

## Our Goals:

To enhance and improve professional development of reading educators.

To provide leadership to support research, policy, and practice that improves reading instruction.

To establish and strengthen informational alliances with a wide range of organizations including government, community agencies, businesses, and industries.

To provide information on local, regional, and national levels.

## Our Mission:

**To promote literacy in all levels in our council area- family literacy, individual literacy and literacy professionals.**

The Northeast Arkansas Reading Council is open to anyone with an interest in reading or literacy. We welcome everyone from parents to professionals.



Chartered in December 1969, the Northeast Arkansas Reading Council is the oldest council in Arkansas. This year marks our 40th anniversary.

Make plans to participate in our 40th anniversary celebration on **Saturday, January 23** at the **Mississippi County Public Library, TBA**. This celebration promises to be unforgettable. To learn more about the council's history visit our website, [www.orgsites.com/ar/nearc](http://www.orgsites.com/ar/nearc).



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ARKANSAS READING ASSOCIATION 2009

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## Calendar of Events

**July 17-18** ARA Leadership Conference; Little Rock, AR; Officers are requested to attend.

**Sept. 19** Loyd Harris, Book Talks and Book Discussions featuring Charlie Mae Simon and Arkansas Diamond Award nominees.

**Oct 10** Melisa Rutherford will present information from AAIM Conference, 101 Uses of a Document Camera.

**Nov. 19-20** ARA Conference; Little Rock, AR; "Books the Currency of Life" more information: [www.arareading.org](http://www.arareading.org)

**Nov. 19** NEARC, ARA Conference, discuss Literacy Award nominees, TBA

**Jan. 23** 40th Anniversary Celebration at Mississippi County Public Library TBA. Details forthcoming.

**Feb. 7** African American Read-In Chain; Blytheville K-2 Multi-Purpose Building, 1105 Byrum Rd. Time to be announced.

**Mar. 13** ARA Committee Chair, Caroline Schenk will present Newspapers in Education. This make and take program promises to provide materials for all ages.

**April 13** ARA Literacy Tea, Little Rock— Governor's Mansion, Time TBA

**April 17** Literacy Awards TBA

Unless otherwise noted, meetings will be held at the Blytheville Primary School Library 1103 Byrum Rd. Time: 10:00-12:00

Visit our website:

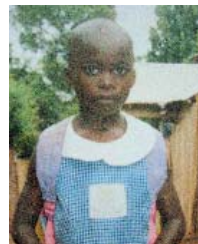
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## NEARC Committees:

**Parent and Family**— Chair Laura Strickland; providing materials and information at Blytheville K-4 Family Nights, professional development.

**International**— Chair Viola Snow; NEARC sponsors child through Teri Clark Ministries;

**Community**— Chair Paige Hawks; sponsored magazine subscriptions to local women's shelter.



**African American Read-In Chain**— Chair Linda Williams; community celebration held annually for the last 10 years.

**Literacy**— Chair Melisa Rutherford; recognition of literacy leaders: NEARC 2009 Honorees included: Community Leader— St. Clare Parks; Educators— Richard Atwill, Sally Cooke; Agency: Blytheville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta, Action Group



ARA Agency in Literacy— Blytheville Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta

**Legislative**— Chair Vera Lucas; promotion of advocacy of literacy and reading issues

**Publicity**— Chair Melisa Rutherford; promotion of NEARC events and meetings.

**Newspapers in Education**— Norma Valley; professional development, promotion of educational uses of newspapers.

## Membership

Membership is open to anyone interested in reading and the promotion of reading. Dues are \$5 for the local NEARC and \$10 for the Arkansas Reading Association. For more information contact:

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Or Visit [www.arareading.org](http://www.arareading.org) and join online.



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