

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 the vision of ILLINOIS READS?

We want to get everyone in Illinois reading!

What is the ILLINOIS READS Book Festival?

Each spring, ILLINOIS READS honors Illinois readers, authors and illustrators with a celebration of the year's newest 36 book choices. We celebrate reading by attending the awards ceremony, meeting the authors, hearing the authors read, having books autographed, and sharing our passion for reading with book lovers of all ages. The party culminates on the third Thursday in November with Family Reading Night.

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 written 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.



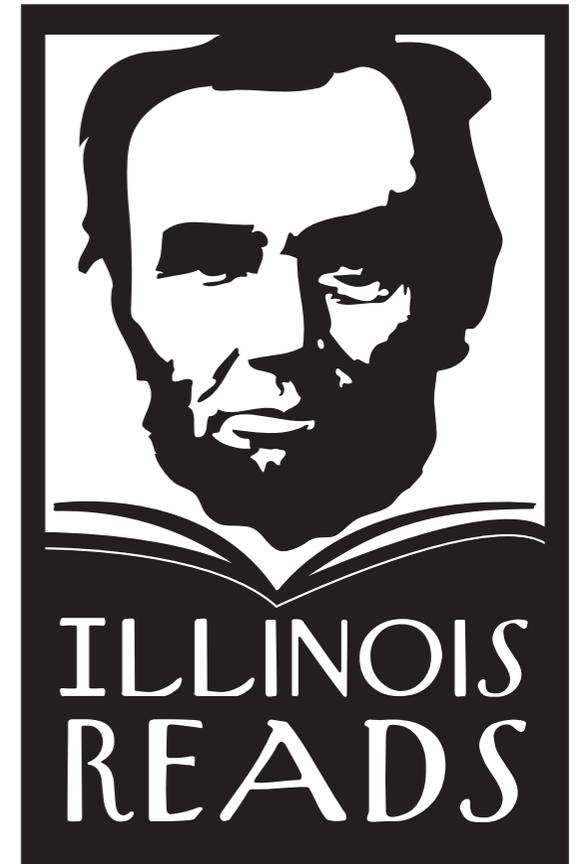
TOP 5 REASONS to Join the Illinois Reading Council!

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

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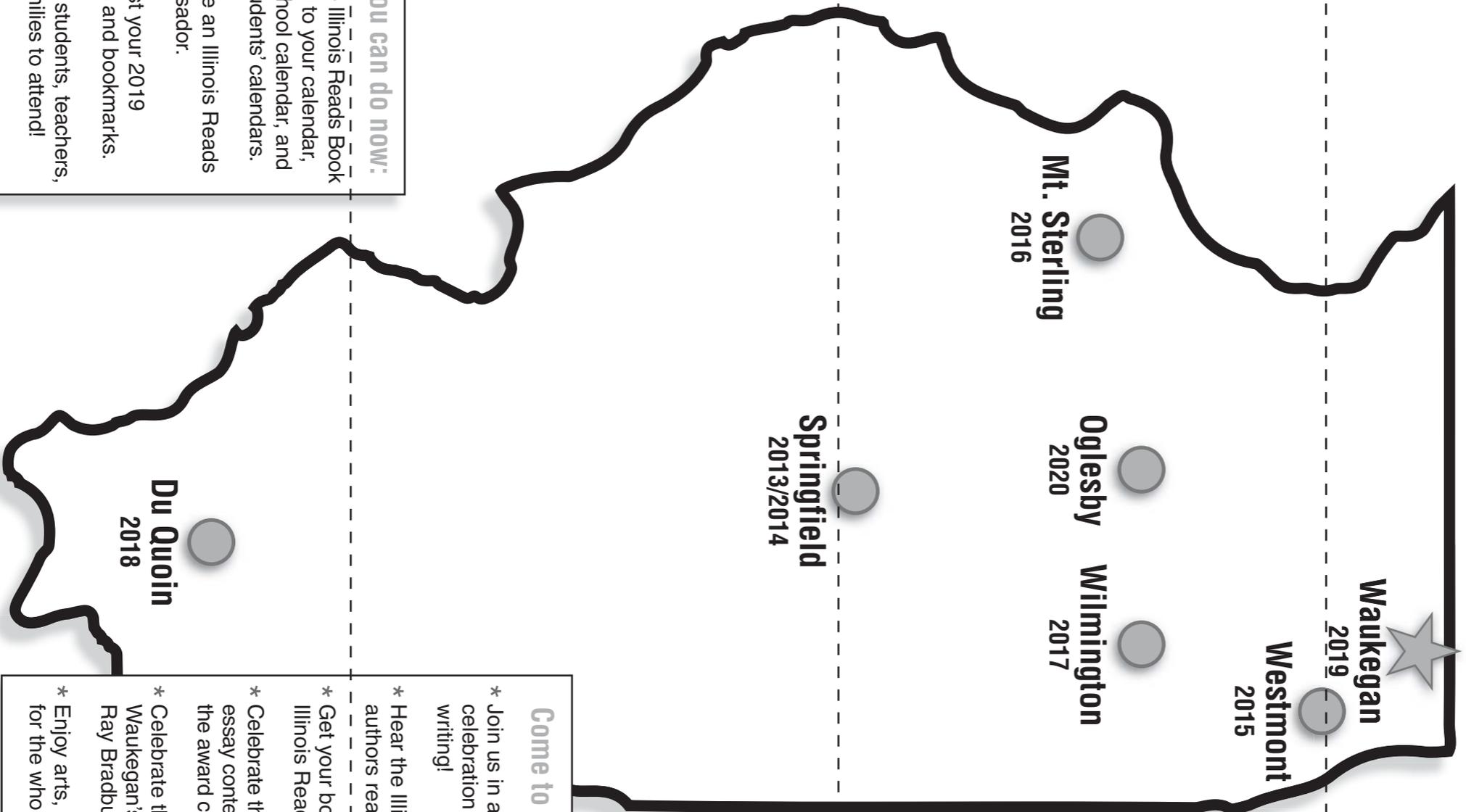
A Reading State of Mind

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ILLINOIS READS Book Festival

Waukegan High School-Brookside Campus

Waukegan, Illinois
Saturday, March 16, 2019



What you can do now:

- * Add the Illinois Reads Book Festival to your calendar, your school calendar, and your students' calendars.
- * Become an Illinois Reads Ambassador.
- * Request your 2019 posters and bookmarks.
- * Recruit students, teachers, and families to attend!
- * Arrange for a school bus to take participants to the event.

Come to Waukegan

- * Join us in a spectacular celebration of reading and writing!
- * Hear the Illinois Reads authors read!
- * Get your books signed by Illinois Reads authors!
- * Celebrate the Illinois Reads essay contest winners at the award ceremony!
- * Celebrate the work of Waukegan's native son, Ray Bradbury!
- * Enjoy arts, crafts, and fun for the whole family!