

Call for Manuscripts

Journal Mission

Pennsylvania Reads is a refereed journal that provides a forum for presentation of new research findings, as well as descriptions of innovative programs or current best practices in literacy instruction.

Types of Manuscripts Considered

Research Reports – Explanations of empirical or applied studies using quantitative, qualitative, or mixed-methods designs. These manuscripts must include an abstract of no more than 150 words, followed by information about the problem or issue explored; theoretical foundations and review of literature; sample; data collection and analysis; results or findings; implications for learning, instruction, and/or policy; limitations of the study; and directions for further research. The report should be written in teacher-friendly style that facilitates the integration of research into classroom practice. The abstract must explicitly identify the paper as a research report.

Best Practice Descriptions – Discussions and descriptions of best practices or innovative programs for literacy instruction at PreK-12, undergraduate, or graduate levels. These manuscripts must include an abstract of no more than 150 words followed by a discussion of the theoretical foundations and research base supporting the practice or program, setting and conditions in which the practice or program was implemented, connections or relevance to the Common Core State Standards and/or standards of professional associations (e.g., International Literacy Association, National Council of Teachers of English, National Association for the Education of Young Children, Association for Middle Level Education, International Society for Technology in Education, Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation, etc.), affordances and challenges of implementation, recommendations for assessment of learning outcomes, and the author's reflections about the experience. The article must be explicitly identified as a best practice description.

Short pieces, such as teaching tips, poetry, reviews of research, literary anecdotes, and book reviews will also be considered. They should have a reference to a book(s) or a literary connection with references to the material.

Form, Length, and Submission Process *Pennsylvania Reads* is published yearly. Submissions are accepted year-round. All submissions will be acknowledged by email. December 15, 2019 is the deadline for the 2020 edition.

Submitted manuscripts must conform to the following standards:

Any graphics, charts, diagrams or photos **must not be inserted or embedded** in the manuscript but **must be referenced** where they should be placed. The graphics, charts, diagrams or photos must be submitted as **separate files**. The preferred format is jpg.

Manuscripts must be word-processed (.doc or .docx format), double-spaced, and follow guidelines used in APA, 6th ed. A link to the guidelines appears on the KSLA website, and also can be found at www.owl.english.purdue.edu.

Although length is not a determining factor for acceptance, manuscripts under 25 pages (inclusive of references, tables, and figures) are preferred.

Manuscripts must include a substantive list of references cited in the body of the paper. References should reflect the most current scholarship, but may also include older works that are foundational, seminal, or landmark in nature.

Please include a cover letter providing the full title of the manuscript, authors' names and professional affiliations, and contact information for the lead author (postal and email addresses). Also in the letter, indicate the type of manuscript (e.g., Research Report or Best Practice Description), and a statement that the work is your own original work, it has not been published or submitted elsewhere, and it is not currently under review by any other journal.

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Decisions

After each manuscript has been reviewed by three reviewers and an editorial team over the course of 3-6 months, authors will be notified of the team's decision to publish, publish with

minor revisions, reject as inappropriate, or reject with invitation to revise and resubmit. Any acceptance is pending the author's thorough revision to meet all stipulated conditions, and timely resubmission to meet editorial deadlines.

When submitting a revised manuscript, authors must also send a cover letter that includes the following:

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- 2) A brief informational statement (30 words or less) for each author telling full name, institutional affiliation, course(s) or grade level(s) taught, and email address.
- 3) A postal address where each author can receive two copies of the printed journal if the manuscript is ultimately accepted for publication.

The editorial team reserves the right to decide whether revised manuscripts will undergo another round of blind review or be reviewed only by the team. All accepted manuscripts will undergo final editing by the copy editors who may request additional revisions for format and mechanics. Copy editors' deadlines must be met in order to avoid printing delay. The editorial team and copy editors reserve the right to make editorial changes. Revised manuscripts that are resubmitted too late for the projected schedule will be included in the next scheduled issue.

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