



SAGE Weekly Update: September 21, 2009

REMINDERS:

1. **Committees:** Committees have been configured and are now on the Website. If you do not see your name assigned to a committee, e-mail Kelsey at kmapes2@illinois.edu. During tomorrow night's meeting, you will meet with your committee and discuss your committee's objectives over the course of this semester.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

2. Semester's Hour Requirements and Calendars: We will also be going over hour requirements and calendars during tomorrow's meeting.
3. Inclusive Illinois Day: We are still looking for volunteers to help with Inclusive Illinois Day, which will be held at the College of Education this Wednesday, September 23 throughout the day. Inclusive Illinois is aimed at fostering and promoting a diverse campus community. Volunteers for Inclusive Illinois Day are needed in the following areas:
 - a. Designers to decorate the Ed Building
 - b. Publicity: Banner Makers / Signage / Reminders
 - c. Hosts & Hostesses
 - d. Refreshments
 - e. Set-up and Clean-Up

If you are interested in volunteering for the day, please contact me ASAP. Volunteers are needed on an hour-long basis, so this is not a full-day commitment. For more information on Inclusive Illinois and next week's event, go to <http://inclusiveillinois.illinois.edu/>

You will receive SAGE Hours for helping with this, but also an opportunity to connect with members of Inclusive Illinois as well as College of Education faculty.

1. **Membership on the SAGE Website:** All new members were sent invitations to join the SAGE website. Whether you are a new member or not, please update your profile, add some information about yourself, upload a profile picture, and log-in on a consistent basis for updates. The website is constantly being updated so make sure to check the information on the website as well!
2. **New Program, WILL:** Illinois Public Media and local early childhood programs have teamed up to provide a comprehensive literacy program that gets kids and families involved in reading. WILL is looking for students who want to volunteer once a month as book mentors/guest readers in local early childhood classrooms. For more information, look at the final page of this weekly update. If you are interested in this program, contact Molly Delaney at delaney1@illinois.edu.

KEEP YOUR SCHEDULE CLEAR FOR:

- **Homecoming – October 10th – 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM:** The College of Education will be hosting a Homecoming event this year **after** the football game against the Spartans of Michigan State. Volunteers will be needed, but all SAGE members are invited to attend and will receive hours for doing so.
- **Next Meeting – Tomorrow, September 22nd – 8:00 PM:** Our next meeting will be tomorrow night, September 22nd, at 8:00 PM in Room 2 of the College of Education. Hillarie Welsh, from the department of Curriculum and Instruction will be speaking to us. Also, we will be discussing the calendar of the events for the year as well as hours requirements. We will also break into committees and write pen-pal letters if you have signed-up to do so.
- **Youth Literature Festival – October 17th:** We will need volunteers for this year's Youth Literature Festival, which will honor Abraham Lincoln. This year's event will not be as large as last year's event, but volunteers will be needed.

**We also have a meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 6th. Due to the Elementary Education Meeting that will be taking place from 7-8 PM on that night, the meeting on October 6th will begin at 8:30 PM, rather than at our usual time, which is 8:00 PM. Also, the meeting will be taking place in Room 124 of Burrill Hall. (Burrill Hall is located just east of the Main Quad across from Noyes Laboratory.)*

QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please remember to contact me or one of the other members of the Executive Board!

Calling all Super Readers!

Book Mentor Project



Illinois Public Media and local early childhood programs have teamed up to present a comprehensive literacy program that gets kids and families excited about books. You can be a part of this innovative project!

We are looking for students who want to volunteer once a month as book mentors (guest readers) in local early childhood classrooms.

- The date and time established for the visit will be consistent from month to month. Book mentors will visit classes three times each semester (October, November, December and February, March, and April).
- On the day of the visit, book mentors will visit the classrooms for about 30 minutes to share a storybook and do a related activity with the children.
- Illinois Public Media will provide a story plan each month so book mentors don't have to come up with ideas on their own. Book mentors will receive the story plan and copy of the book in advance so they can become familiar with the materials.

Illinois Public Media will also provide a 60-minute training about how to interact with children through books, so volunteers know what to expect.

The trainings are scheduled for:

Thurs.	9/10	7:30-8:30 pm (Irwin Academic Services Center/402 E. Armory, Champaign)
Tues.	9/22	6:00-7:00 pm (Campbell Hall/300 N. Goodwin, Urbana)
Thurs.	9/24	5:30-6:30 pm (Champaign Early Childhood Center/809 N Neil, Champaign)

- On the day of the book mentor visit, every child in the classroom will receive the book and a WILL-TV fun sheet to take home.
- Before the book mentor's visit each month, each class will watch an episode of the PBS series **Super Why**. **Super Why** is an interactive early literacy series (from the creators of **Blue's Clues**) designed to help preschool children develop the critical skills they need to learn to read. Each episode is based on one of the books to be used in the program.

If you are interested in volunteering as a book mentor, please contact Molly Delaney at 217-244-7678. We look forward to working with you.

