

~PROMOTING LITERACY IN CHESAPEAKE~

The Chesapeake Reading Council (CRC) is a public service organization, which is devoted to promoting literacy throughout our city and schools, and fostering a lifelong pursuit of reading. The Council is concerned with reading, language arts, spoken language, and content area reading. The CRC has been chartered for over 22 years and is a vital force in reading education throughout the City of Chesapeake. Working in all of the Chesapeake schools, we support the children, parents, teachers and administrators of the entire city by providing programs and resources, which promote literacy and literacy education. Membership in the CRC includes elementary, middle, and secondary school personnel, and central administration staff. The Chesapeake Reading Council is an affiliate of the Virginia State Reading Association and the International Reading Association.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

To all of our returning members: Welcome Back! To our new members: Welcome!

Your membership supports literacy across the community, throughout the state, and around the world. In these tough economic times, it is especially satisfying to know that you put the literacy needs of others on your list of priorities.

Your dues help provide scholarships for future and current teachers pursuing degrees in education, help educate parents on literacy for future generations, support programs that celebrate students as readers and writers, and provide money for educational needs in impoverished areas around the world.

As a member of the Chesapeake Reading Council, you also have membership in the Virginia State Reading Association. This state-wide membership allows you early bird privileges for the state reading conference. This year we are lucky enough to have the state conference in Virginia Beach (more info on page 4). Presenting your membership card at local businesses (Bella Pizza, Hair Kingdom, Majestik Auto Spa, and Zino's Pizza) gets you a percentage off your total purchase. Another special offer during this year's membership drive was the Value Checks book. We hope you have enjoyed your discounts from this book. It's just another way we could say, "thank you." Don't forget all dues are also tax deductible.

We are trying something new this year for our middle and high school students. March 23, CRC will host it's 1st Annual Student Literacy Jam. This will be like an "open mic night" for poetry. All schools are asked to have one representative and this collection will be presented to Dr. Nichols. More details to come...watch for the exciting new addition to our calendar.

Please let us know how CRC can help you this year. We are excited to "catch the wave to literacy."

Sincerely,

Cathy Collier

Chesapeake Reading Council Board Members 2009-2010

Table with 3 columns: Position, Name, and School. Rows include President (Cathy Collier, Georgetown Primary), President-Elect (Erin Olsen, Hickory Middle School), Vice President (Heather Bailey, Portlock Primary), Membership (Leslie Russell, Butts Road Intermediate), Treasurer (Michael L. French, Georgetown Primary), Recording Secretary (Melody Budzina, Sparrow Road Intermediate), Corresponding Secretary (Leslie Russell, Butts Road Intermediate), Past President (Kathryn Tisdale, Thurgood Marshall), and Newsletter Editor (Elizabeth Labaire, Great Bridge Primary).

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How do your dues help others?

- By providing scholarships for future teachers and current teachers pursuing degrees in education
• By helping teen mothers learn how to read to their babies
• By helping place books in the hands of new mothers

# CHESAPEAKE READING COUNCIL

## “Catching the Wave to Literacy”

### Calendar of Events and Programs



#### 2009-2010 CRC Calendar at a Glance

September 17 – Membership Meeting

October 15 – Barnes & Noble Educator’s Night with featured author Ginjer Clarke

December – Community Service Project - Gift Wrapping (details to come)

January – Reading Month

March 11-13– VSRA Annual Conference in VA Beach

March 16 – Young Writers’ Reception

March 23 – Middle School/High School Student Literacy Jam

April 27 – CRC Annual Awards Banquet

## WORKING HARD FOR MEMBERSHIP!!



Thank you to all the building representatives for your hard work in recruiting members to CRC for the 2009-2010 year! As of November 2009 we currently have over 650 members! A big “hooray” to Chesapeake Alternative School, Deep Creek High School, and Great Bridge Intermediate for boosting their school memberships considerably! Please send in all memberships as soon as possible to receive your value checkbooks – we only have 50 left. Current CRC members can begin registering for the VSRA conference on-line – we look forward to seeing you there!

Leslie Russell—Membership



*Membership drives are a successful tool in raising the membership and participation of your teachers!! Check out Georgetown Primary's Membership Wall!!*

## RECENT EVENTS— Ginjer Clarke at Barnes and Nobles



“Freak Out!” By Ginjer Clarke

On Thursday, October 15th, 2009 CRC welcomed nationally published author Ginjer Clarke to our annual Book Fair and Educator’s Night hosted by the Chesapeake Barnes and Noble on Greenbrier Parkway. Along with engaging children in pre-writing and reading activities, Ginjer also autographed books for the children.

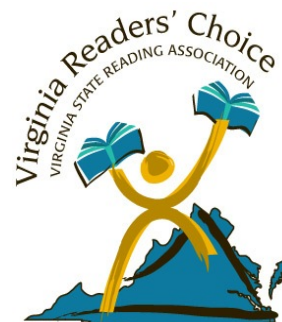
Check out Ginjer’s webpage at <http://www.author-illustrator.com/GinjerClarke.htm>.



Ginjer Clarke reads to children at Barnes and Noble on Greenbrier Parkway in Chesapeake, VA.

# VIRGINIA READERS CHOICE

## 2009-2010



The purpose of the Virginia Reader's Choice program is to encourage young readers to become better acquainted with contemporary books with outstanding literary appeal, to broaden students' awareness of literature as a life-long pleasure, to encourage reading aloud in classrooms as a means of introducing reading for pleasure, and to honor favorite books and their authors. Awards were given at one level for several years beginning with the 1981-82 school year, and in 1986-87, multiple level awards were given for one Elementary, one Middle, and one High School book. Reading lists for the coming school year are announced each spring. In order to be eligible, the book must be recognized as noteworthy in the field of children's/young adult literature, be published within five years prior to the ballot on which it appears, and be appropriate for the level for which it is nominated. A winner will be announced for each level- Primary, Elementary, Middle, and High School.

### 2009-2010

#### Titles

#### Primary (K-3)

Buster Goes to Cowboy Camp  
Denise Fleming, Henry Holt, 2008.

The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County Janice N. Harrington, Farrar, 2007.

My Chincoteague Pony  
Susan Jeffers, Hyperion, 2008.

Fred Stays with Me! Nancy Coffelt, Little Brown, 2007.

Library Mouse Daniel Kirk, Abrams Books for Young Readers, 2007.

Little Red Riding Hood Jerry Pinkney, Little Brown, 2007.

Meerkat Mail Emily Gravett, Simon and Schuster, 2007.

Old Bear Kevin Henkes, Harper Collins, 2008.

Once Upon a Banana Jennifer Armstrong, Simon and Schuster, 2006.

Velma Gratch and the Way Cool Butterfly Alan Madison and Kevin Hawkes Schwartz and Wade, 2007.

### 2009-2010

#### Titles

#### Elementary (3-5)

A Crooked Kind of Perfect  
Linda Urban, Harcourt Children's Books, 2007.

Dad, Jackie, and Me Myron Uhlberg, Peachtree, 2005.

Eleven Patricia Reilly Giff, Random House, 2008.

Emmy and the Incredible Shrinking Rat Lynne Jonell, Henry Holt and Co., 2007.

The Ghost, the White House, and Me Judith St. George, Holiday House, 2007.

Igraine the Brave Cornelia Funke, Scholastic, 2008.

Lemonade War Jacqueline Davies, Houghton Mifflin, 2007.

Mallory Vs. Max Laurie Friedman, Lerner Publishing Group, 2004.

No Talking Andrew Clements, Simon and Schuster, 2007.

Vinnie and Abraham Dawn Fitzgerald, Charlesbridge, 2007.

### 2009-2010

#### Titles

#### Middle (6-8)

The Black Book of Secrets  
F.E. Higgins, Feiwel and Friends, 2007.

Book of a Thousand Days  
Shannon Hale, Bloomsbury, 2007.

First Light Rebecca Stead, Wendy Lamb Books, 2007.

Keeper Mal Peet, Candlewick, 2005.

Lawn Boy Gary Paulsen, Wendy Lamb Books, 2007.

London Calling Edward Bloor, Knopf, 2006.

Miss Spitfire: Reaching Helen Keller Sarah Miller, Atheneum, 2007.

Savvy Ingrid Law, Dial, 2008.

Uprising Margaret Peterson Haddix, Simon and Schuster, 2007.

Wednesday Wars Gary Schmidt, Clarion, 2007.

### 2009-2010

#### Titles

#### High (9-12)

Fortunes of Indigo Skye  
Deb Caletti, Simon and Schuster, 2008.

Inside Out: Portrait of an Eating Disorder Nadia Shivack, Ginee Seo Books, 2007.

The Last Lecture Randy Pausch, Hyperion Press, 2008.

Quaking Kathryn Erskine, Philomel, 2007.

Tamar Mal Peet, Candlewick Press, 2007.

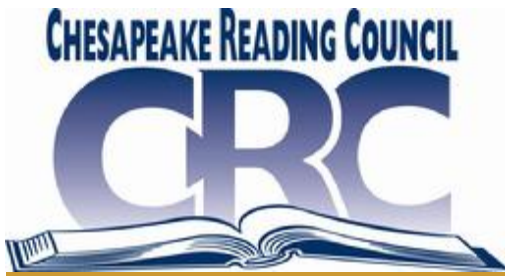
Thirteen Reasons Why Jay Asher, Penguin, 2007.

Trouble Gary Schmidt, Clarion, 2008.

Tyrell Coe Booth, Scholastic, 2006.

Unwind Neal Shusterman, Simon and Schuster, 2007.

Wildwood Dancing Juliet Marillier, Albert A. Knopf, 2007.



## WANT TO TAKE A MORE ACTIVE ROLE IN CRC?

Contact Cathy Collier  
[collicel@cps.k12.va.us](mailto:collicel@cps.k12.va.us) for more information...we handle literacy in the schools, community, and internationally.

### WHAT CAN CRC DO FOR YOU?

- Automatic membership in VSRA
- Reduced rates for state conferences
- Networking opportunities with other organizations/individuals concerned with literacy
- Promote professional literacy development
- Discounts from various supporting businesses
- Participate in literacy projects such as "First Book Project"

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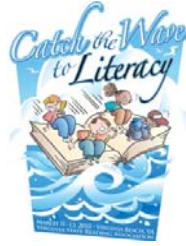
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We're On the Web!  
[chesapeakereads.org](http://chesapeakereads.org)

The 2010 VSRA conference will be held on



March 11 - 13, 2010 at:

Virginia Beach Convention Center

1000 19th Street

Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Tel: (757) 385-2000

WEB Site:

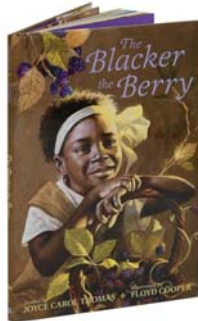
[www.vbfun/conventionCenter](http://www.vbfun/conventionCenter)

The conference will offer learning opportunities in the following areas:

- Teaching the Dimensions of Reading
- Developing Instructional Leadership
- Creating Environments for Literacy
- Closing the Achievement Gap
- Enhancing the Quality of Instruction
- Planning, Assessment and Accountability

Registration is open now. All CRC members can register now for the Early Bird special: \$150. After January 15, 2010 the price goes up to \$200.

The conference starts Thursday afternoon and runs until lunch Saturday. Sessions are throughout the day each day. A continental breakfast and box lunch will be provided during the conference Friday. Three other meal options (for an additional fee) are Lunch with Illustrator Floyd Cooper, Dinner with Jacqueline Woodson, and Lunch with Jan Brett.



For more information visit  
[www.vsra.org](http://www.vsra.org)

