

**M4RA News 4 You**  
**Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement**  
**Fall 2018**

**Dear Friends,**

**Saying Goodbye to Debby Ambroza:** Well, after 13 years of Debby helping schools/families implement 1:1 reading mentoring for their students/children, she is retiring (again☺). Debby was our first teacher to pilot Reading A-Z's Tutoring & Mentoring Packs in her classroom in 2003. She felt passionately about how much her own students gained in reading and confidence with 1:1 mentoring. Debby has expressed that she loved working with every school and every person she met since 2005. She will certainly be missed! If you would like to share a message to Debby, please email me and I will deliver.

**M4RA Mentoring Code from Reading A-Z-** Reading A-Z continues to provide a discounted price to schools that we have trained to use 1:1 reading mentoring. If it's time for you to renew your [www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) license, please contact me: [amy.freeman@m4ra.org](mailto:amy.freeman@m4ra.org) and I'll send you this year's code. The discounted price remains \$99.95 per year.

**Newest Partnership:** Starting in October, Bowling Green State University education majors will implement M4RA at the Juvenile Residential Center of Northwest Ohio.

**Upcoming M4RA Trainings:**

An M4RA Training is scheduled at Cleveland Metropolitan School District on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 9:00 – 2:30. M4RA Trainings are provided at no cost to schools/organizations and they are scheduled based on requests.

**All About Reading Mentoring (AARM) Trainings:**

We can provide free reading mentoring training to parents in your districts. This training teaches parents how to use [www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) mentoring materials to help their children become better readers. To schedule a training in your area, please contact me: [amy.freeman@m4ra.org](mailto:amy.freeman@m4ra.org).

**Can M4RA Be Used for Students on a RIMP?:** We received the following information from the Ohio Department of Education's Third Grade Reading Guarantee Department- if M4RA is provided as a supplemental intensive

intervention (not the primary reading instruction), there is no reason 1:1 reading mentoring can't be implemented for students who have a RIMP.



**“In the Spotlight”: Cory-Rawson Read and Discover (R.A.D.) Readers**

“We have had a great year with RAD. When Bluffton University didn't have tutors for me it really forced me to utilize my high school students. I went to each study hall and literally bribed students with the promise of McDonalds for lunch and a pizza party to get students to tutor. This just proves that high school students are food motivated. It really did work like a charm and I feel the tutors got just as much out of it as my students. Also for the first time this year we have a leadership class at Cory Rawson. I coordinated with the teacher and every Thursday the class of 9 students come to the library and partnered with a RAD student and tutored. This was very successful for both student and tutor. What a bond they formed. Over all our year was a success. I hope to see huge growth as end of the year testing begins.” *Janet Morrison, RAD Coordinator Spring 2018*

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Please let me know if I can support you in helping your students become better readers. Best wishes,

*~Amy Freeman*