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the Literary Garden

Celebrating 10 years
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IN CELEBRATION OF 10 YEARS,
the Illinois State University Horticulture Center
introduces the Literary Garden.

Nature and literature are wonderful companions.
The Literary Garden connects passages from
literature with the part of nature that inspired the
author. It showcases authors from the Midwest
who have written passionately about agriculture,
horticulture, or the environment.

Some of the authors included
in the Literary Garden:

Wendell Berry	Donald Peattie
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Willa Cather	James Witcomb Riley
Eliza Farnham	Carl Sandburg
Langston Hughes	Shel Silverstein
Ted Kooser	Wallace Stegner
Lois Lenski	Mark Twain
Aldo Leopold	Roger Welsch
Edgar Lee Masters	Laura Ingalls-Wilder
John Neihardt	

“*No better proof of the reality of this prairie
could have been given than the silence which it
inspired in myself and my companion. We had
burst into exclamations of delight a dozen times
before, when the little glades opened around
us, but now there was not a word uttered.
Both were lost in contemplation of the sublime
spectacle which lay before us. We had no
inquiries to make. Nature spoke to us in
her own unequivocal language.*”

Life in Prairie Land 1846
by Eliza Farnham

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