

NEKOTA READING COUNCIL

MISSION STATEMENT

NeKota Reading council's primary purpose is to promote literacy at all levels and foster a love of reading within our communities. Our goal is to make available pertinent, timely information concerning the reaching of reading to teachers and other interested community members

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Chances to meet other professional in the area that are also interested in promoting literacy
- The opportunity for professional growth and development, by attending local meetings, state, regional, or even national Reading Association Conventions
- Eligible to attend all events and programs hosted by other Nebraska State Reading Councils, not just Ne Kota's

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A

MEMBER?

On behalf of the officers and members of the NeKota Reading Council, I would like to welcome all interested people to try our wonderful organization. You may contact any of the officers or simply attend one of the meetings. Membership forms are available on line at the Nebraska Reading Association's website, www.nereads.org

Please feel free to contact any of the NeKota officers if you have questions regarding meetings.

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NEKOTA COUNCIL SCHEDULE 2009-2010

August 31st

Vicki Troxil Harris, Black Cowboy History

Mari Sandoz Atrium

Chadron State College

Business Meeting 5:30

Presentation 6:30

October 5th

Gumdrop Books

Block Room

Chadron State College

Business meeting 5:30

Presentation 6:00

December 7th

Potluck dinner 5:30

CSC Students share books

Trunk Butte School

Chadron, NE

January 18th

Rachel Tiedman

Business meeting 5:30

Presentation 6:00

Rushville Library

February 25-27

State Reading Conference

Kearney, NE

March 1st

Officer Elections

Business Meeting 5:30

Gordon Public School

Gordon, NE

April 26th

Business Meeting 5:30

Presentation 6:00

Don Holst, author

Chadron State College

Chadron

May 28

Officers work day

2010-11 program

2009-2010 grants

Country Kitchen , Chadron 8 a.m.

Mark your Calendar and make plans to attend the Nebraska State Reading Association's 2010 Conference!

Listed below is your 'Sneak Peek' of the NSRA Conference 2010

Conference Dates: February 25-27, 2010

Visit our website at www.nereads.org

Some speakers/authors that will be featured are:

Greg Tang

Author of Grapes of Math, Math for all Seasons, Math Appeal, The Best of Times, MATH-terpieces

Maryann Manning

She is the author of several books including *Theme Immersion: Inquiry-Based Curriculum in Elementary and Middle Schools* and *Scientific Reading Assessment*.

Cindy Middendorf

She currently works as a consultant and teacher trainer for Staff Development for Educators (SDE), and presents nationally on a wide range of early childhood topics from early literacy instruction to brain-friendly classroom management.

Janet Allen

An international consultant recognized for her literacy work with at-risk students. She is the author of numerous professional books. Her most recent book is *More Tools for Teaching Content Literacy* (Stenhouse, October, 2008).

Kathryn H. Au

Au's research interest is the school literacy learning of students of diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds. Her latest book on this topic is *Multicultural Issues and Literacy Achievement* (2006).

Preston McDaniels

Author of *Perfect Snowman*, as well as illustrating

Phineas L. MacGuire...Erupts! and Cynthia Rylant's *Lighthouse Family* series

Suse MacDonald

Suse wrote *Alphabatics*, which won a Caldecott Honor presented by the American Library Association and The Golden Kite Award presented by the Society of Children's Book Writers.

Eric Ode

He is a singer, songwriter, author, and widely published poet. He will help you get your kids excited about the writing process.

James F. Baumann

He is currently serving on the IRA Commission on RTI.

Dr. Roger Breed

Dr. Breed began serving as Nebraska Commissioner of Education on March 30, 2009.

Dr. Linda Gambrell

To meet the growing intervention needs of reading classrooms, Reaching All Readers, a research-based intervention program that provides two tiers of intervention in a single package, was recently developed by Dr. Gambrell along with fellow reading intervention specialists Barbara Marinak, Ph. D., and Susan Mazzoni, M. Ed.



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