A Path To Success for Struggling Readers

Learning Ally is a national not-for-profit dedicated to advancing literacy and educational success. Our innovative programs, technology and solutions have dramatically improved outcomes for our students with print-related disabilities like blindness, visual impairment, dyslexia and other learning differences. This report highlights our recent progress.

A foundation of support. A lifetime of confident learning.

We now reach over 230,000 students and 50,000 educators in nearly 10,000 schools across the U.S.

Revolutionizing the Classroom Experience for Students and Teachers

We partner with schools, educators and families, to provide tools that support students’ individual learning styles, offering easy access to content in ways each student needs to learn.

In a national survey of educators:

- 87% Learning Ally helped them to assist students to meet their learning objectives.
- 79% Learning Ally is a critical part of an overall solution that helps students stay engaged in school.
- 83% Students that use Learning Ally are able to comprehend assigned grade-level reading.
- 80% Students using Learning Ally demonstrate improved self-confidence.
- 78% Students using Learning Ally demonstrated improvements in academic performance.
- 90% Learning Ally helps students develop or reinforce the skills needed for reading.

Source, 2016 educator survey (n = 3,143)
Innovations that Inspire Independence and Love of Learning

**YOUth Services** empowering students to take control of their education
- 7,749 students participated in virtual and in-person events
- 83% of students demonstrate improved self-confidence
- Launched 4 new peer mentoring and self-advocacy hubs in CO, NJ, UT, MA

**Community Support & Training** guiding educators and parents to find the right solutions for their students
- Over 10,000 educators participated in our teacher training programs

**Reading Programs** increasing student engagement, reading frequency and time-on-task
- Over 5,000 students took part in The Great Reading Games in 2016
- After The Great Reading Games, students read at or above national percentile averages comparable to classmates without identified disabilities

**College Success Program** providing college and career readiness support for students who are blind or visually impaired
- In its first year, the College Success Program served nearly 600 students at 300+ colleges nationwide
- Mentors who guide the way: Students engaged in the peer mentor program reported they developed better self-advocacy, resilience and communication skills

**Giving the Gift of Reading to Those Who Need It Most**
- 70% of schools we serve are identified in the high or very high student need categories with eligibility for free and reduced lunch program
- Cloud based library provides access to 82,000+ human-narrated audiobooks, including core curriculum K-12 textbooks, STEM content, and popular literature

**Effective Return on Investment**
- 2013-2016 cost per student served decreased by 74%
- For every dollar raised $0.80 was invested in programs and services
- Network of over 2,000 active volunteers donated over 100,000 hours of service in 2016