



RAISING DYSLEXIA AWARENESS AT YOUR LOCAL LIBRARY



MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY!

STEP 1 Contact your local library to discuss organizing a visual display or event for dyslexia awareness month in October.

STEP 2 Discuss with the head librarian why raising dyslexia awareness is so important to you as a parent/teacher/community member.

STEP 3 Be sure to mention the importance of labeling some of the information: for struggling readers. Many parents know their child is a struggling reader but do not know why, other parents have a 504 or IEP for their child but they received eligibility labeled by the school as "specific learning disability" and may not be aware what that means.

STEP 4 Inquire about the type and size of space available at the library: shelf space, wall space, location in the library (children's room, common space).

STEP 5 Offer to help select books for display. Some possible suggestions for adults and kids:

Eide, Brock, and Fernette Eide. The Dyslexic Advantage
Foss, Ben. The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan
Hall, Susan and Louisa Moats. Parenting the Struggling Reader
Mather, Nancy, and Barbara J. Wendling. Essentials of Dyslexia Assessment and Intervention
Shaywitz, Sally E. Overcoming Dyslexia
Wolf, Maryanne, and Catherine J. Stoodley. Proust and the Squid: The Story and Science of the Reading Brain
Wright, Peter W. D., Esq. and Pamela Darr Wright. Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy
Wright, Peter W. D., Esq. and Pamela Darr Wright. Wrightslaw: Special Education Law

Esham, Barbara. If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi?
Polacco, Patricia. Junkyard Wonders
Polacco, Patricia. Thank you, Mr. Falker
Riordan, Rick. The Lightning Thief
Spurr, Judy. Trapped
Winkler, Henry. Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever (series)

STEP 6 Create a poster for display on the wall. Print out reliable information on dyslexia including warning signs, methods of remediation, and sources for information. Highlight famous people with dyslexia and focus on the strengths of people who learn differently by using their photos and biographies.

STEP 7 Ask if the library will host a movie night or a parent information or support group session.

Redford, James. The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia | thebigpicturemovie.com
Hubbell V, Harvey. Dislecksia the Movie | capturedtimeproductions.com/films/dislecksia.html
Macais, Luis. Embracing Dyslexia | embracingdyslexia.com
Raymond, Alan. Journey Into Dyslexia | hbo.com/documentaries/journey-intodyslexia/index.html

STEP 8 Ask if the library will display informational handouts about Decoding Dyslexia NJ and the NJ Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Contact us at info@decodingdyslexianj.org to find out where to get materials.



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RECOMMENDED RESOURCE LISTS

VIDEOS

Headstrong Nation: Inside the Hidden World of Dyslexia & ADHD
youtube.com/watch?v=15nOajd_7mo&feature=youtu.be

Sandman-Hurley, Kelli: What is dyslexia?,
youtube.com/watch?v=zafiGBrFkRM&feature=youtu.be

WEBSITES

Bright Solutions for Dyslexia, dys-add.com
Decoding Dyslexia, decodingdyslexia.net
Dyslexia Help, dyslexiahelp.umich.edu
Eye to Eye, eyetoeyenational.org
FDU Center for Dyslexia Studies, fdu.edu
Florida Center for Reading Research, fcrr.org
Headstrong Nation, headstrongnation.org
International Dyslexia Association, ida.org
International Multisensory Structured Language Education Council, imslec.org
Learning Ally, learningally.org
Learning Disabilities Association of America, ldaamerica.org
Learning Disabilities Field Guide, ldfieldguide.com
LD Online, ldonline.org
Literate Nation, literate-nation.org
National Center for Learning Disabilities, nclcd.org
National Center on Intensive Intervention, intensiveintervention.org
RTI Action Network, rtinetwork.org
Smart Kids with LD, smartkidswithld.org
Understood, understood.org
Wrightslaw, wrightslaw.com
Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity, dyslexia.yale.edu

ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY

Audiobooks/Text to Speech: Audible, Bookshare, Learning Ally, Tumblebooks
Speech to Text: Dragon Naturally Speaking, Vocalize
Word Prediction Software: Co-writer, Word Q
Reading & Writing Programs: Read Write and Type Learning System, Kurzweil, Read Write for Google
Notetaking Support: LiveScribe Pen, Text Summarizers for Mac and Windows, Inspiration & Kidspiration
Phonemic Awareness Software: Fast ForWord, Earobics

There are tons of different apps available also. Check out the latest reviews at:

Apps for Dyslexia and LD | dyslexiahelp.umich.edu/tools/apps
Assistive Technology Blog | bdmtech.blogspot.com
Assistive Technology Solutions for Dyslexia | atdyslexia.com

ACTORS

Jennifer Aniston
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