

What Makes An Effective Literacy Coach Ncte

Describes the philosophy of the Daily 5 teaching structure and includes a collection of literacy tasks for students to complete daily.

This is a brief exploration of running records, explaining why to use them, how they relate to teaching, and how to administer them.

Teachers make a difference. The success of any plan for improving educational outcomes depends on the teachers who carry it out and thus on the abilities of those attracted to the field and their preparation. Yet there are many questions about how teachers are being prepared and how they ought to be prepared. Yet, teacher preparation is often treated as an afterthought in discussions of improving the public education system. *Preparing Teachers* addresses the issue of teacher preparation with specific attention to reading, mathematics, and science. The book evaluates the characteristics of the candidates who enter teacher preparation programs, the sorts of instruction and experiences teacher candidates receive in preparation programs, and the extent that the required instruction and experiences are consistent with converging scientific evidence. *Preparing Teachers* also identifies a need for a data collection model to provide valid and reliable information about the content knowledge, pedagogical competence, and effectiveness of graduates from the various kinds of teacher preparation programs. Federal and state policy makers need reliable, outcomes-based information to make sound decisions, and teacher educators need to know how best to contribute to the development of effective teachers. Clearer understanding of the content and character of effective teacher preparation is critical to improving it and to ensuring that the same critiques and questions are not being repeated 10 years from now.

In his 2011 ASCD best-seller *Focus: Elevating the Essentials to Radically Improve Student Learning*, author Mike Schmoker described a fresh approach to K-12 teaching built on three core elements: a focused and coherent curriculum; clear, prioritized lessons; and purposeful reading and writing, or authentic literacy. Now, in *Leading with Focus*, he shows administrators, principals, and other education leaders how to apply his model to the work of running schools and districts. In this companion to his previous book, Schmoker offers * An overview of the case for simple, focused school and district leadership--demonstrating its power for vastly improving the work of teachers and leaders. * Examples of real schools and districts that have embraced focused leadership--and the incredible results for student learning. * A practical, flexible, and easy-to-follow implementation guide for ensuring focused leadership in schools and districts. All students deserve to learn in schools where educators eschew distractions and superfluous activities to concentrate on what's most important. To that end, this book is an essential resource for leaders ready to streamline their practice and focus their efforts on radically improving student learning.

The influential first volume of the *Handbook of Reading Research* was published in 1984. This classic work, an essential resource for researchers, students, and professionals across the field of reading and literacy education, is now available once again in on-line and print-on-demand versions.

A research-based, practical, comprehensive guide to teaching literacy in K-8 classrooms In an era of rigorous standards, *Teaching Children to Read* provides the essential information and strategies pre-service and new teachers need to help their students develop into capable and confident readers. The importance of the teacher's role is emphasized in every chapter using seven pillars of effective reading instruction: Teacher Knowledge; Classroom Assessment; Evidence-Based Teaching Strategies; Response to Intervention (or Multi-Tiered Systems of Support); Motivation and Engagement; Technology and New Literacies; and Family and Community Connections. Filled with recommendations made by the Institute of Education Sciences' What Works Clearinghouse and links to IRIS Center instructional modules (in Revel), the 8th Edition provides the research-based tools and knowledge needed to plan and deliver up-to-date, effective reading instruction in today's classrooms. *Teaching Children to Read*, 8th Edition is also available via Revel(TM), an interactive learning environment that enables students to read, practice, and study in one continuous experience.

Effective Literacy Instruction for Learners with Complex Support Needs provides critical information on effective literacy instruction with a multitude of practical examples. Since publication of the first edition in 2007, there has been an upsurge in research on literacy instruction for ages K-12. Because practice in the classroom does not always reflect this new knowledge, Copeland and Keefe have updated this reference to be applicable to students with a variety of disabilities, including autism, intellectual disabilities, and multiple disabilities requiring complex support needs. New to this edition is content on literacy as a human right, combining literacy and the arts, and literacy opportunities in the community for learners beyond K-12.

Much has been written on the topic of guided reading over the last twenty years, but no other leaders in literacy education have championed the topic with such depth and breadth as Irene Fountas and Gay Su Pinnell. In the highly anticipated second edition of *Guided Reading*, Fountas and Pinnell remind you of guided reading's critical value within a comprehensive literacy system, and the reflective, responsive teaching required to realize its full potential. Now with *Guided Reading, Second Edition*, (re)discover the essential elements of guided reading through: a wider and more comprehensive look at its place within a coherent literacy system a refined and deeper understanding of its complexity an examination of the steps in implementation-from observing and assessing literacy behaviors, to grouping in a thoughtful and dynamic way, to analyzing texts, to teaching the lesson the teaching for systems of strategic actions a rich text base that can support and extend student learning the re-emerging role of shared reading as a way to lead guided and independent reading forward the development of managed independent learning across the grades an in-depth exploration of responsive teaching the role of facilitative language in supporting change over time in students' processing systems the identification of high-priority shifts in learning to focus on at each text level the creation of a learning environment within which literacy and language can flourish. Through guided reading, students learn how to engage in every facet of the reading process and apply their reading power to all literacy contexts. Also check out our new on-demand mini-course: *Introducing Texts Effectively in Guided Reading Lessons*

While most children learn to read fairly well, there remain many young Americans whose futures are imperiled because they do not read well enough to meet the demands of our competitive, technology-driven society. This book explores the problem within the context of social, historical, cultural, and biological factors. Recommendations address the identification of groups of children at risk, effective instruction for the preschool and early grades, effective approaches to dialects and bilingualism, the importance of these findings for the professional development of

teachers, and gaps that remain in our understanding of how children learn to read. Implications for parents, teachers, schools, communities, the media, and government at all levels are discussed. The book examines the epidemiology of reading problems and introduces the concepts used by experts in the field. In a clear and readable narrative, word identification, comprehension, and other processes in normal reading development are discussed. Against the background of normal progress, Preventing Reading Difficulties in Young Children examines factors that put children at risk of poor reading. It explores in detail how literacy can be fostered from birth through kindergarten and the primary grades, including evaluation of philosophies, systems, and materials commonly used to teach reading.

What are the principles that every elementary teacher must learn in order to plan and adapt successful literacy instruction? This concise course text and practitioner resource brings together leading experts to explain the guiding ideas that underlie effective instructional practice. Each chapter reviews one or more key principles and highlights ways to apply them flexibly in diverse classrooms and across grade levels and content areas. Chapters cover core instructional topics (phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension); high-quality learning environments; major issues such as assessment, differentiation, explicit instruction, equity, and culturally relevant pedagogy; and the importance of teachers' reflective practice and lifelong learning.

This book is a comprehensive guide for literacy teacher educators and professional development trainers who teach and work in online settings. The authors provide tools, techniques, and resources for developing courses, workshops, and other online learning experiences, including blended/hybrid delivery formats that combine face-to-face meetings with online practices. Moving away from traditional discussions in which technology and delivery systems dominate the conversation, this book focuses on the literacy instructor with techniques for building effective learning communities. The authors outline the unique pedagogical challenges posed by online courses and offer guidance for making decisions about what tools to use for specific instructional purposes. More than simply a "how-to" book, this resource will encourage novice and experienced instructors to extend their thinking and enable online literacy teacher education to grow in productive ways. Book Features: Support for those teaching in many different roles, including program coordinators, professors, and adjuncts. A focus on pedagogical innovation as the key to success, with concrete examples of instructional and assessment practices. Connections to the IRA Standards for Reading Professionals and other national standards for teacher education. A companion website where online literacy teacher educators can communicate and share resources. "Be prepared to experience a compelling journey. . . . This might very well be the book that inspires you, like me, to find a trusted colleague, take a few risks, and begin your own journey toward moving a literacy course or whole program online." —From the Foreword by Julie Coiro, University of Rhode Island Lane W. Clarke is assistant professor and literacy concentration leader in the Education Department of the University of New England. Susan Watts-Taffe is associate professor and coordinator of the Reading Endorsement program at the University of Cincinnati.

Many tens of thousands of preservice and inservice teachers have relied on this highly regarded text from leading experts, now in a revised and updated sixth edition. The latest knowledge about literacy teaching and learning is distilled into flexible strategies for helping all PreK–12 learners succeed. The book addresses major components of literacy, the needs of specific populations, motivation, assessment, approaches to organizing instruction, and more. Each chapter features bulleted previews of key points; reviews of the research evidence; recommendations for best practices in action, including examples from exemplary classrooms; and engagement activities that help teachers apply the knowledge and strategies they have learned. New to This Edition *Incorporates the latest research findings and instructional practices. *Chapters on new topics: developmental word study and the physiological, emotional, and behavioral foundations of literacy learning. *Chapters offering fresh, expanded perspectives on writing and vocabulary. *Increased attention to timely issues: classroom learning communities, teaching English learners, and the use of digital tools and multimodal texts.

"The intent of this handbook is to provide a comprehensive, forward-looking, research-based resource for teachers, teacher-educators, and researchers on the key, inter-connected components of effective literacy instruction. The book is designed so that it is a readily useable resource for pre-service and practicing teachers as well. Every chapter in sections I, II, III, and IV includes substantial suggestions for implementing research-based practices in the classroom and for engaging in professional learning to help teachers increase their effectiveness as literacy instructors. Every chapter in section IV also includes substantial suggestions for fostering collaboration among staff and, when applicable, parents within schools"--

"This core text introduces pre-service teachers to the essential components of literacy and describes how to effectively deliver explicit, evidence-based instruction on each component"--

A high level of literacy in both print and digital media is required for negotiating most aspects of 21st-century life, including supporting a family, education, health, civic participation, and competitiveness in the global economy. Yet, more than 90 million U.S. adults lack adequate literacy. Furthermore, only 38 percent of U.S. 12th graders are at or above proficient in reading. Improving Adult Literacy Instruction synthesizes the research on literacy and learning to improve literacy instruction in the United States and to recommend a more systemic approach to research, practice, and policy. The book focuses on individuals ages 16 and older who are not in K-12 education. It identifies factors that affect literacy development in adolescence and adulthood in general, and examines their implications for strengthening literacy instruction for this population. It also discusses technologies for learning that can assist with multiple aspects of teaching, assessment, and accommodations for learning. There is inadequate knowledge about effective instructional practices and a need for better assessment and ongoing monitoring of adult students' proficiencies, weaknesses, instructional environments, and progress, which might guide instructional planning. Improving Adult Literacy Instruction recommends a program of research and innovation to validate, identify the boundaries of, and extend current knowledge to improve instruction for adults and adolescents outside school. The book is a valuable resource for curriculum developers, federal agencies such as the Department of Education, administrators, educators, and funding agencies.

This innovative book moves beyond the day-to-day matters of coaching to a deeper examination of how literacy coaching can improve instructional practice. The authors offer research-based strategies that can be used to create the professional and dynamic relationships needed for successful teacher–coach collaborations. Readers will hear the voices of coaches as they analyze their own efforts to scaffold adult learning, guide collaborative inquiry, and support teacher reflection. Featuring concrete examples, this practical book: Provides a model for literacy coaches to analyze and examine their own practice. Details the importance of systematic observation of teaching and how to use observation to shape subsequent coaching sessions. Examines guiding

teacher inquiry in whole groups, small groups, and pairs, to reflect and act on teaching and coaching. Charts the usefulness of teachers and coaches talking about teaching, and how this supports the change of teaching practices. "The authors have provided a rich description of what literacy coaches actually do as they work daily with teachers. Each chapter is soundly grounded in the research literature but goes beyond it to provide many practical examples." —From the Foreword by Gay Su Pinnell, The Ohio State University "The authors deal deftly with key aspects of coaching that characterize successful coaches and for which even the most knowledgeable literacy coaches are often ill-prepared. An excellent resource for anyone whose responsibilities sometimes include the role of coach." —Dorothy S. Strickland, Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey

Kit: 1 paperback, 1 sound disc, 2 videocassettes. Developed to help teachers in New Zealand primary schools, especially teachers of years 1-4, to use the guided reading approach effectively in ways that will help their students to achieve literary success.

Practical and rich in resources, this book provides a roadmap to monitoring, evaluating, and implementing effective literacy instruction in grades PK-12. Designed for district and school leaders as well as literacy coaches and consultants, this book contains all the strategies, guidance, and tools you'll need to monitor the effectiveness of literacy instruction in your school or system. Top literacy experts Angela Peery and Tracey Shiel share concise, well-researched information about how to identify enriched literacy environments, what constitutes well-designed literacy lessons, and the components of effective literacy programs at each grade level. Chapters cover reading, writing, speaking and listening, as well as collaboration, technology, and more, and offer adaptable strategies for different environments. Tools such as checklists and conversation frames are included to help busy leaders and administrators effectively monitor literacy instruction and provide constructive, thorough feedback to teachers. Each chapter features: Check-Up Tools to review documents and observe instruction Check-In Tools to guide your conversations and feedback given to teachers Reflective Questions for system and school leaders and instructional coaches.

Learning to read is not natural for many individuals, who remain dependent on the skill, knowledge, and persistence of their teachers to acquire reading proficiency. Reading instruction, however, can be designed with greater validity than ever before because of a solid, converging body of scientific research on reading acquisition, reading processes, and reading disabilities. This special issue presents some of the major advances in methodologically and theoretically sound treatment research by the use of comprehensive and multivariate treatment protocols and individual growth-curve modeling.

The Essentials of Teaching Children to Read: The Teacher Makes the Difference, Third Edition, by Reutzel and Cooter is the ideal hands-on personal guide for pre- and in-service K-8 teachers who want to make a critical difference in ensuring effective reading instruction for all students. It shows educators how, by thinking deeply about their teaching decisions, they can come to understand and meet the literacy needs of every student. The authors present seven pillars of effective reading instruction—Teacher Knowledge, Classroom Assessment, Evidence-Based Teaching Practices, Response to Intervention (RTI), Motivation and Engagement, Technology and New Literacies, and Family and Community Connections—that provide a logical and consistent structure for closely examining the essential elements that well-prepared literacy teachers know, understand, and are able to implement in the classroom.

This book is a shorter version of *Developing Literacy in Second-Language Learners*, reporting the findings of the National Literacy Panel on Language-Minority Children and Youth. This book concisely summarizes what is known from empirical research about the development of literacy in language-minority children and youth, including development, environment, instruction, and assessment. --From publisher's description.

Visible Learning A Synthesis of Over 800 Meta-Analyses Relating to Achievement Routledge

More than an estimated 90 million adults in the United States lack the literacy skills needed for fully productive and secure lives. The effects of this shortfall are many: Adults with low literacy have lower rates of participation in the labor force and lower earnings when they do have jobs, for example. They are less able to understand and use health information. And they are less likely to read to their children, which may slow their children's own literacy development. At the request of the U.S. Department of Education, the National Research Council convened a committee of experts from many disciplines to synthesize research on literacy and learning in order to improve instruction for those served in adult education in the U.S. The committee's report, *Improving Adult Literacy Instruction: Options for Practice and Research*, recommends a program of research and innovation to gain a better understanding of adult literacy learners, improve instruction, and create the supports adults need for learning and achievement. *Improving Adult Literacy Instruction: Developing Reading and Writing*, which is based on the report, presents an overview of what is known about how literacy develops the component skills of reading and writing, and the practices that are effective for developing them. It also describes principles of reading and writing instruction that can guide those who design and administer programs or courses to improve adult literacy skills. Although this is not intended as a "how to" manual for instructors, teachers may also find the information presented here to be helpful as they plan and deliver instruction.

The Science of Reading: A Handbook brings together state-of-the-art reviews of reading research from leading names in the field, to create a highly authoritative, multidisciplinary overview of contemporary knowledge about reading and related skills. Provides comprehensive coverage of the subject, including theoretical approaches, reading processes, stage models of reading, cross-linguistic studies of reading, reading difficulties, the biology of reading, and reading instruction. Divided into seven sections: Word Recognition Processes in Reading; Learning to Read and Spell; Reading Comprehension; Reading in Different Languages; Disorders of Reading and Spelling; Biological Bases of

Reading; Teaching Reading Edited by well-respected senior figures in the field

This highly regarded work brings together prominent authorities on vocabulary teaching and learning to provide a comprehensive yet concise guide to effective instruction. The book showcases practical ways to teach specific vocabulary words and word-learning strategies and create engaging, word-rich classrooms. Instructional activities and games for diverse learners are brought to life with detailed examples. Drawing on the most rigorous research available, the editors and contributors distill what PreK-8 teachers need to know and do to support all students' ongoing vocabulary growth and enjoyment of reading. New to This Edition*Reflects the latest research and instructional practices.*New section (five chapters) on pressing current issues in the field: assessment, authentic reading experiences, English language learners, uses of multimedia tools, and the vocabularies of narrative and informational texts.*Contributor panel expanded with additional leading researchers.

Based on the idea that the best literacy teacher is the informed literacy teacher, this new book provides an accessible presentation of research and the teaching methods that stem from it. By emphasizing assessment and evaluation along with literacy skills and strategies as the basis for effective literacy teaching, chapters explain more than what to do in a literacy classroom--they help you understand why to do it. The book gives readers an understanding of the nature of reading and writing, equips them with the materials to teach, and develops in them the vital ability to select from this knowledge the "best practices" for meeting children's individual needs. For parents, teachers, and child care specialists of elementary school reading students.

"Every student deserves a great teacher, not by chance, but by design" — Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, & John Hattie What if someone slipped you a piece of paper listing the literacy practices that ensure students demonstrate more than a year's worth of learning for a year spent in school? Would you keep the paper or throw it away? We think you'd keep it. And that's precisely why acclaimed educators Douglas Fisher, Nancy Frey, and John Hattie wrote *Visible Learning for Literacy*. They know teachers will want to apply Hattie's head-turning synthesis of more than 15 years of research involving millions of students, which he used to identify the instructional routines that have the biggest impact on student learning. These practices are "visible" for teachers and students to see, because their purpose has been made clear, they are implemented at the right moment in a student's learning, and their effect is tangible. Yes, the "aha" moments made visible by design. With their trademark clarity and command of the research, and dozens of classroom scenarios to make it all replicable, these authors apply Hattie's research, and show you: How to use the right approach at the right time, so that you can more intentionally design classroom experiences that hit the surface, deep, and transfer phases of learning, and more expertly see when a student is ready to dive from surface to deep. Which routines are most effective at specific phases of learning, including word sorts, concept mapping, close reading, annotating, discussion, formative assessment, feedback, collaborative learning, reciprocal teaching, and many more. Why the 8 mind frames for teachers apply so well to curriculum planning and can inspire you to be a change agent in students' lives—and part of a faculty that embraces the idea that visible teaching is a continual evaluation of one's impact on student's learning. "Teachers, it's time we embrace the evidence, update our classrooms, and impact student learning in wildly positive ways," say Doug, Nancy, and John. So let's see *Visible Learning for Literacy* for what it is: the book that renews our teaching and reminds us of our influence, just in time.

Why aren't more schools seeing significant improvement in students' reading ability when they implement Response to Intervention (RTI) or Multitiered Systems of Support (MTSS) in their literacy programs? These frameworks serve as a way for educators to identify struggling readers and provide the small-group instruction they need to improve their skills. But the success stories are too few in number, and most schools have too little to show for their efforts. What accounts for the difference? What are successful schools doing that sets them apart? Author and education consultant Susan Hall provides answers in the form of 10 success factors for implementing MTSS. Based on her experience in schools across the United States, she explains the "whys" and "hows" of Grouping by skill deficit and using diagnostic assessments to get helpful data for grouping and regrouping. Implementing an instructional delivery model, including the "walk-to-intervention" model. Using intervention time wisely and being aware of what makes intervention effective. Providing teachers with the materials they need for effective lessons and delivering differentiated professional development for administrators, reading coaches, teachers, and instructional assistants. Monitoring progress regularly and conducting nonevaluative observations of intervention instruction. Practical, comprehensive, and evidence-based, *10 Success Factors for Literacy Intervention* provides the guidance educators need to move from disappointing results to solid gains in students' literacy achievement.

In the decade since the first edition of *The Literacy Coach's Survival Guide*, education has changed considerably. One thing that has not changed is Cathy Toll's leadership in the field. Drawing on her vast experience with thousands of coaches across the world, Toll maintains her practical approach and conversational style while expanding the wealth of insights and strategies that she shares. The extensive revisions in this second edition reflect Toll's refinement of her approach to coaching as well as her response to the challenges that coaches face today. It guides new and experienced coaches through important topics, such as the following: Effecting change Working with teacher partners individually and in teams Communicating well in coaching conversations Dealing with difficult situations Coaching around special initiatives, such as the CCSS and RTI

In the Second Edition of this popular textbook, Galda, Cullinan, and Strickland continue to show new teachers how to use children's literature to support English language arts teaching and learning in kindergarten through eighth-grade classrooms. *LANGUAGE, LITERACY, AND THE CHILD* presents current theories and research alongside practical classroom applications. With this organization, the authors provide theoretically sound, literature-based practices and teaching ideas to help students as they begin to teach.

As reading is vital to success in life and opens the door to nearly all other learning opportunities, it is essential that educators understand why students with learning how to read. Therefore, it is key for both professionals and researchers to establish their own approaches to assist those with reading difficulties *Developing Effective Literacy Intervention Strategies: Emerging Research and Opportunities* is a critical reference volume featuring the latest academic research on the benefits of a balanced literary framework and how it can help struggling readers gain knowledge and experience in reading. Including coverage among a variety of applicable viewpoints and subjects, such as zone of proximal development, response to intervention (RTI), and literary fluency, this book is ideally designed for education professionals working in the fields of elementary education and literacy, as well as academics and upper-level students looking for advanced research on literacy intervention and differentiated plans of instruction.

This unique and ground-breaking book is the result of 15 years research and synthesises over 800 meta-analyses on the influences on achievement in school-aged students. It builds a story about the power of teachers, feedback, and a model of learning and understanding. The research involves many millions of students and represents the largest ever evidence based research into what actually works in schools to improve learning. Areas covered include the influence of the student, home, school, curricula, teacher, and teaching strategies. A model of teaching and learning is developed based on the notion of visible teaching and visible learning. A major message is that what works best for students is similar to what works best for teachers – an attention to setting challenging learning intentions, being clear about what success means, and an attention to learning strategies for developing conceptual understanding about what teachers and students know and understand. Although the current evidence based fad has turned into a debate about test scores, this book is about using evidence to build and defend a model of teaching and learning. A major contribution is a fascinating benchmark/dashboard for comparing many innovations in teaching and schools.

A devastatingly large number of people in America cannot read as well as they need for success in life. With literacy problems plaguing as many as four in ten children in America, this book discusses how

best to help children succeed in reading. This book identifies the most important questions and explores the authoritative answers on the topic of how children can grow into readers, including: What are the key elements all children need in order to become good readers? What can parents and caregivers provide all children so that they are prepared for reading instruction by the time that they get to school? What concepts about language and literacy should be included in beginning reading instruction? How can we prevent reading difficulties starting with infants and into the early grades? What to ask school boards, principals, elected officials, and other policy makers who make decisions regarding early reading instruction. You'll find out how to help youngsters build word recognition, avoid comprehension problems, and more--with checklists of specific accomplishments to be expected at different ages: for very young children, for kindergarten students, and for first, second, and third grade students. Included are 55 activities to do with children to help them become successful readers, a list of recommended children's books, and a guide to CD-ROMs and websites. Great strides have been made recently toward identifying the best ways to teach children to read. Starting Out Right provides a wealth of knowledge based on a summary of extensive research. It is a "must read" for specialists in primary education as well as parents, pediatricians, child care providers, tutors, literacy advocates, policy makers, and teachers.

Using Informative Assessments towards Effective Literacy Practices offers research driven solutions to improve student literacy success through the exploration of advancements in literacy assessment and instruction. Recommendations are provided on selecting appropriate assessments and effectively using data for planning and instruction

Accessible, teacher friendly guide that provides teachers with a blueprint for instruction targeted toward improving students' reading skills based on results of formative assessments.

When the teacher tells her class that they can think of almost everything as a math problem, one student acquires a math anxiety which becomes a real curse.

This issues reader presents current information on critical trends and developments in literacy education to help teachers choose and articulate their own informed approach to reading education. Now in its Fourth Edition, Issues and Trends in Literacy Education continues to present a wide variety of opinions and positions in all crucial aspects of reading and writing education. This new edition includes up-to-date discussions on current topics such as fluency, the use of technology in reading, and multicultural literacy, among others. Renowned authors Dick Robinson, Mike McKenna, and Judy Wedman gear students to success by presenting scrupulously researched material that meets the NCATE/International Reading Association requirements for accreditation of graduate reading programs. A Letter to Students from the Authors Dear Reader, The authors of this literacy education textbook welcome you to the study of this important aspect of instruction. You are probably quite aware of the many current controversial topics in literacy such as assessment, the use of technology, and approaches to the teaching of reading skills. This new edition of Issues and Trends in Literacy Education was organized around a number of the most critical questions in the current field. Articles in each of these areas were selected primarily on the basis of providing you, the reader, with the latest information as well as varying opinions on a wide variety of literacy topics. One of the primary goals of this book is for you to use these readings as a "springboard" for further investigation in topics that interest you related to effective literacy instruction. Each of the chapters includes a selection of related readings for additional study in a particular area of reading education. These can be used for in-depth study as well as a basis for personal research and writing of related class papers and presentations. The field of literacy education is a rapidly expanding and changing area in education. We hope you find the materials in this book to be both challenging and interest as you continue your study of this field. Thank you, Dick Robinson Mike McKenna

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