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FORMER TEACHER UNITES EXPERIENCES IN RURAL AND URBAN AMERICA IN NEW BOOK ON LITERACY

Former teacher Hilarie B. Davis has worked with schools across the country. But perhaps two of the most different school districts she has worked with—urban Harrisburg, PA and a Sioux reservation in rural South Dakota—provided the inspiration for a new project.

Davis’s goal in Harrisburg and Lower Brule was the same—to develop schools with a vibrant “culture of literacy.” Davis wanted to transform schools into places that celebrate reading and writing as a part of daily life.

Despite their many differences, Harrisburg and Lower Brule also share characteristics. In both areas, minorities make up a majority of the population, and in both, at least 25% of the population lives below the poverty line.

Motivated by her experiences working in these communities, Davis wrote a handbook on developing cultures of literacy. Her book *Building a Culture of Literacy Month-by-Month* is being released this month by Eye On Education, a publisher that specializes in reference books for educators.

Her book provides month-by-month ideas to foster literacy inside and outside the classroom, even in the lunchroom and hallways. Today, Davis conducts workshops and professional development presentations across the country that focus on building cultures of literacy.

Eye On Education publishes practical reference books for teachers, principals, administrators, and other educators on topics such as literacy, professional development, educational leadership, and school improvement. Hilarie Davis is the president of Technology for Learning Consortium, Inc. She specializes in developing, supporting, and evaluating student-centered learning environments.

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