

The Reading Edge

The Newsletter of the Duval County Reading Council

September 2009

duvalreadingcouncil.org

Duval County Reading Council 2009-2010 Meeting Calendar

General Membership Meetings: Please visit the website for updates on the upcoming programs.

Thurs., September 24th

William Brozo
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Sponsored by Mary Farley Cox
Pearson Scott Foresman Publishing

Thurs., October 22nd

Jeanette Beninati
Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Sponsored by Mychelle Williamson
Pearson School

Thurs., November 19

Location: Schultz Center
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Special Events

**Florida Reading Association Conference
September 10th through 13th**

DUVAL COUNTY
READING COUNCIL
BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
2008 - 2009

PRESIDENT
Jill Newhouse

VICE PRESIDENT
Alice Smith

VICE PRESIDENT-ELECT
Lisa Wells

RECORDING SECRETARY
Bonnie Coss

CORRESPONDING SECRETARY
Anne Howard

TREASURER
John James

MEMBERSHIP RECORDS
Nancy Laszlo

MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Donna James

NEWSLETTER
Kimberly Vilagi

WEBMASTER
Tiffany Cauthen

LITERACY
Candy Cole

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Sheila Beaupre

NEWSPAPER IN EDUCATION
Barbara Hodges

HISTORIAN
Sandra Pruitt

SCHOLARSHIPS/AWARDS
Vicki Scott

HOSPITALITY
Kelli Heath

SECONDARY SCHOOLS LIAISON
Dama Dunnington

BY-LAWS
Cora Reed

FRA CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD
Anne Draper

NOMINATING &
FRA DISTRICT DIRECTOR, AREA V
Denise N. Pedro

LEGISLATIVE LIAISON
Katy Kearson

PAST PRESIDENT
Sue Lauzon



September's Guest Speaker

William G. Brozo is a Professor of Literacy in the Graduate School of Education at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia. He earned his bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina and his master's and doctorate from the University of South

Carolina. He has taught reading and language arts in junior and senior high school in the Carolinas. He is the author of numerous articles on literacy development for children and young adults. His books include *To Be a Boy, To Be a Reader: Engaging Teen and Preteen Boys in Active Literacy* (International Reading Association); *Readers, Teachers, Learners: Expanding Literacy Across the Content Areas* (Merrill/Prentice Hall); *Content Literacy for Today's Adolescents: Honoring Diversity and Building Competence* (Merrill/Prentice Hall); *Principled Practices for Adolescent Literacy: A Framework for Instruction and Policy* (Erlbaum); *50 Content Area Strategies for Adolescent Literacy* (Merrill/Prentice Hall); and *Setting the Pace: A Speed, Comprehension and Study Skills Program* (Merrill). His newest books, *Supporting Content Area Literacy with Technology: Meeting the Needs of Diverse Learners*, and *The Adolescent Literacy Inventory*, are forthcoming by Allyn and Bacon. Dr. Brozo is also an author/consultant for *Jamestown Reading Navigator*, a program for struggling adolescent readers. He serves on the editorial review boards of the *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Reading Research and Instruction* and the *Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy*. He co-edits/writes "Content Literacy," a column for *The Reading Teacher* and also writes a column for RWCT's *Thinking Classroom* entitled "Strategic Moves." Dr. Brozo is a past member of IRA's Commission on Adolescent Literacy and current member of the Adolescent Literacy Committee and

Bring your pennies to the next meeting!!

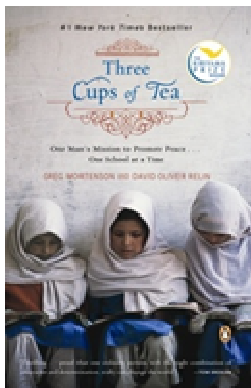


The Florida Reading Association and the Duval County Reading Council are launching a new service project for the 2009-2010 school year-**Pennies for Peace**. **Pennies for Peace**, a

program of the 501(c)3 non-profit organization, Central Asia Institute, was founded by Greg Mortenson. Greg is the co-founder and executive director of Central Asia Institute, and co-author of the #1 NY Times Best-seller, *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace, One School At A Time*. This story recounts the journey that led Greg Mortenson, from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan's K2 mountain to successfully establish dozens of schools, and promote girls' education in rural Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Pennies collected are used to build schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan to give children access to education where it never existed before. The foundation has successfully built 78

schools. To read more about **Pennies for Peace** and to review classroom



Community Service Project

Special thanks to all of you who contributed books to *Reading*, our traveling cat's, book box last year. *Reading* promoted reading throughout Duval County during the 2008-09 school year. When the year ended the 70+ new or gently used books donated by you were distributed throughout the county. It was difficult to decide where to donate, but *Reading* had places in mind. He thought of the *purrfect* place many children go when they are feeling sad or hurt. That's right! Your contributions now reside in urgent care centers across Duval County, as well as Nemours, and the Ronald McDonald House. The label inside each book tells parents that the book was given by the Duval County Reading Council. Our website is also listed so parents can easily learn more about you who are making a difference in the lives of children each and every day. I can tell you that even the most stressed looking office worker had a smile on her face when I told her that the DCRC wanted to donate books to their waiting room. Most even said, "What a great idea!" If you were unable to donate last year, don't worry. We plan to begin all over again. As you know nothing looks worse than a well loved book. I'm sure these books will be loved to shreds and will need to be replaced yearly. Thanks again for your support!! Our Duval County Reading Council has the most giving members!

Candy Cole



Scholarships Available

Each year the Duval County Reading Council provides scholarships to members who are pursuing a graduate degree or to members who have a child who is at the junior level or above in college. These Harrold-Charbonnet scholarships of \$250 are awarded in the spring. You may find the application online at the Reading Council Website. Eligible applicants may only receive the scholarship once.

President's Message for August and September

I feel as though in June, I must have boarded a time-travel machine that dropped me off in August in the blink of an eye. Summer seemed to rocket by as I enjoyed reading several books for pleasure (I highly recommend Jane Hamilton's The Book of Ruth) and excitedly began making plans for the 2009-2010 school year.

Our theme for Duval County Reading Council this year is "Literacy: the Final Frontier". If there are any "Trekkies" out there, you might recognize the catchphrase. I chose this theme thinking that as we embark upon a school year where we will see the calendar flip to 2010, it all sounds very futuristic to me. I also know that many of us have been in this profession long enough to observe how our teaching has evolved with ever-changing technology. We need to dedicate ourselves to integrating technology with our instruction to keep pace with our students who are digital "natives". I believe powerful literacy instruction that meets the needs of all of our learners truly is a final frontier. Despite classrooms with dedicated literacy professionals, cutting-edge technology and research-based best practices, we still have students that are not literate in the critical ways they must be to compete in this 21st century workforce. So we're still searching for the ways to best meet our students' needs. We are still explorers in this frontier called literacy.

Jill Newhouse
President

The Reading Edge Duval County Reading Council



Did you know you can access Reading Council newsletters and other council information on our website at duvalreadingcouncil.org? It's worth checking out.