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

Dear Members and Friends of the
Homer L. J. Carter Reading Council:

See you all in Grand Rapids, April 9-11, for the Sixteenth Annual Michigan Reading Association Conference. "Thrusts in Reading: Systems vs. Humanism" will be the theme. One of the most current and difficult concerns today is the opposing philosophies of the open classroom on one hand and systems approaches on the other. Are these irreconcilable? Can they be combined to reap the benefits of both? The purpose of the Conference is to explore the place of humanism in today's reading systems.

Think Detroit, May 10-13, for the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the International Reading Association. With distance being no problem, Michigan should be well represented. Persons who have never attended an international meeting could be greatly inspired by the vastness of commercial displays and exciting programs in all phases of reading and the language arts, such as: Institutes, Seminars, Luncheons, Micro-Workshops, Symposia and General Sessions. The theme for the Convention is "Reading, The Individual, and Society."

Did you know the IRA is composed of reading specialists, consultants, psychologists, teachers, professors and administrators? There are 55,000 IRA members and subscribers in 65 countries throughout the world. At present, the IRA is represented by 749 councils located in Australia, Canada, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guam, Israel, Japan, New Zealand, Nigeria, Norway, Sierra Leone, Sweden, United Kingdom, Alaska, Hawaii and the Continental United States. The IRA membership in Michigan is 929, and there are 28 active local councils.

Be a Convention enthusiast in 1972!

Sincerely,
Lois VanDenBerg