

The Grant County Reading Council

The Grant County Reading Council flowed smoothly this past year as we started off the year with Literacy Night in our local schools. Kids of all ages eagerly paddled downstream to the book room of their choice. Teachers and volunteers were so willing to share some of their favorite books as they read to the children and made literacy crafts to reinforce the books. Parades were also held in the fall, as Grant County Reading Council threw books to local students.

Each school year is sort of a river of passing events. As the current is strong, no sooner is a thing brought to sight than it is swept by and another takes its place, (*Marcus Aurelius*) as did the Character Parade in September. Favorite characters from books came to life, parading down the halls, as we began our coin drive to raise money for two kids from Uganda. We did this as a part of our International Literacy Day. What better way to represent your favorite book character than dressing the part! No sooner had this event begun than it was swiftly swept away into a week long Reading Cruise. Students traveled to each port to hear stories, make books, and swim away with free books and bookmarks. Fun was had by all in attendance!

Our local council nominated Metropolitan National Bank for the agency award and they won the state award for overall agency. It's great to have such community support flowing in our area!

These events have since been swept away, but many new waters will flow on to us in the fall of 2010 as we continue to get students excited about literacy! So where is your river going? Are you riding with it or rowing against it? There is no effort if you're riding with your river. (*Frederick (Carl) Frieseke*) So go against the flow!

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