Strength in Learning Differences



Presented by Mat Heagerty, Author of *Indoor Kid*, *LumberJackula*, *Martian Ghost Centaur*, and *Unplugged and Unpopular*

Mat Heagerty was once the kid who couldn't keep letters straight, who dreaded reading out loud, who felt like school was working against him. Today, he's a published author. In this session, he shares exactly how they got from one to the other. Drawing on his own journey as a dyslexic student who once saw his differences as obstacles, Mat shows how those same differences became his greatest strengths. Using student suggestions, he'll illustrate a scene live, while breaking down how to turn perceived failures into stepping stones toward success. The talk gets honest about what it really takes to get there: advocating for your own needs, even when it's uncomfortable, and accepting help without shame when you need it. This session is appropriate for elementary and middle school students, but all are welcome. Mr. Heagerty's presentation is sponsored by the Office of Dyslexia and Reading Disabilities.

Date and Time

Tuesday,
December 15, 2026
6:00- 7:30 p.m.

Location

This event will be virtual.

Audience

Grades K-12: this session is open to educators, students, caregivers, and professionals interested in learning about how learning differences can become your greatest strength.

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Registration

Scan the QR code to register.

https://serc.info/strength26

This event will be virtual. Registered participants will receive a Zoom link two hours prior to the event.

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