

## M4RA News 4 You

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### Greetings Friends,

Welcome back to what we hope will be a wonderful school year for you and your students! Please check out the updates that were uploaded to [www.M4RA.org](http://www.M4RA.org).

**Upcoming Trainings:** If you have new staff or would like an M4RA refresher, please click here- [M4RA Instruction Sessions](#) to attend one of our upcoming trainings. There is no cost for these trainings. The M4RA Mentoring Instruction Session #1 is the initial session to learn about the M4RA mentoring program. During this professional development, participants will be instructed on the research and value of 1:1 reading mentoring for students with disabilities and students at-risk for reading failure. Participants will learn ways to involve the community, parents, and school peers to help students improve their reading and self-confidence. Administrators are encouraged to attend with those chosen to coordinate/help plan the beginnings of mentoring in their school(s) and/or organization.

**Annual License Fee:** Schools partnering with M4RA can receive a reduced annual license fee for the [www.Readinga-z.com](http://www.Readinga-z.com) website. This annual license fee is \$79.95. The code for M4RA schools for 2015-16 school year is: **M4RA1516**

**Read Across the Globe** Reading is a part of everyday life, and a critical life skill that no child should be missing. That's why, on Oct. 19, we're rallying thousands of volunteers, educators, parents, and partners in every time zone for one of the largest reading events of all time. Thank you, Bethany!

**No Forms Required:** No forms are required for participation with M4RA's 1:1 reading mentoring program, only the End of the Year Report.

**2015/16 School Year Calendar:** Click here [2015/16 Calendar](#) for the calendar to get you started this school year.

**Archived "News 4 You"** for your review, can be found on [M4RA News 4 You Newsletters](#)

**Finding the Tutoring and Mentoring Packs on [www.Readinga-z.com](http://www.Readinga-z.com)** – some folks have told us that it is difficult to find the reading mentoring resources, so here it is again!

- Go to [www.Readinga-z.com](http://www.Readinga-z.com) and enter your Member Login and Password.
- On left side of home page, place your cursor on "Resources"
- At the bottom of the drop down window place your cursor on "Instructional Uses".
- The window opens to the right and click on Tutoring and Mentoring Packs.

**For Our Newest Partners:** The Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement (M4RA) Program is a coming together of parents, schools and volunteers to support the reading achievement of Ohio's students reading below grade level. M4RA is an outgrowth of the Ohio Coalition for

the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD), a statewide nonprofit organization dedicated to advancing the educational interests of children with disabilities since 1972. The intent of this collaboration between M4RA & OCECD is to engage families in the reading achievement of their students. This will be accomplished by schools providing 1:1 reading mentoring for students needing supplemental reading intervention.

**Just an Email Away:** Please let us know how we can help you help your students!

**Debby & Amy**

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