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Sign a message
for the Amira
Team!



This book is dedicated to our devoted teachers and diligent students, without whom Amira would not be where it is today!



Jackie M. and students from the Duplin County School District in North Carolina.



Latisha C. and Students from Elmwood Elementary School in the Baltimore County Public School District in Maryland.



Melissa R. and a student from Voyageur Academy in Detroit, Michigan.

LOOKING BACK

A year in full bloom!

We're so excited to showcase the abundant harvest of this year, including groundbreaking upgrades and exciting new features!



6th
Grade
Stories

New
Reports Badging

Mid-Story
Comp
Questions

Improved
Interventions

New Non-
Fiction
Stories

Text
Sets

Amira
Certified
Educator
Course

Webinar
Series



In this vibrant garden of our accomplishments, each flower represents a milestone we achieved this year!



5 billion
words read
with Amira

2 million
children
reading with
Amira

75 million
minutes
read with
Amira

50 states
using Amira

20 countries
using Amira

17 thousand
teacher
trainings
completed

LOOKING FORWARD

Amira 2.0

click here
to learn
more!

[WATCH VIDEO](#)



There are some
major upgrades
in our future!

open-ended comprehension
questions

comprehension
conversations

a more human voice

stronger tutoring
judgements

expanded toolkit of
neuroscience
interventions



Anticipation is high among the Amira Ambassadors for the upcoming release of Amira 2.0. Here's what they're most excited for!

"I am most excited for Amira to start having comprehension conversations with students! This level of support for students is going to be a game changer in accelerating and deepening their reading skills."

Christine C.
Crary School
Waterford School District
Waterford, Michigan

"I'm excited about the increase in focus on comprehension, and the integration of standards. Kids talking with and responding to Amira, and she understands and assesses what they say?!? Mind blowing."

Mindy T.
Blackwell Elementary
Blackwell Ind School Dist 45

I'm most excited to be on the cutting edge, getting to try it out immediately!

Pam S.
Royal ISD
Pattison, Texas

"I am excited that Amira will be more human like! Students will love that."

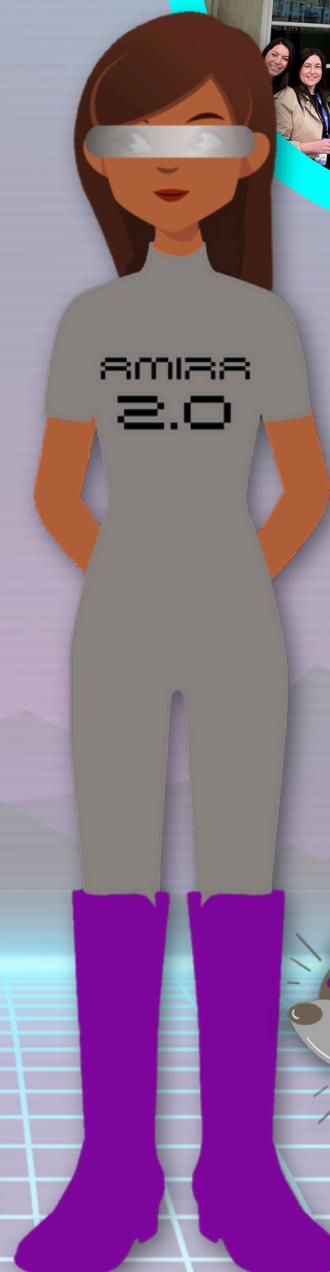
Ashley R.
Rockfield Elementary School
Warren County

"I'm thrilled to hear there will be more data collected related to the comprehension side of the reading rope!"

Joy D.
Prairieview Elementary
Center Cass Sch Dist 66
Hainesville, Illinois



Team Amira at the ASU+GSV AIR Show in San Diego, unveiling Amira 2.0!



Click to watch a comprehension conversation!

AMIRA in the media!



KING NEWS BREAKING **NEW BREAKING N**

LDOE introduces AI tutoring, expands on after-school tutoring voucher program St. Tammany Public Schools is one of 16 school systems across Louisiana piloting the new program.



There's a new tutor at Madisonville Elementary. It's an artificial intelligence program called Amira. St. Tammany Public Schools is one of 16 school systems across Louisiana piloting the new program. Amira offers in-school tutoring program. Amira offers in-school tutoring program. Amira offers in-school tutoring program. Principal Candice Hickman said it's working.

Oklahoma schools, universities incorporate AI as state grapples with emerging technology
TAs Oklahoma officials urge the state to embrace artificial intelligence, in some schools, these systems have already arrived.

The three largest districts in the state say they've begun to incorporate AI programs, as both school and state leaders see an impetus to get ahead of the emerging technology. Artificial intelligence combines a human-like ability to learn with task completion at a machine pace.

Tulsa Public Schools Uses Artificial Intelligence to Help Kids Read

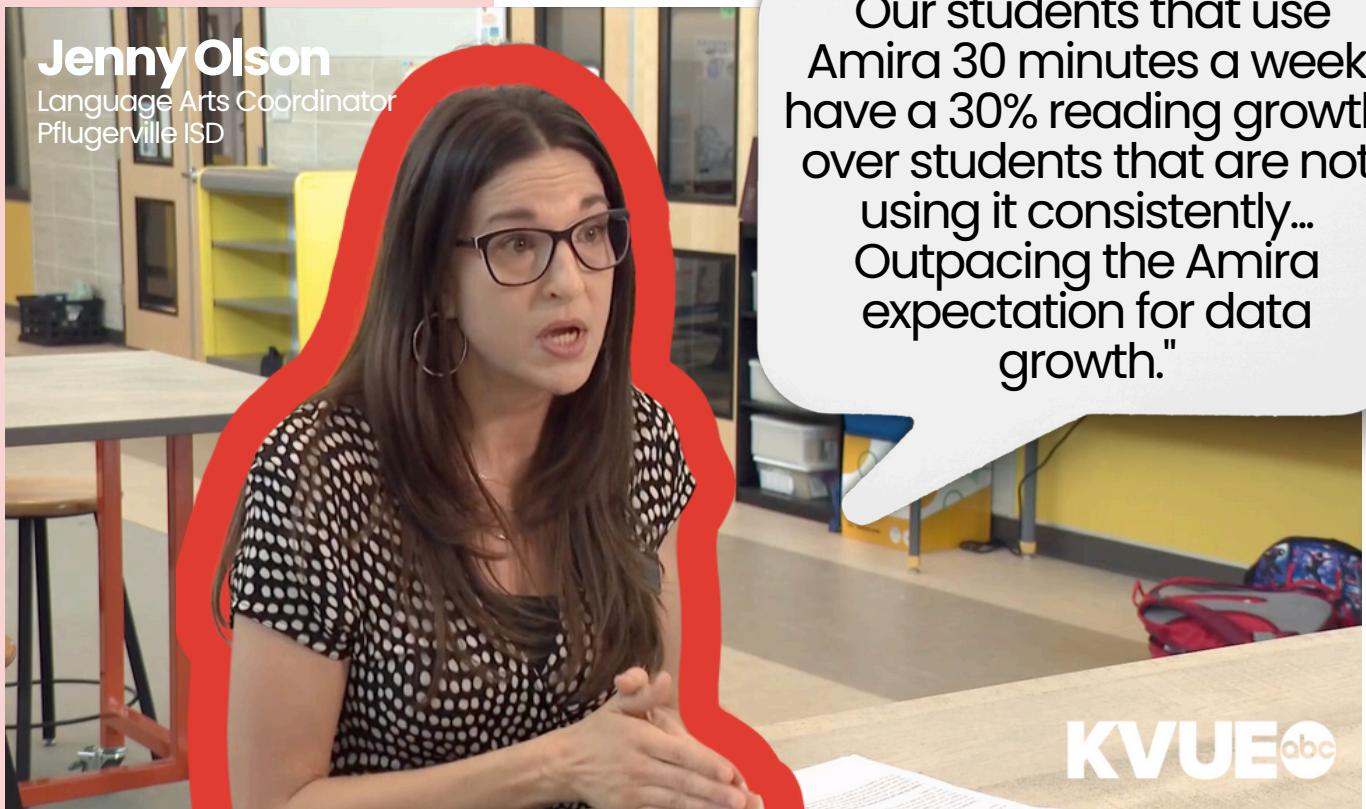
The State Dept. of Education is telling the TPS district they need to improve their reading scores in order to improve their accreditation status. Using AI is part of that effort.

Tulsa Public Schools students are using programs with artificial intelligence to improve their reading and help with test scores. Teachers say the technology is having a positive impact on students. The State Department of Education is telling the TPS district they need to improve their reading scores in order to improve their accreditation status. Using AI is part of that effort.

Second graders at Anderson Elementary are getting help with reading from a teacher who's been in the classroom for 6 years.



"So they're working on reading fluency, and some of them are on letters and sounds, some of them are on paragraphs," said 2nd grade teacher Dana Story. Story isn't the only teacher there. She's getting help from artificial intelligence. AI tutor Amira guides kids through words and sentences, interacting with them in a way technology didn't when Mrs. Story was in school.



BREAKING NEWS BREAKING NEWS/BREAKING NEW BREAKING

"When some words are hard for me to pronounce, it helps me, and then tells me to pronounce it correctly....I like using it, it's very cool."

Presley Thompson
Student
Pflugerville ISD

KVUE abc

AMIRA EDUCATOR AWARDS

Celebrating Exceptional Educators!

The Amira Educator Awards recognize our exceptional educators, nominated by their colleagues for their unwavering commitment to helping children become confident readers.



THE AWARDS



INSPIRING INSTRUCTOR AWARD



MASTERFUL MENTOR AWARD



TEACHING TRAILBLAZER AWARD



ACADEMIC ACHIEVER AWARD



LITERACY LEADER AWARD

And the award goes to...



INSPIRING INSTRUCTOR AWARD

An educator who inspires their students and/or other educators through their use of Amira.



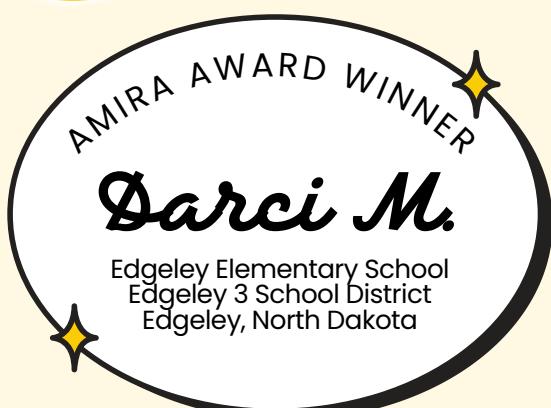
NOMINATED BY: Jennifer H.

"Miss L. motivates her students to engage with Amira each day. Students are shown their Amira minutes before small group time to help them keep working towards their goal of 30 minutes per week. She celebrates students who meet their goal using "Ms. L's Amira Superstar" where she chooses the top 5 students who read the most minutes in the previous week and they are a helper for a day. Ms. L. has conversations about the WHY of Amira. Students in Ms. L's class are excited about Amira and it shows in the Tracking Report. I have had Ms. L. share her ideas with other teachers to help them achieve Amira goals."



MASTERFUL MENTOR AWARD

An outstanding educator who coaches, leads, and mentors others in using Amira.



NOMINATED BY: Mary C.

"Darci has embraced the Amira program with an open-minded, educated attitude. She is well-versed in the science of reading and recognizes Amira's potential benefits to our students. She serves as a mentor and guide to other teachers by offering classroom support, assessment guidance, and student assistance. She takes the time to listen to students' recordings and makes helpful notes to teachers, offering feedback and guidance. Darci troubleshoots technical problems and ensures teachers have the resources they need to successfully implement Amira. She participates in continuing education Zoom meetings with other educators and, in return, shares her newfound knowledge with others. Darci is a wonderful educator and proponent of Amira!"



TRAILBLAZING TEACHER AWARD

An educator leading the charge to promote the use of Amira within their school or district.



AMIRA AWARD WINNER

Jennifer A.

Gackle- Streeter Public School
Gackle- Streeter District
Gackle, North Dakota

NOMINATED BY: Myla B.

"Jen has gone above and beyond in promoting and taking the leadership role in the AMIRA program in our school. She set everything up, has done all the communicating, and educating on this program. She continues to share ideas to support the program within our district. Our school would not be benefitting from the AMIRA program if it was not for her leadership role in this program."



LITERACY LEADER AWARD

An educator who supports Science of Reading implementation in their school or district.

AMIRA AWARD WINNER

Janell D.

Racine Unified School District
Racine County, Wisconsin

NOMINATED BY: Bianca H.

"Janell is the Acting Chief Academic Officer for Racine Unified School District. She has been instrumental in improving our district's literacy instruction. She led the adoption of a Science of Reading curriculum in 2021, and has been a huge proponent of Amira. She provided intensive training opportunities to support our teaching staff (Early Literacy Summer Institute in 2022 and The Why Matters: 3-5 Summer Literacy Institute in 2023). In addition to sharing important information, she created space for our early literacy coaches to step into leadership roles in planning and facilitating these four-day institutes. Janell is incredibly knowledgeable about the science of reading and writing."





ACADEMIC ACHIEVER AWARD

An educator who has achieved outstanding academic results at their school by using Amira.



AMIRA AWARD WINNER

Anitra J.

Hubbard Elementary
Noble Independent Dist 40
Noble, Oklahoma

NOMINATED BY: Sammie R.

"Anitra's class consistently has the most minutes and stories read in our school weekly. That is a big deal for 1st graders competing with 2nd and 3rd graders! Her class's average growth rate was almost double the actual number of months that have passed between the beginning of the year and the end of the year."

The Runners Up



LITERACY LEADERS

Gretchen R.
Roosevelt - Carson
North Dakota DOE
North Dakota

Robin B.
Briarwood Elementary
Warren Co Sch Dist.
Warren, Kentucky

Amanda L.
NYC DOE
New York City, New York

INSPIRING INSTRUCTORS

Sely J.
Albert & Lola Malvern Elem
McKinney Ind School Dist
McKinney, Indiana

Krystyna F.
Hampton Elem School
Bay City Public Sch Dist
Bay City, Michigan

Amber H.
Vineville Academy
Bibb Co School District
Macon, Georgia

Corinne G.
Baltimore Co Public
School District
Baltimore, Maryland

Ty'Quieria L.
East Baton Rouge Parish
School District
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

Carla S.
Terrebonne Parish
School Dist
Houma, Louisiana

ACADEMIC ACHIEVERS

Eileen S.
LaSalle Elementary
City of Mishawaka
Mishawaka, Indiana

Molly W.
Briarwood Elementary
Warren Co School Dist.
Warren, Kentucky

Heather W.
Henry R Schoolcraft Elem
Waterford School District
Waterford, Michigan

TEACHING TRAILBLAZERS

Deepti R.
G D Goenka Public Sch
Gurugram
Haryana, India

Darlene M.
Crismon Elementary
Mesa Public Schools
Mesa, Arizona

Liljana M.
Voyageur Academy
Detroit, Michigan

MASTERFUL MENTORS

Chava L.
Voyageur Academy
Detroit, Michigan

Jessica P.
Saint Anne School
Bismarck, North Dakota

Vangelis T.
North Shore Elem.
Lewis & Clark PS Dist.
Ryder, North Dakota



Dear AMIRA...

Dear Amira thank you I'm learning new words.

Dear Amira,
My name is Heon.
I like when you give us
badges. And when you give
us good scores, I like the
stories you pick for us.
The stories you give us
we learn in class.

Dear Amira,

Dear Amira,
I love you because when
I get something wrong
you help me to get right.
And you help me to read
even better. And you always
say I am a reading wizard
and on fire. And you put a
line under the I say so
I can read each word
right. And you give a lot
of narratives and informational

LOVE)
Marilyn

Marilyn,
I'll always be there to
help and encourage you!
Keep working that magic
reading wizard! 

Amira

incredible!
1,895 minutes read
387 stories Date:

Amira has taught me a lot of
about reading. I'm going to share
Amira is amazing and why it helps
I think kids should do Amira every

My first reason why Amira rocks is because you're reading skills on MAP test go up very high. Last time I took a MAP test, I was above the national average. That shows that Amira improves reading.

My second reason why Amira is funny every time you score an achievement Amira either dances or congratulates me. She has nice moves. Amira is amazing ^{Zyra} so I keep up the hard work.

Zyras
You are on fire! Keep up the hard work. I can't wait to read more stories with you. See you soon! A

with you see you soon...
Amira

**Amira
loves notes
from her
readers!**



Dear Amira,
Thank you
for making
my fluency better.

thank you
ian minutes read
stories

Dear Amira thank
you for helping
me learn new :)



Name: Leonilade

Date: 4/2/2022

not only increases my fluency, but teaches me facts I never used to know before! I also love Anime because she dances whenever I get a badge! I got so interested I got 17 Badges and read over a 100 stories!

Strong readers, like you, are always curious and seeking to learn new things! Reading with you is so much fun. See you soon!

fun. See you soon! 

Dear Amira
You help me read words and
say words. You help feed new
words. I love reading with
you.

I love reading with you too, Lauren!

 from Lauren

Dear Amira thank you
for learning new words.
Sebastian 



Averie

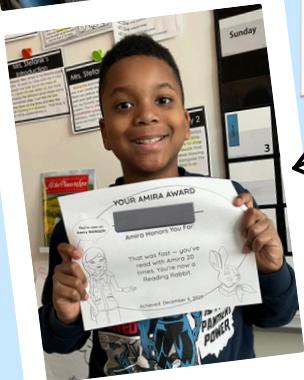
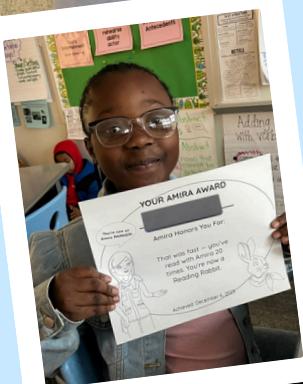
Great
Reading!Great Reading
Harmon

**She loves
drawings
too!**

Woohoo! LET'S GET THIS READING PARTY STARTED!



Students in Aiken County, South Carolina celebrating turning their entire Tracking Report GREEN with Amira usage!



Ms. Weston's impressive display, celebrating students who've read 100, 150, 200 and 250 stories on Amira at Woodholme Elementary in Maryland!

Ms. Wright's
students at Rossville
Elementary with
their Amira awards!



Ms. Rush's class at Rossville Elementary School in Baltimore County earned an Amira Popcorn Party!



Mary K (Customer Success), Erika Lunn (2nd grade teacher, Baltimore Highlands in Baltimore County), Lauren Schneider, and a few of Ms. Lunn's students celebrating their incredible Amira usage in October!



Ms. Seaman's 2nd grade class at McElwain Elementary in Katy, Texas celebrating 100 books read!

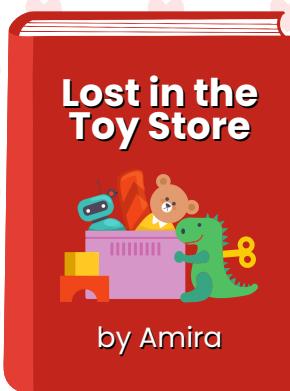
NICE MOVES!

Mackensen Elementary in Bay City, Michigan had an Amira dance party to celebrate their accomplishments!

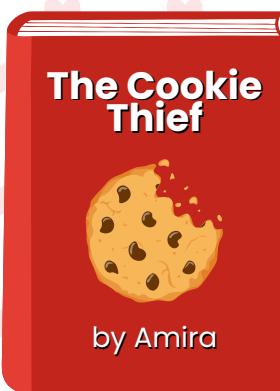


TOP READS THIS YEAR

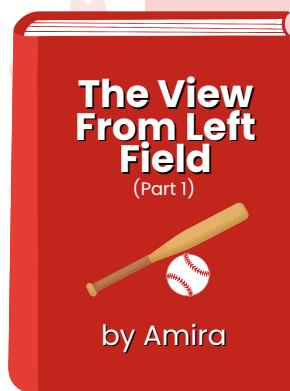
Your favorite stories!



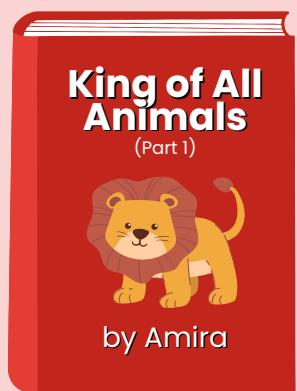
Most Read Book in
April



Most Read Book in
March

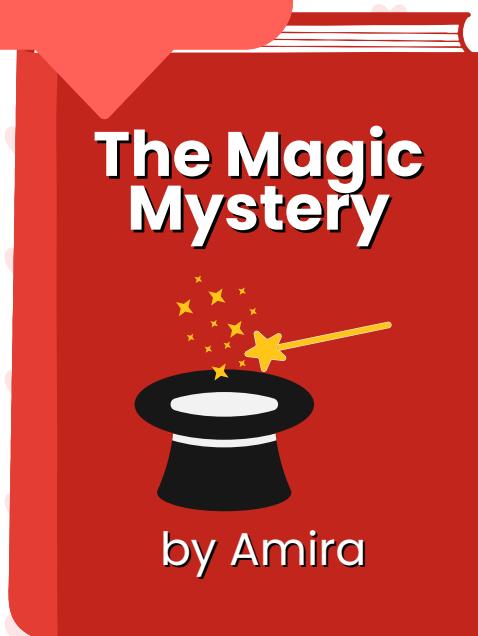


Most Read Book in
January

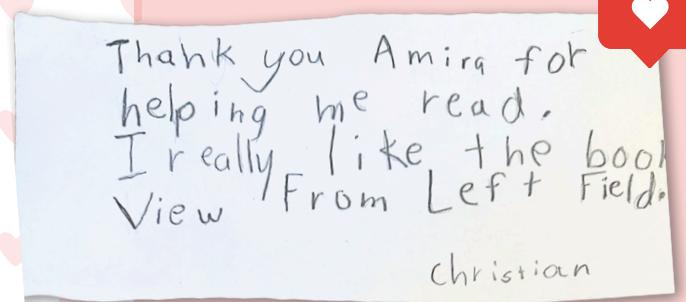


Most Read Book in
September
October

BOOK OF THE YEAR!



Most Read Book in
February
December
November





Congratulations! AMIRA CERTIFIED EDUCATORS

Adrianna Farmer-Mohamed
Amanda Love
Ann Marie Gillooly
Anu Garrity
Bianca Howell
Caitlyn Schnell
Cara Florie
Cathlin Shahriary
Celestial Jewel Dela Cruz
Christy Kirby
Cindy Cascante
Colly Edwards
Dana Gaither
Deborah Hunt
Deborah Taylor

Gina Simmons
Gwen Denniston
Heidi Louella
Jackie Morris
Jennifer Gitelson
Jordan Ukrainski
Julie Binder
June Piggott
Katherine Graziano
KC Turner
Krystal McGrew
Latisha Cobb
Lawanda Polydore
Lisa Davis
Lisa Baum
Marie Carberry

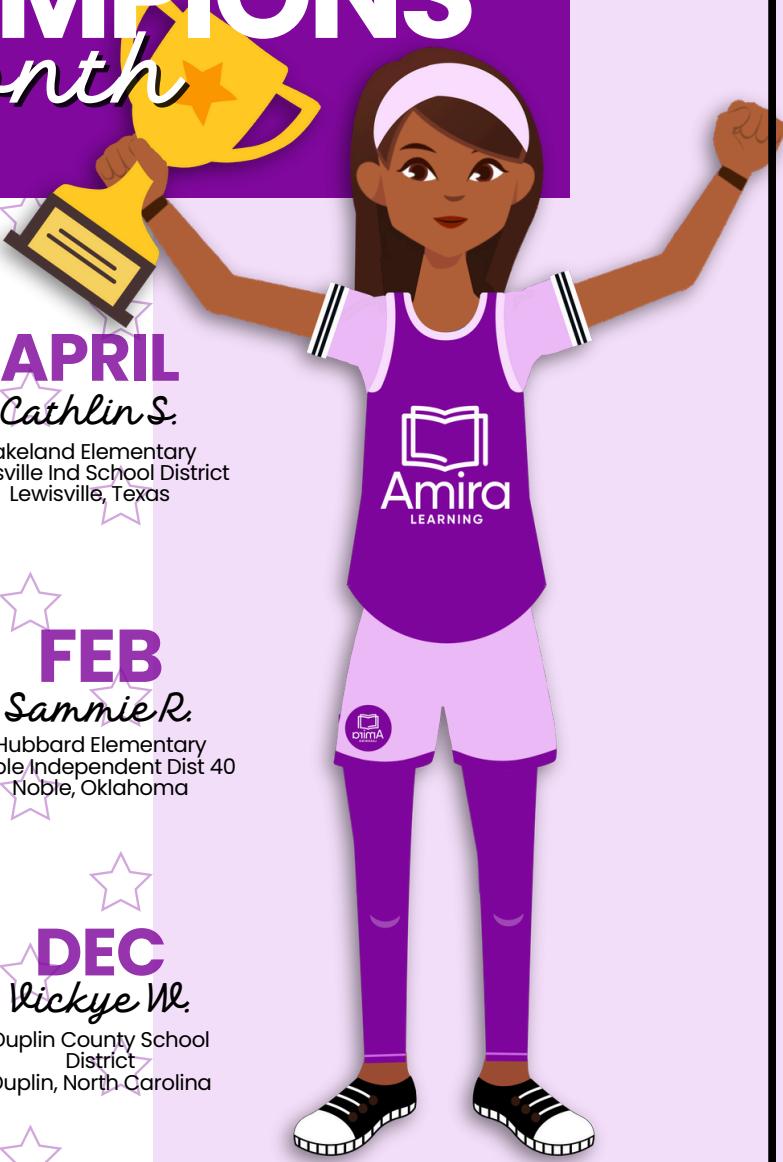
Megan Storm
Miriam Williams
Monica Edwards
Nicky Popillion
Nicole Arena
Paige Nelson
Patricia Stryker
Samantha Creech
Sammie Robertson
Sara Mitchell
Selena Sutton
Sojailyn Jimenez Rosa
Tammy Taylor
Taylor Maggard
Tonya Swartout-Wreget
Vickye Wade

These amazing educators completed the Amira Certified Educator course and now have expert knowledge of Amira Learning. They're all set to help and support their students in the best possible way.



AMIRA CHAMPIONS

of the month



MAY
Cindy C.
P.S. 019 The Curtis School
District 31
Staten Island, NY



APRIL
Cathlin S.
Lakeland Elementary
Lewisville Ind School District
Lewisville, Texas



MAR
Jessica S.
Vineville Academy
Bibb Co School District
Macon, Georgia



FEB
Sammie R.
Hubbard Elementary
Noble Independent Dist 40
Noble, Oklahoma



JAN
Monica E.
New Town Elementary
Baltimore County Schools
Baltimore, Maryland



DEC
Vickye W.
Duplin County School
District
Duplin, North Carolina



NOV
Kaylin R.
Saint Anne School
Light of Christ Catholic
Bismarck, North Dakota



OCT
Lisa R.
Arizona State Univ. Prep
Asu Preparatory Digital
Tempe, Arizona



SEPT
Melissa R.
Voyageur Academy
Detroit, Michigan

Amira Champions are a true inspiration! They tirelessly support teachers and students, going above and beyond to make Amira MAGIC happen. Their dedication and passion inspire our team every day. Check out our Champions of the Month from this year!

CELEBRATING CHAMPIONS

in Duplin County, North Carolina



Megan & Mary at the site of the World's Largest Frying Pan!

DID YOU KNOW?

Duplin County is home to some incredible Amira Champions, AND the site of the World's Largest Frying Pan???



Megan, Mary, and Duplin County Amira teammates Vickye Wade and Jackie Morris.

Mary K. (Customer Support) & Megan P. (Learning Design) visited Duplin County to celebrate the district's **25 Amira Champions!**



Goodies at the Champion Celebration!



SUCCESS STORIES

Told by Amira Champions

This student began the school year as a reluctant reader. Every time she had to read independently or read with Amira, she turned her nose up.

After the first assessment, I shared her results with her. She was surprised and it boosted her confidence... She comes straight into the classroom and logs on to read. Our classroom goal is to read 6 stories a week and she is usually one of the first to meet the goal.



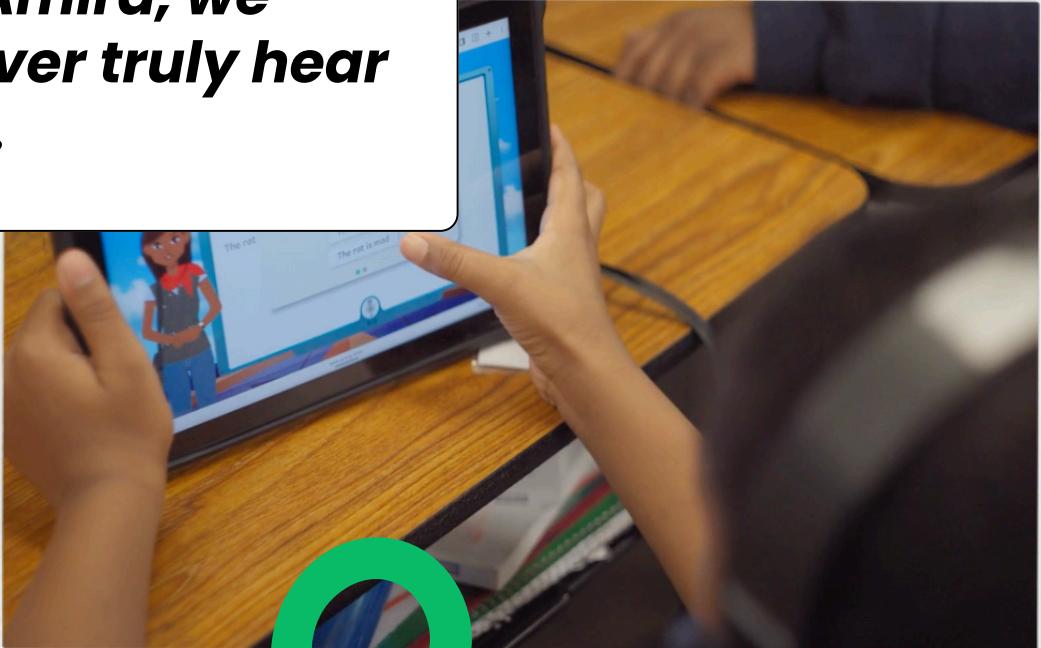
***She has developed
a love for reading!***

“

We have a student who is a **selective mute**, meaning he does not speak while at school. It is very difficult to collect data to identify his reading abilities...

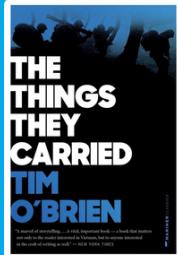
But, with Amira's help, his teacher is able to listen to him read after he has worked at home where he is comfortable...
Listening to his sweet little voice is the most precious thing.

Without Amira, we would never truly hear him read.



Check us out! AMIRA STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Mary's
favorite book!



MARY K. MANAGER OF CUSTOMER SUCCESS

Which author would you want to meet and why?

I actually already got to meet him in Boston with my fifth graders when I was teaching, but I'd love to meet him again: Jason Reynolds! I love the characters he has brought to life (especially Ghost from the Ghost series), and the way he makes tough topics accessible through his young adult stories. He's also just the epitome of cool and I'd love to hear him talk about children's literature again.

What was your favorite part of working at Amira this year?

My favorite part of working at Amira this year was watching all of the Reading Specialists in Baltimore County flourish and grow into Amira Champions (Certified Educators, and Ambassadors, too)! It has been amazing to witness the communities they've built around Amira in their schools, and how that has translated into growth for their students.

What do you want to make sure teachers know about Amira?

That they can listen to and download recordings of every story a student has read with Amira, and play them back for students at the end of the year. It's such a powerful way to show students (or their families) just how much they've grown as readers over the course of the school year! You can download the recordings and share them over Google Drive, too, so they can keep them forever. What I wouldn't give now to be able to hear myself reading back in 2nd grade!

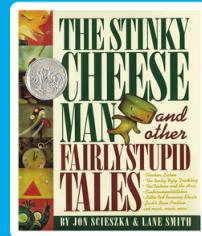
Amira's sidekick is Spot, who is/are your animal companions?

My real-life version of Spot is my 2-year-old black lab mix, Puck. If you've ever been in a Zoom meeting with me, you've probably seen Puck chilling in the background. He's Amira's hardest-working unpaid intern and the best dog I could ask for.





Check us out! AMIRA STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Nate's favorite (childhood) book!

NATE O. CUSTOMER SUPPORT

What do you want to make sure teachers know about Amira?

Amira really does work, and I don't say that lightly just because they treat me well (they definitely do!) I see it first-hand when someone asks a question about a student. I pull up their reports and see the growth the student has had over the course of the school year. Whether you're just starting, or if you're a seasoned veteran of the platform, please know that there's a support system at your fingertips (shameless support@amiralearning.com plug) should you ever have a question. To cap it off, a lot of the changes you see us making in Amira comes from your feedback, so we really couldn't do it without you.

Tell us about a teacher who mattered to you.

I'd have to go with Mr. Dubose. He was my Science teacher in Middle and High School--short in stature, large in heart. He was a Dungeons and Dragons nerd, but made the learning experience fun with all of his quirks: a few hearty chuckles and the occasional jump with a heel click.

Amira's sidekick is Spot. Do you have any animal companions?

My sidekick has to be my almost 3-year old ball of scruff named Mabel. The sweetest dog you could ever see. I'm often in the middle of working and she'll bring me a squeaky toy and press it into my leg to let me know she's ready for me to toss her toy across the house. She's brought our family much joy over these past few years, with many more to come!

Mabel



Check us out! AMIRA STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Evelyn's
favorite book!



EVELYN Q. CONTENT

Tell us about a teacher who mattered to you.

Officially, Mrs. O'Brian in the 7th grade. She was a no-nonsense teacher who invested in her students and inspired us to take ownership of our learning and life. She's the first teacher that treated me like a whole human.

Also, I have to say my grandmother. She didn't have a formal education and lived a tough life, but she managed to always learn from observing and trusting herself to do what was best. I find that to be powerful and liberating.

If you could meet any author who would you want to meet and why?

Audre Lorde. She brings you to places and spaces you didn't know you needed to be in.

What was your favorite part of working at Amira this year?

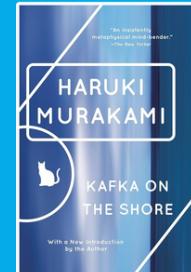
My favorite part of the year was the opportunity to truly innovate how we serve students through our content offerings and, soon, the new comprehension tool.

What's your favorite book?

As a kid I inhaled "The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe" series. To this day I open old wardrobe doors with the hopes of landing in a new world (*insert I'm kidding laughter here...)



Check us out! AMIRA STAFF HIGHLIGHT



Ran's
favorite book!

DR. RAN L. CHIEF AI SCIENTIST

What do you want to make sure teachers know about Amira?

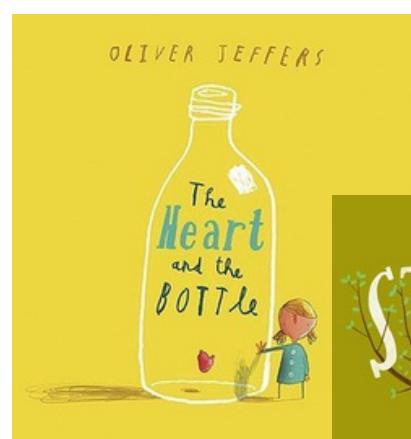
I want them to know how passionate and serious our AI team is about helping kids become great readers. This is a super talented team of people who could go work anywhere, but they've chosen to dedicate their time and energy to this mission. We are working hard every day to make the tech work more smoothly, be more equitable, and drive more learning and engagement. Also, your rescores help to make our models better!

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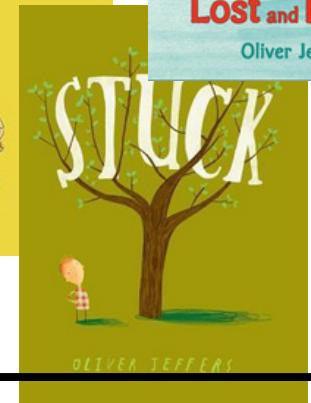
I have a sweet 12 year old husky shepherd mix named Niko (we adopted her when she was 1). She's still active and loves to go hiking and mountain biking with us. She is a great trail dog.

Which author would you want to meet and why?

I would want to meet Oliver Jeffers because he writes profound children's books and is a brilliant illustrator and thinker! I also would love to spend an afternoon hanging out with Chanel Miller, who seems to have a bright and creative mind.



Jeffers' best sellers!



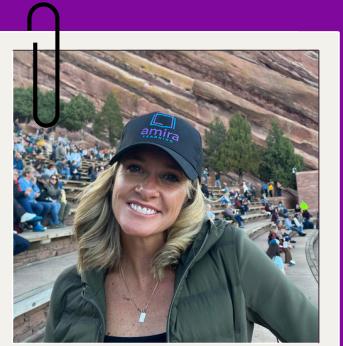
AMIRA LOOKALIKES

Who wore it best?





THANK YOU



Dear Teachers,

Anyone who knows me knows I am a pretty big Mo Willems fan. My children can recite most of the pigeon and Piggie and Elephant books. I have a signed poster from Cat the Cat (from 2010!) hanging in my office. I love him.

At the end of "The Thank You Book," Piggie and Elephant thank their reader. They say: "Thank you for being our reader. We couldn't be us without you." This is exactly how I feel about Amira and Teachers.

Amira, the company, wouldn't be us without teachers.

Amira, the avatar, wouldn't be Amira with teachers.

Amira, the program, couldn't help kids without teachers.

Teachers make space in their schedules for an AI tutor.

Teachers follow the reports and listen to recordings to help students.

Teachers create systems and protocols to help all kids be successful with technology.

Teachers use the data to inform IEPs, 504s, and MTSS meetings.

Teachers understand the value of reading out loud despite the noise level in their classrooms.

Teachers untangle headphones and refresh devices.

Teachers try new programs when they could have done the same old thing.

Teachers rebuild the literacy block after balanced literacy fell apart.

Teachers take the trainings and become Amira certified.

Teachers serve as ambassadors to improve the program.

Teachers make sure all kids get their Amira time so they can see the reading growth.

Teachers expect more from the programs they had.

Teachers believe every child deserves the chance to become a reader.

This yearbook has a lot of Amira, but it can't be said enough—
we are a teacher's assistant. We couldn't be us with you.

Thank you— from the bottom of my heart!

LJF
(LAURA!)

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