



From the President of Greater Boston Council

Greater Boston Council (GBC) is one local council of fourteen in Massachusetts that encompasses Metropolitan Boston and the adjacent areas. For 45 years the Council has contributed toward the promotion of literacy instruction. GBC has received the IRA Honor Council Award since the inception of the program and the MRA Sister Madelon Morris Service Award for many years. This year GBC was also recognized by IRA with the Membership Honor Roll Award. Our Council is open to everyone interested in literacy and the teaching of reading. We offer professional development opportunities through our Annual Fall Conference featuring a keynote speaker and a choice of 5 breakout sessions, and two author/illustrator dinners. Our “Books and Bagel“ Program allows a group of up to six members to purchase professional book(s) and meet in a book club setting. GBC provides opportunities to network with people interested in literacy and provides community service opportunities at the Character Breakfast and “Gifts of the Heart” Shelter Book Project. Our Character Breakfast was awarded first place in 2000 for IRA’S Community Service Award. The newsletters inform members of upcoming events at the local level and of the MRA state conference. GBC also offers an annual Literacy Award to an individual or group for outstanding contributions to the advancement of literacy. Please consider joining the Greater Boston Council. Along with learning and networking with colleagues and professionals it’s a great social time to meet people dedicated to literacy.