

Educator and läsforskaren Eve Malmquist has died

Eve Malmquist was born in Malmö in 1915. He began his academic studies in Lund in 1934 and as a substitute teacher, he came early in contact with children who had difficulty learning to read and write. This aroused his interest in reading and writing in children, which in 1958 resulted in a doctoral thesis at the University of Stockholm, *Factors Related to Reading Disabilities in the First Grade of the Elementary School*. He had since 1951 been operating in Linköping as a lecturer and later rector of the seminar for female students. When the State Attempts School was located in Linköping named Eve Malmquist the research director for this. The operation lasted until 1968, when experimental and demonstration schools were attached to the newly established teacher training colleges, one of which was in Linköping. 1969 was named Eve Malmquist professor, a position he held until retirement in 1981.

When you try school (SFL) conducted a large number of research studies and teaching experiments echoed not only in Sweden but also abroad. The school received visitors from far and wide and Eve Malmquist was invited to lecture in many countries. To this also contributed his exceptional language skills, he lectured at both the German and French and English, and when he was asked to preside at a conferment ceremony in Linköping Cathedral, he insisted to officiate the ceremony in Latin.

Over the years, the SFL published Eve Malmquist numerous writings, alone or together with their employees, and developed various read and write tests. Besides läsläror for the first reading instruction and book series aimed at training students' reading comprehension (eg *What did I read?* As for updates used in school today), he authored several books on reading and writing, which was based on the then current international research and today be considered classics in the field. These include *illiteracy - analysis and treatment methods* (first edition 1966) and *reading instruction in elementary school* (1974). In addition, a large number of articles in different languages.

Eve Malmquist was among other things, a visiting professor at Berkeley University and made several lecture tours in the United States. After having been in contact with the International Reading Association, he started in 1964 a Swedish department (Swedish Council of the IRA, Scira) still exist. During the 1970s, he was co-opted to the Board as IRAs international emissary. He received several awards for his work and was eventually elected to the Reading Hall of Fame, whose president he was for a period. Because of its great commitment to illiteracy in the world, he also received various missions for UNESCO and Rotary International.

Eve Malmquist was a multi-talented man. In addition to his teaching and academic activities, he was an elite athlete; teamgym, table tennis, athletics and tennis, not least - and in recent years golf - were some of the sports he devoted himself. He was during most of the 1970s, chairman of the Swedish Tennis Association and helped establish Båstad tennis stronghold in Sweden. Last year he was elected to the Swedish Tennis Hall of Fame.

He was also cultural activities. For 20 years he was chairman of the Vadstena Academy. As a young student he began singing in Lunds Studentsångförening and 1 May 2010 at age 94, he stood as usual on university staircase and was featured singing in the spring. He also participated in a number of the classic lundaspexen.

In conjunction with his 75th birthday in 1990, he instituted Eve Malmquist's Fund läsforskning, which each year awards prizes to some scientists who contributed to our knowledge and understanding of the reading and writing processes, or how to develop reading and writing skills of our children. His name also lives on in EMIR (Eve Malmquist Institute for Reading) at Linköping University.

Eve Malmquist was awarded the 2002 Linköping University's Medal of Merit for his long time in different ways successfully worked to develop research and education at Linköping University.

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