



*All of life is the result of past events
Therefore . . .
We are all connected to the past
And responsible for the future
Indian Proverb*

The Indians called it “Washita” the river of sparkling beautiful water. The Tri-Lakes Reading Council calls it home. The three lakes created by the Ouachita River (Lake Ouachita, Lake Hamilton, and Lake Catherine) surround our school districts and are our namesake. Like this beautiful, strong river, we are a group of beautiful, strong educational professionals. We enjoyed tremendous growth last year with a flood of new members! Our membership grew from 25 members to 43 members!

We held four meetings throughout the year. Our February meeting was very popular as we celebrated books we love and focused on recruiting administrators. The Fountain Lake Elementary and Middle School principals as well as their superintendent gave book talks on the books they love. Our members enjoyed hearing these leaders talk about books and the importance of reading.

We ended the year by cruising Lake Hamilton aboard the Belle of Hot Springs. We enjoyed the beautiful lake surrounding us, each other’s company, and meeting new friends (whom we quickly recruited to become members and officers!) We reflected upon the past year, our successes and failures. Feeling the power of the river flowing beneath us, we dreamed of the future and planned for it. For our

council understands the Indian proverb which says, *“We are all connected to the past and responsible for the future.”*



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