

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

Albany City Area Reading Council: Has had 3 well-attended meetings this year so far – The CCLS, Text Complexity and Close Reading on October 10th, Best Books of 2012 on November 28th, and Teaching Tier 2 words to Primary Students on January 8th. Thanks to Liz Yanoff, the council worked with The Book House to collect 350 books to be donated to 15 Habitat for Humanity families in the Albany area. Schenectady High School students build 15 bookshelves for the project.

The final meeting for this program year will be a dinner meeting on Monday, March 11, 2013. Dr. Shelly Stagg Peterson, IRA board member, Steve Sheinkin, author of “The Notorious Benedict Arnold”, and Matthew McElligott, author and illustrator of “Even Aliens Need Snacks”, will be addressing the topic of “Why Read? – Making the Case for Passionate Reading”. This program is being held in conjunction with the Iroquois and Schoharie Reading Councils as well as the Children’s Literacy Connection. Check our website if you are interested in attending at www.acarc.wordpress.com. Election of officers will take place at the meeting also.

Columbia-Greene Reading Council: Has scheduled several programs for this year and is working on getting more members involved in the planning process. Programs held earlier this year were: Author James Bruchac on October 18th, Sherry Guice on Children’s Literature on Oct. 25th, and Susan Bogdan-Ritty on the Common Core on Nov. 8th.

The following are planned for the remainder of the program year: Kristen Capei, on The Daily Five on Apr. 10th, and Steve Charney, author dinner, on May 17th.

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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