

Pat Doran's FREEDOM READING

Pat Doran, M.Ed.

Delve into the remarkable journey of Pat Doran, M.Ed., a trailblazer in the field of education, literacy, and advocacy. With fifteen years of dedicated service in elementary classrooms, eight years as an elementary school librarian, and extensive experience in teaching remedial reading at the junior college level, Pat's passion for literacy knows no bounds.

As the author and adjunct literacy instructor of Rio Salado College Courses beginning 2001 for several years, Pat has left an indelible mark on the education landscape. Her courses, such as Edu270AA and Edu270AB, have empowered countless educators with systematic, explicit, research-based decoding and reading strategies.

Pat's commitment to literacy extends beyond the classroom. She was the visionary founder and CEO of Edu-Steps, Inc., a company dedicated to providing invaluable strategies for teachers, educators, parents, and students. Additionally, she had established The Freedom Reading Foundation, Inc., a non-profit organization with a noble mission to combat illiteracy through education.

A prolific author, Pat has penned impactful works such as "Pat Doran's Phonics Steps to Reading Success" and "The Secret Club: Why and How We Must Teach Phonics and Essential Literacy Skills to Readers of All Ages." Her most recent publication, "Honor Roll Illiterate: Dyslexia, School Failures and Phonics Successes," published in 2024, invites readers to dive into captivating stories of resilience and redemption from illiteracy to the ability to read, and join her in shaping a brighter future through the transformative gift of reading.

Pat's illustrious career began in 1964, teaching elementary classes before taking a hiatus to raise her four children. Upon her return, she dedicated herself to inner-city minority students, fostering academic excellence and instilling a love for learning.

Her impact transcends test scores, as evidenced by her sixth-grade class's remarkable 51% SAT9 test score improvement in just one year. Pat's holistic approach to education emphasizes character development, resulting in well-behaved students who embrace motivational sayings from her character education journal.

Pat's dedication to literacy extends to individuals of all ages and backgrounds. From teaching teachers to tutoring high school and adult illiterates, her tireless efforts continue to be fueled by a profound belief in the transformative power of literacy.

As a conference speaker, educational consultant, and private tutor, Pat's influence knows no bounds. Her passion for literacy is infectious, inspiring educators to strive for excellence and individuals to unlock their full potential through the gift of reading.

In the words of her students, Pat Doran is more than an educator—she is a gem, an inspiration, and a catalyst for positive change. Her legacy as a champion for literacy continues to shape the future of education, one reader at a time.