



Newsletter

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CO-PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As this year comes to a close for Capital Reading Council, I am very proud of the work that our council has accomplished! CRC provided many educators with valuable professional development opportunities.

We partnered with Franklin Council and Shippensburg University to plan and sponsor a workshop on writing.

Community service was strong with book giveaways at Friendly's and a Hershey Bear's hockey game, as well as our "Inspire Young Minds" program.

We celebrated our 50th Anniversary of promoting literacy in our schools and communities. The smiles, thanks and hugs that were given by the children and educators we served make all the work worth it!

As you look forward to the warm summer days, please take time to stop and think about all of the people, young and old, that you have touched through your service to education and literacy this past year!

I hope you will plan on staying active and becoming even more involved as a member of CRC/KSRA in the year to come!

Jill McPherson
Co-President

UPCOMING EVENTS SNEAK PEEK

2017-2018 Calendar of Events Theme

The Capital Reading Council is busy planning events for next year.

Here is a sneak peek at what we will be doing!

Fall 2017	Online Book Study “Quality Talks” Event
Winter 2017/18	Friendly’s Fundraiser Gift Wrapping for UCP Online Webinar Shippensburg Event
Spring 2018	Regional Event—Author Panel

***Don’t Forget to Bring Your PPID Number!**

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NEWS FROM MEMBERSHIP

A Change in Directors from Julie Evanish to Anne Hartzfeld

After serving as the Membership Director for the Capital Reading Council for the past several years, I have decided, now that I am retired, it is time to pass the reins to someone new. I will continue to assist with the Pre-school portion of the Keystone to Reading Book Awards selection.

I am pleased to inform you that Anne Hartzfeld has graciously volunteered to take on the role of Membership Director. Anne has previously served as Capital Reading Council's Governmental Relations representative which became Literacy Advocacy. Michael Williams will be taking over that role.

Anne is a Reading Specialist who works for The Capital Area Intermediate Unit's Aid to Non-Public Schools. She services 9-12th graders at Bishop McDevitt HS. Prior to this, she taught elementary students, and then served teachers as an elementary and secondary literacy coach.

Anne has been a member of the Capital Reading Council for many years but her passion for promoting literacy, especially by providing all children access to books, prompted her decision to become actively involved in the work of the council. She looks forward to encouraging others to join the cause and share in the rewarding satisfaction that comes from making a difference.

I wish Anne all the best in her new role. If you have any questions about membership or how to become more involved you may contact Anne at anne.hartzfeld@gmail.com.

THOUGHTS FROM OUR MEMBERS

WHAT CRC MEMBERS HAD TO SAY ABOUT THIS SPRING'S EVENTS

Reading Students in Poverty—BethAnn McCain, April 8th:

"Dr. McCain did a good job maintaining listener attention and participation." RK

"Great ideas to implement in my classroom." HD

Formative Assessment in Writing Workshop—Lynne Dorfmann and Diane Dougherty, March 25th:

"I really enjoyed the workshop! The information and knowledge you offered was valuable, realistic, and easy to understand. Thank you!" ER

"I think this was great. I am excited to take this back to my school to help with writer's workshop. Thank you!" SW

"Very good ideas and great strategies to be able to use in the classroom! Super helpful!" AB

CRC'S INSPIRE YOUNG MINDS PROJECT

BY JILL MCPHERSON

CRC's "Inspire Young Minds" program included 19 centers in Dauphin and Cumberland counties using the Preschool Books for the Keystone to Reading Book Awards. Three book sets were rotated through the centers from October 2016 through February 2017. We had 616 children listen to seven great picture books and then vote for their favorite! Our biggest vote winner was Who Wants Broccoli? which ended up receiving the KSRA Preschool level award. At the conclusion of the program the book sets were donated to eight of the participating centers. Thank you to Kiwanis Club of Harrisburg for purchasing the five additional book sets for donation. The staff at the centers were very grateful and excited to have these great books to add to their libraries. This means that these wonderful books will continued to be enjoyed by children in those centers for years to come. I actually received hugs as well as many words of thanks!

KEYSTONE TO READING BOOK AWARD WINNERS

Preschool—Who Wants Broccoli? by Val Jones

Primary—Simon's New Bed by Christian Turner

Intermediate—Tucky Jo and Little Heart by Patricia Polacco

Middle School—The Thing About Jellyfish by Ali Benjamin

High School—Stranded by Melinda Braun

*Check <http://ksrapa.org/awards-of-recognition/awards-for-students/> to find information about the 2017-2018 nominees and how to participate!

ILA AWARDS

Capital Reading Council has earned Honor Council again this year from the International Literacy Association. Also, Capital Reading Council received third place for Outstanding Community Service Project. This award was given for our Inspire Young Minds program in which we circulate book sets of the Keystone to Reading book award books to local preschools. The preschools read the books to the children and the children vote for their favorite one. These votes are tabulated and sent to the KSRA committee chairs. Our program targets preschool and daycare facilities that have one (1) or two (2) stars, which is a lower rating in the STARS program. Our book award program helps centers to move up to a three (3) or four (4) rating. The awards will be given out at the annual ILA Conference this coming July.

STUDENTS IN POVERTY

Dr. Bethann McCain presented about supporting literacy efforts for students living in poverty at Hampden Elementary on April 8th. Bethann is a past president of the Keystone State Reading Association and currently works as a curriculum director for Central IU 10. Her presentation was informative and could have been longer given all the information that she had to share with attendees. Reading Matters was on hand to sell books to educators. This event was well attended and free of charge to members and nonmembers.

NEW EDUCATOR GRANTS

Capital Reading Council awarded three book grants to deserving teachers on April 8th at Hampden Elementary School. The award recipients were: Molly Miller (Harrisburg School District), Jillian Albert (Cumberland Valley School District), and Heather Ryan (East Pennsboro Area School District). Molly, Heather, and Jillian were able to purchase \$50 worth of books for their classrooms for being recognized for promoting literacy among the students in their classrooms. All three educators also were given a complimentary membership in Capital Reading Council and the Keystone State Reading Association for one year. The New Educator Grants are given in memory of Nancy Edwards and Jerry Alito.

CRC BOOK STUDY—*THE WRITING STRATEGIES BOOK*

We are currently holding a book study blog for [The Writing Strategies Book](#) by Jennifer Serravallo. Each week a different member posts a discussion question about the chapter. The other members can then respond with their ideas. If you would like to join us or just want to stop by and see what people are saying, check out our blog at <http://capitalreading.weebly.com/professional-book-blog/getting-started>.

