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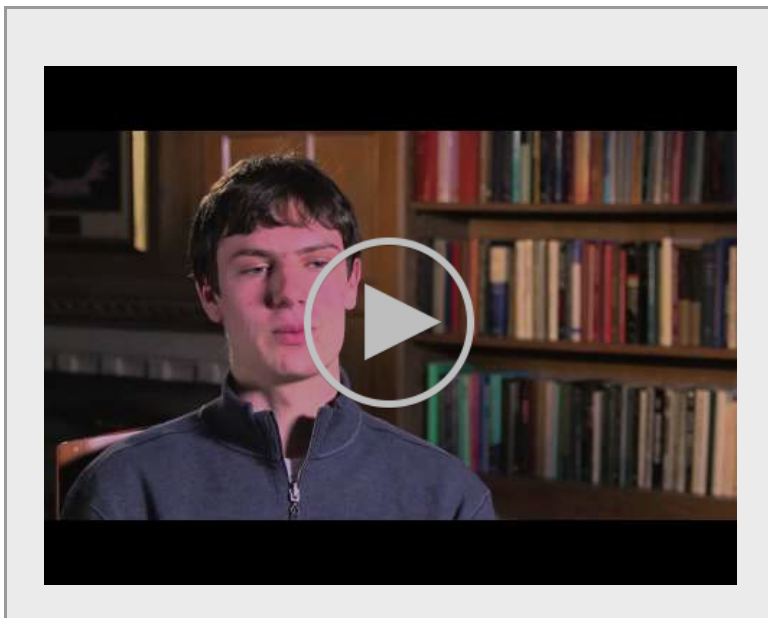
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THE SPECIALIST CONNECTION

For professionals in the learning and disabilities fields

Student success starts with you

By providing a diagnosis and a path to solutions, you are often the first lifeline for students with print disabilities. We hear this from our members all the time, including from one of this year's [National Achievement Awards](#) winners, **Brian Meersma**. Thanks to school psychologist and assistive technology specialist **Brian Friedlander, Ph.D.**, and help from Learning Ally, Brian M. got what he needed to learn and thrive. Watch his story below:



Encourage reading this summer

Students who struggle to read are at great risk of summer "slide" – they may actually lose progress gained during the previous school year.



Learning Ally has launched [Summer Reading Together](#) to inspire these struggling students to participate in a summer program that they are often excluded from, discouraged from participating in or turned off by because of their challenge in reading. Summer Reading Together is a safe and fun "reading community" designed to develop daily reading habits and build confidence and independence for these kids!

Help support these students by encouraging

Referral program

Refer a client today so they can get a **20% discount on a Learning Ally membership.**

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"I'm very impressed with Learning Ally and wish I'd known about it sooner for my 5th grade son. The highlighted words are so helpful. My son loves it!"
– **parent Kim S.**

[Author talks this summer](#)

summer reading and reading together. Be sure to tell your clients about our Summer Reading Together program, which also gives them a chance to win fun prizes!

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Get clients started with audiobooks

Learning Ally's Professional Outreach Coordinators are hosting recurring "how-to" specialist webinars – plus one-on-one walk-throughs – to show you our new online referral process so you can help your clients get signed up as easily as possible.

Please take our **quick**, 20-second, 2-question [survey](#) so we can schedule future webinars at the most convenient time for you.

[Schedule your referral walk-through](#)

Webinar: Adventures in Neurodiversity

Don't miss this [free webinar](#) from our partners at the [Association of Educational Therapists \(AET\)](#):

"Adventures in Neurodiversity: Think and Teach Like an Educational Therapist," with **Diana Black Kennedy, MA, ET/P**.

Educational therapy embraces neurodiversity as the most accurate and beneficial model to help all children fulfill their potential. As a partner in the child's educational journey, the educational therapist employs a strength-based rather than a deficit-based model of teaching and learning.

Diana's presentation will include concrete, pertinent examples that teachers, educational therapists, and parents can implement right away with their students, clients or children.

"I had never referred a client before because I didn't really know how. Now I do. You can expect referrals from me in the near future."

– **Lynn Doughman**,
Educational
Diagnostician /
Therapist,
Dyslexia
Specialist

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