

# INTERNATIONAL DYSLEXIA ASSOCIATION-WI BRANCH

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Hello members:

## BRING YOUR PASSION

and see what you do well to help us. Please email any board member for more information.

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Happy March! It is hard to believe we are already into March of 2024. We just made it through our leap day! It was really neat to teach children about why we have leap year. If you don't know why, it's because of the change from Roman calendar (10 month) to the Julian calendar (12 months) and the added fact that it takes 365 days and 6 hours for our planet to revolve around the sun. Once every 4 years, we have to make up for that 6 hour.

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.

If anyone has been a member of IDA for more than 25 years, you are eligible to an Orton Oaks Member. If you are not and should be, please email Laurie at [orton Oakscommittee@dyslexiaida.org](mailto:orton Oakscommittee@dyslexiaida.org)

I am looking forward going to Baltimore to meet with the National IDA. I will find out what ways IDA can help me help you guys. I hope I picked out some good sessions to help IDAWI.

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. If you have any ideas of where, please email me so I can get your area on the map!

Have a great March!

Thanks,

Priscilla Gresens  
President of the IDA-WI

## Article to help

This article is a little different than normal. I decided to have a blog about dyslexia and Women's History month. Please enjoy the read.

[Women's History Month Spotlight: Sally Gardner and Laurie Halse Anderson \(thesienaschool.org\)](https://thesienaschool.org)

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## Until Every Child Can Read!

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### Famous Dyslexics

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

#### Salma Hayek

Salma Hayek is a well known actress. When she was growing up, she would play pranks on others. She was a fast learner, except in reading and writing. She had to take time to learn when it came to reading. Salma is a bi-lingual learner. She thought that is why she was having troubles. She worked harder and learned and it paid off.

*"Life is tough; and if you have the ability to laugh at it, you have the ability to enjoy it."* ~ Salma Hayek

### Books By Dyslexics

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

#### [Dog Man](#) By Dav Pikler

Dave Pikler is a dyslexic author. The books Dog Man are a graphic novel that is a spin off of Captain Underpants. Dav is a dyslexic writer.



### Books about Dyslexia

#### [This is Dyslexia](#) by Kate Griggs

British social entrepreneur, founder and CEO of charity Made By Dyslexia, Kate Griggs has been shifting the narrative on dyslexia and educating people on its strengths since 2004. Having been surrounded by an extraordinary 'smorgasbord of Dyslexic Thinking' her whole life, Griggs knows the superpower of dyslexia all too well.

