

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT ILLINOIS READS

What is ILLINOIS READS?

Under the auspices of the Illinois Reading Council, ILLINOIS READS is an annual statewide project to promote reading for all Illinois citizens. Beginning with read aloud books for babies, 6 books are selected for each additional age band through adult readers. The work of Illinois authors will be highlighted.

What is ILLINOIS READS trying to accomplish?

The mission of ILLINOIS READS is to promote lifelong reading for the people of Illinois. Our vision is that, beginning each spring with our ILLINOIS READS Launch and culminating in November with the statewide Illinois Family Reading Night, individuals of all ages will be reading from a selected list of books and engaging in activities in order to share their reading experiences with one another.

Who sponsors ILLINOIS READS?

ILLINOIS READS is a project of the Illinois Reading Council. With over 4,000 members across the state of Illinois, IRC promotes literacy through professional development, an annual conference, and local literacy events.

How are ILLINOIS READS Books chosen?

Books are chosen by a committee that includes teachers, librarians, and book sellers.



Why are ILLINOIS READS books only by Illinois authors?

Illinois has produced a number of great authors!

What is the criterion for ILLINOIS READS books?

From board books for babies to best-sellers for adults, ILLINOIS READS selections include a mix of fiction and nonfiction, including science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics (STEAM).

How do I get promotional materials?

Sign up to be an ILLINOIS READS Ambassador! Bookmarks and posters will be sent to you annually. Sign up at www.illinoisreads.org

How can I help?

Distribute bookmarks and posters in your school and community. Share the books with your students, family and friends.

Is there a way to get books for low income area schools?

Information to assist in writing a grant or to secure foundation dollars can be found on our website: www.illinoisreads.org

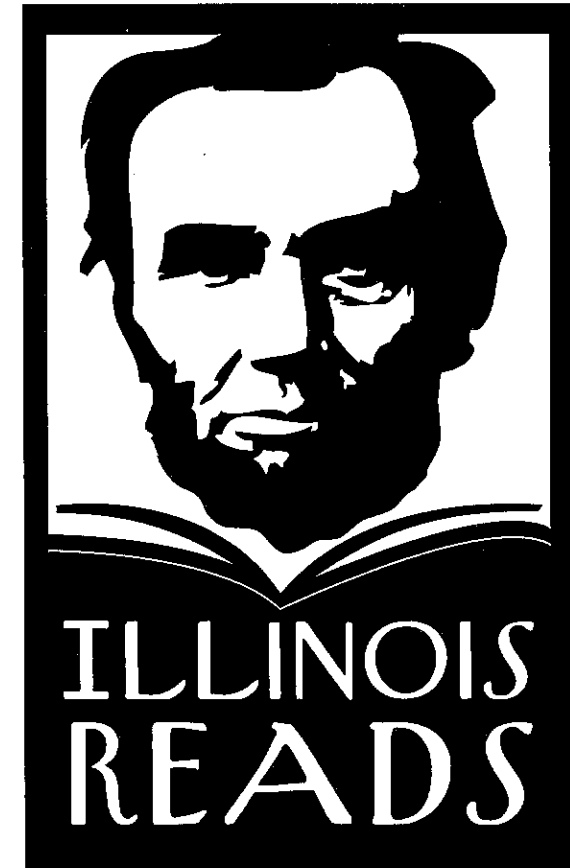


TOP 5 REASONS to Join the Illinois Reading Council!

1. Receive the professional *IRC Journal*, the quarterly newsletter, and monthly e-newsletters
2. Participate in free professional development opportunities including webinars and book clubs
3. Meet domains of the Danielson evaluation framework
4. Network with Illinois teachers
5. Attend the nationally recognized IRC Conference



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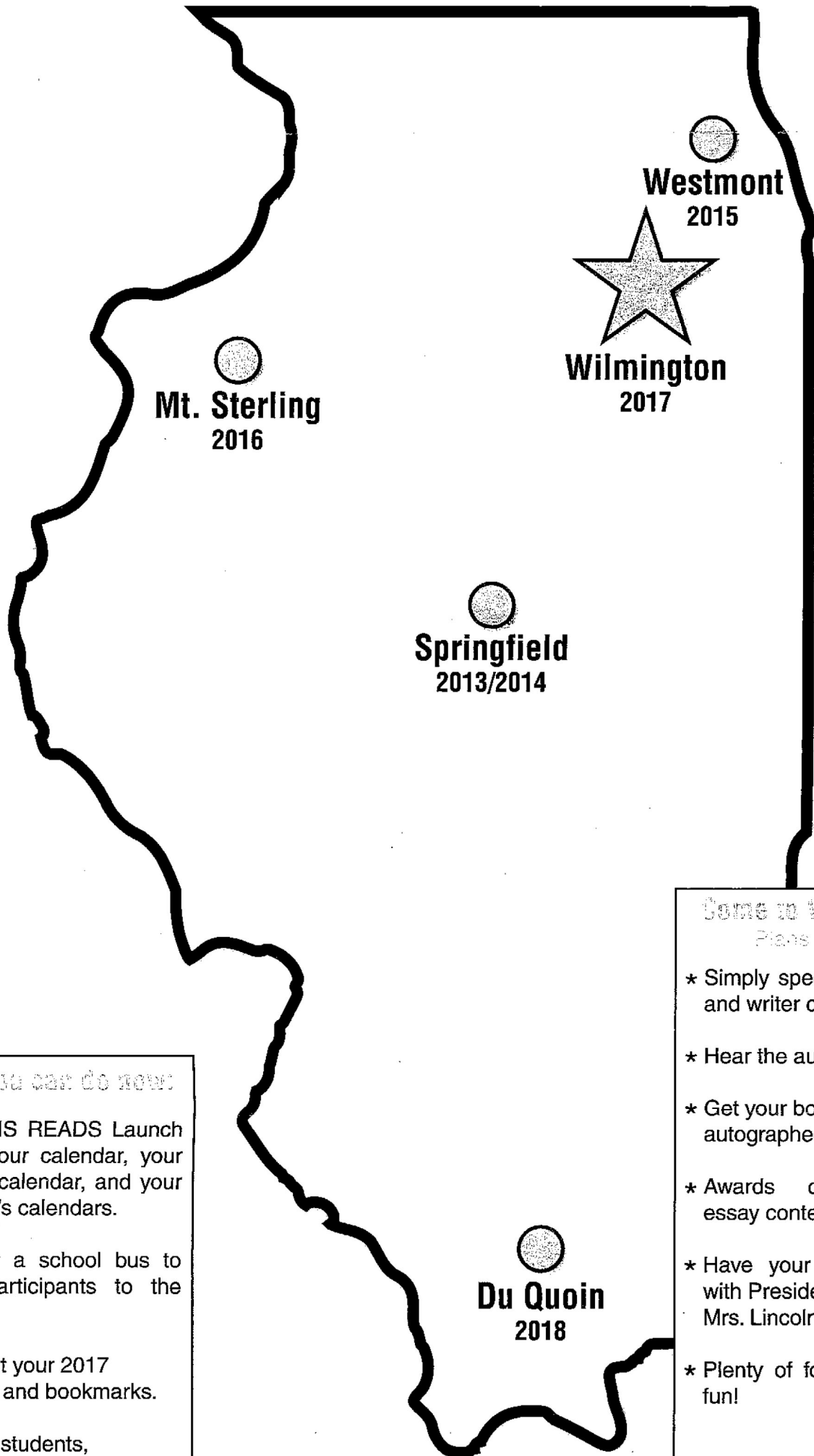


FAQs

A Reading State of Mind
www.illinoisreads.org

ILLINOIS READS LAUNCH 2017 WILMINGTON!

Saturday, March 11, 2017



What you can do now:

- * ILLINOIS READS Launch – on your calendar, your school calendar, and your student's calendars.
- * Ask for a school bus to take participants to the event.
- * Request your 2017 posters and bookmarks.
- * Recruit students, teachers, and families to attend!

Come to Wilmington

Plans include:

- * Simply spectacular reader and writer celebration!
- * Hear the authors read!
- * Get your books autographed!
- * Awards ceremony for essay contest winners!
- * Have your picture taken with President and Mrs. Lincoln!
- * Plenty of food and family fun!