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is retired from a 30 year career in literacy education. After achieving a BA in English from Baylor University and an MS in Curriculum and Instruction with an emphasis in English Acquisition as a Second Language from the University of Colorado Denver, she earned teaching certificates in Elementary Education, Secondary English and Social Studies, and K-12 Linguistically Different. Mary taught literacy at all levels from pre-school to adults at the Community College of McClellan County and the University of New Mexico at Los Alamos where she was named a Master Teacher. She has been a presenter at Colorado Teachers of English as a Second or Other Language, the International Reading Association Conference and the Colorado Council of the International Reading Association. Besides experience as a classroom teacher, Mary served as a literacy specialist and coach at the high school level. She now lives in Colorado and has time to read to her heart's content.



No skill is more crucial to the future of a child, or to a democratic and prosperous society, than literacy. - Los Angeles Times