

January 2009

New River Valley Reading Council

Upcoming Events:

- **February 21-25:**
IRA Annual
Convention –
Phoenix,
Arizona
<http://www.reading.org/>
- **February 20-22:**
VSRA Conference
Arlington, VA
(Registration
extended until
2/7/09 - Visit:
<http://www.vusra.org/>
- **May 7th 4:30-
6pm:** NRVRC
Spring Meeting
<http://nrvc.com/>
- **May 3 - 7:**
IRA Annual
Convention
Minneapolis,
Minnesota
<http://www.reading.org/>
- **TBA:**
NRVRC & RU
Conference @ RU
<http://nrvc.com/>



Who does the NRVRC represent?

The NRVRC is affiliated with the IRA and the VSRA. The NRVRC represents the following school divisions: Bland County, Carroll County, Floyd County, Giles County, Montgomery County, Pulaski County, Patrick County and Radford City. We are made up of pre-service teachers and veteran teachers – in public schools, private schools, and

universities, administrators, and retired teachers and many others.

Our mission is to: 1. Promote quality literacy instruction 2. Support and disseminate literacy research 3. Foster interaction on literacy issues through collaboration, networking and partnerships 4. Encourage legislation

that advances literacy 5. Provide quality professional development opportunities in the area of literacy education 6. Promote lifelong reading

We represent you! We teach Virginia's children to read!!

Please visit our board in the Hall of Councils at VSRA in Arlington.

--Debbi Fewster,
NRVRC President

May NRVRC Meeting: Plan to Attend!

Our Spring Meeting will be at the Virginia Tech T-TAC. It is Thursday, May 7th 4:30-6:00pm. We will have some time for browsing at first and light snacks will be provided. Then T-tac will highlight the services and give us information about T-tac. They will share Reading Resources they have and emphasize Early Childhood and Literacy activities. Afterwards we will have a meeting. (Please RSVP dfewster@swva.net)

Directions to T-Tac @ VT

Traveling from Interstate 81: Take exit 118 B. Take 460 West toward Blacksburg. Travel on 460 West Bypass for several miles to the first traffic light and take a right onto Southgate Drive (toward the VT Sports Complex). Take the second left (at the light) onto Spring Drive. Take a right onto Washington Street. At second stop sign, make a left onto Draper Road. Make a right into the parking garage for Kent Square. It is on the corner of Draper and Washington Street. T-tac is on the third floor. When you get off of the elevators, go to the right and T-tac is the last suite on the hallway.

Visit their site at: <http://www.ttac.vt.edu/about.html>



LEXILES – What are they and how can they help us?

Keeping you informed– Check out these sites:



Beginning with the 2009 English SOL assessments, a student’s Lexile measure will be included directly on the student’s score report. A lookup chart referencing a student’s Lexile measure based on the 2008 English SOL score may be found at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/info_centers/sol/lexile/resources/measure_relationship_to_sol/.

training modules are available for parents and educators to gain an understanding of the basic concepts of the Lexile Framework for Reading and how it can be used to increase students’ reading comprehension skills. *The Lexile Framework for Reading: A Web Session for Parents* may be located at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/info_centers/sol/lexile/at_home/parent_session_skin.swf and *The Lexile Framework for Reading: A Web*

Session for Educators may be located at http://www.doe.virginia.gov/info_centers/sol/lexile/educators/educator_session_skin.swf.

For additional information regarding Virginia’s implementation of the Lexile Framework for Reading, please visit http://www.doe.virginia.gov/info_centers/sol/lexile/.

There are two Web-based Lexile Training Modules: Two Web-based Lexile

Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire.



William Butler Yeats

Help Boost Our Membership! Invite Your Colleagues to Join NRVRC!

Please let us know if you are interested in helping us plan, organize and implement our fall reading conference at RU. We **NEED your help! e-mail dfewster@swva.net**

We appreciate your contributions to our council and look forward to welcoming new members at our meeting in April!

Visit our web site for more information:

<http://nrvrc.com/>

Calling for Officers!

If you are interested in being an officer please contact any of the current officers – (e-mails are on the website).
Please consider helping in this way!