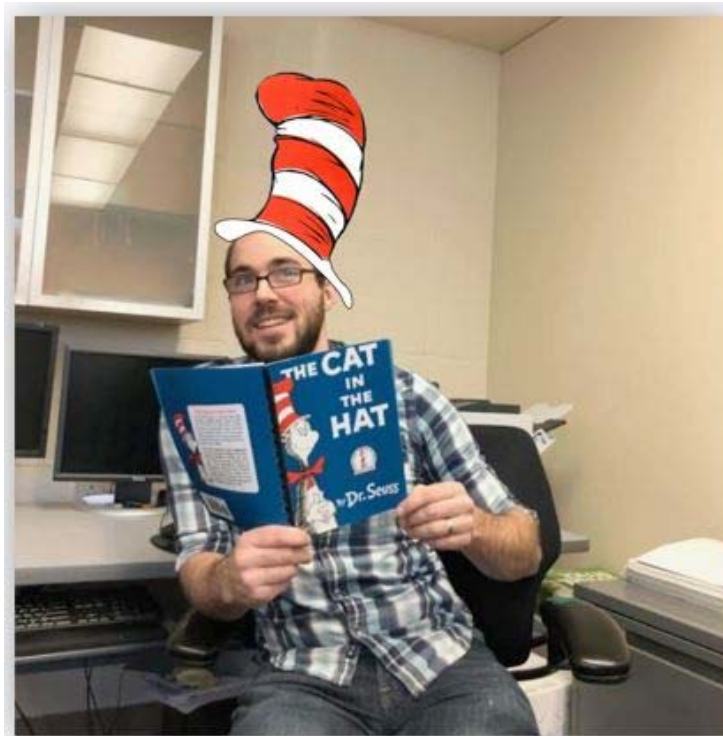




## Read Across America!



### **The Claim that Changed AIM (modeled after *The Cat in the Hat*)**

The student pulled back,  
though he was in great need,  
he struggled so hard,  
without AIM to read!

He had talked to his teacher  
Who replied with a quote  
"You aren't eligible for AIM"

We are very excited  
And I'm here to exclaim  
More students can now  
access their AIM!"

"A teacher like you"  
Said the man with no name  
"can confirm a print disability"

Without a signed doctor's note."

"I'm sorry" she said  
"Though you do need the tools,  
I will read to you,  
Because those are the rules."

"But I want to be free  
To read on my own.  
I can listen while here  
But not read when I'm home."

And then, just then,  
Someone walked in  
A tall thin man  
With a satisfied grin.

He happily said,  
"I know the quote that you claim  
But listen to me,  
the rules aren't the same.

He said about AIM.

"Your division decided,  
And I think it well said,  
print disabilities are confirmed,  
by the department of Sp.Ed."

"I'm sorry to run  
But I really must go.  
This news is so new  
And all need to know."

And then he was gone  
As quick as he came  
But there was hope in the air  
For soon there'd be AIM

"I am so excited"  
The student decreed  
"I'll learn everything  
With AIM to read!"

## Announcements



### Order Now: Be ahead of the Game!

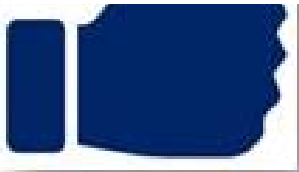
Orders for the 2018-2019 school year open Monday, March 26th. This is a great way to ensure students have access to materials as school begins. While the 2018-2019 school year opens on the 26th, orders are still open for the remainder of this school year as well as for summer school. Keep student reading by planning ahead!

## Knowledge at Noon



### Favorite Reading Picks

Interacting with assistive technology daily provides us with an opportunity to work with a variety of AT software programs. Join us during the month of March



as we demonstrate a few of our favorites and discuss how students may benefit from their use. We will explore:

- Voice Dream™
- Snap&Read™

- Claro™

[Read More Here](#)

## Did You Know?



### Come See Us!

AIM-VA will be attending several conferences across the state this month. If you are there, stop by the AIM-VA booth or come join in on our presentations. We would love to see you!

- VSRA - March 8th
- VASSAL (Potomac) - March 17th
- VASSAL (James) - March 21st
- VASSAL (Rappahannock) - March 22nd

## News You Can Use



### Good News!

AIM-VA was featured on the VSTE (Virginia Society for Technology in Education) website in February. VSTE is a professional development and advocacy organization for Virginia educators. Check out the eligibility article they released.

<http://vste.org/good-news-from-aim-va-eligibility-is-easier-than-ever/>

## Spotlight



## Meet Cindy! AIM-VA Director

AIM-VA is very excited to announce that Cindy George is the new AIM-VA Project Director! Cindy has been with AIM-VA from its inception. She has been a pioneer in the AIM conversation and production process. She, along with our talented AIM-VA team, will continue to produce accessible instructional materials and provide training and technical assistance to school divisions in Virginia. Cindy also is an instructor in the Assistive Technology graduate program at George Mason University. Her tremendous wealth of knowledge and experience along with her passion to support students with disabilities has helped shape the successes of the AIM-VA project.

## Have a fun and safe spring break!



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