

**ARKANSAS READING ASSOCIATION  
AWARD/GRANT RECIPIENTS  
2008-2009**

**JO FLANIGAN SCHOLARSHIP**

Donna Turner  
North Arkansas Reading Council



**STUDIES AND RESEARCH AWARDS**

Karen Jones  
Crowley's Ridge Reading Council



**CELEBRATE LITERACY AWARDS**

**Educator:** *Susan Bitely* - Jefferson County Reading  
Council

**Agency:** *Blytheville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta  
Sorority, Inc.* - Northeast Arkansas Reading Council

**Community Volunteer:** *Jim Halsell* - Northwest Arkansas  
Reading Council



**ADMINISTRATOR IN READING AWARD**

Debbie Miller  
Batesville School District



**IRA AWARD OF EXCELLENCE**

Arkansas Reading Association - 22 years  
Tina Montgomery, President



**IRA EXEMPLARY READING PROGRAM AWARD**

*Blytheville Middle School  
Blytheville, Arkansas*

**DIAMOND AWARDS**

Arkadelphia - Kay Calvert  
AR River Valley - Charlotte Wilson  
Mt. Home - Marjorie Rosenkotter  
North Arkansas - Renee Edwards  
North Central - Jeanne Harvey  
Northeast - Melisa Rutherford  
Northwest - Grace Kerr  
On the Border - Rosemary Underwood  
SEARK - Sylvia Ngar  
White River - Leeann Howard



**HONOR COUNCILS**

Arkadelphia Area - 10  
Arkansas Catholic Special Interest - 9  
Central Arkansas - 24  
Grant County - 17  
Jefferson County - 15  
Mountain Home - 2  
North Arkansas - 9  
North Central Arkansas - 25  
Northeast Arkansas - 22  
Northwest Arkansas - 16  
On The Border - 5  
SEARK - 17  
South Arkansas - 14  
White River - 8



**IRA MEMBERSHIP HONOR ROLL**

Arkadelphia Area Reading Council

## SUMMARY OF AWARDS/SCHOLARSHIPS/GRANTS (Who, What, Where, When)

<b>Name of Award (What?)</b>	<b>Responsibility (Who?)</b>	<b>Postmarked (When?)</b>	<b>Presented (When? and Where?)</b>	<b>Actual Award (What?)</b>
Administrator in Reading	Vice President with Parliamentarian and Historian	March 1	Fall Conference (General Session)	Plaque-Custom Trophies, 1210 Main, Little Rock, AR, 72202 501-372-3332
Diamond Award	President	March 30	April Celebrate Literacy Event or Summer Leadership Workshop (Depends on date of Literacy Event)	Pen sets-Seigga Trophies, Inc., 1920-2 W. Main, Jacksonville AR, 72076, 501-982-3994 Fax: 501-982-3995
Membership Awards	Director of Membership	March 1	Summer Leadership Workshop	Certificates and cash award
Jo Flanigan Scholarship	President	March 1	Presented at April Celebrate Literacy Event and recognized at Fall Conference (General Session)	Cash award
Studies and Research Grants	Vice-President, Studies and Research Chair and Committee	February 1	Presented at April Celebrate Literacy Event and recognized at Fall Conference (General Session)	Cash award
Local Council Honoree	President	October 1	Fall conference	Registration at Fall Conference and Book and Author Luncheon
Honor Council Award	Local Council President, IRA offices	March 1	Presented at Summer Leadership	Cash award-\$100.00
Past President Award	President	N/A	Summer Leadership Workshop	Award, Custom Trophies, 1210 Main, Little Rock, AR, 501-372-3332
Celebrate Literacy Awards	Vice-President, Literacy Chair	January 15	Celebrate Literacy Event	Certificates, names engraved on literacy award plaque
Exemplary Reading Award Program	Local Council Presidents, Exemplary Reading Chair & Committee	November 15	If IRA winner, at IRA Convention	Recognition at IRA Convention

# ARKANSAS READING ASSOCIATION AWARDS

## INDIVIDUAL EDUCATOR AWARDS

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**Deadline: Must be postmarked (or electronically submitted) by March 1**

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## LOCAL COUNCIL AWARDS from ARA

**HONOR COUNCIL AWARDS**--The ARA contributes \$100 to each local council that earns IRA Honor Council status.

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**DIAMOND AWARD** --Presented to Local Council Presidents who meet criteria and deadlines. Contact ARA President.

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## **SELECTED IRA AWARDS**

**These may be of interest to ARA members!**

IRA honors educators involved in literacy and reading efforts through nearly 40 awards and grants. An overview of each award can be found at [www.reading.org](http://www.reading.org). Selected awards follow:

The **Exemplary Reading Program Award** honors the school having an outstanding reading program. ARA Exemplary Reading Committee Chair. **Deadline: November 15**

The **Eleanor M. Johnson Award** (\$1000) recognizes an outstanding elementary teacher of reading/language arts. Sponsored by Weekly Reader.

**Deadline: November 15**

The **Arbuthnot Award** (\$500) honors an outstanding college or university teacher of children's and young adult literature.

**Deadline: October 15**

The **Nila Banton Smith Award** is \$1000 to a classroom teacher or reading specialist who has made an outstanding contribution in helping students become more proficient readers of content instructional materials.

**Deadline: November 15**

The **Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award** (\$1000) honors an outstanding college or university teacher of reading methods or reading-related courses. Sponsored by Kendall/Hunt Publishing Company.

**Deadline: October 15**

The **Regie Routman Teacher Recognition Award** honors an outstanding K-6 teacher dedicated to improving through reflective writing about his/her teaching and learning process.

**Deadline: November 1**

The **Albert J. Harris** is a monetary prize granted annually for an outstanding contribution to the diagnosis and/or remediation of reading or learning disabilities.

**Deadline: September 1**

The **Outstanding Dissertation of the Year Award** (\$1000) competition is sponsored by Scott Foresman. It honors Educators in Grades K-12 who are making an outstanding innovative contribution to the use of technology in reading education.

**Deadline: October 1**

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## DIAMOND AWARD

This Award will be presented to Local 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 **ARA President**.  
**Deadline: Summer Leadership (Tentative)**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_  
**Deadline: on or before September 15 (Final)**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_
2. Submit local council committee chair names to **ARA President**.  
**Deadline: September 15**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_
3. Submit council news item (one to two paragraphs) for state newsletter to **ARA President**.  
**Deadline: August 1 or March 15 (Choose one)**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_
4. Two local council representatives attend Delegates' Assembly at the Annual Conference and Summer Leadership.      **Summer Leadership** \_\_\_\_\_ **Annual Conference** \_\_\_\_\_
5. The *Local Director of Membership* will send these items to the **ARA Director of Membership**:
  - Membership Campaign Goal Commitment Form  
**Deadline: September 30**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_
  - Regular membership reports and state dues money (monthly if new members are added)  
Dates achieved: \_\_\_\_\_
  - Target Membership  
**Deadline: March 1**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_
6. Submit a preliminary list of local council officers (**who must be IRA members**) for the next year to the **ARA State Coordinator**.  
**Deadline: March 10**      Date achieved \_\_\_\_\_

For more information regarding the **DIAMOND AWARD**, contact **ARA President**, **ARA Director of Membership** or **ARA State Coordinator**.

[www.arareading.org](http://www.arareading.org)

## DIAMOND AWARD AT A GLANCE

- **TENTATIVE CALENDAR** – Submit to the **ARA President** by end of Summer Leadership.
- **FINAL CALENDAR** – Submit to the **ARA President** by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **COMMITTEE CHAIRS** – Submit to the **ARA President** by September 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **COUNCIL NEWS** – Submit at least one “council news” item (one or two paragraphs) for newsletter to the **ARA President** by August 1<sup>st</sup> or March 15<sup>th</sup>.
- **DELEGATES’ ASSEMBLY** – Have two local council representatives attend the Delegates’ Assembly at the **Fall Conference and Summer Leadership**.
- **MEMBERSHIP GOALS** – Submit Membership Campaign Goal Commitment to the **ARA Membership Director** by September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **MEMBERSHIP REPORTS** – Send regular membership reports and state dues money (monthly if new members are added) to the **ARA Membership Director**
- **TARGET MEMBERSHIP** – Submit Target Membership to the **ARA Membership Director** by March 1.
- **LOCAL COUNCIL OFFICERS** – Submit a **preliminary** list of local council officers (who must be IRA members) for the upcoming year to the **ARA State Coordinator** by March 10<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, contact **ARA President, ARA Director of Membership** or **ARA State Coordinator**.

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## LOCAL COUNCIL HONOREE AWARD

Dear Local Council President:

In order to support conference attendance by local council members, the ARA will award to one member selected by each local council:

**FREE REGISTRATION TO THE STATE CONFERENCE  
and  
ONE FREE TICKET TO THE BOOK and AUTHOR FUNCTION**

Additionally, from the local council award recipients, one will be randomly selected by ARA to receive \$750 to be used to attend the national IRA conference the following spring. This recipient must be a member at the local, state, and national levels.

In the event the selected award recipient cannot attend the national conference, another honoree will be selected from the pool of eligible participants.

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### LOCAL COUNCIL HONOREE FORM

Name of Local Council: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Council Honoree: \_\_\_\_\_

Honoree's Address (home): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (home) \_\_\_\_\_ (work) \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching position: \_\_\_\_\_ School District: \_\_\_\_\_

IRA Membership #: \_\_\_\_\_

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(Signature of Local Council President)

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(Date)

**DEADLINE: Must be postmarked or electronically submitted by OCTOBER 1.**

**Mail to: ARA President**

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## JO FLANIGAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Office) \_\_\_\_\_

Current Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am a member of the Arkansas Reading Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No  
Local Council - \_\_\_\_\_

\* I am a member of the International Reading Association: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

\* International Reading Association membership number: \_\_\_\_\_

I hold a standard Arkansas teaching certificate, number: \_\_\_\_\_

Professional references: (Applicant is responsible for sending forms to those listed below.)

1. Local Council Endorsement: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Immediate Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_

3. Other Professional: \_\_\_\_\_

Attach: 1. Proof of eligibility for graduate study  
2. An autobiography which includes personal and professional goals and a statement of involvement in local and state reading councils  
3. Three reference forms (copy as needed)

Mail to: **ARA President**

The scholarship is awarded by the Arkansas Reading Association to further graduate study in reading or related areas and is awarded upon proof of completion of the course work.

**Note: Applicants must be a member of local/ARA and IRA for one year prior to deadline.**

Applicants may apply for multiple awards, but are only eligible for one ARA award.

**DEADLINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED (or submitted in electronic form) BY MARCH 1.** Recipients are required to submit proof of satisfactory completion of coursework by **July 1 of the following year.**

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## JO FLANIGAN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION Reference Form

This reference is given on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_  
(applicant)

**Completed by:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail to:** ARA President (or submit in electronic form)

**DEADLINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED (OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED) BY MARCH 1.**

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## STUDIES AND RESEARCH GRANT APPLICATION

Current members of the **Arkansas Reading Association** are invited to submit proposals for a Studies and Research Grant not to exceed \$750 for the upcoming school year. Proposals should be written for classroom research projects in instructional methods, non-traditional approaches, parent involvement, independent reading, book publishing, or new techniques and/or strategies, for example. Grant funds may be used for such items as children's trade books, consumable materials, audiovisual materials and equipment. Activities and expenditures used for literacy materials will be given priority.

Six copies of the proposal should be submitted to ***ARA Studies and Research Committee Chair***. The proposal must be postmarked no later than **February 1**. The proposal should not exceed three pages, single-spaced. Include the following information in the order given below:

Project Title  
Name of Applicant  
Current Position  
Business Address  
Business Telephone/Fax  
Home Address  
Home Telephone  
Local Reading Council Association  
IRA Membership Number  
Rationale for Project  
Description of Project  
Budget  
Project Timeline

All applicants for the grant will receive notice of the selected recipient(s) in April.. This will enable the winner(s) to implement the proposed project during the fall semester of the upcoming year. A project and budget report (including receipts) is due November 1. The winner(s) will be recognized at the annual ARA conference in November, and will be expected to present the project in a conference session. Recipients are also encouraged to submit an article about the project to ***The ARA Newsletter***.

**Note: Applicants must be a member of local/ARA and IRA for one year prior to deadline. Applicants may apply for multiple awards, but are only eligible for one ARA award.**

**DEADLINE: POSTMARKED (or electronically submitted) BY FEBRUARY 1**

Return to: **ARA Studies and Research Committee Chair, electronic submission preferred.**

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## STUDIES AND RESEARCH GRANT SELECTION CRITERIA

In keeping with the intent of this grant, the criteria used to assess grant applications stresses the importance of using research to guide classroom activities. The collection of data to critically examine the effects of proposed methods on student learning is also stressed. The following criteria will be used to judge the merits of grant applications:

### Application Packet (10%)

- All requested information is provided and clearly labeled or identified.

### Rationale for Project (30%)

- The rationale for the project provides a substantive review of the professional literature supporting the proposed activity.
- Literature used to support the practice is drawn from a sufficient number of *recent* articles from *peer-reviewed* journals or professional texts. Examples of peer-reviewed articles from *peer-reviewed* journals include *The Reading Teacher*, *Reading Research Quarterly*, *Language Arts*, etc.
- All articles included in the rationale are accurately cited in the body of the text as well as in a reference list at the end of the project narrative.

### Description of the project (40%)

The following sections are clearly labeled or used as *subheadings* to organize the project description:

- Statement of the problem. The *reason for conducting this study or project* is clearly explained using examples from the teacher's own experience or from the professional literature.
- Project Implementation. Procedures for implementing the project or study are thoroughly described including steps necessary in planning for the project as well as the day-to-day implementation.
- Data collection methods. This section delineates specific measures (pre/post tests, running records, surveys etc.) to be used in determining the impact of the project on student learning.

### Budget (10%)

- All anticipated expenditures are listed with an estimated cost for each item.
- All narrative accompanies the budget explaining how the items listed will be used to carry out the project.

### Project Timeline (10%)

- Each step of the project is listed chronologically.
- Timeline includes project planning and setup as well as data collection and analysis.
- Timeline includes plans for submitting proposals for presenting the project at the ARA annual conference. (Deadline for Call for Proposals is listed on the ARA website.)

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## ADMINISTRATOR IN READING AWARD

The Arkansas Reading Association has presented the **Administrator in Reading Award** annually at the ARA annual conference since 1990. The purpose of this award is to recognize administrators in the state of Arkansas who have significantly contributed to the improvement of reading instruction and/or who have promoted lifetime reading habits.

To be eligible for this award, a person must be an administrator or supervisor in an Arkansas school district(s). An administrator or supervisor shall be defined as a school superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal, assistant principal, Title I supervisor or other administrative position.

A nomination for this award must be completed and signed by at least three (3) members of the International Reading Association who are also members of ARA and a local council. The application will be evaluated by a committee of ARA members according to the accompanying rubric. The chair of the selection committee shall be the Vice President of ARA.

Please include a photograph of the nominee and a signed statement giving permission to release this information for publication.

*DEADLINE: POSTMARKED (or electronically submitted) BY MARCH 1*

Return nomination forms to:           **ARA Vice President**

# Arkansas Reading Association

## ADMINISTRATOR IN READING AWARD

Nominee's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Why should this administrator be given the award? Include specific information concerning the nominee's accomplishments in the area of reading, contributions to reading improvement, development of innovative programs, promotion and support of reading instruction, and/or leadership in the area of reading. Additional information may be attached, including newspaper articles, letters of testimony, pictures, or other descriptive items

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Three (3) local council members who are members of the International Reading Association and the Arkansas Reading Association must sign this form.

We submit the above person for consideration for the Arkansas Reading Association **Administrator in Reading Award**. We have personal knowledge of this person's contributions to the improvement of reading instruction and/or promotion of lifetime reading habits as described above.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ IRA number \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ IRA number \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ IRA number \_\_\_\_\_

Local Council Membership \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: POSTMARKED (or electronically submitted) BY MARCH 1.**  
Return to **ARA Vice President**.

# ADMINISTRATOR IN READING AWARD RUBRIC

<u>CRITERIA</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
<b>I. PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/LEADERSHIP</b> (Officer, Committee Member, Board Member) <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Local Reading Council</li><li>• Arkansas Reading Association</li><li>• IRA (Membership Number)</li><li>• Other professional/community organizations</li></ul>	1-15
<b>II. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE/ACHIEVEMENTS/Awards</b>	1-10
<b>III. LITERACY STAFF DEVELOPMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Trainer (building, district, state or national)</li><li>• Participant (building, district, state or national)</li></ul>	1-25
<b>IV. DEVELOPMENT AND/OR IMPLEMENTATION OF READING PROGRAM</b>	1-25
<b>V. Contributions to Individual Student Reading Improvement</b> (tutoring, projects, goal setting, etc.)	1-25

# Celebrate Literacy Award

Year \_\_\_\_\_  
Local Council Report

Name of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Council President's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers (\_\_\_\_\_) (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Business Home

Name(s) of Award Recipients: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state reasons for the selection of the award recipients and include a short biography.  
You may attach an additional sheet if necessary.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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## Ordering Certificates

Note: Please limit your order to five certificates.

Awards Ceremony date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Return To:

**Celebrate Literacy Award  
International Reading Association  
800 Barksdale Road, PO Box 8139  
Newark, DE 19714-8139 USA**

Please allow four weeks for delivery.  
Certificates are 8 1/2" x 11" and are suitable for framing.

# Arkansas Reading Association

nomination for  
**EDUCATOR Literacy Award**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Position \_\_\_\_\_ How long? \_\_\_\_\_

Immediate Supervisor \_\_\_\_\_ Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Is the nominee a member of the following? (*circle one*)

IRA \_\_\_\_\_ *yes* *no* IRA # \_\_\_\_\_

State Reading Council \_\_\_\_\_ *yes* *no*

Local Reading Council \_\_\_\_\_ *yes* *no* Name of Council \_\_\_\_\_

Briefly state reasons for nominating this person:

Background information should be *attached on separate sheets*. (Educational, professional and other biographical information should be included. Attach the supporting data such as letters of recommendation, news clippings, other honors, etc.)

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Council's Literacy Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Local Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Council

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED (OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED) BY JANUARY 15**

# RUBRIC FOR EDUCATOR LITERACY AWARD

*Literacy participation: The person selected should promote literacy **above and beyond** the job requirements and responsibilities.*

## 1. LITERACY PROJECTS

- 10 Participation in literacy projects (4 or more)
- 10 Volunteer hours in literacy projects (40 hours or more)
- 5 Participation in literacy projects (1 to 3)
- 5 Volunteer hours (39 hours or less)

Level of Quality for the projects promoting literacy:

- 15
- 10
- 5

## 2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT beyond the classroom and job requirements

- 10 Trainer of Professional Development in Literacy (beyond job duties)
- 10 Participation in Literacy Professional Development (3 or more training)
- 10 Participation in School District Literacy Training (3 or more workshops)
- 5 Participation in Literacy Professional Development (1 – 2 training)
- 5 Participation in School District Literacy Training (1 – 2 workshops)

## 3. PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- 10 IRA, ARA, Local Council member
- 10 Member of other professional groups (3 – 5)
- 5 ARA, Local Council member
- 5 Member of other professional groups (1 – 2)

## 4. VOLUNTEERISM

- 10 Community Organizations in leadership roles
- 10 Church Member in leadership roles
- 5 Community Organizations Member
- 5 Church Member

## 5. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION:

- 10 Completion of requested information
- 10 Proper signatures and met deadlines

# Arkansas Reading Association

nomination for

## COMMUNITY LEADER Literacy Award

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Biographical Information:

Give reasons for nominating this person. (Use separate sheet if necessary.)  
Attach supporting data such as letters of recommendation, news clippings, etc.

### Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Council's Literacy Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Local Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Council

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED (OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED) BY JANUARY 15**

# **RUBRIC FOR COMMUNITY LEADER LITERACY AWARD**

*Literacy Participation: Those selected should promote literacy strictly on a **voluntary** basis.*

## **1. LITERACY PROJECTS:**

- 10 Number of Literacy Projects (4 or more)
- 10 Projects involving resources, \$ and/or supplies (\$1000 or more)
- 10 Volunteer hours in Literacy Projects (40 hours or more)
- 5 Number of Literacy Projects (1 – 3)
- 5 Projects involving resources, \$ and/or supplies (less than \$1000)
- 5 Volunteer hours in Literacy Projects (39 hours or less)

## **2. IMPACT OF TOTAL LITERACY CONTRIBUTION:**

- 15 Impacting 100 or more people in the community
- 10 Impacting 25 – 99 people in the community
- 5 Impacting 24 or less people in the community

## **3. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION:**

- 10 Completion of requested information
- 10 Proper signatures and met deadlines

# Arkansas Reading Association

nomination for  
**AGENCY Literacy Award**

Name of Agency/Organization \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( \_\_\_\_\_ ) \_\_\_\_\_

Describe the purpose/function of the agency/organization.

Describe contributions of the agency/organization to literacy.  
*Attach supporting data* such as publicity, letters of support, etc.

## Signatures

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson of Council's Literacy Committee

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of Local Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Council

\_\_\_\_\_  
Reading Council

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**DEADLINE: MUST BE POSTMARKED (OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED) BY JANUARY 15**

# RUBRIC FOR AGENCY LITERACY AWARD

*Literacy Participation: Those selected should promote literacy strictly on a **voluntary** basis.*

## 1. LITERACY PROJECTS:

- 10 Number of Literacy Projects (4 or more)
- 10 Projects involving resources, \$ and/or supplies (\$1000 or more)
- 10 Volunteer hours in Literacy Projects (40 hours or more)
- 5 Number of Literacy Projects (1 – 3)
- 5 Projects involving resources, \$ and/or supplies (less than \$1000)
- 5 Volunteer hours in Literacy Projects (39 hours or less)

## 2. IMPACT OF TOTAL LITERACY CONTRIBUTION:

- 10 Impacting 100 or more people in the community
- 10 Impacting 25 – 99 people in the community
- 5 Impacting 24 or less people in the community

## 3. SUBMISSION OF NOMINATION:

- 10 Completion of requested information
- 10 Proper signatures and met deadlines

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**MEMBERSHIP AWARDS FOR LOCAL COUNCILS**

Three local councils will be recognized for their efforts to increase membership at the state and local council level. The top *three* councils with the greatest percentage increase in membership will be awarded a certificate and a monetary award as follows:

**First place - \$300.00**  
**Second place - \$200.00**  
**Third place - \$100.00**

The membership report prepared by the Director of Membership, Arkansas Reading Association, and **mailed to IRA by March 1<sup>st</sup>** will be used to determine the final membership standings for each local council. A council **MUST** be in good standing with IRA meaning that all officers are current members of a local council, ARA and IRA and the council must have at least 10 IRA members.

The awards will be presented at the Summer Leadership Workshop.

**OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN IRA  
MEMBERSHIP AWARD**

The OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT IN IRA MEMBERSHIP AWARD recognizes the local council with the greatest percentage of IRA members. The award includes a **certificate of recognition and \$200.00**.

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## LITERACY PROJECT GRANTS

The Arkansas Reading Association will sponsor a literacy grant to assist your council in promoting reading and/or developing literacy in your community. Councils may apply for grants up to \$300 to be used on a literacy project. Councils are encouraged to assess the needs of their membership and community as they propose a project. The ARA Board will assist in making application, planning and/or coordinating events, if needed.

### TIME LINE

- Applications will be accepted August 1 through February 15.
- Funds can be used after February 1, but must be utilized before June 1.
- Proposals should be mailed to the ARA President.

### AGREEMENT

- Councils must agree to complete the project within the time line outlined in the proposal.
- Councils must complete a written summary and financial accounting for the project by June 15.
- Councils must agree to share the project with other councils.

### SUGGESTED PROJECTS

**Reading Tutors:** Select a “target” group of people to train and place as reading tutors within your council area. This group may be parents, college students, church members, civic club members, or interested citizens. Funds could be used for training, tutoring books and materials, student books, refreshments for meetings or pamphlets to support your training.

**Author Visit:** Work with other local councils, professional organizations or school districts (share funds, resources, manpower) to bring an author or educator to the area for a school visit, council meeting, or special event.

**Teachers as Readers Group:** Organize a reading group within your council area. Funds can be used for professional books, refreshments, advertising, etc. IRA/ARA has a video tape and pamphlets about how organize a TAR group and suggestions for its continued success. ARA will assist as needed.

**Community Advocacy Project:** Sponsor a 5K “Run for Literacy” within your council area. Proceeds could support literacy causes within your council realm. This would be an excellent way to kick off Celebrate Literacy Month in April.

Ideas are unlimited! Please be thorough in your summary on the application form. Call upon ARA Board members to help as you plan and execute your project.

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## LOCAL COUNCIL LITERACY GRANT APPLICATION

Council Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Person \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Project \_\_\_\_\_

Project Summary:

Proposed Budget:

Amount Requested: \_\_\_\_\_

One grant per council per year may be awarded from August 1 through February 1. Proposals and/or questions should be addressed to ARA President. Electronic submission is preferred.

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## LOCAL COUNCIL LITERACY GRANT EVALUATION

1. Name of Council: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Project Title: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Summary of Project:
  
4. How many local council members were involved in the project and how were they involved?
  
5. List the strengths/benefits of this project.
  
6. How was the ARA Literacy Grant money used? If your local council added funds to this project, tell how much and how those funds were used.
  
7. If Literacy grant funds were made available again, how do you think they would be best spent in your council area?

**Send completed form postmarked (or electronically submitted) by February 1 to the ARA President.**