

Goals

1. To increase membership in our local Way West Council, the Nebraska Reading Association, and the International Reading Association.
2. To increase professional development opportunities for the Way West Council area.
3. To provide literacy materials for area preschool children and families.

Council Meeting #1

Tuesday, Sept. 29th, 2009
4:30 P.M.

Bayard Elementary School
Multi-purpose Room

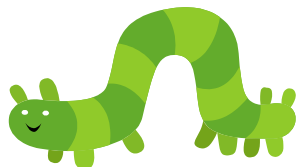
Vocabulary and the State Standards

Welcome back to another great year! A staff member from ESU 13 will be there to give us some great ideas on teaching vocabulary.

Drawings to be held for:

- Free registration to attend the State Reading Conference in Kearney
- Free IRA memberships

Join Way West at this meeting for the Early Bird special of \$20!



Plan to participate in the **Jump Start for Literacy Read for the Record** on October 8th! How many people worldwide can read **The Hungry Caterpillar** in one day? Check out www.readfortherecord.org for more info!

Council Meeting #2

Tuesday, November 3, 2009
4:30 P.M.

Bayard High School or
Distance Learning Labs
RtI “Swap Shop”

We will have a staff member from the State RtI Consortium present at the Bayard High School. Come to learn some new ideas and share what you are doing to help RtI work in your building/classroom.

If you prefer, you can participate via Distance Learning. Please let an officer know what D.L. lab you will be attending so arrangements may be made.

Council Meeting #3

Monday, January 19, 2010
4:00 P.M.

Distance Learning Labs

We will be discussing plans for the State Reading Conference.

We will have drawings for professional development stipends!

Nebraska State
Reading Conference
Kearney, Nebraska
February 25-27, 2010



Presenters include:

- Ⓢ Greg Tang – author of a series of books that gives kids a better understanding of math including *The Grapes of Math* and *The Best of Times*
- Ⓢ Janet Allen -international consultant recognized for her literacy work with at-risk students
- Ⓢ Cindy Middendorf - presents nationally on a wide range of early childhood topics from early literacy instruction to brain-friendly classroom management
- Ⓢ Eric Ode – author of silly cowboy poems that have appeared in over a dozen anthologies including *If Kids Ruled the School*, *Rolling in the Aisles*, *My Teacher's in Detention*
- Ⓢ James Baumann – awarded a grant to develop and evaluate a comprehensive approach to vocabulary instruction and serves on IRA's commission on RtI.
- Ⓢ Dr. Robert Breed – Nebraska Commissioner of Education

Watch for update and more information at
www.nereads.org



October 17th & 18th we will be setting up a display at Kids Explore in Mitchell. Books will be handed out as part of our Community Literacy Project. Contact a WWRC officer for more details.

Council Meeting #4

Tuesday, March 2, 2009
4:30 P.M.

The Emporium
1818 1st Ave, Scottsbluff

Come and eat with us as we look forward to the end of another school year. Those attending the Nebraska State Reading Conference will be sharing some of the highlights they experienced.

Bring a book and your favorite recipe to exchange (book may be gently used)!

Why join???

Look what you get for \$25 !

- Membership in both the Way West Reading Council and the Nebraska State Reading Council
- Opportunity to win your registration to the Nebraska State Reading Conference or \$20 to use towards professional development
- Membership prices to the Nebraska State Reading Conference
- Access to membership in the International Reading Association
- You will receive the “Nebraska Reader” which is filled with articles written by Nebraska teachers
- Access to the Nebraska Reading Association's professional library
- Interaction with professionals and peers across the state
- Opportunity to learn more about literacy