

## *WSRA Journal*

### **Guidelines for Manuscript Submissions**

The *WSRA Journal* (ISSN 0160-9270) is published three times a year and addresses literacy research, current literacy topics, and presents educational strategies for classroom literacy instruction. There are themed issues as well as open issues. Each issue includes a Call for Manuscripts. WSRA members are encouraged to submit ideas on any topic. The general themes listed in the Call for Manuscripts are only suggested guides. The *WSRA Journal* is available to all WSRA members. Acceptance rate is 70%.

**Call for Manuscripts:** *WSRA Journal* welcomes well written, original descriptions of research-based instruction that improves literacy learning. Manuscripts must provide an appropriate blend of practical classroom application and solid theoretical framework. High quality articles, essays, and reports of different types on reading and literacy education are considered for inclusion in the Journal. Have you engaged in classroom research? Have you tried a new strategy with your class that has had good results? Do you have successful ways of connecting home, school, community? Have you read a new professional book or a great children's or young adult book? Share the news!

Separate features, such as nonpeer reviewed essays and poetry, are welcomed, as are papers that give us a glimpse of education in Wisconsin's history; all of these are printed as space allows.

Literature reviews without actual application to classroom instruction will generally be rejected. Digital photographs of students and/or teachers engaged in literacy activities are welcomed, as are examples of student work. All photos and student work examples require proof of permission, including parent permission when applicable, for inclusion in the Journal.

**Open Issue:** We are currently seeking manuscript submissions that focus on a variety of topics and research projects across all grade levels.

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