**Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement (M4RA) News 4 You**

**August 2014**

**Dear Friends of Reading Mentoring,**

I am writing to update you on the **M4RA** program’s 1:1 reading mentoring activities supported by the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities. Debby Ambroza and I have scheduled Instructional Sessions (see below) for any school or organization that would like our support for their 1:1 reading mentoring program. There is no cost for our professional development support and training. Additionally, each program will receive 2 newly created M4RA Resource Guide Books at no cost.

**Create Your Own Name:** All schools that would like our support are strongly encouraged to create their own name for their mentoring program in order to sustain their program into the future. Students, staff, parents, and community will relate to the program as belonging to their district. Following are some of the names schools are using: *“The Reading Zone”,* “*Bobcats PAWS 2 Read”, “Mentor a Pirate”, “Inspire”,* and *“WILDCAT READERS”.*

**Entrance Criteria**: Schools can determine their own entrance criteria based on the population of students reading below grade level that they want to serve.

**Annual License Fee**: We are able to offer to all schools requesting our support a reduced annual license fee for the [www.Readinga-z.com](http://www.Readinga-z.com) website. This annual license fee is $79.95. Please contact amy.freeman@m4ra.org or 419.812.9530 for this reduced rate.

**Upcoming Trainings**:

**M4RA Reading Mentoring Instruction: Session #1**

**Tuesday, September 16th, 2014 at Bowling Green City Schools, 137 Clough Street, Bowling Green, OH 43402. Large Conference Room**

   8:45-9 Registration

   9-3:00 M4RA Reading Mentoring Instruction: Session #1

 There will be a 30 minute working lunch which will be provided.

**To register**: email Debby Ambroza at debby.ambroza@m4ra.org by September 9th, 2014 to reserve your space. Please send names, school districts/organizations, and positions. Also,

send a contact cell/home number in case there are any last minute changes.

**Wednesday, September 24th, 2014 at Marion City Schools, TBD, Marion, OH 43302**

 8:45-9 Registration

   9-3:00 M4RA Reading Mentoring Instruction: Session #1

 There will be a 30 minute working lunch which will be provided.

**To register:** email Debby Ambroza at debby.ambroza@m4ra.org by September17th, 2014 to reserve your space. Please send names, school districts/organizations, and positions. Also, send a contact cell/home number in case there are any last minute changes.

**Wednesday, October 1st, 2014 at Wheelersburg Elementary School, 800 Pirate Drive, Wheelersburg, OH 45694. Classroom 2215**

 8:45-9 Registration

 9-3:00 M4RA Reading Mentoring Instruction: Session #1

 There will be a 30 minute working lunch which will be provided.

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**Friday, October 10th, 2014 at SST11/Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO), 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43219**

   8:45-9 Registration

   9-3:00 M4RA Reading Mentoring Instruction: Session #1

 There will be a 30 minute working lunch which will be provided.

**To register**: email Debby Ambroza at debby.ambroza@m4ra.org by October 2nd, 2014 to reserve your space. Please send names, school districts/organizations, and positions. Also, send a contact cell/home number in case there are any last minute changes.

**Monday, October 27th, 2014 at SST11/Educational Service Center of Central Ohio (ESCCO), 2080 Citygate Drive, Columbus, OH 43219**

   8:45-9 Registration

   9-3:00 M4RA Reading Mentoring Instruction: Session #1

 There will be a 30 minute working lunch which will be provided.

**To register**: email Debby Ambroza at debby.ambroza@m4ra.org by October 17th, 2014 to reserve your space. Please send names, school districts/organizations, and positions. Also, send a contact cell/home number in case there are any last minute changes.

**Partnership**: Please email amy.freeman@m4ra.org if you would like support for your reading mentoring program.

**Unsubscribe**: Please reply to this email and type “*Unsubscribe”* in the Subject areaif you would like to be removed from our database.

Best wishes to all for a wonderful school year,

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**Amy Freeman, Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement Program Director:**

Amy has worked with students and adults with disabilities for 36 years. She was the co-director of a 1:1 reading mentoring program for 15 years including training and professional development support for 300 schools.  She collaborated in creating the Readinga-z.com reading mentoring materials that schools use to help their students reading below grade level. Amy has also worked as a: teacher, sheltered workshop director, behavior specialist, superintendent, state-wide preschool reviewer and regional DD program consultant. Amy has a B.S. and M.Ed. in Special Education from Bowling Green State University.

**Debby Ambroza, Mentoring 4 Reading Achievement Reading Mentoring Specialist:**

Debby has worked with and for students with disabilities for over 40 years. Her K-12 grades of students had IEPs for Intellectual Disability (CD), DD, MD, ED, SLD, At Risk, etc.  Debby piloted a 1:1 reading mentoring program in her classroom using the materials from [www.readinga-z.com](http://www.readinga-z.com) that were created for the Mentors to use. Debby saw her students make quicker and more substantial progress in reading, as well as more gains in self-confidence, than she had previously experienced. She worked as a training consultant for a 1:1 reading mentoring program for 9 years. Debby has a B.S. in Special Education from the Ohio State University.