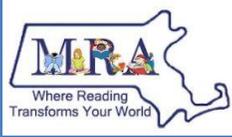


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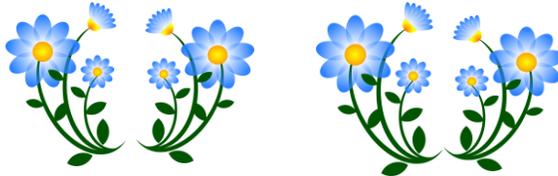


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President's Message

Hello fellow SERRC members!



As I prepared to write the last president's message of this year, I was eagerly contemplating our featured speaker for our May dinner meeting. We at SERRC have been very fortunate to have sponsored so many wonderfully entertaining and celebrated speakers. Reminiscing, my mind blissfully wandered down Memory Lane sparking absolutely delightful feelings and thoughts. There have been so many fabulous dinner meeting speakers in my past seven years as SERRC president! Many of our speakers that presented are very well-known: Ian Wallace, Marty Sandler, Rob Buyea (*Mr. Terupt* series), Lucinda Landon (*Meg MacKintosh* series), and Grace Lin. Sprinkled in were recognized illustrator, R. W. Alley (*Paddington Bear* series), Martin Swinger songwriter and singer, Barbara Mariconda co-author of *Empowering Writers*, as well as many local authors.

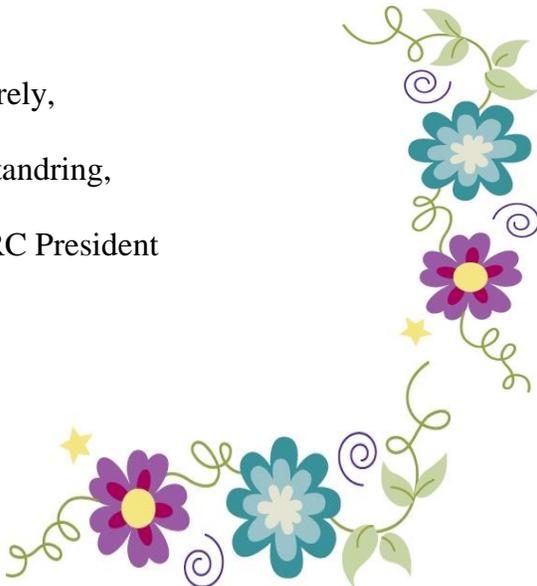
Interestingly enough, the most distinguished of our speakers have usually presented at our May meeting. Once again, this year appears to be the case as we are so honored to have local author, Peter Reynolds speak on May 17th. His books, *The Dot*, *Ish*, *Sky Color*, and *The Word Collector*, just to name a few, have touched the hearts of and inspired children and adults alike!

Please join us next month for an evening of professional development, collegiality, and of course entertainment as SERRC hosts author and illustrator Peter Reynolds!

Sincerely,

Jan Standing,

SERRC President



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****Once again, Membership is free at our May 17th meeting!****

The SERRC Board is looking to attract new membership to our dinner meetings!

Ways you can help:

- **Provide us with your district name** on the response form so we may gather current membership information.
- **Post copies of this newsletter** in a visible location at your school.
- **Invite a friend** to attend the May meeting!

Patricia Teixeira Scholarship

The deadline for sending in nominations for the Patricia Teixeira Scholarship **has been extended to Friday, May 4th!** Please consider applying for this **\$500 award!** Details for applying are on pages 4-5 of this newsletter.



Special Thanks To:

- **Author Brian Michaud** for his fabulous presentation on point of view writing and for sharing his books with us!
- **Scholastic Education** for sponsoring our highly anticipated May speaker, **author and illustrator Peter Reynolds!**
- **All who contributed raffle and door prizes for our March meeting!** Thank you for another successful raffle!



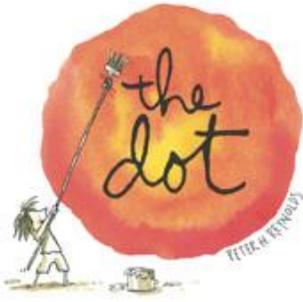
The **49th Massachusetts Reading Association Conference**, entitled 'Literacy Ignited!', was held from Sunday **April 8th** through **Tuesday April 10th** at the Boston Marriott in Quincy. We hope you enjoyed the conference!



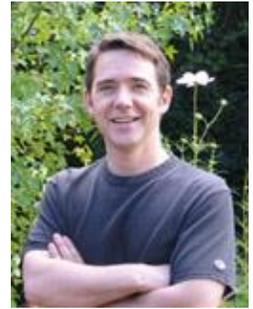
Congrats to Sharon Ahern of the Aitken School in Seekonk, winner of the 2018 Celebrate Literacy Award!

Our minigrant subcommittee is hard at work preparing for a Lending Library to be made available to families at a local homeless shelter! Thank you Patti and Sue for your time and dedication to this worthy cause!





An Evening with an Author/Illustrator Featuring Peter H. Reynolds



Thursday, May 17, 2018

Peter H. Reynolds is a New York Times best-selling children's author and illustrator (Judy Moody, The Dot, Ish), selling over 20 million books in over 25 languages around the globe. Peter and his twin brother Paul are partners in FableVision, an innovative media production studio that promotes storytelling through the design and development of educational media. Peter's talent and passion for drawing, thinking, writing, painting, and sharing inspires creativity in children of all ages. A selection of Peter's books will be available for purchase at the meeting, payable by credit only.

Join us for an evening of networking and booksigning at **4:30 p.m.**, immediately followed by dinner, presentation, and professional discussion at **the Chateau**, 48 Bay Road, Norton, MA 02766. Program will **end at 8:00**. Please make your dinner reservations now. **Checks are due Monday May 7th and are non-refundable after this date.**

Reservations must be in writing. **Late or phone reservations cannot be accepted. Requests mailed with a postmark after May 7th will be returned.** Please do not call the restaurant to make reservations for the dinner. These will not be honored.



Name _____ Email address _____

Address _____ Phone# _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ *School District* _____

I am new to SERRC. My email address has changed.

RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY Monday, May 7th, 2018

Meal Choice (check one): ___ **Italian Combination** (Lasagna, Chicken Parmigiana & a Meatball)

___ **Pasta Primavera** (Roasted Zucchini, Bell Pepper, Carrots & Broccoli in a Scampi Sauce tossed with Penne)

___ **Chicken Supreme** (Creamy White Sauce with Potato & Vegetable)

Meals include fresh garden salad, Italian Bread and Butter, Coffee or Tea, and Oreo Ice Cream Pie with Hot Fudge. Dinner Price includes all applicable fees.

Note any applicable food allergies, please: _____

Amount enclosed: _____ \$30 (non-refundable) **membership is included**

Checks payable to: SERRC.

Mail to: **Bonnie Standing, 20 Lorine Street, Attleboro, MA 02703**

****Clarification of Membership Fee**:** The usual \$10 annual membership fee for new members has been waived for the May meeting. If you attended a previous 2017-18 dinner meeting, your annual membership fee was included in the price of that dinner meeting.



Southeast Regional Reading Council Patricia Texeira Scholarship Information

The members of the Southeast Regional Reading Council are offering a \$500 scholarship to an individual that is pursuing a degree in education. If you are interested, or know someone who might be, please ask them to consider applying.

Guidelines: Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited college program (bachelor's degree or beyond) in the field of education, reading or literacy preferred. Also, the applicant must have some affiliation with this council.

- *Member of SERRC
- *Relative of a member
- *Recommended by a member

Application Process:

- *Submit the application form
- *Submit a brief statement, not to exceed one page, stating your reason for submission of this application.
- *Submit a resume
- *Submit a letter of recommendation from your supervisor, professor of the college that you are attending, or a member of SERRC

Application Deadline: Applications should be submitted/postmarked no later than May 4, 2018

Kindly submit your application to:

Lisa M. Medeiros
Scholarship Committee Chairperson
261 Archer Street
Fall River, MA 02720
OR
ljmed@comcast.net

If you have any questions please contact Lisa at 508 675-2453.



Southeast Regional Reading Council Patricia Texeira Scholarship Application



Applicant's name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email Address: _____

Employer's name: _____

Employer's address: _____

Teaching position (if applicable): _____

Name of School and Address (if applicable): _____

Please check where applicable:

____ Member of SERRC

____ Relative of a member of SERRC

Relationship to member: _____

____ Recommended by a member

Member's name: _____

Member's email address or phone number: _____

Name of the college that you are enrolled in: _____

Field: _____

Major: _____

Please submit the following:

*Application

*Brief statement, not to exceed one page, stating your reason for submission of this application

*Resume

*Letter of recommendation from your supervisor (Dept. Head, Lead Teacher or Principal) or professor

Due May 4, 2018 to:

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