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Dear FRA Colleagues:

A few years ago, I was given an opportunity to apply for a grant to participate in a collaborative faculty-student summer research project with four of my undergraduate students. I thought this opportunity would be a great experience for future teachers so I gathered the four students and explained the research concept to them. As a reading specialist and former PE teacher, I was interested in finding children's books that could be used by regular classroom teachers to teach concepts of PE, as well as Art and Music. All four women thought this sounded like an interesting way to spend their summer so we pulled together a proposal that was accepted.



On our first field trip, we traveled to a local library that was known for a large children's section where we encountered a problem I could have never imagined. We were adults. Adults weren't allowed in the children's section without a child. We had no children with us and therefore, we were not allowed in. Seriously, they told us the children's section was only for children's use. I explained our research project to the librarian. It did not matter. I asked to see the manager and although she wasn't willing to let us work in the children's section, she did allow us to browse the shelves, gather an armful of books, and proceed to the two tables in the hallway outside of the children's section to review the books. After a comical day of sending one person in at a time to grab an armful of books, we quickly developed a routine of reviewing the books and placing them in a keep or return pile. At the end of the day we each checked out the maximum, 30 books, and developed a plan to read them all.

For our research project, every picture book we found was read, categorized, summarized, and ranked. By the end of the summer we had read and catalogued about 400 books relating to PE, Art, and Music. We have presented our findings at the FRA conference as well as other teacher workshops. Here are three of our top picks.

**PE:** *Mighty Jackie: The Strike Out Queen* by Marissa Moss. Jackie Mitchell lived for baseball. She practiced day and night, only sleeping to dream of playing in a real game. The one problem standing in her way was the fact that she was a girl, something that was frowned upon in the baseball leagues. Through hard work and determination, Jackie strikes out two of the best players in baseball history and shows the world that girls can play baseball!

**Art:** *The Dot* by Peter H. Reynolds. Vashti is very discouraged about her art ability, until an inspiring teacher challenges her to make her very own mark in the art world. Soon Vashti sees that she too can create art and with a little encouragement she can even help others find their talent.

**Music:** *Moses Goes to a Concert* by Isaac Millman. Moses is deaf. He is in a special class with other deaf students. Although they may not be able to hear, Moses and his friends enjoy many activities that you and I enjoy. This is the story of how Moses' teacher makes a concert special for Moses and his classmates.

Bring a fine arts book into your classroom; it might be the inspiration for a future athlete, artist, or musician.

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra Wellman  
President, Florida Reading Association  
Associate Dean of the Faculty, Rollins College

## NOTE FROM THE EDITOR .....

**Dear Florida Reading Association Colleagues!**

I'd just like to take part of this editor's letter to thank you so much for your patience in waiting for this issue of the FRA Newsletter. I spoke with our president, Debra Wellman, last month requesting that we hold off this publication until after the Secondary Reading Conference of Florida (SRCFL) is held. Debbie agreed. My thought in asking for this delay in publication was that the SRCFL conference is so connected to our FRA mission, not to mention mentored by FRA, that it would be a treat for all the FRA members to see highlights of that conference. You will see photos of and commentary on the SRC in the center section of this newsletter. The remainder of this editor's letter holds a few literacy treasures I've bumped into over the past few months.

One of the presenters at the SRCFL conference was Jacqueline Woodson, a writer of children's and young adult books. She is an author I did not know. Jacqueline spoke at the Saturday author's luncheon and what a treat that was! She talked of her passion for writing, how she knew when she was seven years old that she wanted to be a writer and spoke about her writing process. But the greatest moment was when she read to us from her books. She read from several books, but the most touching for me was her reading of *Snow Way*, a Newbery Honor Medal winner. *Snow Way* is a book based on her own family. She said, "This is the first time I've written a book based on some of my own family history. 'Show Ways', or quilts, once served as secret maps for freedom-seeking slaves. This is the story of seven generations of girls and women who were quilters and artists and freedom fighters." This writing and her Read Aloud was pure poetry. Remember April is National Poetry month!

Another poetry gem is *Don't Bump the Glump! And Other Fantasies*. This is a re-release of Shel Silverstein's first poetry collection. And you know how I love Silverstein's poetry! This is will be a real fun treat.

Do you remember the last newsletter editor's quiz on poet Laureates? Well the poetry of Jack Prelutsky, first Children's Poet Laureate named by the Poetry Foundation in 2006, is reflected in the works of J. Patrick Lewis' new book *The World's Greatest: Poems*. It is a collection of *Guinness World Records* type facts about the biggest, "bestest", tallest, fastest...most in poetic words of wisdom.

The final little gem is a new book called *No Talking* by Andrew Clements. The fifth-grade girls and the fifth-grade boys at Laketon Elementary don't get along very well. But the *real* problem is that these kids are loud and disorderly. Then one day Dave Packer, a certified loudmouth, bumps into an idea - a big one that makes him try to keep quiet for two whole days. And it's the boys against the girls.

Many of these tidbits come from the writings in Sherri Winston's column in my local newspaper, the *Sun Sentinel*, and the authors' websites. Be sure to go to these authors' web pages for more of their writings and some great finds.

Enjoy your spring as the weather gets warmer and the close of the school year approaches. Fill these last few weeks with as much wonderful literature and as many Read Alouds as you can.

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 COMMITTEES **AWARDS AND SCHOLARSHIPS**

Ann Smith, chairperson

For **Awards and Scholarships** see the **link** on FRA's website <http://www.flreads.org/>. All awards and scholarship information is listed there with their criterion and deadlines. One award is waiting for you!

Marie Silverman Scholarship Award

Elementary Reading Teacher of the Year

Secondary Reading Teacher of the Year

Marguerite Cogorno Radencich Award

Marilyn Sharp Classroom Action Research Award

Distinguished Service Award/FRA Hall of Fame

FRA Beginning Teacher Conference Grant

FRA Local Council Grants Program

Membership Award

Celebrate Literacy Award

**CHILDREN'S BOOK AWARD**

Coordinators Shannon Ayrish and Becky Beran

For the **Children's Book Award** see the **link** on FRA's website <http://www.flreads.org/>.

**Children's Book Award Timeline**

**May 1**                      Winners will be announced on the web site.

## CONTESTS and LITERACY PROJECTS

### **Adolescent Literacy:**

See four projects on the **Adolescent Literacy Link** on FRA's website <http://www.flreads.org/>.

#### **Annual Florida Reading Association Poster Contest**, Dr. Ellis Somers, chair

Over 30 extraordinary Secondary Reading Posters were submitted. These were displayed and voted on at the SRCFL Conference on April 18 and 19 in Panama City. Winners will be announced and can be seen on the FRA website.

#### **Florida Teen Book Map Project for Adolescent Literature**, Dr. Terry Cavanaugh, chair

The **Florida Book Map Project** is designed to help Florida teachers, reading coaches, and students find high interest books that take place in Florida. The Florida Reading Association invites you to recommend novels that teens and 'tweens enjoy and which have Florida settings and you have found to be of high interest. Join FRA in celebrating our Sunshine State through adolescent literature by submitting your suggestions to this resource. Submissions will only be used to create a Florida Teen Book Map available on the FRA web page. For details, ideas and possibilities see: [http://www.flreads.org/adolescent\\_lit/FL\\_book\\_map/index.htm](http://www.flreads.org/adolescent_lit/FL_book_map/index.htm).

#### **Motivation Matters: Quick Tips for Adolescent Literacy**

A new project: Contribute your teaching tips to Motivation Matters. You can share your successful experiences as well as discover a place to collect new teacher tested approaches.

## STUDIES AND RESEARCH

Artis Gray, Chair

### **Teachers on the Cutting Edge**

Seeking articles for the 2008 issue, Volume 20, of the *Cutting Edge*. The "hot topic" for the very special anniversary issue is **Differentiating Instruction for Literacy**. If you have an article you would like to summarize and submit, please follow this format style:

One page entry:

**Source**, in APA format; **Summary and Implications**; Quote from article if there is room on the page's bottom.

Submit to Dr. Artis Gray [artisgray@comcast.net](mailto:artisgray@comcast.net).

## FRA LEGISLATIVE UPDATE from Florence Brainerd . . . FRA's Legislative Advocate

### Legislative Update Spring 2008

Florence Brainerd, Legislative Advocate

The 2008 Legislative Session began March 4 and two weeks later representatives from FRA were on the steps of the Capitol and into the halls searching for the doors of leadership with whom to visit for the purpose of educating and persuading legislators to view Reading issues in the light of a Reading Professional. Topics discussed were:

- A continuation of support for professional development activities with planning and implementation to include local districts' involvement;
- Categorical funding for reading instruction materials;
- Governor Crist's vow to improve teacher salaries.

Those attending were FRA President Deb Wellman, President-elect Pam LaRiviere, Governmental Relations Chair Margaret Janz, and Advocate Florence Brainerd. Those visited were Chief of Staff to Speaker Rubio, Director of Policy & Budget to President Pruitt, Senate and House Chairs of the Education Committees, and the DOE Chancellor Frances Haithcock.

#### Bills –

There are several bills that have developed in the early weeks of the session.

- The first one is the ESOL Certification bill that was vetoed by the Governor last year. SB 286 by Senator Wise, says that there is a clear duplication of content for teachers with either Reading Certification or Reading Endorsement. The only aspects of ESOL training that are not duplicated would be language acquisition and the understanding of cultural diversity. Therefore, there is no need for an additional 300 hours. Education experts say 60 hours would be sufficient.

In the meantime, The House's companion bill, HB 491 by Rep. Carroll, hit a snag in the House and an amendment was offered to appease the south Florida Legislators. It offers the same outcome, but in a round about way. The big problem with its passing and being signed by the Governor is the education union lobby of south Florida. They feel it weakens the qualifications in teaching the non-English speaking students of south Florida.

It is not certain at this writing which version of the ESOL bill will pass, but HB 491 is moving faster and will probably be the ultimate vehicle.

It has been recommended that members of FRA contact their representatives, and especially the Governor's office at [www.charlie.christ@myflorida.com](mailto:www.charlie.christ@myflorida.com), and urge him to sign the ESOL bill when it comes to his desk.

- The second bill, HB 7045 Revision of Curriculum Standards, would make standards for reading, math and other subjects tougher, more detailed and more relevant at every grade level. It passed the House. It next goes to the Senate, where a similar bill SB 1914 is waiting a final committee hearing.

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- The third, and perhaps most important, is the Appropriations Bill. The Budget is the only bill the Legislature is required to pass during the session. Each chamber has passed its own version of the budget (SB 2900 and HB 5001). The bills now go into what is technically referred to as a Conference Committee process. The two school budgets are debated and consensus is reached. Issues that cannot be resolved by the committees are “bumped up” to the House and Senate leadership who will make the final decisions. In order to meet the constitutionally prescribed 72-hour “cooling off” period, the final product must be printed and placed on the Legislators desk by Tuesday morning, April 29.

Running parallel to the budget is the “Implementing Bill”. While the budget sets forth the number of dollars allocated in each area, the Implementing Bill sets forth in great detail how those dollars are to be spent. Both bills are important.

Funds have been cut in all education programs, including Reading Programs. None were held harmless. The School Board and Superintendent Associations have lobbied and expressed their desire to make all education funds “flexible” for districts to use however it is needed.

Note: By the time this article is printed, the 2008 Session will have concluded its business and we all will know the results of the now unknown.

Those on the Senate PreK-12 Appropriation Committee to contact are:

- Chair - **wise.stephen.web@flsenate.gov** 850/487-5027
- **siplin.gary.web@flsenate.gov** . . . . .850/487-5190
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As an organization, FRA has developed relationships with our state legislators through our yearly visits to the capital and regular communication with them through our Legislative Advocate, Florence Brainerd.

It is critical to maintain those relationships to ensure that our voices will be heard at times like these. I encourage you to communicate with the legislators and get to know those who represent your area. Thank them for all that they have done in the past to promote reading and address the current issues that concern you. We do have a voice that will be heard as we work together with them and DOE to accomplish our goals for reading. (It was through cooperative efforts that reading had finally made it as a categorical in the education budget.) Consider being one of the local volunteer legislative liaison for us in your area. By doing so, Florence will be able to e-mail late-breaking news directly to you for you disseminate to your local reading council and others in your district. It is a discouraging time for all of us I trust that we will be able to work together to guarantee that the strides that have been made in reading.

**Want to get involved? Contact: Florence Brainerd at [fmbrainerd@comcast.net](mailto:fmbrainerd@comcast.net) or  
Pam LaRiviere at [phlarivier@aol.com](mailto:phlarivier@aol.com)**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Your vote needed for IRA Reincorporation/Bylaws Revisions.

- ✓ Vote YES for reincorporation of IRA from Pennsylvania to Delaware and get your IRA buddies to do the same.
- ✓ IRA must have 51% participation by its members: that's 51% of 90,000 members must consent to this change.
- ✓ IRA hired Intelliscan. Inc. to conduct the voting process.
- ✓ Each IRA member received a ballot with a ballot control number.
- ✓ This number is a voter ID number and must be used to vote.
- ✓ Computers for voting will be set up at the IRA Conference next month.

Or you can also vote by going to <http://www.reading.org/association/about/bylaws.html>

### Special congratulations to Dr. Andrea Rosenblatt:

Dr. Andrea Rosenblatt, has won IRA's Maryann Manning Outstanding Volunteer Service Award. She will be honored at a dinner at IRA in May. Kudos to Andrea for her unending and ever present work for FRA and its mission: Leading the Way to Literacy.



### Special congratulations to the Sarasota Reading Council (SRC):

SRC was awarded an FRA grant for their "For the Love of Reading" community outreach event. On February 14th, 2008 they hosted a reading morning with toddlers, moms, reading council volunteers and the staff of Cyesis. The children received books and stuffed animals to take home with them. Everyone was delighted with this wonderful program. Kudos to SRC!

### Seeking a new IRA Coordinator

Shirley Gibson's three year term as IRA Coordinator is ending. The IRA Coordinator is FRA's liaison with FRA's District Directors, FRA and IRA. The Coordinator's tasks are many. Shirley has been our stalwart coordinator and leaves behind an organized, clear focus for this very important position.

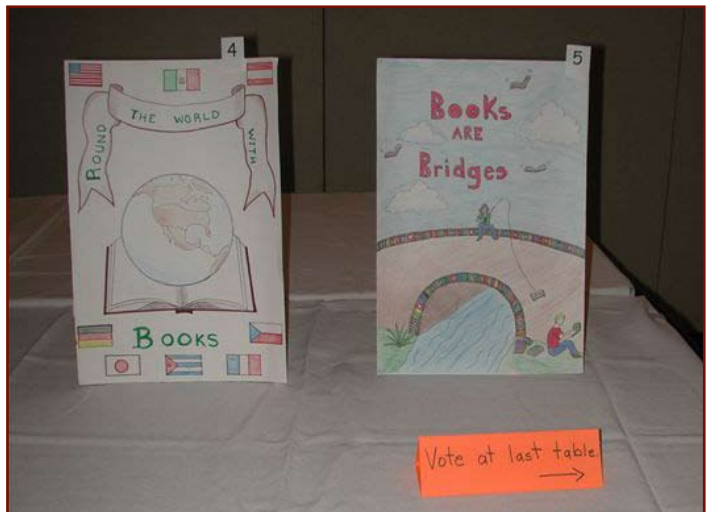
Shirley we thank you!



**Membership:** Please see [http://www.flreads.org/about\\_FRA/membersh.htm](http://www.flreads.org/about_FRA/membersh.htm) for the new membership application and information about the benefits of being a member of FRA. Or contact Nancy Laszlo, membership chair [nancylaszlo@aol.com](mailto:nancylaszlo@aol.com).

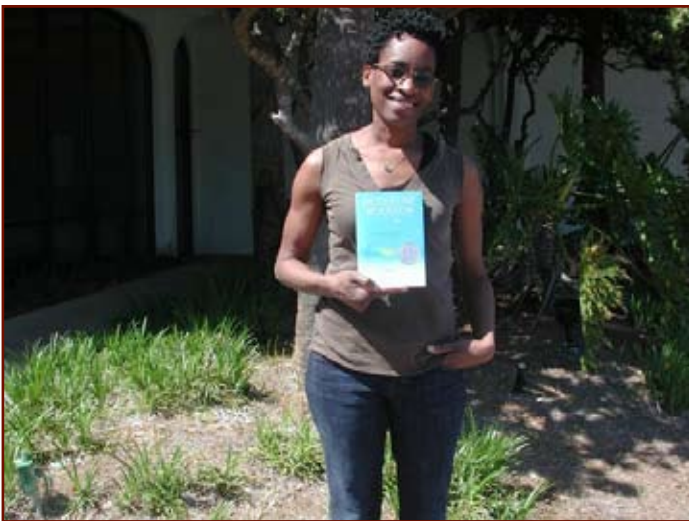
# CONFERENCE NEWS

The Secondary Reading Council's Annual Conference was held in Panama City on April 18 and 19. Participants attended breakouts, key note general session, author luncheons and visited exhibits. Here are a few memories!





# CONFERENCE NEWS (cont'd)



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## FRA'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE NEWS

By Shirley Gibson

FRA will hold its annual Leadership Conference for local council leaders from around the state on Saturday, May 17, in Orlando. The focus this year is a Local Council Idea Exchange. Councils will rotate and share information in three discussion groups: service to members (brochures, newsletters, and websites); service provided through general meetings (programs, as well as council projects, events, and outreach), and service provided through membership (council membership, FRA and IRA).

Sessions will focus on professional development. Michelle Kelley and Nicki Clausen-Grace will speak on various types of readers and ways to support students during independent reading. Michelle and Nicki recently published two professional books through IRA: *Comprehension Shouldn't Be Silent* (IRA Book Club, November, 2007) and *R5 in Your Classroom: A Guide to Differentiating Independent Reading and Developing Avid Readers*. Shannon Ayrish will announce the eight books selected for FRA's literacy project, Children's Book Award, as well as offer ideas for using this literature. Andrea Rosenblatt will present the latest in literacy through new professional books and hot topics.

Other topics will help develop the connection between councils and the Florida Reading Association. This will include projects offered by FRA and the role of FRA in assisting educators in government relations at the state level. Leadership attendees will learn how FRA influences legislation in Tallahassee through advocacy for appropriate, quality reading instruction and funding.

Councils will bring themed door prizes and councils achieving FRA Honor Council will be recognized, as well as outgoing FRA president, Deb Wellman, and incoming president, Pam LaRiviere.



## FRA'S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE NEWS (cont'd)

The FRA Board, as well as the FRA Council Development Committee and IRA State Coordinator, Shirley Gibson, hope that Leadership will renew and energize council leaders for the 08-09 year. For information about local councils in Florida, please visit the FRA website at [www.FLReads.org](http://www.FLReads.org).

### Florida Reading Association Conference

Annual conference:

- Orlando, Shingle Creek Resort, September 4 -7, 2008
- See <http://www.flreads.org/Annual%20Conference/annual.htm> for details

### VOLUNTEER

#### Be a volunteer at the FRA conference

Seeking volunteers for the FRA conference September 4-7 in Orlando. Email Dr. Nancy Masztal and let her know you can help [nmasztal@bellsouth.net](mailto:nmasztal@bellsouth.net). Thank you!

## NEWS FROM THE LOCAL READING COUNCILS

You may contact any local council through [shirleyJG13@aol.com](mailto:shirleyJG13@aol.com)

**District 3 – Leon, Gadsden, Wakulla**  
**February 2008 – S. Hinsley**  
<http://mel25345-01.k12.fsu.edu>

**Leon Country Reading Association:**

December Highlights:

- “Give One, Get Some” Session, held December 3.
- Spelling Bee for Leon County (K-12), held December 13.
  - o There were 300 entries from public, private and home schooled students.

February highlights:

- Young Writers’ Workshop
  - o Reception held February 2
  - o Workshop with Adrian Fogelin held February 16
- Many of the winning stories were published in the local newspaper, *The Tallahassee Democrat*.
- All winners were published on the Leon County Reading Council’s website.

Upcoming:

- Annual Conference: “Reading – It’s a Capital Idea” - on May 10.
- Poetry Jam (Middle School) – on May 16, 2008.

**District 5 – Baker, Duval, Nassau, St. Johns, Levy**  
**February 2008 – D. N. Pedro**  
[duvalreadingcouncil.org](http://duvalreadingcouncil.org)

**Duval County Reading Council:**

Theme for the year “Reading is a Treasure”.

- Their latest presenter was Sharon Draper. This United States Teacher of the Year is a poet and non-fiction writer. She has written numerous books geared towards children and young adults.

- Community Service Projects, “Magazines for Hubbard House”
  - o A shelter for women and children who are in abusive relationships. This council provided five subscriptions to children’s magazines.
  - o Was also able to provide magazine subscriptions for the children at Ronald McDonald House in Jacksonville, Florida.

### **District 6 – Alachua, Dixie, Gilchrist, Levy February 2008 – S. Gibson**

#### **Alachua County Reading Council:**

- Annual awards banquet to be held on May 14.
  - o This event highlights many of the excellent educators in Alachua County.  
For additional information contact Nancy Logan: email: [logannl@gm.sbac.edu](mailto:logannl@gm.sbac.edu)

### **District 9 – Brevard, Orange, Seminole February 2008 – S. Gibson**

**[www.orangecountyreadingcouncil.org](http://www.orangecountyreadingcouncil.org), [www.scps.k12.fl.us](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us), [www.scps.k12.fl.us/src/index.html](http://www.scps.k12.fl.us/src/index.html)**

#### **Seminole Reading Council:**

- Presentation in February:
  - o Digital Storytelling by Dr. Larry Bedenbaugh, which focused on combining oral storytelling with technology using images, graphics, music, and the author’s own story voice.
- Final meeting to be held April 29, Tuesday:
  - o Celebrate the love of books with local author, Loreen Leedy whose current books include: *The Edible Pyramid*, *Messages from Mars*, *Celebrate the 50 States*, *Mission Addition*, and so many more!
- Continued the service project “Books for Babies”
  - o This second year continues the collecting of books for parents in the *Teen Parent Program* in Seminole District Schools. The number of books collected increased.

For additional information on SRC, please contact Taylar Clements at [taylor\\_clements@scps.k12.fl.us](mailto:taylor_clements@scps.k12.fl.us) or Analexis Kennedy at [analexiskennedy@mac.com](mailto:analexiskennedy@mac.com).

### **District 10 – Hillsborough, Pinellas, Polk February 2008 – M. Adams**

#### **Hillsborough County Reading Council:**

- Founder’s Day Luncheon and Celebrate Literacy Award presentation with 5 awards presented for contributions to literacy, held February 15.

#### **Pinellas County Reading Council:**

- Delivered school supplies to homeless shelters.
- Professional development workshop with Dr. Irene Updegraff speaking on Developing Thinking.
- Members participated in *African-American Read-In* on February 4 and 5.

#### **Polk County Reading Council**

- First information session drew many participants, held January 31.
  - o Next information session held March 27.
- Polk County Reading Council is up and running.



**District 11 – Sarasota  
February 2008 – A. Smith**

**The Sarasota Reading Council:**

- Speaker Series culminated with a presentation from Doug Fisher.
  - He reviewed current research and best practices and then introduced a self-assessment rubric which can be used by school teams to assess student progress and plan interventions.
- Upcoming events:
  - County-wide Poetry Contest.
  - Annual May Literacy Banquet where nominated Literacy Leaders will be honored.

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**District 12 – Flagler, Lake, Marion, Sumter, Volusia  
February 2008 – S. Johnson**

**Volusia County Reading Council:**

- Lasting Impressions Kick-Off, held in February.
- Newspapers in Education “Bright Ideas” Dinner. VCRC teams with *The News Journal* to solicit and recognize innovative teaching ideas K-12, held in March.
  - For more information on Volusia County Reading Council, go to their website [www.nieworld.com](http://www.nieworld.com) and click on VCRC Update.
- Awards Banquet to be held in May.

**District 14 – Miami/Dade, Monroe  
February 2008 – V. Papier  
<http://www.dadereading.com>**

**Dade Reading Council:**

- *African American Read-In*, held February 2
  - Over a dozen readers read to children who received over 300 books either authored or illustrated by African Americans or books with an African American theme.
  - Entertainment provided by Mrs. Sale’s students from Lilly C. Evans Elementary School.
- *Books with Wings* Celebration, held February 9.
  - Guest author Victoria Felcoski spoke, signed books and posed for pictures with young authors.
  - 303 alphabet books, submitted by P12 students, were judged and awarded a bronze, silver or gold certificate.
- Early Childhood Make and Take, held March 8.
- Teachers as Heroes, awards and installations of officers April 26, 2008.

To learn the calendar of DRC happenings, please contact Linda Askari at [luv2learn@bellsouth.net](mailto:luv2learn@bellsouth.net).

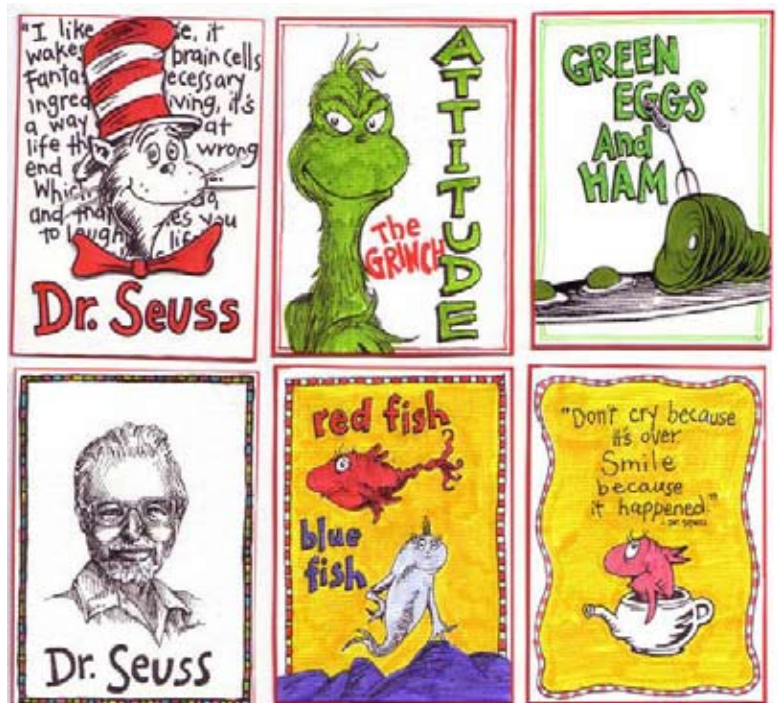
## CELEBRATING READ ACROSS AMERICA

By Dr. Heidi Maier

Sneetches and Loraxes, Whos and McBoing Boings were brought to life on March 8 in Ocala by Barry University reading students. Joining over 45 million people nationwide, Barry students celebrated the birthday of renowned children's author, Theodor Gisel – Dr. Seuss – by participating in the annual *Read Across America* celebration.

The event was organized in Ocala in collaboration with the Marion County Education Association, Ocala's local affiliate of the National Education Association (NEA). In Ocala, Barry education students read to children at the Marion County Public Library for the annual event. To culminate a semester of Children's Literature and Language Arts, the students read Dr. Seuss classics such as "*Hop on Pop*" and "*Green Eggs and Ham*," and also participated in organizing crafts, and serving birthday cake to library patrons.

Junior Nida Laib stated, "I will definitely be back next year to volunteer. It was a good feeling to work with these children and be able to create memories with them." The MEA and Barry University plan to work together again next year. More information on the annual *Read Across America* event, including lesson plans and activity ideas can be found at: [www.nea.org/readacross.index.html](http://www.nea.org/readacross.index.html).



**Peter Afflerbach**

Understanding and Using Reading Assessment, K-12  
Balancing Principles for Teaching

**Donald Leu**

Teaching With the Internet  
New Literacies for New Times

**Adrian Fogelin**

Crossing Jordan  
The Big Nothing  
My Brother's Hero

**Regie Routman**

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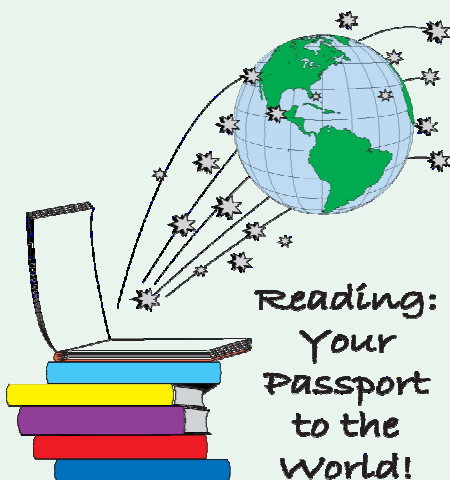
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