

## Spring 2018 News 4 You

### Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement (M4RA)

Dear Friends,

We hope that you've had a good school year!

**M4RA End of School Year Report-** Please fill in the M4RA End of Year Report and return to Amy Freeman by June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Instructions are also included: [end-school-year-report-2017-18](#)

**Updated 2018/2019 School Calendar –** [Calendar to track mentoring sessions 2018 19](#)

**Quote from a Reading Mentoring Coordinator-** “The first week of our program we had a first grader shout out in frustration, “I CAN’T READ!!!” when working with his mentor. Just one week later, the same student successfully read his book in his folder. He was so excited when returning to his classroom that he ran up to his teacher and yelled, “I CAN READ NOW!!!!” His classmates circled around him and congratulated him. If only each of you could see the smiles from everyone in that classroom on his achievement. Small steps in reading and in confidence are changing the future of our students. Mentors, thank you for all you do!”

**Marion Correctional Institution (MCI):** We will train dads who are incarcerated at MCI to reading mentor their children this summer. These dads will learn how they can reading mentor their children when the children are visiting their dads as well as when the dads return home.

**All About Reading Mentoring (AARM): Help Prevent the Summer Slide!**

**Reading Mentoring Coordinators-** Please share the following information with your parents/families. Teachers are also welcome to attend. We can provide these trainings in your area if there are parents interested.

Join us for one of the **FREE** 2 hour trainings: This training will teach parents how to use [www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) mentoring materials to help their children become better readers and to **Help Prevent the Summer Slide.** [All About Reading Mentoring trainings](#)

**May 7<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, and June 4<sup>th</sup>** at the Marion Public Library, Marion, Ohio

**May 15<sup>th</sup>** at the Allen County Sanitary Engineers Office, Lima, Ohio

**For:** Family Members/Caregivers of students with reading difficulties, below a 6th grade reading level, are invited to register for this free 2 hour training. Space is LIMITED!

**Presenters:** Debby Ambroza & Amy Freeman, OCECD's Reading Mentoring Specialist & Director

**Family Members/Adults will:**

- learn about the mentoring materials from [www.Readinga-z.com](http://www.Readinga-z.com)
- learn about how to use the websites - [www.M4RA.org](http://www.M4RA.org) and [www.Readinga-z.com](http://www.Readinga-z.com)
- learn how to find the correct Pack Level to work with their child
- learn how to make books, and how to use the Tutoring & Mentoring Packs needed for their child
- practice a 30 minute mentoring session through role play using an example of a mentoring folder

**Registration:** Please email names of who will attend, school district, and your phone number to [debby.ambroza@m4ra.org](mailto:debby.ambroza@m4ra.org) a week before the training you choose.

**Down Syndrome Association Central Ohio (DSACO) Summer Learning Academy**- AARM Training for teachers and parents/families on:

**Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>** from 6:00pm to 8:30pm DSACO Office Conference Room, 510 E. North Broadway, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Columbus, OH 43214

**Best wishes to you as you close out your school year,**

**Debby & Amy**