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Dorothy J. McGinnis, founder of Reading Horizons and esteemed Western Michigan University professor emerita, passed away in January 2013. Friends, former colleagues and students will miss her, however, her presence lives on through her many contributions to and accomplishments in literacy education.

In the Dorothy J. McGinnis Reading Center and Clinic, innovative strategies in the diagnosis and instruction of struggling readers began with Dr. McGinnis and remain the hallmark of the Clinic named in her honor in 1996. She founded this journal, Reading Horizons, in 1960 as a modest newsletter. Since its inception, Reading Horizons has grown into an international literacy journal having published the scholarship of many of today’s leading literacy researchers and educators.

Dr. McGinnis dedicated her professional life to working with struggling readers through interdisciplinary approaches to evaluate young learners. In her clinical approaches, she considered multiple factors in discerning a reader’s struggle with the reading process. Her books and publications live on as directives in working with the whole child to achieve success.

She will be missed, but her legacy endures.