

Arkansas Reading Association
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International Reading Association

**DIAMOND AWARD
2005-2006**

This Award will be presented to council presidents at the ARA Celebrate Literacy Event in April. Local Council Presidents will be eligible for receiving the DIAMOND AWARD should they achieve the following:

1. Submit a tentative and final calendar, including dates/speakers, of local council meetings (3 or more) to President **Wendy Ellis**.
Deadline: July 23 (Tentative) Date achieved _____
Deadline: on or before September 15 (Final) Date achieved _____
2. Submit local council committee chair names to President **Wendy Ellis**.
Deadline: September 15 Date achieved _____
3. Submit "council news" item (one to two paragraphs) for state newsletter to President **Wendy Ellis**.
Deadline: August 1 or March 15 (Choose one) Date achieved _____
4. Two local council representatives attend Delegates' Assembly at **Summer Leadership and Fall Conference on November 17**.
Date achieved _____
5. **Local Membership Director sends these items to Billie Ann Dishongh, State Director of Membership:**
 - Membership Campaign Goal Commitment
Deadline: September 30 Date achieved _____
 - Send regular membership reports and state dues money (monthly if new members are added)
Deadline: October 15 Date achieved _____
 - Target Membership
Deadline: March 1 Date achieved _____
6. Submit a preliminary list of local council officers (who must be IRA members) for the 2006-2007 year to State Coordinator **Tanna Clark**.
Deadline: March 10 Date achieved _____

For more information regarding the **DIAMOND AWARD**, contact Wendy Ellis, President; Billie Ann Dishongh, Director of Membership; or Tanna Clark, State Coordinator.