

# Three Rivers Reading Council

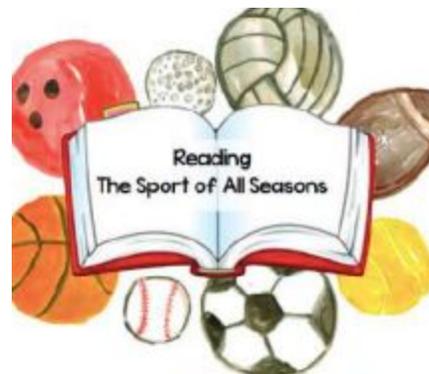
Meetings held @ Jefferson Intermediate School Media Center, 801 East 13th, Pella, IA

## Who Are We?

The **Three Rivers Reading Council** is a professional organization of individuals concerned with the improvement of literacy. Anyone interested in our purpose is welcome to join. You do NOT need to be a teacher to join. Special rates are available for retired teachers and college students (\$20) and first year teachers are FREE. For all others, the \$40 fee gets you a state and local reading membership and a discounted price for the state reading conference in Ames in June of 2020.

**New this year:** One person from each building needs to be a member of our council in order for the students at that building level to be eligible to enter the Young Writers' Poetry and Creative Writing Contest.

**You are invited** to come and explore strategies that will help students improve their literacy skills. This years book study will be, *The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Readers* written by Jennifer Serravallo. Minimal prep will be needed outside of class as we will read and react to the lessons during our evenings together. If you choose to take the book study for one staff development credit (optional), you will need to write a short reflection of how you will use the information you obtained from the study.



## Meeting Schedule...

- 5:00-5:30 Business Meeting & Dinner
- 5:30-8:00 Interactive Book Study

Please contact any of the following officers if you need more information or have questions.

- Kara VanderWerff (Co-president) [kara.vanderwerff@pellaschools.org](mailto:kara.vanderwerff@pellaschools.org)
- Angie Anthony (Co-president) [angie.anthony@pellaschools.org](mailto:angie.anthony@pellaschools.org)
- Elly Van Zee (Secretary) [vanzeee@pellachristian.net](mailto:vanzeee@pellachristian.net)
- Brenda Nugteren (Treasurer & Membership) [nugterenb@pellachristian.net](mailto:nugterenb@pellachristian.net)

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## Meeting Dates

Monday, September 23	Sandwiches and salads provided
Monday, October 21	Bring your own supper
Monday, November 18	Soups & bread provided
Monday, January 27	Bring your own supper
Monday, February 24	Dessert buffet provided
Monday, March 9	Special guest speaker (optional meeting)
Monday, April 6	Young Writers' Celebration (@ Pella Christian Grade School)

## All about this year's book...

### *The Reading Strategies Book: Your Everything Guide to Developing Skilled Readers*

"Strategies make the often invisible work of reading actionable and visible," Jennifer Serrvallo writes. In this book, she collects 300 strategies to share with readers in support of thirteen goals- everything from fluency to literary analysis. Each strategy is cross-linked to skills, genres, and F & P reading levels to give you just-right teaching, just in time. With Jen's help you'll:

- develop goals for every reader
- give students step-by-step strategies for skilled reading
- guide readers with prompts aligned to the strategies
- adjust instruction to meet individual needs with Jen's Teaching Tips
- craft demonstrations and explanations with her Lesson Language
- learn more with Hat Tips to the work of influential teacher-authors

This book is available through Amazon for \$34.74. Order yours today so you will have it for our first meeting!