October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!!! There are lots of great things happening throughout the state in celebration and recognition of dyslexia. We hope you will take advantage of all the great things happening and get involved as a participant or as part of the planning team. Dyslexia Simulations, Movie Showings, Library Displays, and Educator Awareness Activities all make this month particularly fun! As IDA works to become the number one "go-to" place for all things dyslexia, in Wisconsin we are working hard to prepare for the Annual Meeting in October, the Annual Conference next spring, and the Regional Conference next fall. All of these things help support the awareness and advocacy that will help those who face the daily challenges affiliated with reading disabilities. Check out this newsletter for more information of all the happenings and how to get involved.

~ Tammy Tillotson

A Message from the President...

WORLD DYSLEXIA DAY—Oct. 15, 2015

Rountable Solutions, a non-profit group spreading disability awareness has teamed up with Decoding Dyslexia Alabama to help spread dyslexia awareness worldwide in the month of October.

According to Christie Aitken and son, Beau, founders of Rountable Solutions, “We want the entire world to wear RED on October 15th. Then, snap a photo and upload it to social media with the hashtag #RedeemingRed or #DyslexiaDay.

While dyslexia’s “color” is silver, the color red was chosen by Christie and Beau’s determination to “take back the color red from being the nasty little color that plagued his spelling papers and turn it into not only HIS color, but that of every other person with a dyslexia diagnosis. The nation will shine bright in red to celebrate our kids and the silver linings of dyslexia will shine all round these parties. Our kids ARE the silver linings of the challenges that dyslexia brings! We won’t forget where we’ve come from (silver is historically dyslexia’s color) as we’re blazing a well-lit trail for where we’re going!”

Spread the Word!

Wear RED and upload your pics to social media October 15th.
The screening will take place after WIBIDA’s Annual Meeting:

DATE: Saturday, October 17, 2015

BOARD MEETING: 11:00 AM

ANNUAL MEETING & MOVIE SCREENING: 1:30 PM

PLACE: Children’s Dyslexia Center

616 Graham Ave.
Eau Claire, WI 54701

In Honor of Dyslexia Awareness Month, the Wisconsin Branch of the International Dyslexia Association will present a screening of the award-winning film, 

The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia

Dyslexia is the most common learning difference, yet the most publically misunderstood. Please join us for a screening of, “The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia,” a film directed by James Redford. The film recounts the experiences of children and young adults with dyslexia, including Redford’s son, Dylan, and features interviews with highly successful well-known individuals with dyslexia. The film will be followed by an opportunity to ask questions of WIBIDA’s board. This free event is open to both children and adults.

Dyslexia is a learning disorder characterized by difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words. In the educational system, these characteristics can be referred to as a specific learning disability in the area of reading and/or dyslexia. Dyslexia/Specific Learning Disabilities occur in children with normal vision and intelligence. Through proper remediation, programming and accommodations, children can succeed in all aspects of life.
2016 WIBIDA Board of Directors ELECTION

Position: PRESIDENT
Term Length: 3 years – January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018
Candidate: Tammy Tillotson

☐ I approve of the ballot presented.
☐ I do not approve of the ballot presented.

Position: VICE PRESIDENT
Term Length: 2 year – January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2017
* Candidate: Vacant

☐ I approve of the ballot presented.
☐ I do not approve of the ballot presented.

Position: SECRETARY
Term Length: 3 years – January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018
Candidate: Patricia Huse

☐ I approve of the ballot presented.
☐ I do not approve of the ballot presented.

Position: DIRECTOR
Term Length: 3 years – January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018
Candidate: Ann Malone

☐ I approve of the ballot presented.
☐ I do not approve of the ballot presented.

Position: DIRECTOR
Term Length: 3 years – January 1, 2016 - December 31, 2018
Candidate: Lucricia Carson

☐ I approve of the ballot presented.
☐ I do not approve of the ballot presented.

*Vacant positions require a vote as vacancies will be filled by appointment as stated in Article V of WIBIDA Bylaws. Please contact any current board member if you are interested in this vacancy.

Balloting closes on October 30, 2015 which is a minimum of 30 days from member distribution.

Email ballot your vote to: wibida@gmail.com
or Mail your ballot to:
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Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

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