

ABOUT THE AWARD

The International Literacy Association (ILA) Outstanding Article Award: *The Reading Teacher* honors an outstanding article published in *The Reading Teacher* that significantly advances literacy practices for children up to age 12. The recognized work should demonstrate innovative approaches, actionable strategies, or insightful research that directly impacts classroom instruction and supports educators in fostering foundational literacy skills, critical thinking, and a love for reading in young learners.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- Journal articles must have been published between January 2023 and December 2025 to be eligible for consideration.
- Articles will be evaluated on the following criteria:
 - Significance of relevance to the issue of literacy education
 - Suitability of methodology in research methods and rigor
 - Presentation and analysis of quality data and interpretation
 - Appropriateness of practical applications for classroom instruction
 - Applications for teaching diverse populations of literacy learners
- To be eligible, the lead author must be an ILA member in good standing and maintain active membership through **June 30, 2027**.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applications are submitted through [an online process](#). Eligible articles should be submitted as a clear, high quality, and complete copy of the published paper with full bibliographic information identifying the author(s), source, and publication date.

Applications are welcome from all, including but not limited to the author or their colleagues.

SUBMISSION TIMELINE

To be considered for the 2026 Outstanding Article Award: *The Reading Teacher*, **applications must be completed and all required materials submitted no later than February 2, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. ET.** Applicants will be notified of the results before June 30, 2026.

SELECTION PROCESS

Members of the ILA Outstanding Article Award: *The Reading Teacher* Committee will review and rate each submission based on the quality of the article submitted and its relevance to the award's intent.

The award will be granted only in years when the committee concludes there is a high quality submission that meets the rigorous standards outlined above.

Please direct any questions about eligibility, selection criteria, the application process, and/or the selection process to ILAAwards@reading.org.