



## LOUISIANA KEY ACADEMY

Unlocking the Potential of Children with Dyslexia

*Libraries are full of stories, fiction and non-fiction.* The stories of each character open the reader to new worlds, introduces the reader to new people and new possibilities. Help Louisiana Key Academy open up the literary world of our students by donating to renovate existing space into a library. This library will provide access to stories and will allow our students the freedom to read in a designated quiet space as well as take the books home to continue pursuing their interests.

Just as Libraries are full of stories so our school is full of people with stories. Stories of how they came to be affiliated with Louisiana Key Academy and its mission. And stories of how LKA has impacted their lives. Parents, Teachers, Board Members and Students live these stories every day. Take a moment to read just a few of the stories our community tells about our school.

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– Ms. Portia Bradford, 4th Grade BLS/Language  
Composition Teacher, Louisiana Key Academy



*“ Providing an evidence-based education for children with dyslexia should not be a luxury only afforded to a few ... ”*

– Nikki Godfrey, LKA Board Member, Louisiana Key Academy



*“ Going to LKA has helped me learn to read ... LKA is the best! ”*

– Maddie Beckmann, Student, Louisiana Key Academy



*Read more of “Our Stories” on the back of this appeal.*

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# Our Stories ...

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*I never imagined* I would be a teacher for a student with any kind of disability. After my interview at LKA, I knew this school was where I was meant to teach; I left LKA crying. I knew I had found the perfect school and group of students to fill my need for educating children. The dyslexic student is craving knowledge, they just need the right way of receiving the information. I have seen my students grow from reading less than ten words per minute to now reading greater than eighty words per minute. This same group of students was unable to write a complete sentence. Now, they can write a full paragraph. Not to mention these students are also asking and begging me if they can read and write in their free time. If there were other schools like LKA all around the country, the world would be changed. LKA is spreading the word about dyslexia, educating the public, and teaching the dyslexic child every single day. There is no greater place for a dyslexic child to learn other than at LKA. I am so lucky to have the purpose of being an educator to the dyslexic students at Louisiana Key Academy.

– Ms. Portia Bradford

*4th Grade BLS/Language Composition*  
Teacher  
Louisiana Key Academy

*I am pleased to serve* on the board for Louisiana Key Academy. As a mother of three sons, I know all too well the need for a school such as LKA to meet the diverse learning abilities in the Baton Rouge community. While my children do not live with dyslexia, I am understanding of the struggle and frustration that arises when trying to find an educational setting that best meets with your children's needs. I am impressed by what LKA offers and strongly believe in the mission of the school. Providing an evidence-based education for children with dyslexia should not be a luxury only afforded to a few, it should be our charge to expand what Louisiana Key offers to all who need it.

– Nikki Godfrey

*LKA Board Member*  
Louisiana Key Academy

*My name is Maddie.*

I have been at LKA for 3 years. I love school. Everybody is really nice and we are all the same. Going to LKA has helped me learn to read and I have a really nice BLS teacher, Mrs. Billings. She has worked with me for 2 years and I like being in her class a lot. LKA is the best!

– Maddie Beckmann

*Student*  
Louisiana Key  
Academy



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*Be a part of  
Our Story!*

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*A wide and diverse selection of books for our students* creates an opportunity to develop a love of reading that reinforces the mission of LKA. LKA gives our dyslexic students the keys to decode and unlock language. This library will be a space for exploration of literary interests. Neil Gaiman said in a speech about the importance of libraries that the “The simplest way to make sure that we raise literate children is to teach them to read, and to show them that reading is a pleasurable activity. And that means, at its simplest, finding books that they enjoy, giving them access to those books, and letting them read them.”

What stories will you put in the hands of LKA students? Visit <https://secure.anedot.com/la-key-academy/2018annualappeal> to donate today. Your donation will provide a comfortable place for learning and reading and books to inspire our dyslexic students with unlimited potential.

Every donation gets us closer to our goal. Consider making a recurring monthly gift toward the Library renovation through the end of 2018.

“Neil Gaiman: Why our future depends on libraries, reading and daydreaming,” The Guardian, October 15, 2018