



Welcome to the Arkansas Reading Association's Annual Fall Conference!

November 17-18, 2011

Special Music by Ron Boren

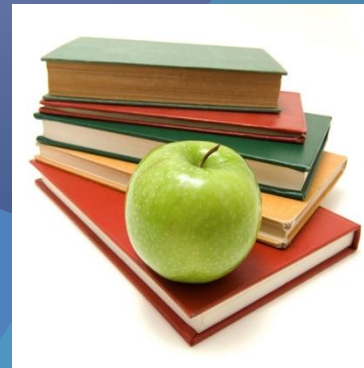


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Did you know?

- *"Book" comes from the word liber. Liber is a Latin name that the Romans used for the thin layer of stuff that is found between the wood and bark of a tree. The Romans used to peel the layer away from the tree and use it as paper to write on.*



Meet Your Leaders!



ARA President Paula Findley



ARA President-Elect Debbie Hardwick-Smith



ARA Vice President Kay Calvert



ARA Secretary Caroline Schenk



ARA Treasurer Amy Simpson



ARA Historian Melisa Rutherford



ARA Parliamentarian Brandi Wallace



ARA Past President Linda Eilers



IRA State Coordinator Tanna Clark



ARA Membership Director Billie Ann Dishongh



ARA Technology Coordinator

Trudy Jackson



ARA Event Coordinator Sarah Womble



ARA Executive Secretary Susan Peterson



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Jane Dearworth

Did you know?

- Benjamin Franklin, an American, started the first lending library.



ARA State Committee Chairs



Community Projects Chair Margie Nanak



Exemplary Reading Program Chair

Julie Huskey



Intellectual Freedom Chair

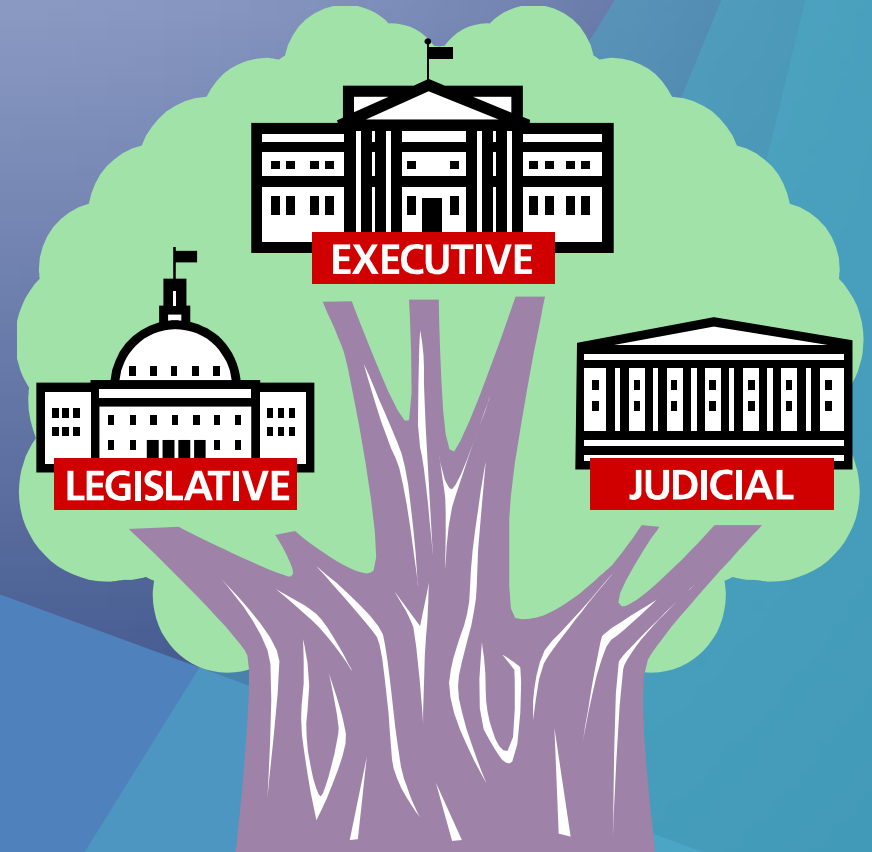
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Farrah Wilcox



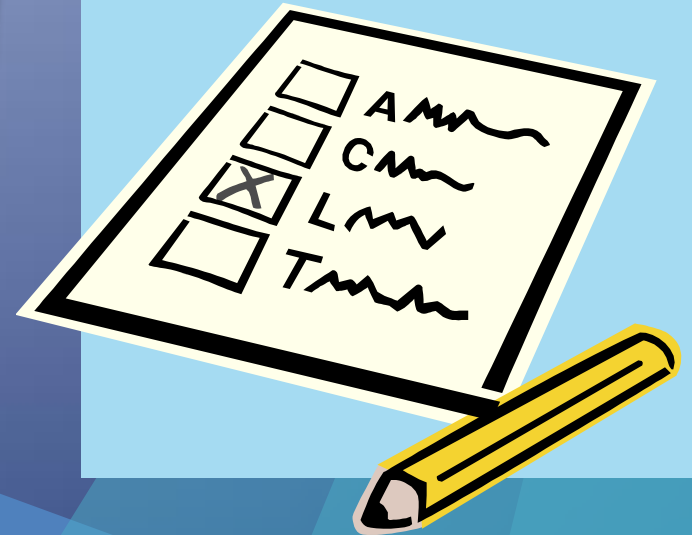
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Publicity Chair Susan Bitely



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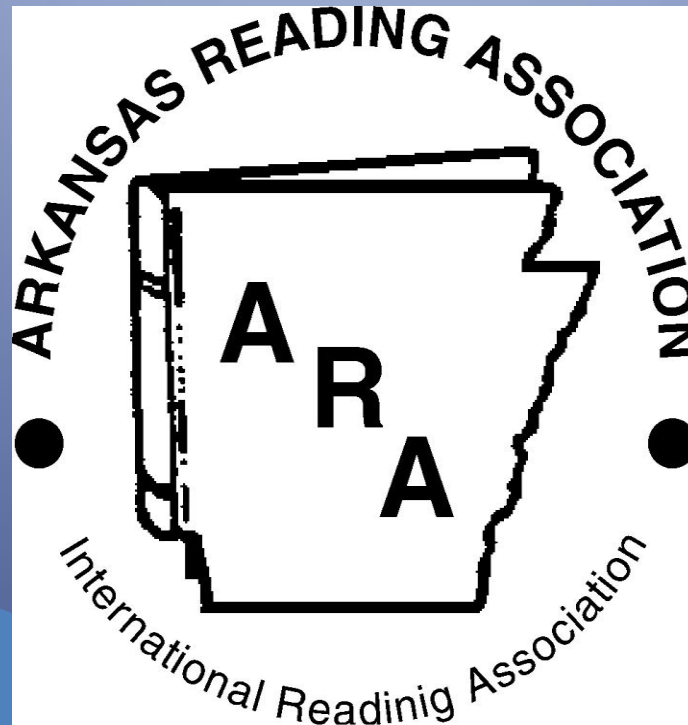


Did you know?

- U.S. President John F. Kennedy was a proponent of speed reading and encouraged his staff to take lessons.



Local Councils



Arkadelphia Area



Arkansas River Valley



Central Arkansas



Crowley's Ridge

Did you know?

- The average reading speed (adults) is 200-250 words per minute in non-technical material.



Grant County



Jefferson County



Mid-Delta

Mountain Home Area



North Central Arkansas



Did you know?

- The average person retains only 5% of what is read once, after thirty days.



Northeast Arkansas



Northwest Arkansas



Literacy Tea Promotes Literacy

On the Border



Pinnacle

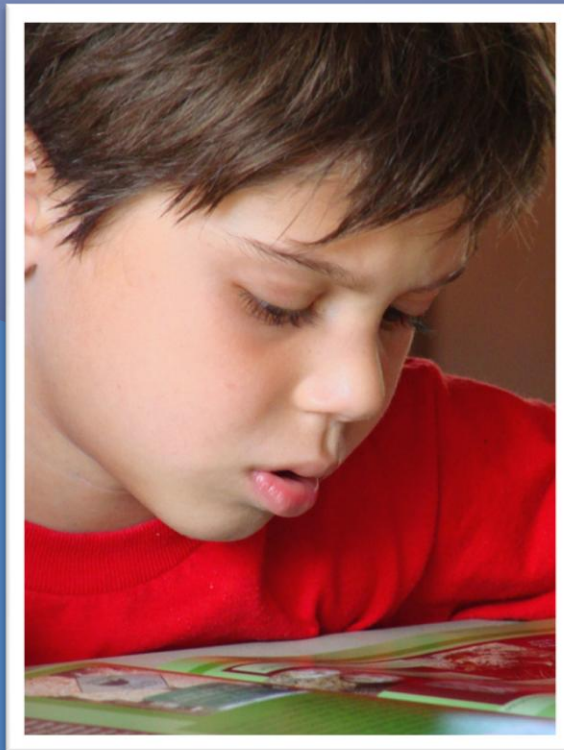


Reading on the Ridge

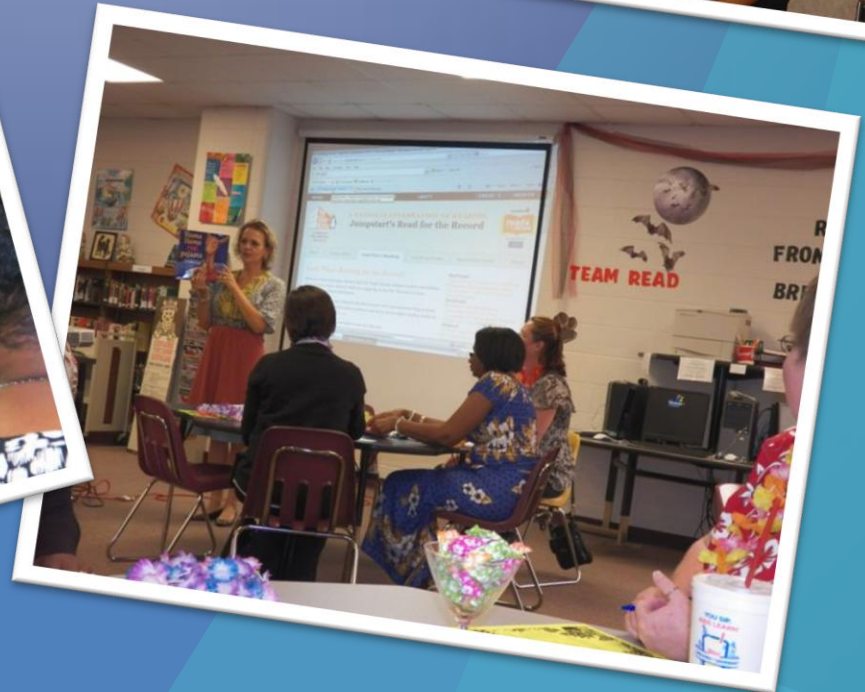


Did you know?

- Estimates indicate that at least 20 million of the nation's 53 million school-age children are poor readers – about 2 out of 5 children!



SEARK



Did you know that the average lead pencil can draw a line that is almost 35 miles long or you can write almost 50,000 words in English with just one pencil? Amazing fact! Now imagine an eraser that could match it !!!



South Arkansas



Southwest Arkansas



Three Rivers



Tri-Lakes



**What is the longest word in the
dictionary?**

Smiles – there is a
mile between the
two S's!

Western



**What do you call a fairy that
hasn't taken a bath?**

Stinkerbell

Ginger Beebe

- First Lady Ginger Beebe has agreed to serve as co-chair of the First Spouses Circle for Reading is Fundamental (RIF).
- RIF is the nation's oldest and largest children's and families' literacy organization, which encourages leadership for and commitment to a literate America in which all children have access to books and can discover the joys and value of reading.
- November 3, 2011, RIF celebrated its 45th birthday!

Arkansas' First Lady Ginger Beebe

