

Eastern Region of the New York State Reading Association  
Spring, 2013

**Albany City Area Reading Council** The final meeting for this program year was a dinner meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013. Dr. Shelly Stagg Peterson, IRA board member, Steven Sheinkin, author of “The Notorious Benedict Arnold”, and Matthew McElligott, author and illustrator of “Even Aliens Need Snacks”, addressed the topic of “Why Read? – Making the Case for Passionate Reading”. This program was a joint effort with the Iroquois and Schoharie Reading Councils as well as the Children’s Literacy Connection and the Eastern New York Library Media Association. We had 90 people in attendance at the Century House and received excellent feedback. The collaboration allowed us to not only get more people involved, but to help fund the event. Officers were elected and the planning committee will meet in the spring.

**Columbia-Greene Reading Council:** Has scheduled several programs for this year and is working on getting more members involved in the planning process. The remaining programs are: Kristen Capei, on The Daily Five on Apr. 10<sup>th</sup>, and Steve Charney, author dinner, on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Schoharie County Reading Council :** Has not met this year to date. They are planning to do so in the spring.

Respectfully submitted,  
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