

## **30 million children struggle to read**

Learning Ally transforms the lives of children with learning disabilities and blind and visually impaired students by providing reading interventions and solutions to help them succeed academically, build self-confidence, and thrive in school and beyond.

## **Learning Ally Results**

- Reached **472,000** students, **99,000** educators in **17,500** schools.
- Over **135** million pages read.
- **605** volunteers donated over **57,135** hours of service in 2019.
- Produced **955** titles for our growing audiobook library (**293** "classic" audiobooks and **662** Voice text audiobooks that allow students to read along as they listen).
- Served **22,847** blind or visually impaired (BVI) students, including **1,121** college-aged BVI students through the College Success Program.
- Provided **\$846,000** in financial aid to support **3,904** students who would otherwise be unable to access our services.



## **The Need for Our Services**

**1 in 5 readers** struggle with learning differences, and children from low-income communities are more likely to be affected.

More than **90% of elementary students** with specific learning disabilities scored below proficient on the 2013 National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP).

Children with learning differences are **twice as likely to be suspended** and three times as likely to drop out of high school than their peers.

Only about **8% of the BVI community** are fluent Braille readers.

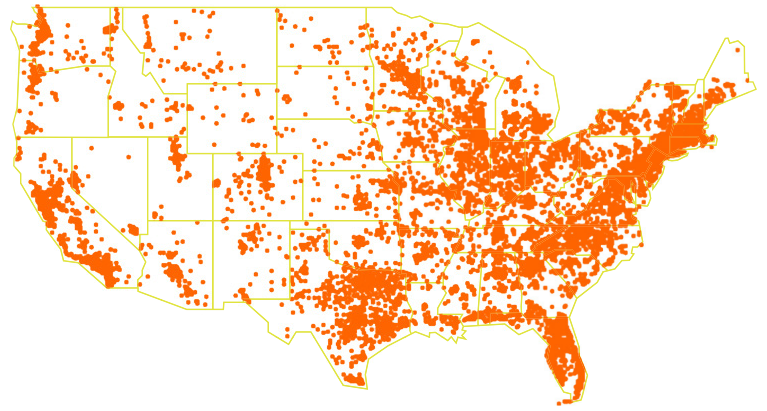
Each year, **less than 5% of books** published worldwide are made available in accessible formats.



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across the country.



"We have very limited resources here in Tahoe and Learning Ally has been a game changer. We've seen an increase in student participation and overall engagement in reading. Everyone who's used it, LOVES it."

Megan Steeves, Program Specialist,  
Lake Tahoe Unified School District



"Struggling readers who used to say they hated reading have discovered the joy of books after being introduced to Learning Ally!"

Ginann Franklin, Director of Libraries and  
Educational Technology at Currey

## A Word From Our CEO

Dear Friends,

2018-2019 was an extremely positive year in terms of impact, reach and revenue for Learning Ally. In a world where too many children struggle to read and learn, feelings of failure, heartache, shame and defeat are a daily reality. Over the past several years, we have been building partnerships and state of the art capabilities to turn struggling readers into life-long achievers. While this is a great start, there is so much more for us to do. We go into 2020 looking forward to the future.

Andrew Friedman - President & CEO

