

ARAS Weekly Newsletter

Association of Retired Academic Staff



January 05th, 2026

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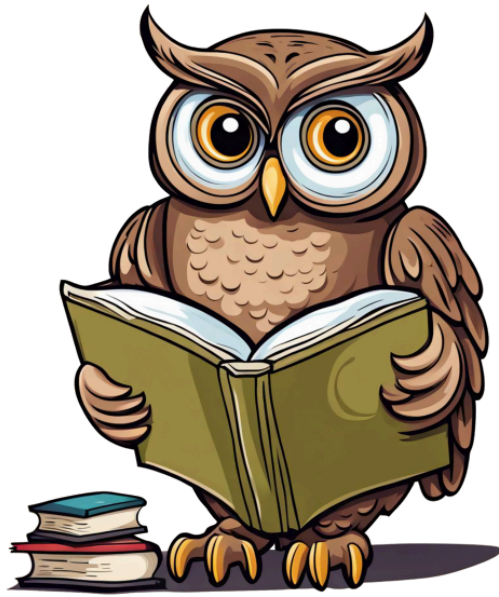
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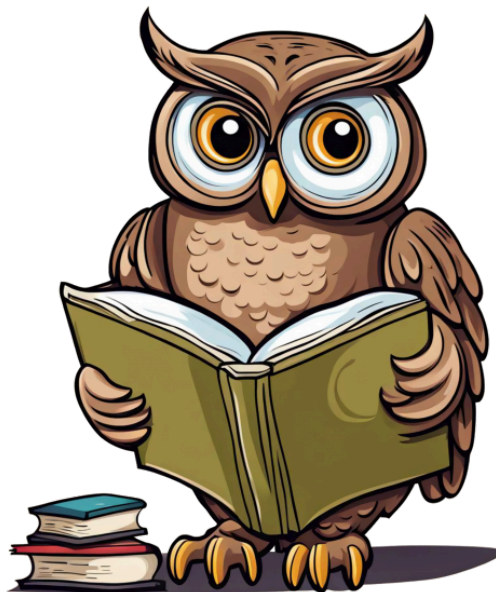
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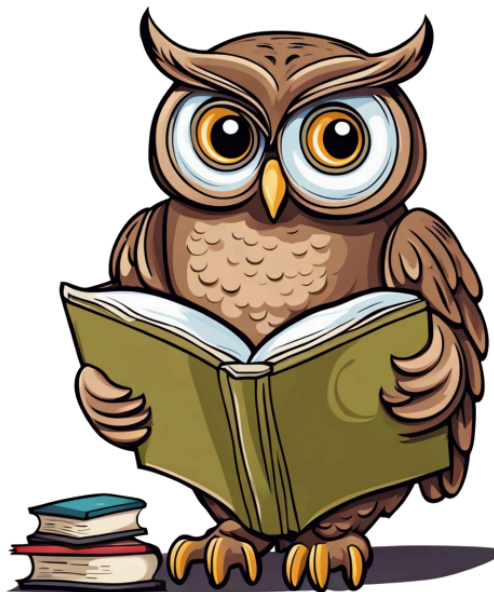
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