

## Will County Farm Bureau Agriculture in the Classroom Newsletter for March 2017

**OUR AITC MISSION:** To promote agricultural awareness, education, and understanding among students, teachers, and the general public in order to ensure our continued access to a safe, abundant, and affordable domestic food supply grown in a manner to protect human health and the quality of our environment.



Here are just some of the key reasons why it's important to recognize - and celebrate - **Ag Day** each year:

- Increased knowledge of agriculture and nutrition helps everyone make informed personal choices about diet and health.
- Employment opportunities exist across the board in agriculture.
- Agriculture is too important a topic to be taught only to the small percentage of students considering careers in agriculture and pursuing vocational agricultural studies.
- Agricultural literacy includes an understanding of agriculture's history and current economic, social and environmental significance to all Americans. This understanding includes some knowledge of food and fiber production, processing and domestic and international marketing.

[Teachers can find more information here!](#)

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## 2017 Summer Ag Institute II Information

Since 1991, more than 10,049 Illinois educators have completed a Summer Agricultural Institute! The course is designed for PreSchool-High School educators who wish to expand their curriculum to include topics related to agriculture – the world's food and fiber system. The course focuses on how to integrate available resources and hands-on activities about agriculture and the environment into an existing classroom curriculum.

**NEW this year:** teachers getting their masters in science education can count this program towards their degree! It has been approved by the science curriculum committee at AU to count as a science course! New itinerary and more! Check it out!

[View the itinerary and pricing here](#)

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Visit the Illinois Ag in the Classroom Website!

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# ILLINOIS READS

## A READING STATE OF MIND



**Saturday, March 11, 2017**

Wilmington Middle School  
715 S. Joliet Street  
Wilmington, Illinois  
10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Everyone is invited to the launch of the 2017 Illinois Reads Program. Many authors will be present. Bring your books and have them signed at this event! Books will also be available for purchase from Anderson's Bookshops.

Visit our website for more information  
[www.illinoisreads.org](http://www.illinoisreads.org)

### Birth-4

*Wish*  
by Matthew Cordell  
*Silly Wonderful You*  
by Sherril Dukey Rinker  
*Daughter Daught Wastle*  
by Wendell Minor  
*When Elephant Met Giraffe*  
by Paul Gude  
*Bullpup's Big Day*  
by Candace Penning and Eric Rohmann  
*Baby Loves Quarks!*  
by Ruth Spino

### K-2

*Giants: A March to the Sea*  
by Alice B. McGinty  
*Dreadlocks: Open and Close*  
by Patrick T. McBratney  
*Ava the Monster Slayer*  
by Lisa Maggione  
*Ada Twist, Scientist*  
by Andrea Beaty  
*I Wish You More*  
by Amy Krouse Rosenthal  
*The Inventor's Secret: What Thomas Edison Told Henry Ford*  
by Suzanne Slade

### 3-5

*The Zoo at the Edge of the World*  
by Eric Kohn Gale  
*Seven and a Half Tons of Steel*  
by Janet Nolan  
*The Tiana Series*  
by Ann Baltazar  
*Reading with Pictures: Comics That Make Kids Smarter*  
by Jack Elder  
*Copote's Cousins (Books 1 and 2)*  
by Kate Hennigan  
*This Journal Belongs to Rachel*  
by Nancy J. Casanough

### 6-8

*The Best Man*  
by Richard Peck  
*Nightfall*  
by Jake Halpern and Peter Kujawinski  
*Codename Zoro*  
by Chris Rylander  
*The Eye of Mingot*  
by Andrew Brumbach  
*Women Heroes of World War I: 16 Remarkable Rebels, Soldiers, Spies, and Medics*  
by Kathryn J. Atwood  
*Am Drome*  
by Mike Grosso

### 9-12

*Pig Park*  
by Claudia Guadalupe Martinez  
*Rockin' the Boat: 50 Iconic Revolutionaries - From Joan of Arc to Malcolm X*  
by Jeff Friescher  
*Lagoon*  
by Nikki Chiorfor  
*Phantom Limbs*  
by Paula Garner  
*Playful for the Dead*  
by Michelle Falkoff  
*Play Me Backwards*  
by Adam Selzer

### Adult

*Hamilton: The Revolution*  
by Lin-Manuel Miranda and Jeremy McCarter  
*The Bollywood Bride*  
by Sonali Dev  
*The Book of Unknown Americans*  
by Cristina Henriquez  
*Don't You Cry*  
by Mary Kubica  
*By the Numbers*  
by Jen Lancaster  
*Excuse My Diaries: The Fight for Innocence, Independence, and Identity*  
by Alison Flowers



Join us on March 11th at  
Wilmington Middle School for  
this great event! Click the link  
below for more details:

<http://illinoisreads.org/home.htm>



## WHERE DOES YOUR FOOD COME FROM?

Do you have questions about food safety? Visit the Illinois Farm Families website for great articles, blogs and opportunities!

Click the logo below



## GMO lettuce?

**Nope! That doesn't exist.**

There are only 9 GMO foods available, and they are...



Canola



Alfalfa



Summer squash



Sugar beets



Potatoes



Papaya



Soybeans



Corn (sweet and field)



Cotton

Learn more at [www.FoodInsight.org](http://www.FoodInsight.org)



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