

See What's New In Fall '05

The RIF Reading Planet has plenty to offer throughout the school year. To help you plan ahead, here's a peek at what will be happening on the RIF Reading Planet in the coming months! Just visit www.rif.org/readingplanet for details.



Contests!

Throughout the year, we offer several online contests for kids. Check out our scheduled contests for the 2005/2006 school year:

World of Narnia Art Contest, Sept. 1 – Nov. 7

RIF invites kids ages 5-15 to create their own vision of the world of Narnia for the chance to win great prizes, including a free pre-screening of the upcoming Narnia film by Disney. Kids can present their vision through paint, markers, collage, photography, computer-animated graphics, or crayons. Look online for full contest details, including official rules and prize descriptions.



I Love Animals Writing Contest, Feb. 14- Apr. 1

Kids ages 5-15 are invited to write a short essay or poem about their favorite animal. Let us know what makes this animal so unique – is it a dog that's your best friend, an owl that hoots outside your window at night, or a tiger that you love to visit at the zoo? Contest details will be available online in February.



Author and Illustrator Interviews!

Each month, RIF talks with a popular children's book author or illustrator. Go online to suggest your interview questions, learn what inspires these professionals to create books, and find out how to send them fan mail.



- **September 12-16**
- **October 3-7**
- **November 7-11**
- **December 5-9**

Fun & Games!

The RIF Reading Planet is updated regularly, so be sure to come back to check out new resources for kids, including:

- **Interactive read aloud stories**
- **eCards**
- **Kids' polls**
- **Book reviews**
- **Reading games**

Bilingual Resources!

Be sure to visit www.rif.org/leer, the bilingual section of the RIF website. Explore fun, interactive family resources presented in Spanish and English!

Happy Birthday, RIF!

RIF will be celebrating its 40th anniversary in the fall of 2006, and so we're kicking off the celebration this fall for a full year of activities. Visit the RIF website on November 3rd, (RIF's birthday) for a variety of new resources. You'll find:

- Generation RIF, an online alumni center
- RIF timeline and photo gallery
- A poll of the top 40 favorite children's books of all time
- RIF eCards



Reading Is Fun Week!

Reading Is Fun week, or RIF week, will take place May 14-20. Stay tuned to learn how you can participate in exciting events that week.

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