



Reach Out and Read Michigan



Make a Bee Line to the
BIG BUZZ
Adult Spelling Bee

Save The Date

March 19, 2009
5:30-9:00 pm

Sheraton Novi Hotel
21111 Haggerty Road, Novi, MI 48375

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← THE WINNERS OF THE 2008 BIG BUZZ ADULT SPELLING BEE PRIZE FOR MOST CREATIVE COSTUMES... THE MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION!

Can you spell F-U-N?

There will be a whole of lot of spelling on March 19, at **Reach Out and Read Michigan's 2nd Annual Big Buzz Adult Spelling Bee** at the Sheraton Detroit Novi Hotel.

The **Big Buzz Adult Spelling Bee** benefits Reach Out and Read (ROR) Michigan, a pediatric literacy

coalition with over 100 sites in Michigan, many in Metro Detroit.

ROR trains health care providers to give information to parents about the importance of reading to children and a brand new book to a child at every well-child visit from 6 months to 5 years of age.

In addition to team members, notable guests include Nancy Robertson, State Librarian, will be the Word Pronouncer, along with three other State Librarians in the role of judges. Rep. Vicki Barnett (37th district) will kick off the festivities.

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SNUGGLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK READ-A-THON



"ONE DIME AT A TIME" AT WHOLE FOODS MARKET



HOW YOU CAN HELP BRING BOOKS TO YOUNG CHILDREN

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Brian Gallagher, Director of National Expansion for the ROR National Center, said, "Reach Out and Read Michigan has expanded to serve more than 79,000 children in the state. I am sure that this event will help to generate even more 'buzz' around the issue of early literacy in Michigan."

Teams of 8 adults - 2 spellers and 6 cheerleaders - will compete for glory and prizes not seen since their days as schoolchildren! The winning teams receive team trophies. Prizes will also be awarded to teams with **Best Spellers**, **Most Creative Costumes**, and **Most Enthusiastic Cheerleading**. Words used are those in children's spelling bees, and practice word lists are provided. "We understand that the teams are already studying diligently," said Michele Strasz, ROR Michigan Director. "However, the official list is tough. The words will get progressively harder as the evening goes on."

"It is easy to embrace ROR'S mission when I imagine any childhood without books. It is a pleasure to be involved in an event that helps put books where they belong; in the hands and hearts of parents and children. I hope people come out in "swarms" for this spelling bee! What a fun way to help others." Denise Brennan Nelson, author of **Buzzy the Bumblebee** available from Sleeping Bear Press. Ms. Brennan Nelson was also a Speller in the 2008 bee.

ROR Michigan is recruiting spelling teams from organizations, corporations and book clubs for an evening of fun, delicious hors d'oeuvres and desserts. All proceeds will help support books and training for ROR sites. Most importantly it will promote the goal of making books a part of a healthy childhood. It is \$500 to enter a team. There is another way to participate, for those not brave enough to be on a team. Spectator Seating is available for \$65 a ticket. A portion of the spectator ticket is tax deductible. For information, please visit reachoutandreadmich.org or call Wendy at 586-913-5690.



SNUGGLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK READ-A-THON

Need a good reason to sit down and read for pleasure? Grab a book and start raising money for ROR Michigan! During the months of March and April, readers will earn donations from their friends and colleagues, supporting ROR Michigan.

We want YOU to join us in this fun and easy fundraiser. Please introduce this to your book club, co-workers, friends and neighbors! Let's celebrate Reading Month and Month of the Young Child together, page by page.

More information and forms are on our website.

www.reachoutandreadmich.org



SUPPORT ROR MICHIGAN ONE DIME AT A TIME AT WHOLE FOODS MARKET!

Bring your own shopping bags when you visit your Metro Detroit Whole Foods Market from April 13 to July 5.

You can help the environment and ROR Michigan at the same time!

How? Whole Foods Market has

designated ROR Michigan as the recipient of the proceeds raised through One Dime At A Time. Whole Foods Market gives 10 cents per bag to customers who re-use their own shopping bags for their purchased groceries.

This program reduces their impact on the environment and supports local nonprofit groups. Customers have the choice to accept the refund or donate it to ROR Michigan! Visit our website in April for more information!



HOW YOU CAN HELP BRING NEW BOOKS TO YOUNG CHILDREN

With 100 ROR sites serving over 79,000 children last year, we are always looking for new friends. It only costs \$40 to support a child for the entire 5 years - that's 10 new books and all the training the doctors need to help parents with literacy guidance!

We need YOU! You can become a

Friend of ROR Michigan and donate directly

www.reachoutandreadmich.org. Or organize a fundraising event or party and donate the proceeds. You can coordinate a new book drive with your community group or students! Questions? Call Wendy - (586) 913-5690.