



Aloha Friends and Family:

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Even with the COVID-19 pandemic impacting everyday life, we are so appreciative of your continued and past support. We also wish you and your community health and peace. Right now, Read Aloud America faces new challenges. As we adapt to these extraordinary circumstances, we will continue to serve our communities and families as best we can. However, in order to ensure the safety of our community and ourselves, we have made necessary modifications to our programming that we would like to share with you. Unfortunately, current circumstances have led us to cancel existing school programs that have averaged 350 attendees at each evening session since 1999. While much of this is out of our control, we are dedicated to finding ways to serve our families and hope to resume in-person school programs as soon as it is safe to do so.

In past years we shared a printed newsletter via mail. Today we will begin to share an electronic newsletter on our Read Aloud America Website and Facebook page. We will send this newsletter to our schools for distribution via their social media and web-based platforms. Our newsletter will feature resources for children's books, easy indoor kids' unplugged activities, and reading aloud ideas that will help grow children into intelligent, curious and connected members of their families. We will also feature how to access books in their communities. We are hopeful that this new edition of our newsletter will support parents with the tools for their children to become avid readers, creative and independent thinkers and to engage in the world without plugging into a device.

Right now, we are doing everything possible to sustain daily operations and provide services to our community. While there is a lot of uncertainty, we know that we need to continue to adapt to our changing reality. Read Aloud America has an important role to play by continuing operations to best serve our community. Now, more than ever, our community needs us - and we need you!

Please support us by making a contribution to Read Aloud America. You may send your donation in the enclosed envelope or you can contribute via PayPal at: <http://www.readaloudamerica.org/contribute.htm>. Thank you in advance for helping to build and bond families of lifetime readers and learners.

Mahalo!

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