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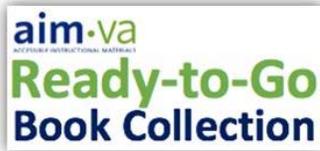
Welcome Back!

AIM-VA is happy to announce upcoming changes to the eligibility requirements for accessing Accessible Instructional Materials (AIM) for students with IEPs in VA!

The most significant and exciting of these changes is the removal of the disability category *Reading Disability resulting from Organic Dysfunction* as well as the requirement to have documentation by a medical doctor for eligibility. When these changes are launched, students who have a disability such as dyslexia, ADHD, or autism that interferes with reading will have access to AIM-VA. Using the new eligibility category, *Other Disability*, these students' print disability will be confirmed by any VDOE approved professional; such as, special education teachers, school psychologists, or speech language pathologists.

Be on the lookout for the announcement of the official launching date!

Until Then...



Ready-to-Go Book Collection

Make sure your reading books and textbooks are ready-to-go before your students need them. The *Ready-to-Go Book Collection* initiative allows DRMs to submit books and have them pre-converted to add to the AIM-VA library so accessible versions are ready when needed to order for students. This system does not make an official order for individual students. It also does not need to be associated with a student's STI. However, this initiative allows educators to ensure all of the books that may be needed in this school year are converted and ready for any student who needs them. Watch the video provided in the link below to view more detailed information on this great AIM-VA feature!

[Watch Video Here](#)

Knowledge at Noon

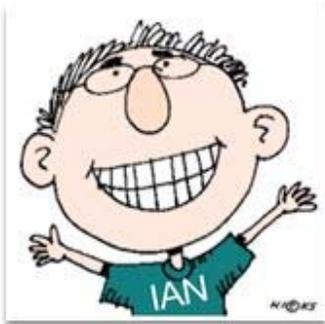


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AIM-VA Eligibility UPDATED! An Overview and Q&A

AIM-VA may be happy to announce the upcoming change but **ian is ecstatic!** Simplified procedures, updated terminology, and most importantly more access for students! In this webinar, we will discuss changes, define new terminology, take a step-by-step journey through the website and portal, and try to contain our enthusiasm over this new and improved process. Check out the new eligibility flyer ahead of time, get excited, and make sure you bring questions about how this change will affect the students in your

division.

NOTE Due to all the changes required to effectively make these changes, this will be the only webinar in January.

[Register for this Webinar](#)

News You Can Use



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Welcome Back Awesome Educators!

Virginia Educators are committed to transforming the educational experiences for students - where learning opportunities to innovate, create, and pursue passions become the norm rather than the exception. What possibilities await your classroom in 2018?

- Are you trying to find the perfect balance for integrating technology into the curriculum and classroom routine?
- Are you trying to build more student independence moving into the New Year?

AIM-VA is ready to help! Schedule a training specifically designed for you.

[Contact AIM-VA](#)

AIM-VA Partners



Our Partner, Learning Ally

Through funding provided by VDOE, AIM-VA eligible students with print disabilities can access Learning Ally Audiobooks. Learning Ally is a national nonprofit organization that provides downloadable, human narrated, audio books that students can access on their digital devices. AIM-VA DRM's can access these materials for eligible students through the AIM-VA Ordering Portal.

For more information, view the [AIM-VA and Learning Ally Connection](#) how-to video.

Spotlight



Meet Alex! AIM-VA Production Coordinator

Having been a part of AIM-VA production staff since 2012, Alex offers a unique perspective as the Production Coordinator for AIM-VA. She is the one responsible for making sure all of your orders are completed accurately and on time. Alex is also a part-time graduate student at George Mason University, majoring in Environmental Science. In her spare time, she likes to promote well-being, teach and practice yoga with her friends and

colleagues. Alex says, "It's been a fulfilling journey to grow with this project. I've learned so much and continue to learn more about ways we can improve and successfully serve students with disabilities."

External Resources



Celebrate MLK Day: January 15th

Education World has resources, activities, lessons and a list of books for teaching about Martin Luther King, Jr.

Explore the resources at [Martin Luther King Day](#).

Be sure to send AIM-VA your students' books about MLK. Students with print disabilities can have access to read about this gentleman that has taught us so much.



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