

# ***The Reading Edge***

*The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council*

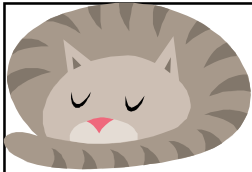
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[duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://duvalreadingcouncil.org)

## **Duval County Reading Council 2008-2009 Meeting Calendar**

### **General Membership Meetings**

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| <b>Thurs., Sept 11th</b>       | <b>Scott Miller-The Six Traits of Effective Writing</b><br>Sponsor Nick Ewan- Harcourt<br>Location: Schultz Center<br>Time: 6:00 P.M. |
| <b>Thurs., Oct. 9</b>          | Dr. Heibert<br>Sponsor: Mychelle Williamson-Pearson<br>Location: Schultz Center<br>Time: 4:00 P.M.                                    |
| <b>Thurs., Nov. 6</b>          | Roger Farr<br>Sponsor: Joan Warrick -Houghton-Mifflin<br>Location: Schultz Center<br>Time: 6:00 P.M.                                  |
| <b>Thurs., Jan 8th or 29th</b> | <b>TBA</b><br>Sponsor:<br>Location: Schultz Center<br>Time: 6:00 P.M.   |
| <b>Thurs., Feb</b>             | <b>TBA</b><br>Sponsor: TBA<br>Location: Schultz Center<br>Time: 6:00 P.M.   |
| <b>Thurs., April</b>           | <b>Installation</b><br>Location: Schultz Center<br>Time: 6:00 P.M.  |



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## Dr. Hiebert

**Elfrieda (Freddy) H. Hiebert** is Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Education at the University of California, Berkeley. Professor Hiebert has been a classroom teacher and a university-based educator for over 40 years and has published over 130 research articles, chapters, and books on how instruction and materials influence reading acquisition, particularly that of low-income students. Professor Hiebert's model of accessible texts for beginning and struggling readers—TE<sub>x</sub>T—has been used to develop widely used reading programs.

<http://www.textproject.org/about>



### Literacy Project

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 October 9<sup>th</sup> or November meetings. You are so giving and caring that we are 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



### 100% Schools

School  
Henry F. Kite  
Sheffield Elementary  
Abbess Park  
Chaffee Trail  
Rutledge H. Pearson  
Southside Methodist Pre-School  
Venetia Elementary  
Holiday Hill Elementary  
Wesconnett

Building Rep  
Alice Smith  
Donna Ayers  
Pat Laurence  
Brian Harvell  
Bonnie Coass  
Linda Primm  
Mary Perren  
Rita Harb  
Rebecca (Becky) Dobson

Donna James and John James, Membership Development

# What's in Your Book Bag?



## FRA Children's Book

*Comprehension Connections* by Tanny McGregor  
ISBN 13: 978-0-325-00887-5 Heinemann

Class rolls have been checked, routines and procedures have been established, and yes, classes have begun! Now it's time for a fresh book on your nightstand. *Comprehension Connections* is just the book you need to add to your professional library! In this short but powerful book, Tanny McGregor gives teachers lesson ideas on how to make comprehension strategies real and meaningful to children. By using an old bedroom slipper to teach inferring and her purse to model determining importance, McGregor shows us how real world objects can aid teachers in the area of comprehension.

Chapter titles include:

- Bridge Building 101
  - Metacognition: It's the Thought That Counts
  - Schema: Your Own World Wide Web
  - Inferring: Not Just Anybody's Guess
  - Questioning: Fuel for Thought
  - Determining Importance: Under the Big Top
  - Visualizing: See for Yourself
- Synthesizing: Keep the Change

Happy reading!

Michelle Stinson

2007 Duval County Teacher of the Year  
Henry F. Kite Elementary

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](http://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



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

You will find your updated  
monthly newsletter on the web at

### Duval County Reading Council

2008-2009



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Posi-  
tion \_\_\_\_\_

School Name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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

Former school name \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

## President's Message.....

The Fall weather has arrived. The cool breezes offer us a change of pace and so does Reading Council. Our next general meeting will be on October 9<sup>th</sup> at the Schultz Center. We will begin registration at 3:30 and the meeting will be from 4:00 to 6:00. We will welcome Dr. Elfrieda Hiebert as our special guest speaker. She brings something for everyone. Her work includes supporting students who depend on schools to be literate, early reading acquisition, and she will just have finished a presentation on Math, Science, and Social Studies – a focus on English Language Learners in the Middle Schools at Minneapolis, MN. Her presentation should be beneficial to all.

Remember our website is your key to many resources. You can view the latest events sponsored by the International Reading Association (IRA) and our own Florida Reading Association (FRA). We will soon have the PowerPoint presentation from our last speaker Scott Miller- *6 Traits of Writing*. This month our newsletter is available online. This will help us to go GREEN. You should receive an announcement about upcoming meetings and speakers at your school site throughout the year. They will be on GREEN paper.

We are starting a membership drive to invite people who have retired to join us at Reading Council for fellowship, fun, and learning. As teachers we are always “life long learners”. We hope you will surprise a friend who has retired with a membership.

In closing I would like to apologize to our members of the Jewish faith. We hope you can forgive our oversight in planning this year. It was not our intent to plan our meeting date on Yom Kippur. We understand that this is a high holy day for you and your family. We will strive to put in place policies that will prevent this oversight in the future. For those who are concerned about master plan points we will offer points this year for our last meeting. The presentation will be an interactive experience in the genre “MYSTERY”.

Reading the Cat will be looking to see if you can guess his new location.

Remember Reading is Your Pawspport to Success!

*Susan Lauzon*

*President*



## New Literacy Project

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/books 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 we are ready to show young children that they are important. Bring in your books and then help us distribute them around the city



Be sure to check out our website [www.duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://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.