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# 1988 Literacy Award

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In an endeavor to acknowledge meritorious literacy work, the International Reading Association has designated a LITERACY AWARD for state councils to identify and recognize an individual, agency, or institution within their respective state or province for their contributions to literacy. The Michigan Reading Association honored Linda M. Clinard, Ph.D. by presenting her with the LITERACY AWARD at the Michigan Reading Association's conference this March.

Linda McCorkel Clinard has had strong experience in the field of education, both as a classroom teacher and as a reading specialist. From 1964 to 1978, she taught at the elementary and secondary levels in California, Illinois, Michigan, New York, and overseas for the Department of Defense Schools in Okinawa and Germany. Having received her undergraduate degree in elementary education from Biola College, La Mirada, California, she subsequently received her masters degree in Reading Education from Indiana University, and her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction from The University of Michigan.

Currently, Dr. Clinard provides consultant and speaking services and serves part-time as an instructor for the School of Education at The University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She served as Distinguished Lecturer of graduate reading courses for 12 years for Michigan State University in Birmingham, Michigan. She has been active in the International Reading Association, Parents and Reading Committee; has co-chaired the Oakland County Reading Council, Parents and Reading Committee; and served as co-chairperson of

the Michigan Reading Association, Parent Committee. She has been the recipient of two International Reading Association Literacy Awards. The first was given in 1985 by the Wayne County Reading Council and the second in 1987 by the Oakland County Reading Council.

Dr. Clinard is the mother of three, and resides in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan. She is the author of **THE READING TRIANGLE, You CAN Help Your Child Learn to Read**, published by David S. Lake Publishers, Belmont, California, 1985. Through her book, **The Reading Triangle**, she has shown parents how they can be intimately involved with assisting their children's reading efforts. It's goal is to rally parental support to the school's academic program in order to advance the literacy of the child.

She has spoken to numerous parent groups delivering the message that the home and school are partners in the educational process. Dr. Clinard is particularly adept at answering parents questions concerning reading instruction in a forward and sensitive way. She is an energetic, dedicated educator who sees knowledge and enthusiasm for reading as an integral part of every child's life and has worked diligently for Michigan children. We salute her.

Also receiving honors in literacy from the Michigan Reading Association were James Lee Newnum and Hope W. Dunne.

James Newnum has served as the president of the Calhoun Reading Council and was the originator of **The Calhoun Collection**, a young authors book which is published each year. He has worked on the

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