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Amanda is a long time supporter of the Nystagmus Network UK and our unofficial US spokesperson. As a professional freelance writer, who also has nystagmus, she is well placed to tell her amazing nystagmus story ...

My Nystagmus Journey: Fifth grade diagnosis and beyond

Fifth grade – that's when my life changed because of my nystagmus; that was the year I got my large print books and was registered as a student with a visual impairment.

Before I tell you about my reflection of that year, we must go back into my history. My mother knew something was not right with my vision from the time I was born. She took me to several eye doctors who basically said the same thing – Nothing is wrong with your child. For now she can read the print that is provided; just make sure she sits up front and rests her eyes when needed.

As I entered the school system and started to struggle with my school work, the doctors and teachers started to change their diagnosis. The first issue they found was that I had cerebral palsy; to fix this difficult issue I had all different kinds of therapy to help improve my muscle function. Then, in second grade, because I