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Fine Promotes *Illinois Reads* to Help Parents and Children Find Fun Summer Reading

GLENVIEW, IL – To promote education and literacy, state Rep. Laura Fine (D-Glenview) is encouraging local families to participate in new statewide literacy program through the Illinois Reading Council. The *Illinois Reads* initiative identifies and recommends age-appropriate books by Illinois authors for people of all ages.

“Reading with your children is one of the most important things you can do as a parent,” Fine said. “Children who read more have a better chance to excel both inside and outside of the classroom. It is important to instill our children with a love of reading and learning. “

The Illinois Reading Council (IRC) developed *Illinois Reads*, the first statewide literacy initiative for all ages, to encourage children and their families to read together. In conjunction with local book stores and libraries, *Illinois Reads* will promote 35 books by authors with ties to Illinois. To enhance learning and enjoyment, the *Illinois Reads* website will offer virtual conversations, webinars, author interviews, book reviews, book trailers, and art work to supplement each book.

On the *Illinois Reads* website, www.illinoisreads.org, parents can find suggestions for children of all ages as well as for themselves. There are books that will engage students regardless of their interests. Selections include books about pirates, dinosaurs, history, the deep sea and more.

“It is imperative that our children continue reading during the summer,” Fine said. “This is a useful resource for residents looking for new books to read. I encourage families to take advantage of these valuable suggestions.”

For more information, please contact Rep. Fine’s constituent services office by calling (847) 998-1717 or by e-mailing RepFine@gmail.com.

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