

A small investment of your time and money provides you with...

- publications that keep you current in the field of reading
- professional growth opportunities
- direct links to current legislative issues
- professional networking with other educators
- students increasing in knowledge

How to Join

- *As a member of Hardy Reading Council, you will automatically become a member of Iowa Reading Association*
- Active dues: \$50.00 (\$40- Iowa Reading Association, \$10- Hardy Reading Council)
- Retired/student dues: \$25 (\$15- Iowa Reading Association, \$10- Hardy Reading Council)
- Sustaining dues: add \$10 to any type membership to support the Iowa Reading Association international project
- First year teacher dues: free
- For Membership Form Contact Kim Geelhart
e-mail: kgeelhart@bcluw.org
- *If you are a member and not receiving our emails, please contact rbishop@wmcsd.org*

2024-2025 Opportunities for Graduate or License Renewal Credit:

Hardy Reading Council Course:

Word Study: Going Beyond the Basics

Robin Bishop, Facilitator

Iowa Reading Association Book Study:

Artfully Teaching the Science of Reading

by Chase Young, David Paige,
and Timothy V. Rasinski

visit for details: <https://www.iowareading.org>

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Hardy Readers Are Leaders

Hardy Reading Council

Associated with

Iowa Reading Association

Affiliated with

International Literacy Association

Working together to bring the latest
in LITERACY!!



Hardy Reading Council

2024-2025

- Serving Butler, Franklin, Grundy, Hardin, Marshall, and Tama counties
- A professionally dynamic organization of teachers, administrators, media specialists, pre-teachers, parents, and others interested in the process and improvement of reading instruction and the promotion of literacy
- Dedicated to the belief that reading makes a world of difference in everyone's life
- Helping individuals become knowledgeable about current reading research and teaching techniques
- Council #18550

Why?

- To stimulate and promote the study of reading at all educational levels
- To increase awareness of the impact of reading
- To study the various factors that influence progress in reading
- To learn about pertinent investigations and best practices
- To assist in the development of teacher-training programs
- To share knowledge helpful for solving problems related to reading
- To participate in conferences and meetings
- To promote mutual understanding and cooperation among educators
- To promote parent involvement in forming lifetime reading habits
- To promote a level of reading proficiency among all people equal to each individual's unique ability

Special Projects

- Creative Writing Contest- **Entries due Feb. 28, 2025**
- Local project: **Adopt a Library (Garwin Public Library)**
- International Project: **Save the Children** (donations help children in over 100 countries become healthier, safer, and better educated)- sustaining membership dues support this project www.savethechildren.org

Status

- Chartered June 29, 1982
- 39 members in 2023-2024
- Iowa Reading Association (IRA) Merit Council Award—34 years
- International Literacy Association (ILA) Honor Council Award—40 years
- Past IRA Pres. – Karla Bronzynski, Kelsey Nilles, Tony Pieper, & Joy Reinert
- IRA Central Regional Director— Tony Pieper
- 2005, 2010, 2012, 2016, 2021 Iowa Reading Assoc. Celebrate Literacy Award
- 2005 IRA Community Service Award
- 2011, 2014, 2015, 2018 Teacher of the Year Award
- 2005, 2010, 2013, 2020 Iowa Service Award
- 2014, 2019, 2022 Administrator of the Year Award
- 2016, 2017 Karla Bronzynski Scholarship

Calendar of Events

Monday, September 16, 2024

Dani Wagaman-Iowa Reading Association, State Coordinator

“Sound Walls and Orthographic Mapping”

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (BCLUW Middle School)

October, 2024*

IRA State-wide Webinar

Date TBA

(times may need to be adjusted)

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (book study-Zoom)

5:00 PM-6:30 P.M. (program- IRA webcast)

Monday, November 18, 2024*

Robin Bishop-West Marshall CSD

“The Power of the Sentence”

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (book study- Zoom)

5:00 PM-6:30 P.M. (program/business mtg.- Zoom)

Monday, December 16, 2024

Hardy Reading Council Class Participants Only

4:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. (book study- Zoom)

Monday, January 13, 2025*

Dr. Timothy Rasinski

“Artfully Teaching the Science of Reading”

5:00 P.M. – 6:30 P.M. (book study- Zoom)

6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M. (program- IRA webcast)

Monday, February 10, 2025

Hardy Reading Council Class Participants Only

4:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. (book study- Zoom)

March, 2025*

IRA State-wide Webinar

Date TBA

(times may need to be adjusted)

4:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (book study- Zoom)

5:00 PM-6:30 P.M. (program- IRA webcast)

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Hardy Creative Writing Contest Celebration

3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. (St. Mary Catholic Church, Eldora)

***Please note- book study participants must attend these programs and webcasts to fulfill seat time requirements for renewal or graduate credit**

Who?

The Hardy Reading Council is an active service organization of people dedicated to the teaching and promotion of reading:

- classroom teachers
- classroom aides
- student teachers
- college students and instructors
- administrators
- librarians
- reading specialists/ consultants
- parents/ grandparents/ public

What?

- 6 local meetings a year
- Scholarships, grants
- Studies and research
- Professional literature
- International resources
- Teaching ideas, techniques
- Networking with colleagues
- Guest speakers/ entertainment
- Professional conferences, workshops
- A place to involve/spotlight students
- *Iowa Reading* on-line newspaper
- Authors/ storytellers/ illustrators
- Networking with great people
- Great fun
- REDUCED FEES for Iowa Reading Conference
- Grad Class or Renewal Credit

Where? When?

- Meetings are typically held after school via Zoom from 4:00 P.M.-6:30 P.M. (see calendar of events for dates and times)
- First and last council meetings are held in person (see calendar of events for dates, locations, and times)
- All meetings contain a short business meeting and program