

Reading on the Ridge

“Raging” Through Greene and Lawrence Counties

Reading on the Ridge is a young council that serves both Greene and Lawrence counties in the northeast corner of the state and is nestled at the foot of Crowley’s Ridge.

We are 150 miles from Little Rock and the Arkansas River, but we have a peaceful little river called the St. Francis nearby. The St. Francis is like the Arkansas River because they are both tributaries to the “Mighty Mississippi.” Our little St. Francis, the Arkansas, and the Mississippi River “flow” together as one, just as our local council, ARA and the mighty IRA become one. One common goal: PROMOTING LITERACY!

Reading on the Ridge had a “rocky” start as a completely new slate of officers worked “swiftly” to complete a successful 2009-2010 school year. Officers Angie Hancock, Krystal Hooten, Caroline Schenk and Farrah Wilcox began planning last summer, but we felt like we were in some “unchartered waters.” Throughout the school year, we kept our enthusiasm “flowing” as we worked with teachers, students and the local community on our Kids Helping Kids

project. Student admission for a Friday night football game was a new or gently used book. Books were collected and bagged and were delivered to the Mission Outreach and given to struggling families to enjoy. Over 500 “beautiful” books were donated, which made this project “awe-inspiring!”

It wasn’t easy, but we managed to complete our duties for ARA and IRA as we became an Honor Council for the first time! We are so proud of that accomplishment. There were times when we felt as though we were riding the “wild rapids.” Now we are back for a second year with the same officers in place. We hope to grow and to continue to support our community with literacy-based services and projects. You may not always find us “Reading on the River” here in Greene County, but we are certainly Reading on the Ridge. Our goal is simply to promote literacy, and to spread the word of Reading on the Ridge, ARA, and the mighty IRA organization!



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Friday, October 16, 2009

