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Sharing the joy of reading for over 40 years

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From the Desk of the Director

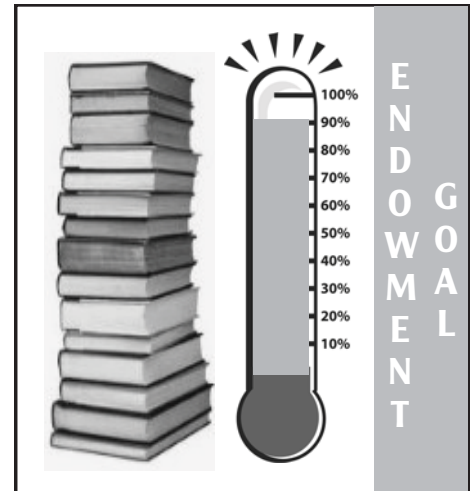


Our programs are up and running in schools, libraries, churches and neighborhood centers located throughout all of Saginaw County for the 2009-2010 academic school year. Thanks to all of our center coordinators for their efforts in making this happen. And... hats off to all of our returning volunteers and new volunteers who are now reading with their assigned students.

The READ Association of Saginaw County remains a strong local grassroots organization that has supported children's literacy for over 40 years. Our program continues to have a strong influence in the community thanks to the support of community and school leaders, generous donors and dedicated volunteers who all share in helping children learn to read and read to learn. Without *YOU*, we could not spell *S U C C E S S!*

We are working hard to make sure that a children's literacy program continues for many years to come. The READ Endowment administered by the Saginaw Community Foundation is one way to ensure that READ will continue to help children today, tomorrow and in the future. Thank you to everyone who has supported our Endowment or will consider a donation yet this year. As you will read on page 4, we are only \$2550 dollars away from raising the \$25,000 needed to receive an additional \$10,000 match from the SCF. If you would like to help us achieve this goal, please return your donation to READ by January 2.

I do hope to see you at our upcoming Book Fair on Thursday, December 10 at our new location at the Children's Book Company located inside the Antique Warehouse. There will be books and gifts available for all ages, author visits, and of



We're ALMOST there!!

Only \$2550 needed to meet our READ Endowment goal by January 2, 2010.

course books to add to *your* reading list.

Reading is a gift that lasts a lifetime. The holidays are a special time to celebrate all the joys that reading brings to our lives each and every day of the year. Best wishes for a magical holiday and may the New Year bring a special time to read for knowledge, pleasure and adventure.

Carol Lechel
Director

ARE YOU A FAN?

READ is now on

facebook

Become a fan of the READ Association of Saginaw County on Facebook and stay connected. Receive event reminders and general updates, invite friends to be a fan, and spread the word!

HIGHLIGHTS: Fall Orientation

Seventy-five volunteers attended the Fall Orientation Meetings and listened to our featured speakers Jan Merriam and Marilyn Porras, retired City of Saginaw Public School Educators, as they provided a very informative program on “Children’s Responses to Reading”. Below is a summary of two writing traits and several specific questions that you might use for young challenged readers.



WRITING TRAITS

IDEAS: The *idea* of a story or writing is the heart of the message. It creates a clear image in your mind. The use of descriptive words brings the idea into clarity for the reader.

ORGANIZATION: Organization is the structure that holds the writing together. It has a beginning, middle, and end. It moves the story from one event to the next. Organization connects one idea to the other so it is easy to understand. Use of words like *next*, *then*, *since*, *finally*, *after*, etc. are important for smooth transitions in the writing.

QUESTIONS FOR YOUNG /CHALLENGED READERS – 2nd Grade

- Who or what is the story about? — How do you know?
- Can you find a *showing sentence* where the writer describes something?
- List or find any of these word categories in books:
 - color words • silly words • feeling words
 - dangerous words • kind words • spooky words
 - night words • joyful words

QUESTIONS FOR 3rd/4th GRADERS

- Describe your favorite character in the story. — What do you know about your favorite character?
- Find your favorite picture in the book and list what you can see, hear, smell, taste and feel by looking at the picture.
- How would you change the ending in the story?

WELCOME New Volunteers & Coordinators

Virginia Abbott	Lorna Keaner
Kathy Anderson	Hashim Kelley
Martia Anderson	Jackie Klein
Paula Bauer	Joseph Kruska
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Julie Goldman	Debi Sova
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Save the Date:

5th annual
Books for Breakfast:



Saturday, March 6, 2010
9am—11:30am
at the Hunger Solution Center

Mentoring Moments

I enjoy seeing the improvement the kids make every week and their confidence levels just soar. They get so excited that you just can’t help but be proud of them. READ is the highlight of my week.

—Alison Beckman, Stevens Worldwide Van Lines
READ Coordinator, Brunkow Elementary

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU! The first five mentors to share a mentoring moment with us will receive a free READ t-shirt! Share with us why YOU like mentoring, share a mentoring story or something a child has said. Send your “moment” to our office via email to READassoc@sbcglobal.net, or by mail.

Join us for the



8th Annual READ Book Fair



To benefit the READ Association
of Saginaw County
Hosted by The Children's Book Company

Thursday, December 10th, 2009

NEW Time: 10am — 8pm

NEW Location: The Children's Book Company

inside the Antique Warehouse, 1122 Tittabawassee Rd., near corner of N. Michigan

Author Book Signings:

Local Authors and their extensive selection of Michigan historical books:

- **Jill Brumwell** (10am-2pm, 5pm-8pm)
- **Roselynn Ederer** (11am-3pm)

6pm - 8pm

Featuring authors from
Sleeping Bear Press:

- **Denise Brennan Nelson**—*Willow*, a story about creativity and the magical things that happen when the imagination is allowed to run wild, *Buzzy the Bumblebee*, *My Grandma Likes to Say...* and more.
- **Mary Ann McCabe Reihle**—*M is for Mom: A Child's Alphabet*, a touching book of poetry to embrace, learn and love from A to Z, and *A is for Airplane: An Aviation Alphabet*, and more.

10am-3pm Lunch Special

at Memory Lane Café — mention READ and receive a free beverage with gourmet sandwich, wrap or salad. Visit www.thememorylanecafe.com for menu and call ahead (752-0812) to have your lunch waiting for you.

6pm-8pm Antique Warehouse— Customer Appreciation Night

Special sales and discounts located throughout the entire store, raffle prizes, refreshments and more... Visit www.theantiquewarehouse.net for a complete list of specialty shops, including The Loft.

*** Shop The Children's Book Company for books and gifts for all ages! Bring your friends for lunch or an evening out.**

The Children's Book Company will have some of the latest children's, adult and family book titles—and of course your favorite titles too... just in time for the holiday season! Special orders are available for arrival before Christmas. NEW this Season:

- *The Help* by Kathryn Stockett. An engrossing novel about the South.
- *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Dog Days*. The newest in this very popular series.
- *Julie Andrews' Collection of Poems, Songs and Lullabies with CD*. A wonderful gift for the Holidays.

PLUS Games, Toys, Floor Puzzles and Gifts !



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WHERE THE WILD THINGS ARE: at the Festival of Trees



Board member Sue Smith and Wescourt Residents decorated a very fun and creative tree on behalf of the READ Association using the theme "Where the Wild Things Are" for the annual Junior League Festival of Trees. A special thanks to Sue and the Wescourt Residents for sharing their enthusiasm for reading and holiday spirit with READ and all those who attended the Festival of Trees event!

Saginaw Community Foundation 25th Anniversary Challenge

We are SO CLOSE to meeting our goal of raising \$25,000 for the READ Endowment. Many, many thanks to everyone who has already made a generous donation and for those who will consider a donation by 1-02-10. With your help, we will meet our goal and be awarded with the \$10,000 matching grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation. What a great investment return!

Donations to the READ/SCF Endowment qualify for the Michigan Community Foundation State Tax Credit. For example, if you make a \$100 donation to the READ Endowment Fund, the State of Michigan will allow you a \$50 credit or refund on your 2009 State Tax Return. A single taxpayer may receive a maximum \$100 credit for a \$200 donation. A maximum \$200 credit is allowed for a married couple filing jointly making a \$400 contribution.

A contribution to the READ Endowment will help children in our community today, tomorrow and in the future. Please consider a donation today and help us reach our goal. *Every* donation, of *any* amount, will help us reach our goal!

We Value Your Support

I/We would like to make a donation in support of the READ Association of Saginaw County:

Amount Enclosed: \$25 \$50 \$100 Other \$ _____

Name(s): _____
(Please list name(s) as you would like to be acknowledged)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

This Gift is made: In Memory of In Honor of In Celebration of

Person(s)/Occasion

Send Gift Acknowledgement to (if applicable):

Name(s): _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

I/We would like to support the **READ Endowment Campaign** to grow the READ endowment and meet the \$25,000 SCF challenge. I/We understand that this contribution will be deposited with the Saginaw Community Foundation and used solely as an endowment contribution to permanently endow and support READ.

\$400 \$200 \$100 \$50 Other \$ _____

An additional donation of \$ _____ will be made on January 2, 2010

Make contributions payable to READ/SCF Endowment.

Please make general contributions payable to READ Association.

Mail all to: READ Association, 100 S. Jefferson Ave., Suite 401, Saginaw, MI 48607

Thanks for Sharing!

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“A candle loses nothing by lighting another candle.”

-Erin Majors



Upcoming READ Events:

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AT the Children’s Book Company, located inside the Antique Warehouse

Books for Breakfast

Saturday, March 6, 2010 9am–11:30am at the Hunger Solution Center

D.E.A.R. at the Zoo

Wednesday, June 16, 2010 – at the Children’s Zoo at Celebration Square

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