger Farr**
Sponsor: Joan Warrick Houghton Mifflin/Harcourt
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

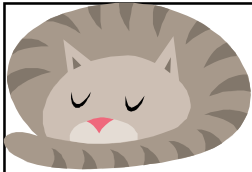
Thurs., Jan 29 **Dr. Alfred Tatum**
Sponsor: Pearson
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

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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Dr. Roger Farr

Dr. Roger Farr, Chancellor's Professor of Education and Director of the Center for Innovation and Assessment at Indiana University, is a former president of the International Reading Association. A teacher of kindergarten through graduate school, Dr. Farr has written numerous assessments, including both standardized tests and performance assessments. Among the standardized tests he has written or edited are the Iowa Silent Reading Tests and the Metropolitan Achievement Tests. Performance assessments he has developed include the Language Arts Performance Assessments. His most recent book is Portfolio and Performance Assessment: Helping Students Evaluate Their Progress as Readers and Writers.

Citation for outstanding lifetime contributions to the teaching of reading. In the same year, he was elected to the IRA Reading Hall of Fame, and in 1988 he was selected by the IRA as the Outstanding Reading Teacher Educator.

Dr. Farr is a senior author of Signatures and Treasury of Literature, K-8 reading programs from Harcourt Brace School Publishers, and he also serves as a special consultant to Harcourt Brace and Holt Rinehart, and Winston, Inc. on assessment and measurement. He received his B.S. in English Education, his M.S. in Secondary English Education, and his Ed.D. in Reading and Educational Psychology from the State University of New York.

In 1984, the IRA honored Dr. Farr with the William S. Gray

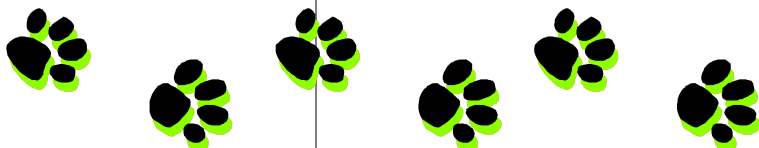
Scholarships!

We have scholarships of \$250 available. If you are completing graduate work, or have an immediate family member who is a junior level or above in college, you can apply! Applications are available on the website, or at our general session meetings. They must be completed and mailed to Vicki Scott by February 2009.

Applicants are only eligible to receive the scholarship one time

Newspapers in Education

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.



Community Outreach



FRA Children's Book Award

Have you ever visited a doctor's or dentist's office and wished there were some good books for young readers there? Would you like to help spread literacy around Jacksonville? If you have some duplicates in your classroom library or if you would like to purchase a copy of one of your favorite books, we have a plan. Bring your book ('s) to the next Duval County Reading Council meeting and receive a sticker with our reading council mascot, *Reading*, the travel cat, to put inside the book. By placing these 'traveling' books around the city we can promote our reading council and expose our children to good literature at the same time. Yes, they will be worn, but we show books they are loved by wearing them out. Help us show Jacksonville that our reading council is ready to show young children that they are important. Bring in your books and then help us distribute them around the city. Stickers can also be picked up at the next DCRC meeting in November. Let's help our cat, Travel, spread reading around Jacksonville!

Florida Reading Association's 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
Wolf

by Leslie Helakoski
& Ian Beck

Winston the Book

by Marni McGee

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

Goey Jellyfish

by Natalie Lunis

Emma's Turtle

by Eve Bunting



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President's Message.....

The cool weather is here! With it comes the promise of relaxing times spent with friends in fellowship, sharing good times together. This is the perfect time to invite a friend or colleague to join us at Reading Council or invite a friend who has retired to come join us again. The quality of our speakers thus far has been exceptional. Scott Miller opened our eyes a new way of improving writing from a 3 to a 6 in just five minutes a day. Dr. Hiebert shared the knowledge of the 5,000 most important vocabulary words for student success in reading and testing. What great insights will Dr. Farr bring to our next meeting?

While we are sharing with our colleagues, why not spread the message of Reading Council through literacy? Reading, the cat, would like you to share books with children and adults around Jacksonville. Candy Cole has stickers you can place in your "extra" books. Just leave a good book in your favorite restaurant, doctors' office or any other waiting area. The sticker introduces Reading Council, asks the reader to enjoy the book and pass it on when they are finished.

Remember that we are also sharing our message with those unfortunate enough to need the services of our local shelters during the year. In addition to the goodies that a child in distress may need, include a good book!

Reading and I hope to see YOU and many gift bags for the shelters at our next meeting.



Susan Lauzon
President

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Look for speaker notes and other important information on the website. You can access Reading Council newsletters and other council information on our website at duvalreadingcouncil.org?

It's worth checking out.