



THE OG UPDATE

MAY 2023

NEXT STEPS FOR DONATION-BASED OG STUDENTS

(submitted by Kate Quijano, Senior Program Director)

The school year is winding down and our Orton-Gillingham trainees are wrapping up their required 100 sessions of tutoring for their practicum. They are busy preparing their applications to submit to the Orton-Gillingham Academy so that they can obtain their associate level OG certification. We are proud of the work they have done as well as all the progress their students have made. But now you may be thinking: my child has finished their 100 sessions, what's next? We have a few options available for you:

1. Summer Intensive - We are offering 2 sessions of our summer program (3 weeks each) with small groups of students. The goal is to prevent summer regression in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. (Summer session 1: July 10th-28th, Summer session 2: July 31st-August 18th.) You can sign up for one or both sessions. Each session meets Monday-Friday 9:15 am-12:00 pm. The summer program includes a daily OG lesson, arts & crafts, games, snack time, and gross motor activities/sports. All activities are related to the OG concepts being studied. Students will be grouped based on age/ability level. The summer program is \$1950 per 3 week session. Space is limited; please submit an application ASAP.

2. Small Group Instruction - This gives children the opportunity to work with their peers and continue to improve their literacy skills in a small group setting 2x a week (September through June). This program is contingent upon enrollment and only open to students who have completed the 100 session practicum and has a \$50 per session rate. Once we receive enough applications from students, we will match students with others at similar levels and with similar schedules and confirm the days and times that the small group will meet.

3. Fee-based Tutoring - Work 1:1 with a certified OG practitioner; the number of sessions per week is flexible and can be in-person or virtual. Space is limited so please submit an application ASAP. Students who have completed their 100 session practicum are offered a discounted rate of \$100 per session for fee-based tutoring. (If you have a household income of \$75,000 or less, we encourage you to complete a financial aid application. You can contact Anne-Marie at apoliviou@literacynassau.org to request a financial aid application packet.)

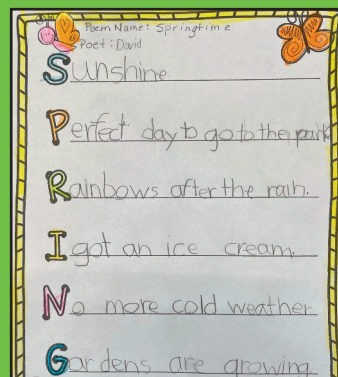
4. School District Contracts - We also have tutors available during the school day if your district is interested in contracting with us to provide 1:1 OG tutoring in the school. We are currently booking for the fall so districts should contact us now to create a contract and schedule for the fall. This service is billed to the district at our regular fee-based rate of \$150 per session.

For more information on any of these options, or to submit an application, please email Kate at KQuijano@literacynassau.org. We enjoyed working with you and your children this year and we hope to see them return over the summer or next school year!



- May 6 - OG Certified Training
- May 7 - OG Associate Cohort Training
- May 27-29 - Tutoring Center closed

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH RECAP



Poem Title: Football in the mall
Poet/Author: Parker

I played football in the mall
The shoppers were afraid I would make them fall
I called Paul to catch the ball in the hall
He missed the ball and had a bad fall
He broke the glass walls
He got back up and had to pay to fix the mall

Thank you to all of our poets Aidan, David, Eddie and Parker.
Great Work!

ORTON-GILLINGHAM SERVICES FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLLEXIA

Donation-based Tutoring - Students are matched with OG tutor trainees and meet 3x a week (September to June) for 1:1 tutoring. Parents pay what they can afford.

Fee-based Tutoring - Students are paired with certified, OGA accredited practitioners for 1:1 sessions.

Summer Intensive - Prevent the summer slide with our small group program which aims to engage students with OG-based activities in a fun, relaxed atmosphere. We have two (2) 3-week sessions available.

OGA Associate-Level Training - Learn how to become an OG practitioner and get accredited by the prestigious Orton-Gillingham Academy.

School District Contracts - Certified practitioners can be deployed into schools to provide 1:1 instruction.

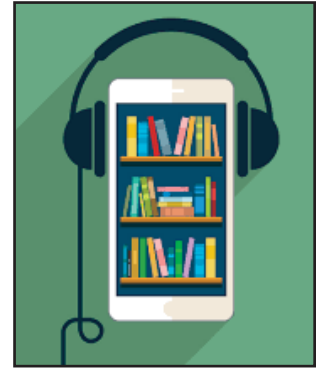
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AUDIOBOOKS

(submitted by Andi Clifford, OG Tutor)

Audiobooks are a wonderful way to enjoy great books. Many struggling readers dislike reading and believe they hate books. By providing struggling readers with access to audiobooks you will help them in countless ways. Audiobooks allow them to listen to books they choose as well as the popular books their friends are reading. There are so many benefits to listening to books, and listening to audiobooks counts as reading. Please do not think listening to books is cheating. They give readers another way to experience and to get hooked on books.



Here are the top five reasons to use audiobooks with struggling readers:

1. Kids tend to pay more attention when books are read aloud. It captures their attention and makes it easier to stay focused on the story than it is when they read silently.
2. Audiobooks help kids make a connection with the story. Instead of concentrating on the words and how to pronounce them correctly, they can listen and imagine they're part of the story.
3. It helps kids to improve their fluency by helping them learn how to pace themselves when reading. Kids learn how to pause between sentences and how to pronounce words correctly.
4. The narrators make the stories come alive as they change their tone and expressions to match the scene they're reading. As a result, kids learn how to do the same and it teaches them that reading can be fun and entertaining instead of something to dread.
5. It helps to improve listening skills. Since kids have to listen to the story as it's being read, they learn to pay attention and listen more intently in class and to you when you're talking.

AudioBooks are terrific to listen to in the car or before bed. Listening to a book together makes a long drive fly by. Your child can listen to books at their age level and interest.

One (**free**) way to access audio books is at the library:

- **Libby App**

Download the Libby app and gain access to thousands of public libraries that offer audiobooks in this app. You must have a library card.

Other great places to buy audiobooks include:

- **Apple Books, Google Play Store, Kobo, and Nook Audiobooks.**

All of these options offer free audio samples so you can listen before making your purchase decision.

- **Audible**

Audible provides thousands of audiobooks with new titles added every month and its subscribers can exchange a book they don't like for another one without any extra cost.



An advertisement for Target Circle's nonprofit partner campaign. The background is red. At the top, it says "We've partnered with Target Circle." in white. Below that, it says "Vote by Jun 30." in white. In the center, there is a white cartoon dog with a red target symbol on its chest, holding a red balloon. At the bottom, the Target Circle logo is shown with the text "NONPROFIT PARTNER" below it.

Vote for us and help direct Target's local giving campaign to benefit our nonprofit.
www.target.com/circle/community-voting

A poster for Teacher Appreciation Week. The background is light blue. In the center, it says "Teacher Appreciation Week" in a large, bold, black font, followed by "May 8 - May 12" in a slightly smaller font. Below that, it says "Great people can produce some quality works, But good teachers can produce thousands of great people. Thank you for your dedication." in a smaller font. The poster is decorated with various school-related icons: a lightbulb, a pencil, a paperclip, a clipboard, a pushpin, a pencil sharpener, and a stack of books.