**Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement (M4RA)**

**April 2015**

**Greetings to all,**

* Click here to find the End of the Year Report form and directions that is due by 5/31/2015: [**End of the Year Report 2014\_15**](http://www.m4ra.org/2014/09/end-school-year-report-2014-15/)
* Many new ideas from Coordinators around the state are found on www.M4RA.org: [**Ideas 4 Coordinators**](http://www.m4ra.org/posts/)
* Register to attend a training: **M4RA Instruction Sessions #1 and #2:** [**M4RA Instruction Sessions 2015**](http://www.m4ra.org/instruction-sessions-2014-2015/)The last training for this school year will be on **Tuesday, May 12th, 2015 at Carrollton Schools, 207 Scio Rd SW, Carrollton, OH 44615**
* **New to M4RA:** Allen County Juvenile Court will partner with Bluffton University to provide 1:1 reading mentoring for youth detained at the Allen County Treatment & Detention Center beginning Fall 2015. Several other court/university partnerships are also in the works!
* Check out [www.Understood.org](file:///C:\Users\OCECD\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\1UNOA3SS\www.Understood.org), a site you can share with parents. The goal of Understood.org is to help the millions of parents whose children, ages 3–20, are struggling with learning and attention issues. They want to empower parents to understand their children’s issues and relate to their experiences.
* The Ohio Reading Corps (ORC) program is an AmeriCorps-funded program aimed at improving reading skills of K-3rd grade students who are below proficient reading level. Each ORC Member serves a minimum of 30 hours/week or 900 total hours in their assigned school. In return, districts must contribute a match amount of $4,000 per Member. For more details, please contact Sean Noe, ORC Coordinator, at sean.noe@escco.org or (614) 542-4173. For more information: [**My Americorps**](https://my.americorps.gov/mp/listing/viewListing.do?id=47740)
* We are still scheduling school visits. If you have not heard from us and would like us to visit; please email Amy at [amy.freeman@m4ra.org](mailto:amy.freeman@m4ra.org)
* Dollar General is offering their Youth Literacy Grant for schools/nonprofits for up to $4000. The deadline to apply is May 21, 2015: [**Dollar General Youth Literacy Grant**](file:///C:\Users\OCECD\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary%20Internet%20Files\Content.Outlook\1UNOA3SS\April%20M4RA%20News%204%20You%20(2).docx)

**Happy Spring time,**

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