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## ***FROM THE PRESIDENT***



Dear MSC-IRA Members,

### **Is It Summer Yet?**

If, like me, you spend most of your time in the classroom, you have heard this question at least a hundred times since March in its more common form, “how many weeks till school’s out?” Students, teachers, administrators, parents—we are all anxious for summer.

Teachers go into, “summer mode.” This isn’t exactly the three-month vacation many people think we take. This is a time when every teacher I know reflects on the past year and plans a better next year. In addition, many of us work summer jobs or take classes. Summer is a time we can focus our attention on becoming better teachers and, just maybe, sneak in a little rest and relaxation.

Like their teachers, students don’t necessarily “goof off” all summer. Some attend summer school, band camps, athletic camps, enrichment classes, work summer jobs and experience other opportunities to do something different than they do during the academic year. Hopefully, their days are a little more relaxed, include some fun, and help them recharge their mental and emotional batteries.

Even in summer, administrators still have to deal with students in summer school, hiring staff, planning and providing professional development, and making sure the building is as comfortable and safe as it can be when everyone returns in August.

Parents have a little more stress to deal with during the summer. They must worry about what they are going to do over the summer to keep their kids busy and safe while they work. Hopefully, they will have some vacation time together as a family.

As members of our local and state council, each of us probably has some specific thoughts about summer. First and foremost, mine is of summer leadership. Lou Sears is already working hard to provide us with the information and tools we need to have a successful year with our local council. Summer is a difficult time to get together with so much going on in our lives, but on June 16th you can be sure that we’ll have a great day together and well worth the sacrifice of a summer Saturday. Please mark your calendars now and plan to attend.

Have a wonderful summer, and I hope to see all you local leaders on Saturday, June 16th, at the Columbia Inn in Columbia, Missouri!

*Submitted by Clover Noack, MSC-IRA President*  
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## ***FROM THE COORDINATOR***

It's hard to believe that it's almost the end of another school year! I'm sure everyone is ready for some time to relax and to recuperate.

For all you Local Council Leaders - we hope you include Missouri IRA's Summer Leadership in your plans for June! We are hard at work planning a fun-filled workshop loaded with lots of valuable information for all local leaders. Mark your calendars for June 16<sup>th</sup> at the Columbia Inn-Best Western in Columbia, Missouri. More information will be coming to all Local Council Presidents by mail.

The following councils successfully completed all requirements for International's Honor Council. The councils were honored during the Council Awards Ceremony at the IRA Annual Convention on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Independence Council (23 years)  
Lee's Summit Council (24 years)  
Northwest Missouri Council (11 years)  
Springfield Council (25 years)  
St. Louis Suburban Council (23 years)

The following councils successfully completed all requirements for the Show-Me Award. Councils were honored at the March Board Meeting.

Independence Council  
Jasper County  
Lee's Summit Council  
Northwest Missouri Council  
Springfield Council  
St. Louis Suburban Council

Congratulations to all the Councils who worked hard for Honor Council and for the Show-Me Award! We celebrate your success!

*Submitted by Lou Sears  
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## ***MEMBERSHIP DEVELOPMENT***

This past year has not been an easy one as everyone adjusts to submitting membership in MSC/IRA and the local councils on the web site. A big thanks to all of you who have worked so hard to make this new system effective. As the new membership year begins, familiarity with the process and some modifications should help us be more efficient in getting members in each council recorded and verified with the correct address—both e-mail and mailing—for the year.

It is suggested that councils schedule their first meeting of the year at a school where members can use the computer lab to enroll/renew their membership at that meeting. Members should return the form printed from the computer at that time to their local council's Membership Director along with their check for dues.

The local council Membership Director will change the member from "pending" and complete membership for each member who has paid their dues. The Membership Director/Treasurer should then forward a list of the names of new/renewing members to Barbara Hiles, Director of Membership Development for the state, along with a check for the state dues. The check will be forwarded to the State Treasurer. If the Pay Pal method of payment is used, the State Treasurer will forward this information along with a check for the local council dues to the local council Membership Director and also the names to the Director of Membership Development.

A complete list of instructions was given to the Membership Directors at the March meeting. It included a new membership form which included all the information needed if someone other than the applicant was entering the membership on the website. Also included were Directions for Treasurers for Handling Membership Dues. If anyone needs these items, please e-mail Barbara Hiles, Director of Membership ([bhiles24@msn.com](mailto:bhiles24@msn.com)) and they will be forwarded to you.

Best wishes for a successful membership year in your local council.

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**TIPS** **TREASURER**

Greetings and Happy Spring!

I'm sure all of you are busy with your end of the year tasks and preparation for summer. But even now, envisioning the return of the fall and beginning of the school year will help you organize for expanding your council when that new school year arrives. To become more efficient seems to be on the heart of every educator! That's why I'd like to encourage you to encourage your new and existing members to take advantage of the online membership sign-up that is available! What an efficient way to save time, paperwork and postage.

Also, for the end of the year and in preparation for new treasurers to take their roles, be sure to have everything organized to pass on. When I took my position as treasurer, the former treasurer, Marie Puett, was available to answer the questions I had. What an easy transition it was for me knowing she was willing to answer my questions! She also put together a document of questions she anticipated I would have. Now that's organized!

Considering e-mail as an alternative contact method is also a great way to keep in touch with your members. Sometimes a little preplanning will save a lot of work!

Treasurers, thanks for your hard work this year. We, the state board, appreciate all of you!

Have a relaxing summer and grab that good book you've wanted to read!

*Submitted by Kit Blake  
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**COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD**

**Deadline Approaching**

The Community Service Award application deadline has been extended to June 30th.

The MSC would like to recognize councils for their efforts in encouraging literacy in the community! The winning council will receive \$200.

Whether your council's Community Service Project has given the community books, provided storytimes, conducted parent/adult programs, assembled preschool packages, or other projects; share your ideas! Just complete the application and submit it! The work is done and it is time to report how your council has contributed in your community!

The guidelines and application are readily available at [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org). Click on "Awards and Grants," then "Form" beside Community Service Award. Print, complete, and submit by June 30th!

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**CALL FOR RESEARCH PROJECTS  
FOR THE  
MSC-IRA RESEARCH IN READING AWARD  
GUIDELINES FOR THE 2007 AWARD YEAR**

You are invited to share your research with the rest of the SHOW-ME State. Guidelines and directions to apply for the MSC-IRA Research in Reading Award are posted below. The MSC-IRA Research in Reading Award is awarded annually to the member who designs and carries out research focused on reading, writing, spelling or any other aspect of literacy.

**Eligible Projects:**

- All applicants must be members of the Missouri State Reading Council.
- Studies may be undertaken using various research approaches or methods, including teacher-research or action research.
- Studies conducted in conjunction with advanced degrees (Masters, Specialist, or Doctorate) are eligible.
- Projects developing new programs or instructional materials are not eligible.

**Deadline:**

Applications must be postmarked by October 15, 2007.

**Mail Application to:**

Dr. Willie Edwards  
Missouri Southern State University  
Department of Teacher Education  
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Joplin, MO 64801  
edwards-w@mssu.edu

**Preparing Your Application for Submission:**

Applications should include a cover sheet with title, name, address, telephone number, email address, and local council. Description of your research project should be single-spaced and not exceed five typed pages. The description must include:

- 1) Approximately 250-word abstract describing the project;
- 2) Topic, research questions or problems studied;
- 3) Rationale for the study and relationship to existing body of research or previous findings;
- 4) Methodology (action research, case study, survey, etc.);
- 5) Grade levels or level focused on by study;
- 6) Results of study; and
- 7) Implications of study on practice or research; (describe what Populations will benefit.

**Review Procedures:**

Applications will be reviewed by the members of the MSC-IRA Committee on Studies and Research in Reading. Evaluations of proposals are conducted as a blind-review. The winner will be notified no later than October 30<sup>th</sup> 2007 by e-mail. The winning researcher(s) will be recognized for his or her work at the Awards Luncheon during the 2007 MSC-IRA Fall Conference.

Your research proposal will be evaluated on the following criteria:

- Significance of topic and research questions.....4
- Rationale for research .....4
- Adequacy of methods .....5
- Significance of project impact .....4
- Clarity and specificity .....3

All areas will be ranked from 1 (low) to 5 (high) and multiplied by the weights above.

**Questions?**

Please contact Dr. Willie Edwards at 417-625-9626 or [edwards-w@mssu.edu](mailto:edwards-w@mssu.edu) if you have any questions or need technical assistance in preparing your application.

***FROM THE EDITOR***

Another school year has ended and another MSC-IRA Spring Newsletter has been published. We hope that you have benefited from receiving the newsletter as part of you membership with MSC-IRA.

We are still having some problems with members receiving the newsletter via their email. It would be helpful if the membership chairs in each council would send to me a list of members who are not receiving the newsletters. We are trying to correct this problem, but are unsure of why it is happening. We encourage members to go to the website ([www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org)) and double check their email for its accuracy. If a member has difficulty getting into the website, email Lou Sears ([lousears@hotmail.com](mailto:lousears@hotmail.com)) and she will change it for you.

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**MARK TWAIN AWARD 2006-07 WINNERS**

1st place – Kehret, Peg. *Abduction*

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Hahn, Mary Downing. *The Old Willis Place*

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Seidler, Tor. *Toes*

**MARK TWAIN AWARD NOMINEES 2007-08**

Amato, Mary. *Naked Mole-Rat Letters*. **Holiday House**.  
GL 3rd-6th RL 4.6.

Auch, M. J. *Wing Nut*. **Henry Holt**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 6.3.

Barrett, Tracy. *On Etruscan Time*. **Henry Holt**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 5.5.

Broach, Elise. *Shakespeare's Secret*. **Henry Holt**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 6.1

Butler, Dori Hillestad. *Do You Know The Monkey Man*.  
Peachtree.  
GL 5th-8th RL 5.8

Clements, Andrew. *Lunch Money*. **Simon and Schuster**.  
GL 3rd-6th RL 5.4

Haddix, Margaret Peterson. *Double Identity*. **Simon and Schuster**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 5.8

Hobbs, Valerie. *Defiance*. **Farrar and Straus**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 5.8

Madden, Kerry. *Gentle's Holler*. **Penguin**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 6.1

Patneau, David. *Deadly Drive*. **A Whitman**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 4.3

Park, Linda Sue. *Project Mulberry*. **Clarion**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 4.8

Pearson, Ridley. *Kingdom Keepers*. **Hyperion**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 6.0

Riordan, Rick. *Lightning Thief*. **Hyperion**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 4.9

Schmidt, Gary. *First Boy*. **Henry Holt**.  
YA

Smith, Roland. *Cryptid Hunters*. **Hyperion**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 6.8

White, Ruth. *Search for Belle Prater*. **Farrar and Strauss**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 5.3

Wiles, Deborah. *Each little bird that sings*. **Harcourt**.  
GL 3rd-6th RL 4.0

Wilson, Diane Lee. *Black Storm Comin'*. **Simon and Schuster**.  
GL 5th-8th RL 6.7

Woodworth, Chris. *When Ratboy Lived Next Door*.  
**Farrar and Strauss**.

**SHOW ME AWARD WINNERS 2006-07**

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Schaefer, Lola. *Arrowhawk*

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – DiPucchio, Kelly. *Bed Hogs*

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Newman, Leslea. *Best Cat in the World*

**SHOW ME AWARD NOMINEES 2007-08**

Armstrong, Jennifer. *Magnus at the Fire*

Birtha, Becky. *Grandmama's Pride*

Crimi, Carolyn. *Henry and the Buccaneer Bunnies*

Hinkes, Enid. *Police Cat*

Mills, Claudia. *Ziggy's Blue Ribbon Day*

Palatini, Margie. *Three Silly Billies*

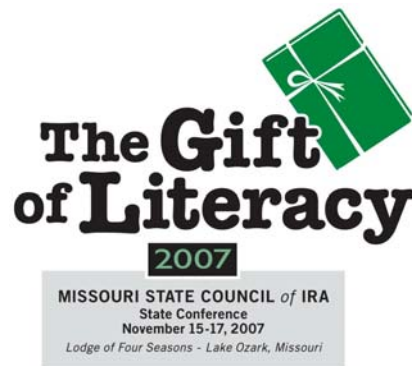
Stevens, Janet and Susan Stevens Cummel. *Great Fuzzy Frenzy*

Stroud, Bettye. *Patchword Path: A Quilt Map to Freedom*

Uhlberg, Myron. *Dad, Jackie, and Me*

Winter, Jonah. *Roberto Clemente*

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## Everyone is Coming-Are You?

Conference News and Updates

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Where are you going to be on November 15 -17, 2007? Everyone who is anyone will be attending the Missouri State Council's 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, *The Gift of Literacy*. A special collection of powerful keynote speakers and featured presenters will join us at The Lodge of Four Seasons for professional development, motivation, and entertainment.

Linda Hoyt	<a href="http://www.lindahoyt.com">www.lindahoyt.com</a>
Mike Artell	<a href="http://www.mikeartell.com">www.mikeartell.com</a>
Frank Serafini	<a href="http://www.frankserafini.com">http://www.frankserafini.com</a>
Gary Dulabaum	<a href="http://www.maupinhouse.com/dulabaum.php">www.maupinhouse.com/dulabaum.php</a>
Roland Smith (Friday Banquet)	<a href="http://www.rolandsmith.com">www.rolandsmith.com</a>
Marie Smith	<a href="http://www.sleepingbearpress.com/authors_illustrators/smith.htm">http://www.sleepingbearpress.com/authors_illustrators/smith.htm</a>
Kirby Larson	<a href="http://www.kirbylarson.com">www.kirbylarson.com</a>
Mary Casanova (Saturday Luncheon)	<a href="http://www.marycasanova.com">www.marycasanova.com</a>
Ard Hoyt (Saturday Luncheon)	<a href="http://www.hachettebookgroupusa.com/authors">http://www.hachettebookgroupusa.com/authors</a>
Jacque McTaggart	<a href="http://www.theteachersdesk.com">www.theteachersdesk.com</a>
David Harrison	<a href="http://mowrites4kids.drury.edu/authors/harrison/">http://mowrites4kids.drury.edu/authors/harrison/</a>

The key to our successful conferences is you! Please accept this invitation to present at *The Gift of Literacy* and share your effective teaching strategies. Share how you have implemented a literature circle, manage centers, and incorporate reading strategies across curriculums. Are you utilizing Readers Workshop? Are you managing a Four Block program? How are you preparing your students to be successful on the MAP? Please come share your *Gift of Literacy*.

Another key to the conference's success is **you attending** *The Gift of Literacy*! One of the biggest impacts of the conference is being able to dialogue with other educators across the state. Don't miss the opportunity to be with everyone who is anyone. Register today for the MSC-IRA 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, *The Gift of Literacy*.

Both Call for Proposal and Conference Registration forms can be found in this Newsletter or by visiting our website [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org). See you at The Lodge!

**CALL FOR PROGRAM PROPOSALS**Missouri State Council of the International Reading Association 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference**Lodge of Four Seasons****Lake Ozark, Missouri****November 15 - 17, 2007****“The Gift of Literacy”****1. Person submitting proposal**Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Institutional Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ Position/Title \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Address is \_\_\_\_\_ Home \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (H) \_\_\_\_\_

(City) (State) (Zip)

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (W) \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of IRA and my membership # is \_\_\_\_\_ I am not a member at this time. \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council \_\_\_\_\_ I am/am not a member. \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Presenter(s)** List on an attached page names of colleagues who will be presenting with you. Include biographical information about all presenters that may be used by the chairperson when making introductions.**3. Title of Presentation** (As you want it to appear on the program.) \_\_\_\_\_**4. Description** (In 20-25 words, describe your presentation as you want it to appear in the program.) \_\_\_\_\_**5. Presentation Summary** Please attach a brief program summary that in 250 words or less addresses the following:

A. Objectives B. Content of the Presentation C. Methods of Presenting (lecture, discussion, hands-on, etc.)

**6. Topics** Please indicate the topic(s) of your proposal.

_____ Assessment	_____ Family Literacy	_____ Technology Literacy
_____ Adolescent/Adult Literacy	_____ Multicultural Topics	_____ Reading/Writing Technology
_____ Balanced Literacy	_____ Parent Involvement	_____ Phonics/Phonemic Awareness
_____ Content Area Study Skills	_____ Poetry	_____ Literature Study
_____ Emergent Literacy	_____ Reading Strategies	_____ Integration/Thematic Study

**7. Appropriate Grade Levels**

_____ Early Childhood	_____ Primary	_____ Intermediate
_____ Middle School	_____ High School	_____ Teacher Education
_____ Adult Education		

**8. Intended Audience**

_____ Classroom Teachers	_____ Reading Teachers	_____ Administrators/Supervisors
_____ Special Education Teachers	_____ Librarians/Media S	specialists _____ Parents
_____ Teacher Educators		

**9. Please assign a chair for my session** \_\_\_\_\_ or my chairperson will be \_\_\_\_\_.**10. Presentation Preference** If possible, please schedule my presentation: I have no day/time preference. \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Friday, November 16th, A.M. \_\_\_\_\_ Friday, November 16th, P.M.

\_\_\_\_\_ Saturday, November 17th, A.M.

**11. I will need** an overhead projector. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No (All other equipment must be provided by presenters.)**12. If you plan to use music** in your presentation, please list separately titles of all musical scores.

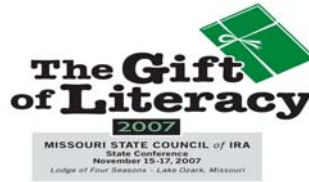
Copyright requirements mandate this information be sent to IRA headquarters.

**13. I understand that I must register and pay conference fees by October 15, 2007.****14. Please mail proposal postmarked by August 1, 2007 to:**

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**The Gift of Literacy**

Missouri State Council  
of International Reading  
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41st Annual Conference  
The Lodge of Four Seasons  
Lake Ozark, Missouri



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**REGISTRATION FORM**

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

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

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

IRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Local Council \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

On Membership Card or IRA Journal

Full-time Student Institution \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_

- ( ) Please check if, under the Americans with Disabilities Act, you require specific aids/services during the conference.
- ( ) Please specify if you require any special dietary considerations.

**REGISTRATION FEES**

**FULL CONFERENCE:** (Includes Thursday General Session I, all Friday & Saturday sessions and exhibits,

**MEAL FUNCTIONS NOT INCLUDED**

IRA Members \$125.00	Full-time Students \$65.00	
Non-members \$155.00	Retired Members \$65.00	\$ _____

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**Friday or Saturday CONFERENCE (ONE DAY RATE):** Please Mark One

**Friday, November 16**

**OR**

**Saturday, November 17**

(General Session II, sessions, and exhibits)

(General Session III and sessions)

**MEAL FUNCTIONS NOT INCLUDED**

IRA Members \$ 75.00	Full-time Students \$50.00	
Non-members \$100.00	Retired Members \$50.00	\$ _____

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**MEAL FUNCTIONS:**

Friday Box Lunch <b>\$15.00</b>	\$ _____
Friday evening Banquet ( <b>Roland Smith</b> , Speaker) <b>\$35.00</b>	\$ _____
Saturday Author Luncheon ( <b>Mary Casanova &amp; Ard Hoyt</b> , Speakers) <b>\$25.00</b>	\$ _____

**\*\*\*Total Conference & Meal Function Fees** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make checks payable to MSC/IRA Conference 2007. Thank you!**

**Refund policy:** Telephone cancellations will not be accepted. Refunds will be made upon receipt of a written request postmarked no later than October 15, 2007. Substitutes accepted. A processing charge of \$20.00 will be withheld. Refund checks will be issued after the conference. Payment must accompany registration.

**Please submit Check/ Money Order/ Purchase Order. OR Register on-line to use a credit card.**

See [www.missourireading.org](http://www.missourireading.org) for details.

**REGISTRATION DEAD LINE – OCTOBER 31, 2007**

## MSC-IRA CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2006-2007

<p>June 15, 2007 June 16, 2007</p>	<p>State Executive Board Meeting, Columbia Inn, Columbia, MO 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Summer Leadership Workshop, Columbia Inn, Columbia, MO</p>
<p>November 15-17, 2007</p>	<p>41<sup>st</sup> MSC-IRA Annual Conference, Lodge of Four Seasons, Lake Ozark</p>

**SEND NEW CALENDAR ITEMS AND ARTICLES TO THE EDITOR BY  
AUGUST 1<sup>ST</sup> FOR THE FALL NEWSLETTER**

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