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## No Limits



*“System 44 took away all the embarrassment of reading.”*

Heather  
Secondary  
Phoenix, AZ

As Heather approached her eighth—and last—year of high school at age 22, she and her parents had a talk with her school administrators. “They voiced major concerns regarding her post-high school transition,” says Mario Malaby, the Special Education Reading Specialist at Heather’s school. Heather has Spina Bifida and qualifies for Special Education services as an orthopedically handicapped student.

Outside of school, Heather is a well-rounded young adult. She acts as a trainer for new volunteers at the local Goodwill. At the Phoenix Children’s Museum, Heather aids in cleaning and supervises children. Despite her physical limitations, Heather even assists at her father’s karate dojo. “Heather has demonstrated that a wheelchair is not a negative factor in her life,” explains Malaby.

When Heather took the *Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)* test in May of 2010, her score was BR-0. However, within a few weeks of beginning *System 44*, Heather was showing that hard work could pay off. She was reading at home and concentrating in class. By December of 2010, she was able to raise her SRI score to 405L.

“Heather now has the self-assurance that she can read and decipher written material. This school year alone she has read over 18 books,” explains Malaby. “Of all the students I’ve taught, none persevered through the *System 44* program in the way that Heather has.”

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