



Secondary Reading League

Charting the Course for Adolescent Literacy

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Young Adult Book Talk!

Secondary Reading League
Presents

Young Adult Book Talk

At Lou Malnati's with

Jan Dundon of Anderson's Books

At Lou Malnati's, 131 West Jefferson Avenue, Naperville, IL

Thursday, April 7, 2011 5:30-9:00 p.m.

\$40 walk-in registration

(Please contact Becky Binks, rebeccabinks@yahoo.com, as registration is limited.)

**SRL Receives
Council of
Excellence Award**



The Council of Excellence Award recognizes local and special interest councils that organize and conduct well-rounded programs serving the council members, the community, and the state association. This year's SRL programming included "RtI from the Teacher Viewpoint" by Laura Beltchenko, Deb Hays and Rebecca Binks; "Day of Reading," featuring Dr. Judith Irvin and author Neal Shusterman; "Improving Adolescent Literacy" by Dr. Taffy Rafael; an SRL strand at the Illinois Reading Council Conference; and the Spring Book Talk. Please mark your calendars for next year's Day of Reading Preconference with Jeff Wilhelm (November 4, 2011) and Conference, featuring Jeff Wilhelm and Todd Strasser (November 5, 2011).



**Literacy Grant
Information**

SRL has established two \$500 Literacy Grants to be awarded to SRL members. The monetary award is intended to support educators in developing new or supporting existing innovative literacy projects in their schools or classrooms. Interested SRL members can download the grant application at www.dayofreading.org.

The application deadline is September 15, 2011, and the winners will be announced at SRL's 35th Day of Reading Conference, on November 5, 2011. If you have any questions regarding the grant or cannot access the online application, please contact Gail Huizinga, Literacy Grant chair, at ghuizinga@sbcglobal.net.

Greetings,

This is such an exciting time of year! No, it's not my birthday and I don't enjoy tax season. I am excited because there is a feeling of renewal in the air! On Saturday, February 26, SRL hosted Taffy Rafael who focused on QAR. It was a wonderful morning. During The Reading Council's annual conference in Springfield (March 17-19), **Secondary Reading League** sponsored a strand with outstanding offerings! On April 7, SRL will host our annual Book Talk with Jan Dundon from Anderson's Bookshop in Naperville! I love finding out about the latest YA books. Please join us for our culminating event on April 7!

Donna K. Monti, President

SRL's Literacy Grant Winners & Projects

2006

Alan Holtz - Brooks Middle School, Valley View #365U
Making the Book Club Accessible

Paulette Goodman - Kennedy Junior High; Naperville #203
Screaming Pens: A Teen Writers' Group

Eileen Williams - Millennium School; Homewood #153
Video Taped Book Talks

2006-2007

Diane Mankowski - Glenbard High School; Glen Ellyn #87
Brake For Books

Paulette Goodman - Kennedy Junior High; Naperville #203
Two Worlds Meet to Change History: USS Indianapolis Survivors And A Boy Who Retold their Story

2007-2008

Beth Zdeblick - Wredling Middle School; St. Charles #303
Brown Bag Book Club

Dave McAtee - Millennium School; Homewood #153
Guys Read @ Club

2008-2009

Paulette Goodman - Kennedy Junior High; Naperville #203
Book "Break" Café Revisited: Hooking Teens on Reading

April Faoro - Bloom Trail High School; District #206
Freshmen Attack on Reading

2009-2010

Jo-ana Schmidt - J. Sterling Morton High School #201
Pages Read for More books

Judy Whalen - Thornton Fractional South High School #215
In the News

Gail Huizinga - Homewood School District #153
Meeting the Reading Needs of Secondary Students with Leveled Text



SRL Board of Directors

SRL is currently looking for members to fill the following Board of Director positions:

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Assistant Treasurer
- Editor

If you are interested in learning more about these positions, please contact President Donna Monti at imatexn@yahoo.com