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EDITORIAL BY **MARK CONLEY AND CARMEN DYKEMA**

Welcome to this issue of Michigan Reading Journal, assembled over the sleepy summer months. As usual, we have something of interest for everyone. Each article, however, touches on the theme of learning for a lifetime. The first article, by northern colleagues Michelle Johnston and Mary Krueger, focuses on a matrix strategy for students to use on the High School Proficiency Test. Helen Gill interviews Virginia Watson in the second article. Virginia is the director of the State Literacy Resource Center, where she manages a statewide program for adult literacy. In our third piece, transplanted Michigania Sarah McCarthy and Courtney Kahn report a study of how kids "volunteer" during book response and writing time.

We have also published two position

papers by the Michigan Reading Association. The first speaks to issues of professional development, an area that has until recently been largely ignored by politicians in our state. The second position paper is about intellectual freedom. It contains many important statements about the importance of literacy for information access in a free society.

As ever, we have Vera Milz' contribution to the world of literature and Tom Tobias' irreverent look at ourselves.

We need also report an error in the last edition. The second author of *Food as a Motivator: A Feast Across the Curriculum*, is Deanne Camp. Unfortunately, her name was omitted from the printing of the last edition. We regret the error.

Have a great Fall!

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