

Learning Ally in Bridgewater-Raritan

Hundreds of struggling readers are benefitting from access to 80,000 human-narrated audiobooks

The Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District Regional in New Jersey has been using Learning Ally for more than three years. When Nicole DiTota, supervisor of student services began with the district, there were 12 students using the Leaning Ally audiobooks program. Since then, it has expanded to more than 500 students across all 11 schools in the district.



"Students who use Learning Ally include those with dyslexia/print reading disabilities, visual impairment/blindness, speech language issues with concussions (sports-related injuries). The district's goal is to reach all 1,500 students with IEPs," so they can, according to Ms. DiTota, "be aware and included, and all can have access and the benefit of Learning Ally."

"The biggest benefit is that my students are actually READING. They are reading and reading more."

"When you have these students who struggle so much with decoding, but have no problem comprehending, Learning Ally audiobooks do so much to improve the way they feel about themselves," Ms Ditota continued.

"For example, every 4th-6th grade student is carrying around "Diary of a Wimpy Kid." My students can carry this book around like everyone else, with confidence, because they are reading it too; just differently. This is the biggest reward for me as an educator."

"When the staff buys brand new textbooks, I tell them you need to also download it on Learning Ally. Learning Ally is such a great resource in class as a whole and one on one with the students. Kids read on computers, phones and iPods. They have access to books anywhere and can get instruction on them in a variety of ways, not just in the classroom."

"Our favorite feature is the VOICEtext. We are so excited about the new Link program."

"One of our goals is to really up our parent involvement, we know we can do this with the reporting tool in Teacher Ally."

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