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NORTHERN OHIO BRANCH

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Tuesday, October 20, 2015

Walk in the Shoes: A Dyslexia Simulation. Mayfield Middle School 1123 SOM Center Road Mayfield, OH 44124 6:30 - 8:30 PM

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Save the Dates

Friday, August 12, 2016

Dyslexia Splash Caulby Park/Wickliffe Aquatics Center 5:00 - 8:00 PM

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Friday, November 11, 2016

NOBIDA Symposium Keynote: Dr. Tim Shanahan Intercontinental Hotel Cleveland Fall 2015

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The International Dyslexia Association (IDA) aspires to be the driving force that leads the way toward our goal of all children learning to read. After listening to feedback from our members about the need to increase the strength of the IDA, I was honored to be a part of a group that met this summer. We collaborated by identifying ways to rally that driving force. A key discussion focused on designing a signature event in order to expand our IDA brand and to generate the funds necessary to accomplish our goals. The event would be modeled after the "Teams in Training" concept initiated by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society (LLS). Proceeds from the event would be shared between the IDA branches and the home office.

I am calling all athletes to contact me personally to participate in this endurance sports training program for charity. More information about the LLS event is <u>available online</u>. Our branch, the Northern Ohio International Dyslexia Association, has amazing board members and our membership is growing daily. Our members are the vital core of our branch, making us as strong as we are today.

Stride on,
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TECH TOOLS

What is assistive technology? Assistive Technology (AT) is any type of tool that will help you accomplish a task. So really, anything can be interpreted into an assistive technology tool as long as it supports a specific task.

Below you can explore a variety of assistive technology tools available for your child or student.

Apps to support a task!

Organization/Saving/Filing Documents

<u>Wunderlist</u> One of the best FREE apps to organize your to do list's! It has a clean, easy to use interface and can set recurring to do's, add notes, notifications and share your to-do lists. Access from anywhere!

Google Drive Have your child look at their assignments more easily with this app! With the latest version you can have multiple accounts logged into the same app. You can share docs, leave comments and organize your docs all in this app. This free cloud storage auto saves your child's work and is similar interfaces with Microsoft Office. Did I mention, it autosaves! You can access your work anywhere/anytime with an internet connection.

Writing Equations

Modmath Is the first math app made specifically for people with dyslexia and dysgraphia. It uses a touchscreen and keypad to set up programs to solve. From there students can print or email their teacher's their work. You can change the settings to best fit your child's needs. This free app is worth taking a look.

Text to speech Readers

<u>VoiceDream</u> One of the best readers of digitized text out there! Voicedream can connect to your google drive account, Bookshare, web browser and more to bring in text that it will then read aloud to you. You can choose to have the words scanned as well as other personalization features including different voices. This sleek app is a must have!

Notetaking

Notability Is a great note taking app that you can add typed, inked, audio and pictures to best support your thoughts and content. With iCloud storage, it saves your work and is accessible on different computers/tablets with your account. Currently this app is \$2.99

and is a must have! My favorite features include the importing handouts and photos to make your notes more meaningful and how it connects to Google Drive!

Want to learn more about Assistive Technology tools?

Follow these Tech Guru's on Twitter!

- @ATDyslexia
- @Lawrenceschool
- @JHJhersh
- @iPlante
- @Lsalza
- @Ryan Masa
- @msgarzarocks

SCHOLARSHIPS

Jean Armus Fund (Deadline October 14, 2016)

This scholarship is offered for the upcoming 28th Annual Dyslexia Symposium on Friday, November 11, 2016. The Jean Armus Scholarship will cover all or part of the symposium registration fee.

DOWNLOAD THE APPLICATION

Hope and Aspirations: The NOBIDA Young Adult Literacy Fund (No Deadline).

This fund is to provide monies to students in need of assessment to establish accommodations for dyslexia or related reading disorders in the post-secondary setting. Monies may also be used for young adults (18-30) in need of remediation services for dyslexia or related reading disorders, whether or not they attend a post-secondary institution.

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If you need assistance completing a scholarship, please contact nobidainfo@gmail.com

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