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from Bev Chamberlain
IRA Organization Coordinator for Michigan

Many things have been happening in Michigan this fall relative to reading, and we would like to share some of these happenings with you.

First of all, we welcome two new councils whose charters have been received from IRA this fall.

Shiawassee Reading Council has elected Doris Kiacz as their first president and are moving full steam ahead!

COORS Reading Council includes four counties: Crawford, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Roscommon. Lois Johnson is their first president. Congratulations to you both!

I appreciate the news letters and program announcements that you have sent me. Keep them coming.

MRA is working under newly revised by-laws. You received a copy in your fall Journal. Local councils have been given more importance in these by-laws. Each council is entitled to send two delegates to every delegates assembly. Our first session will be held in Grand Rapids, Sunday, April 13, in the afternoon. This is one of the first events of the annual conference. We hope that you are making plans to send delegates.

A workshop for Council leaders is also planned. The Workshop sessions will be open to all interested persons. However, we hope that Council officers will make a special effort to attend.

More information will be sent to you soon.

If you would like to obtain a print out of IRA members in your community, please let me know. This could be of help in expanding your local council membership.

Are you going to IRA at New York City this May? Michigan participants may again wear the large buttons. These will be available at our Grand Rapids Workshop.

Would your Council like to have an exhibit kit in order to acquaint members with the journals and new publications of IRA? Such a kit would provide an excellent display for meetings and Workshops.

Any council interested in obtaining such a kit may order it directly from

IRA HEADQUARTERS
800 Barksdale Road
Newark, Delaware 19711

The cost is \$30.00

Again, I appreciate the cooperation and enthusiasm IRA Councils are exhibiting. You are, indeed, a positive influence in the educational community of Michigan.

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