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**THE INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION IS NOW ACCEPTING
NOMINATIONS FOR ITS FIRST 30 UNDER 30 LIST**

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NEWARK, Del. (May 1, 2015) – The International Literacy Association (ILA), a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all, is now accepting nominations for its first-ever 30 Under 30 list. The list aims to highlight the next generation of literacy leaders under the age of 30 who are stepping up to the challenges of today's evolving literacy landscape.

ILA is looking for trailblazers making their mark in the literacy field, innovators and motivators changing the face of literacy learning, and game changers transforming their classrooms, their communities or the world. Nominations are open to educators, administrators, authors, librarians, students, nonprofit leaders, politicians, technology experts, volunteers and advocates—anyone working actively to advance literacy for all.

Candidates may nominate themselves or someone else by completing a short form at literacyworldwide.org/30under30. All nominations must be received by June 21, 2015, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

“This new generation of champions plays a critical role in the future of literacy at a time when the literacy landscape is evolving rapidly,” said Marcie Craig Post, Executive Director, International Literacy Association. “For that reason, we are eager and honored to be able to highlight the important contributions and commitment of these leaders through what will become our annual 30 Under 30 list.”

Those selected will be featured in the September/October issue of Reading Today, ILA's bi-monthly magazine, and across ILA's platforms. They will also be invited to participate in upcoming activities that support the shared cause of advancing literacy for all.

ABOUT THE INTERNATIONAL LITERACY ASSOCIATION

The International Literacy Association (ILA) is a global advocacy and membership organization dedicated to advancing literacy for all through its network of more than 300,000 literacy educators, researchers and experts across 75 countries. With 60 years of experience in the field, ILA believes in the transformative power of literacy to create more successful societies, healthy communities and prosperous economies. ILA collaborates with partners across the world to develop, gather and disseminate high-quality resources, best practices and cutting-edge research to empower educators, inspire students and inform policymakers. The International Literacy Association publishes several peer-reviewed journals, including The Reading Teacher, Journal of Adolescent & Adult Literacy and Reading Research Quarterly. For more information, visit literacyworldwide.org.

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