

# INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION-WI BRANCH

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Hello members:

Happy February everyone! January is over and we are ready to hop into a twenty-nine-day February. Yes, it is leap year.

Things at IDAWI are rocking. We are planning lots of things to help teachers, parents, professional and, especially, children learn more about dyslexia and other reading struggles.

Also, we are starting discussion on having a 5K walk next year. I will need lots of volunteers, so if you want to help out, email me at [president.wi@dyslexiaida.org](mailto:president.wi@dyslexiaida.org). More information to come in the near future.

In March, I will be going to Baltimore to meet with the National IDA. I will find out what ways IDA can help me help you guys.

I am planning on doing some Dyslexia 101 sessions. This is a 2-hour session with CEUs and learning about what dyslexia is and how to help them. I will be traveling the state to do this. Since dyslexia affects one in five, I will be doing five different cities in five months.

Have a great February!

Thanks,

Priscilla Gresens  
President of the IDA-WI

[Article to help](#)

This is an article about dyslexia from Nessay! Nessay is a fabulous company about dyslexia.

[7 Dyslexia Difficulties | Nessay](#)

## BRING YOUR PASSION

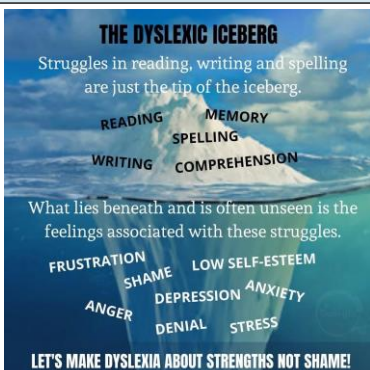
We all have a passion for Dyslexia. With that in mind, we are always looking for new members to join the board. We meet every other month. We would love to have your passion to help us. We can adapt to your interest level and see what you do well to help us. Please email any board member for more information.

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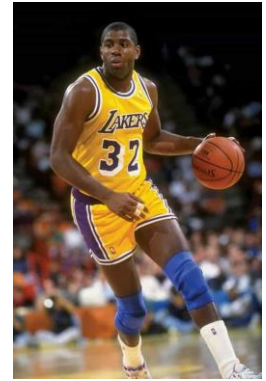
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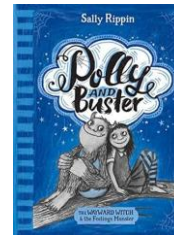
## Famous Dyslexics

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

### Ervin "Magic" Johnson

Magic Johnson is a famous basketball player for the LA Lakers. He was diagnosed at an early age. He would get laughed at for not being able to read. He took the advice of teacher (it only takes one that cares to make a child get through) and went to summer school and was able to catch up. His struggles with dyslexia helped him with his struggles alter in life too. He just knew to never give up.

*"You're the only one who can make the difference. Whatever your dream is, go for it" ~Magic Johnson*



## Books By Dyslexics

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

### [Polly and Buster](#) by Sally Rippin

I know this isn't written by a dyslexic but her son helped with the book. Sally's son is dyslexic. Sally is writer and noticed that there are not as many books about dyslexics. Polly is a witch who is dyslexic. Buster is a monster. Monsters and witches are not supposed to be friends. But, this book has them being friends with differences.

## Books about Dyslexia

### Wild Things by Sally Rippin

Yes, Sally Rippin again. She is a fabulous writer. This book isn't for children though. Sally's son has dyslexia. She didn't know how to help him. She listened to bad advice and tried all the ways she knew, but being an avid reader and writer, she didn't know what he was going through. Then, at one of her speeches, she noticed that he needed help. By the time she was able to get the help for him, he was in high school. So, she decided to write a book to parents to help them. It is a fascinating book! A must read.

