

INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION-WI BRANCH

October-2023



Hello members:

Happy Dyslexia Awareness Month! If you haven't heard yet, October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. Lots is happening! Here is some of it.

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.

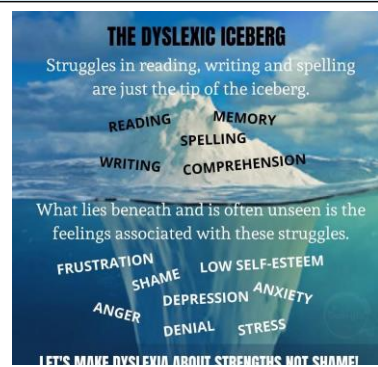
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Our showing of Right To Read documentary was good. We had a decent turn out and some discussions going on. I had lots of fun and informed people of the problem out there of the struggling readers.

Just like last year, we are have a Dyslexia Awareness Party & Fundraiser scheduled for Saturday, October 7th at 1 pm at Oakstone in Cottage Grove. We will have a silent auction, raffle, music, food and lots of talking about dyslexia. On top of it all, it is a good place for children and adults to socialize and have a common interest. This too is free but the raffle, silent auction and peanut sales are not free. Please feel free to stop in and see what is going on and have a good time.

On October 27th, The Reading League of Wisconsin is having their annual conference. Since IDAWI is not having a conference in 2023 (sorry about that) we greatly encourage you to attend this one. It is full of great speakers and the Right to Read film is showing there too.

Also in October is the National conference. It is in Columbus, Ohio on October 12-14th. More details at: [IDA Announces DyslexiaCon 2023! October 12-14, 2023 - Columbus, OH - International Dyslexia Association \(dyslexiaida.org\)](#)

I hope everyone has an outstanding October and keep an eye out on our Facebook page to make sure you do not miss anything going on!

Thanks,

Priscilla Gresens
President of the IDA-WI

[Article to help](#)

Think your child is having issues at school, why wait for conferences? Here is an article on how to handle those conferences though.

[Surviving the Difficult Parent-Teacher Conference | Reading Rockets](#)

Until Every Child Can Read!

Famous Dyslexics

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

Stephen A Smith



Stephen A Smith is a well-known sports media figure. He starred on the number one sports show, “First Talk”. He became an analyst on ESPN and ABC’s NBA Countdown. He has also wrote an autobiography called “Straight Shooter”. He grew up in Hollis, Queens. He was help back in elementary school because he had undiagnosed dyslexia. From the time he was six, he thought he was stupid.

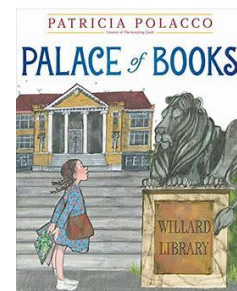
“Here’s my secret: I’m a terrible reader” ~Arnold Schwarzenegger

Books By Dyslexics

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

[Palace of Books](#) By Patricia Polacco

I know I have focused on Patricia Polacco before. However, she came out with a new book that I absolutely love. This is about the time she used the library to help her class learn about birds and won an award for doing it. This book is extremely fabulous and another book about her childhood, just like [Thank You Mr. Falker](#).



Books about Dyslexia

[The Knowledge Gap](#) By Natalie Wexler

This book is not necessarily about Dyslexia, but it is about all children. Ms. Wexler has identified a critical factor that is missing in public education today. Foundational knowledge in itself is very important in education and it is missing. A great read!

