Rochester Area Literacy Council (RALC) Bi-monthly Newsletter

Read for Love

January/February 2022

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#read4luv

Dr. Carol St George at the Warner School of Education at the University of Rochester is passionate about early literacy. Dr. St. George created the #read4luv campaign: *Reading aloud for just 15 minutes a day to children of all ages sets them up for a lifelong love of reading. Children who read succeed in school and in life. Throughout the month of February, share your love of reading with a child and help us capture these special moments. Please share pictures and posts of reading with someone special-or even a favorite childhood book-on social media, using the hashtag* **#read4luv.** Feel free to download the poster or cards.

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TOP STORIES

Rochester Area Literacy Council Membership

Renew or join the Rochester Area Literacy Council for the 2021-2022 school year. Membership information and rates can be found on the New York State Reading Association Regional Directors and the RALC Local Councils page. Members get access to our newsletters, discounts, and free member events. Members can also join our monthly board meeting and connect with other educators. REGISTER HERE! Members can access our annual Live Local Literacy event for FREE!!!. Members also receive a discounted rate for our Spring Professional Development session featuring Dr. David Kilpatrick.

Live Local Literacy - February 5th - 8:45-11:00 AM

RALC hosts an annual Live Local Literacy Conference featuring local educators. This year's theme is **Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in Literacy**. There are many amazing local presenters and sessions planned for the conference. The conference is completely virtual. Members can attend the sessions for FREE!!! Here is a list of the sessions: Project Read: A collaboration of multiple stakeholders supporting urban literacy learning, Enslavement and Resistance in Upstate NY, Social Justice Illustrated in Cartoons, An Introduction to the New York State Culturally Responsive-Sustaining Education Framework, Oh Shift! Safe Space to Discuss Changes to your Reading Instruction, Understanding News: a Vital Literacy Skill for All Students, How Does Our Culture Make Us Similar and Different: Piloting the 3rd Grade Social Studies Unit. Here is a link to the flyer. Please check out the New York State Reading Association (NYSRA) event page for the link to registration.

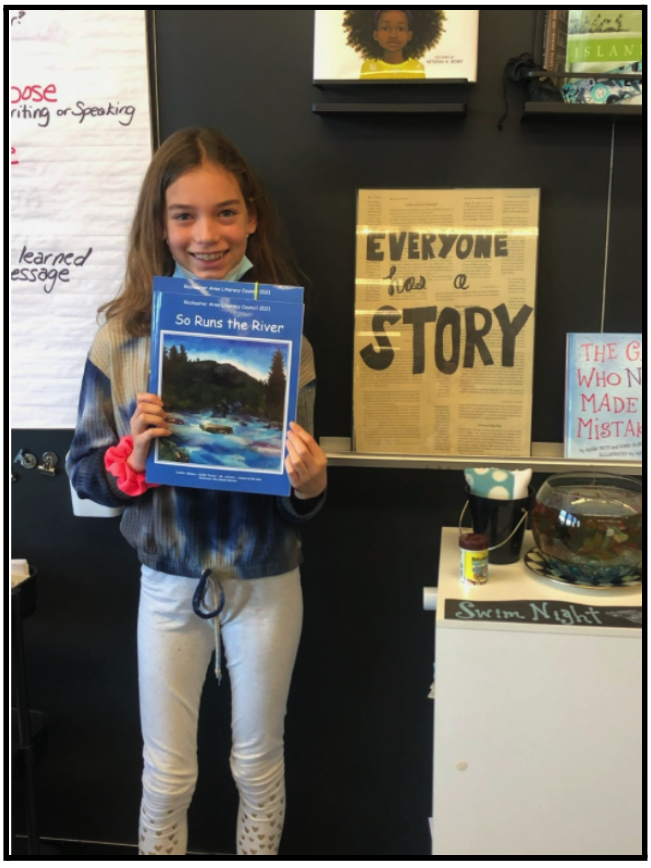
Rochester Reads

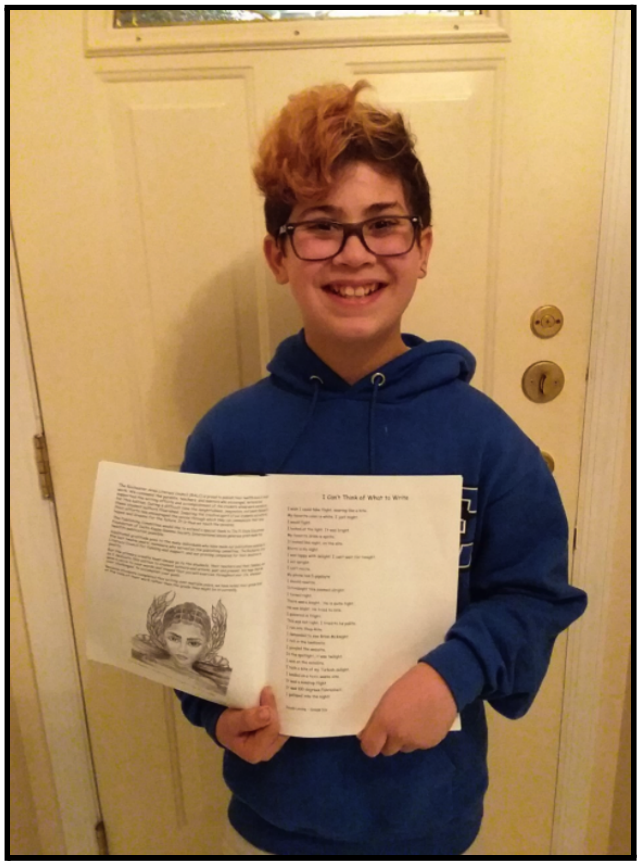
This year we are hosting a variety of book club options free to our RALC and NYSRA members. **Equipped for Reading Success** is underway. We have one more book club free to members starting in May, **Stamped for Kids!**. Sign up for the book club through the NYSRA website events page. The link to the RALC READS Wakelet contains slides from some of our Book Club sessions.

RALC Publishing Project

The Rochester Area Literacy Council's annual literary magazine is completed!!! The magazine is a collection of excellent works of fiction, nonfiction, poetry and art based on the theme, "So Runs the River." Every published student received a complimentary copy of the book. A HUGE Thank you goes out to Pat Martin and Lynne Keefer for all of their hard work coordinating the many aspects of the project. We also thank our members and colleagues who assisted in the selection process, reading student work and providing students with feedback and distributing the books.

Here are two featured artists from our area-





RALC Spring Professional Development Event

Our spring professional development session is featuring Dr. David Kilpatrick on **April 27, 2022** from 5:30-7:30 at French Road Elementary School. You can register on the New York State Reading Association (NYSRA) events page. Here is the event flyer. The registration link is: https://www.nysreading.org/eve nt-4643352. Food is permitted, but not provided for the event. We are also collecting new books to donate to students in our community to build home libraries. More information will be shared in the next newsletter.

Get Involved

Do you have any ideas or suggestions to promote literacy in our area? Are you interested in shadowing or partnering with a RALC board member to get involved and promote literacy in our community? We are always looking for people who are passionate about promoting and supporting literacy in our area. Send an email to christine_treasure@boces.monroe.edu or linda.gillette-smith@greececsd.org. We would love to hear from you!

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