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EIU TO HOST READING CONFERENCE

CHARLESTON -- Area educators and community members are invited to attend the 33rd Annual East Central-EIU Reading Conference Friday, Oct. 10, on the Eastern Illinois University campus.

This year's conference theme, "Once Upon A Time -- Connecting Children to Books Through Story," features keynote speaker Janice Del Negro, director of the University of Illinois' Center for Children's Books, who will share her message of storytelling and methods of motivating young readers.

The conference begins with registration in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union at 8 a.m. with introductory speakers at 8:45 a.m.

Registration fees are \$5 for the public, \$4 for Reading Council members and \$2 for students.

Last year's conference hosted more than 750 participants from 37 school districts.

To register or to obtain further information, contact The Reading Conference, Department of Early Childhood, Elementary and Middle Level Education, EIU, Charleston, IL 61920, or call (217) 581-5728.