Learning Ally

Cost: Free

Publisher: Learning Ally. Inc

Platform: iOS

Description: This app is for people who have dyslexia or have disabilities that prohibits their reading standards. The tools will provide help with speed control, book marking, and note-taking.

Features: Narration, highlighted text, option to control readers speed & note taking.

Grade Levels: K-5

Subject Area: Literacy/ Reading

Assessments: No, this app does not record student performance.

Strengths: You can access any kind of literature or textbook that you wish to explore. For students who have Autism or disabilities can prohibit them from reading standard print. This is a great app for students who are also considered part of the blind or visually impaired community.

Weaknesses: The app download is free, however to access all of the features it requires a membership. The membership will help students with a range of disabilities if purchased. This app is only available for English language speakers and readers.

Overall Impression: We would recommend this app only if users are willing to pay the membership fee to help students with disabilities. This app caters particularly to younger elementary school students, which is unfortunate to not include an increase in reading levels. Some of the features such as decoding and highlighting are great tools to help all students learn practical reading & comprehension skills.

Connections to UDL Guidelines:
Offers ways of customizing the display of information (1.1)
Offers alternatives for auditory information (1.2)
Offers alternatives for visual information (1.3)