

## **A Biography of Louise Simons**

### **Library Media Specialist for Sunset Elementary School**

Hello Sunset Families - I've been a Library Media Specialist in the Livermore School District for twenty-two years; it's been my pleasure to have spent the last 16 years here at Sunset.

When I was much younger and living in Illinois, my family used to visit the local public library often. I remember unpacking several grocery bags full of library books for our family of eight to enjoy for one month. My family had a personal collection of books as well. In fact, I used to play "library" with our family's books. We had a chair that had a back with an opening in it and I used to "check out" books to my younger brother and sister by passing them through that slot. When we dismantled that library many years later, I saved one of the books that had a homemade book pocket in it.

When a Library Media Specialist position opened at Arroyo Mocho Elementary School here in Livermore, I was privileged to start my career in the school district. I was at Arroyo Mocho for four years, Almond Avenue School for one year and the remaining years of my tenure here at Sunset. I never grow tired of the thrill of reading a story to students, sharing a lesson about how to use the library's resources, helping students find information safely and efficiently outside of our community and, most importantly, helping a student find that special book that will take them on a reading adventure.

When I'm not reading my favorite genres of realistic fiction, historical fiction, biographies and cookbooks, I like to spend time with my family, bake, exercise, quilt and travel. I love when students greet me around my hometown of Livermore. I'm married and have two daughters and two sons-in-law.