

Western Regional Report Winter 20



Chautauqua County Reading Council:

2012-13 President: Karen Kondrick

- **Membership:** Successful in building membership
- **2012-13 Events:** Offering an event about every other month with attendance growing every year at hosted events
 - September - comprehension strategy round table.
 - November - using social media for professional development.
 - March 4th - holding a book sharing event.
 - May 1st - banquet with speaker, Kate Messner
- **Other:**
 - A majority of board attended the conference in Syracuse
 - Monthly electronic newsletter with great feature articles

Lakes Counties Reading Council:

Inactive

Niagara Frontier Reading Council:

2012-13 President: Patty Oliphant

- **Executive Board Meetings:** 9/12/12, 11/7/12, 1/9/13
- **Executive Board Meetings Scheduled:** 2/5/13, 4/10/13, 6/12/13
- **Membership:**
 - Currently down from 156 members to 78 members – however growing again
 - Researching holding an event in September that would serve as a membership drive/brunch and replace the conference which is being moved to the Spring
- **2012-13 Events:**
 - NFRC Winter Brunch, which will be held on Saturday, February 2nd at Classics V Banquet Facility.
 - NFRC Spring Conference 2013 (rescheduled from November) at Niagara University on March 16th
 - New Event: “Ripples that Flow: Get Teachers Out in the Community” which will invite members within the organization to join a subcommittee and get involved in the organization
 - NFRC will participate in Camp Good Days Valentine’s Day event on February 8th for children ages 5-7 at the Lancaster Youth Bureau. College students from local college will help develop activities that center around a book with a culminating activity
- **Other:**
 - Recent board meeting announced the proposed Slate of Officers for the 2013-2014 academic year with many “fresh” faces
 - “The Spotlight” newsletter, now completely electronic
 - Website is being redesigned and relocated to a more “user-friendly” format. Professional bios and other newsworthy information will be posted.

Rochester Area Literacy Council:

2012-13 Co-Presidents: Jan Marchetti & Lynne Keefer

- **Executive Board Meetings:** 8/20/12 (Summer Retreat), 9/13/12, 9/27/12, 10/11/12, 11/8/12, and 12/13/12
- **Executive Board Meetings Scheduled:** 1/16/13, 2/13/13, 3/6/13, 4/10/13, 5/20/13, 6/17/13, Summer Retreat TBD
- **Membership** as of 1/12/13 = 154
- **2012-13 Events/Activities:**
 - September 13, 2012 - RALC joined with State University College of Brockport to form a student group affiliated with RALC/NYSRA and held its organizational meeting, open to graduate and undergraduate students interested in literacy. Dr. Sue Novinger will be coordinating this Brockport Student group.
 - September 29, 2012 - *Launching Literacy Learning 2012: Practical Applications of the Common Core* with Molly Corey – French Road Elementary School, Brighton
 - October 20, 2012 - *Listen Carefully, Write Boldly: Teaching Argument/Opinion Writing* with Amy VanderWater - French Road Elementary School, Brighton
 - October 25, 2012 - Professional book study groups – Organizational sessions – Barnes Noble, Pittsford: 3 groups continue to meet per their own determined schedule
 - October 28-30, 2012 - NYSRA fall conference in Syracuse – officers attended & sponsored a council member to attend as a RALC ambassador, RALC donated a gift basket for the silent auction
 - November 10, 2012 - Rochester Children’s Book Festival – RALC was a supportive sponsor
 - February 2, 2013 - Live, Local Literacy featuring area experts on various literacy topics – to be held at French Road Elementary School, Brighton
 - February 2013 - Continuation of student publishing project – students are currently sending in entries and the committee will identify the best for publication; this year’s topic: *Young Authors and Artists Share: The World Around Me*
 - February 2013 - The RALC Grant Committee will meet at the end of the month to review applications for grant funds. Grants in the amount of \$200 to \$1000 will be awarded, with a total of \$1000 being awarded this year.
 - March 14, 2013 - *Creating Readers in Our Classrooms* – Dr. Richard Allington; co-sponsored with American Reading Company; to be held at St. John Fisher College, Pittsford
 - Elections for Executive Board at the general meeting
 - May 18, 2013 - Rochester Teen Book Festival – supportive co-sponsor
- **2013-14 Proposed Activities:**
 - September 2013 - Anticipated: Launching the Literacy; guest speaker TBD
 - October 2013 - Anticipated: Book Study Groups organizational meeting
 - October 2013 - Anticipated: Peter Afflerbach: guest speaker – co-sponsored with Pearson Education; venue TBD
 - February 2014 Anticipated: Live Local Literacy; French Road Elementary School, Brighton

Respectfully submitted by Amy Bartell, Western Regional Director, January 2013.