

# Smoky Mountain Reading Council

January 2009

A Message From the President ..... Jo Roper

Happy New Year! I hope that each of you had a safe and happy holiday season! Can you believe we are already into the second semester of this school year?

As you begin your new 2009 calendar, please plan to attend as many of our programs and other activities as your schedule will allow. The programs of Smoky Mountain Reading Council are designed to focus on staff development activities in reading and language arts and to provide opportunities to share new ideas, renew acquaintances, make new friends and earn in-service credit! Go to [www.discoveret.org/smrc](http://www.discoveret.org/smrc) for more information.

## JANUARY 29, 2009 MEETING

Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 29th in the brand new Cedar Bluff Elementary School. Registration and refreshments will begin at 6:00 PM, followed by a brief business meeting and two 30-minute breakout sessions, which you will choose from the following:


- *Using Words Their Way to Enhance Reading Skills in First Grade*-**Jeanne Beattie & Meghan Braly**
- *Teaching Reading Strategies in Middle School* -**Sharon Bowman**
- *Fostering Fluency in Kindergarten Using the Four-Headed Monster with Reader's Theater* -**Bill Cameron**
- *Using Poetry to Teach Writing... and more!* -**Alanna Eikenberry**
- *Take Your Readers on a Virtual Trip with GoogleLit* -**Jo Ann Guidry**
- *Fluency Matters: Research-based strategies for teaching and improving oral reading fluency with 3rd through 5th grade students* -**Wendy Hansard**
- *Literacy Workstations* -**Julie Lewis**

\* Register on-line at Teacher U to receive 2 hours of unscheduled in-service credit.

## UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2009

**CELEBRATE LITERACY** is a statewide TRA project whereby students write books and submit them for judging at the school, district and state levels. The deadline for Celebrate Literacy is Thursday, January 29, 2009. Books may be turned in at the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting at Cedar Bluff Elementary.

**FOR THE LOVE OF READING** and **READ TO ME** are two of our projects that provide opportunities for SMRC members to read, present books, and provide encouragement to children in Knox County. The special times and places of sharing ourselves with area children will be announced in our January meeting and posted on our website. Plan to be a part of these worthwhile activities.



**THE LAST MEETING OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS Thursday, April 23, 2009 at Sequoyah Elementary School. Celebrate Literacy State winners will be recognized and will receive their medals. Diane Stewart, local children’s author and Knox County elementary teacher, will be presenting. We are encouraging principals, teachers, parents and students to attend this wonderful program and to honor our very own writers.**

**SMRC MEETINGS ARE FREE FOR MEMBERS and \$7.00 for non-members. Check our website at [www.discoveret.org/smrc](http://www.discoveret.org/smrc) for assistance in locating meeting sites and dates, project information, membership information and upcoming conferences.**

**MEMBERSHIP**

Join or renew your membership today! **Annual dues are \$15 (\$10 for interns)** and will provide you local and state memberships, free admission to our programs, reduced TRA conference registration and TRA publications. Send the following membership form and **check made payable to “Smoky Mountain Reading Council” and send by Knox County school mail to Jane Souther, Sequoyah Elementary, Route 80 or to Jo Ann Guidry, 3552 Navigator Point, Knoxville, TN 37922.**

TENNESSEE READING ASSOCIATION  
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SMOKY MOUNTAIN READING COUNCIL

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**\*Dues: \$15 (\$10 for interns) deadline Feb. 13, 2009**

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Are you an International Reading Association member? \_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_

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