

INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION-WI BRANCH

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Hello members:

Happy New Years! It is hard to believe that it is already 2023!

BRING YOUR PASSION

We all have a passion for Dyslexia. With that in mind, we are always looking for new members to join the board. We meet every other month. We would love to have your passion to help us. We can adapt to your interest level and see what you do well to help us. Please email any board member for more information.

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My goal is to make 2023 an amazing year. I want to advocate and help people understand how to help those with Dyslexia. I can't do it alone. I need your help with this too.

Our goal at IDA's goal is to bring Structured Literacy to every K-3 classroom. My personal goal is to bring awareness to every classroom throughout the state and have teachers who can help our children of Wisconsin read.

Our wonderful board is working on trying to get the conference together for 2023. If anyone has time to help in planning, please feel free to email me. All help is appreciated.

We are also working on getting webinars together. Spreading the word of how to help is important to all of us.

Here is to a wonderful 2023!

Thanks,

Priscilla Gresens
President of the IDA-WI

Simple ways to help fundraise IDA-WI

Did you know that Amazon has donates to charities? Well they do. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/> and click on International Dyslexia Association Wisconsin Branch. Amazon donates a percentage directly to us.

Article to help

To help with teaching and advocating for children with dyslexia, it is necessary to know what dyslexia is. Here is a quick article on what dyslexia is: [What Is Dyslexia | Understood](#)

Until Every Child Can Read!

Famous Dyslexics

There are many famous people with dyslexia. Here is one that I found interesting.

Ann Bancroft-Explorer



Ann was an adventurer. She would build forts and camp out with her cousins. She scraped through school, finding out in seventh grade that she has dyslexia. She was different and didn't want to be that way. Her parents put her into tutoring, which pulled her away from the things she wanted to do. Ann decided to become a teacher. College was not easy for her, but she succeeded and became a special education teacher. On her weekends, Ann would train and train. When she would go on her adventures, she would send back to her students what she was doing. She made it to the South Pole! **Brilliantly Dyslexia by Liz Trudeau was my source.

"I see the goal. I'm not going to get there quickly. I'm not going to get there on anyone else's path. I'm going to get lost some of the time. But I will get there" Ann Bancroft

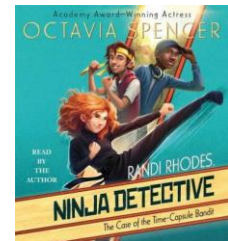
Books By Dyslexics

Many people with dyslexia overcome their fears and challenges and write books. Here is one that is for children.

Randi Rhodes, Ninja Detective by Octavia Spencer

This is a great book for children in middle and high school. Randi's mother dies from cancer and she and her dad, a famous author, leave their home in Brooklyn and they move to Deer Creek, a small town in Tennessee. She meets friends and adventures along the way.

Octavia Spencer is an Academy Award winner, author and dyslexic.



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Books about Dyslexia

Language at the Speed of Sight by Mark Seidenberg

In *Language at the Speed of Sight*, internationally renowned cognitive scientist Mark Seidenberg reveals the underexplored science of reading, which spans cognitive science, neurobiology, and linguistics. As Seidenberg shows, the disconnect between science and education is a major factor in America's chronic underachievement. How we teach reading places many children at risk of failure, discriminates against poorer kids, and discourages even those who could have become more successful readers. Children aren't taught basic print skills because educators cling to the disproved theory that good readers guess the words in texts, a strategy that encourages skimming instead of close reading. Interventions for children with reading disabilities are delayed because parents are mistakenly told their kids will catch up if they work harder. Learning to read is more difficult for children who speak a minority dialect in the home, but that is not reflected in classroom practices. By building on science's insights, we can improve how our children read, and take real steps toward solving the inequality that illiteracy breeds. Source: Amazon.