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# MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE HOMER L. J. CARTER READING COUNCIL

Greetings! Fellow Homer L. J. Carter Council members and friends:

By the time you receive this message from your president, we will have had two meetings at the local level, two significant happenings giving opportunities for all to learn more about reading.

Another special occasion occurs on Thursday, February 24, 7:30 p.m., in the East Ballroom of the Student Center, Western Michigan University, at which time the Reading Center and Clinic will co-sponsor with the Homer L. J. Carter Council, Bill Martin, Jr., popular storyteller and writer. Perhaps you are acquainted with his television program, "The Storyteller," which has appeared on education networks across the United States and Canada.

Mr. Martin came by his storytelling naturally, having grown up in a Kansas environment rich in folklore and tale-telling. Presently he is editor of elementary classroom materials at Holt, Rinehart and Winston, and has developed an approach to the teaching of reading called the Owl Program, which concentrates on the sounds of completed sentences rather than individual words.

April and May of 1972 are important months for the reading teacher. April 10 and 11, 1972 is the fifteenth Annual Michigan Reading Conference in Grand Rapids, while in May the International Reading Association's Seventeenth Annual Convention will assemble in Detroit on May 10-12.

What wonderful and rare opportunities for Michigan teachers. I hope you will begin thinking about these important and exciting events.

Sincerely,  
Lois VanDenBerg