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A Message from the President



Hafa Adai and Happy Advanced Easter! Spring break is just around the corner, so I know many of us are looking forward to some time off work and more time spent with family. We are now down to only 2 meetings for this school year, yet big things are happening this upcoming meeting! For one, elections are upon us. Thank you for your nominations and thank you to the nominees for accepting these prestigious positions. We still, however, ask for everyone's input and votes this coming meeting. Secondly, we have two more engaging presentations from ILA Conference attendees and local IRA board members. Prepare to be enlightened! Last, and certainly not the least, we will finally be raffling off the all-expense paid trip to this year's ILA Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana for October 10-13, 2019. May the odds be ever in your favor! As always, I look forward to seeing your beautiful and handsome faces on April 6!

*Sí Yu'os Ma'ase,
Your 2019 IRA President,
Nilfa Milan*

BOOK OF THE MONTH



He's shortish. And oldish. And brownish. And mossy. And he spoke with a voice that was sharpish and bossy.

"The big, colorful pictures and the fun images, word plays and rhymes make this an amusing exposition of the ecology crisis."
- *School Library Journal*.

Annotation

The Once-ler describes the results of the local pollution problem.
(Scholastic, 2019)

IRA 2018-2019 MEETINGS

GENERAL MEETINGS
8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

- ~~September 22, 2018 (JQSMEs)~~
- ~~October 6, (RAT Kick-Off, ASC, 10am-1pm)~~
- ~~November 10 (LAC: Pac. Star)~~
- ~~Dec. 1 (Community Book Fair, 10am-1pm)~~
- ~~January 19 (Spend it All)~~
- ~~February (JQSMEs)~~
- ~~March 9 (JQSMEs)~~
- April 6 (JQSMEs)
- May 11 (JQSMEs)



"PROGRESS IS
IMPOSSIBLE
WITHOUT CHANGE,
AND THOSE WHO
CANNOT CHANGE
THEIR MINDS
CANNOT CHANGE
ANYTHING."

- GEORGE BERNARD
SHAW



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FEATURED PRESENTATIONS

Presentation from Annette Leon Guerrero

Adapted from the 2018 International Literacy Association (ILA) Conference in Austin, Texas.

Texas has gone batty, presented by Verna Mendiola

I have been to El Paso (Fort Bliss), Killen (Fort Hood) but the capital of Texas does not disappoint. When they say don't mess with Texas, they really mean it. Austin is the capital of Texas and it has many wonderful places to see. One of the places I am still in awe of is when I found out why people hang out at the Congress Avenue Bridge. The reason is because 1.5 million Mexican free-tailed bats emerge nightly from narrow crevices in the underside of the Ann W. Richards Congress Avenue Bridge. They hang from the cracks, rafters, and crevices of the bridge. The bats usually start to emerge from the bridge around 20 minutes before sundown. They fly out from under the bridge which is a spectacular sight to see. The people of Texas have a good thing going on because they eat more than 20,000 pounds of insects every night. I will show you video of the bats and background about this natural phenomenon. I will also do a comparison and contrast of bats to help you with your Science lessons. Be A Changemaker: Read-Alouds to Foster Social Change. The use of diverse children's literature to examine identity and exploration of other ways of being.

INTERNATIONAL LITERACY CONFERENCE RAFFLE

Want a remarkable opportunity to experience an environment full of literacy? Want a chance to go on a paid trip to New Orleans in October? Come to the IRA April meeting! We will be drawing a lucky winner to join a delegation to the 2019 ILA Conference in New Orleans.

Register for #ILA19 now!

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