

## September 2016 News 4 You

### Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement (M4RA)

Dear Friends,

**Upcoming M4RA Instruction Sessions:** To read more about these **free sessions and training materials** and how to register: [http://www.m4ra.org/instruction-sessions-2016\\_17/](http://www.m4ra.org/instruction-sessions-2016_17/)  
Additional trainings will be available soon.

- **Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at SST8/Summit County Educational Service Center, Room 18, 420 Washington Avenue, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221.
- **Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2016** at the Bluffton Public Library, Monroe Room , 145 South Main Street, Bluffton, OH 45817.

#### **Reading A-Z License Fee Discount for 2016/17 and New Information from Reading A-Z:**

“As we look forward to the start of a new school year, Bob Holl and Learning A-Z would like to honor discounted prices to Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids for Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement customers. The new discounted prices are \$99.95 per user, per product. This is a 10% discount off our list price and reflective of all the additional resources and functionality available on the sites. We also have a new product releasing this fall we are excited about, Raz-Plus. Raz-Plus combines the features and benefits of Reading A-Z and Raz-Kids in one online interface. Providing a stronger connection between how reading is taught and how students practice. We would also like to offer Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement customers a discounted Raz-Plus price of \$169.95 per user (15% discount).” For any school that M4RA has trained, please contact us if you need the new M4RA discount code at a price of \$99.95: [amy.freeman@m4ra.org](mailto:amy.freeman@m4ra.org) or 419-812-9530.

**Welcome Newly Trained Schools:** Bryce Christian Academy, Mount Gilead/Park Elementary, Eastwood/Luckey & Pemberville Elementary, and Nexus Academy

**School Visits:** Debby and I will schedule school visits when we have trainings and meetings in your area. We love to visit as you inspire and motivate us!

**All About Reading Mentoring:** We wanted to let you know about our reading mentoring resources that are available to the parents in your districts **for free**. We have the opportunity to offer the following resources through our federal Parent and Training Information (PTI) Grant. In the **All About Reading Mentoring** training, participants will gain a better understanding and knowledge of the foundation of literacy skills and be trained to use evidence-based materials to mentor their child or student. This includes a 30 minute mentoring session through role play and learning to use materials from M4RA.org and Readinga-z.com websites.

**The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities (OCECD):** Please check out the listing of **free** trainings that are available to parents of children with disabilities and professionals! <http://www.ocecd.org/Trainings.aspx>

**Reminder: If You Need Mentors, Maybe We Can Help:** We are presenting at the SERVE Ohio Conference on October 25<sup>th</sup> in Columbus. If any of our schools need more mentors, let us know. We would like to share the need for mentors with the participating organizations. If you would like us to let volunteer organizations all over Ohio know about your program, please email me your brochure or a one-page summary of your need including contact information. We will organize your requests by regions throughout Ohio. Please send your information to Amy Freeman: [amy.freeman@m4ra.org](mailto:amy.freeman@m4ra.org) by October 12<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**Update- M4RA & Incarcerated Youth:** We recently trained Bluffton University Phonics students to plan lessons and implement 1:1 reading mentoring for Allen County Juvenile Detention Youth (JDC) who read far below grade level. In addition to the Allen County JDC, M4RA is implemented in all three of the Department of Youth Services prison schools throughout Ohio. Approximately 60-75% of incarcerated youth are identified youth with disabilities.

**We look forward to hearing your success stories this school year!**

**Best wishes to all,**

**Debby & Amy**

**Debby Ambroza & Amy Freeman**

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