



Call for Manuscripts

Literacy Legacies: A Tribute to Those Who Helped Shape Our Literacy Classroom Approaches

As educators, we can all recall at least one educator who had a lasting positive effect on our careers. That person may be anyone – family members who led us to the classroom because they always made time for special literacy experiences, such as library adventures (when we initially seemed more interested in the library’s fish tank rather than the books) or a snuggly book reading to end our day.

Just as likely, that person could be principal, colleague, mentor, advisor, author, professor or someone else in your professional work who was the person you credited with helping you with your dedication to provide meaningful literacy experiences for all students.

One of those individuals is Kansas State University’s Dr. Marjorie Hancock, who passed away in May 2025. She taught elementary education majors and graduate students in education for 12 years, while sharing her passion for and knowledge of literacy on various state and national organizations.

For our third *Literacy Connections* issue, we honor Dr. Hancock, while also sharing the stories of others who have left a literacy legacy in your own journey as well as others’ journeys. We ask that you take some time to reflect upon your own path and give credit to those who have helped shape your literacy work. Some prompts to consider:

- How has that person influenced your teaching of literacy?
- What are key approaches you use today that connect to them?
- Was there a special book they recommended that is on your shelf today?
- How have you passed on that passion for literacy to students and future teachers?

We invite you to submit manuscripts that connect to this theme.

In acknowledging literacy should be attainable for all and unlimited, we feel it is appropriate to encourage the many forms of literacy that exist, such as research articles, book reviews, videos, teacher stories from the classroom, photography, opinion articles, poetry and more.

Submit manuscripts here: <https://newprairiepress.org/litconnections/>

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