

READ-A-THON FOR DYSLEXIA

Read-A-Thon Open House Events

FREE Dyslexia Simulation: 2-3 PM

Meet Northeast OH Authors 10-6 PM

Read-A-Thon Time Slots	Event	Facilitators (scroll down for bios)
10:00 AM-11:00 PM	Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Julie Ditchburn Patton ● Cyndi Brec ● Andi Michelson
11:00 AM-12:00 PM	Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Suzanne Boehlefeld ● Jessica + Adam Hoskins ● Cyndi Brec ● Andi Michelson
12:00 AM-1:30 PM	Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Christine Grieves ● Gary Sikorski ● Suzanne Boehlefeld ● Jessica & Adam Hoskins ● Cyndi Brec ● Andi Michelson
2:00 PM-3:00 PM	FREE Dyslexia Simulation Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● NOBIDA's DYS Simulation Team ● Jessica & Adam Hoskins ● Cyndi Brec ● Andi Michelson
3:00 PM-4:00 PM	Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cyndi Brec ● Andi Michelson
4:00 PM-5:00 PM	Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andi Michelson
5:00 PM-6:00 PM	Author presentations, children's story time, craft activities, giveaways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Andi Michelson

Northeast Ohio Authors (scroll down for bios)



Christine Grieves



Julie Ditchburn Patton



Suzanne Boehlefeld



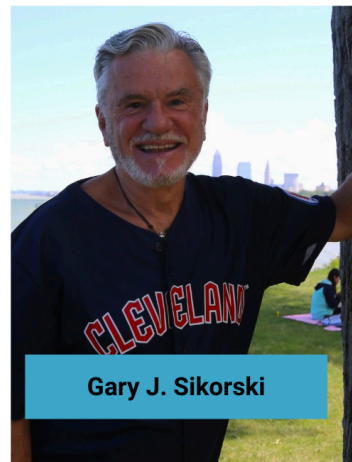
Adam H. Hoskins + Allison Tanager



Cyndi Brec



Andi Michelson

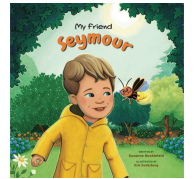


Gary J. Sikorski

Author Bios

Christine Grieves: Christine Grieves is a Cleveland-based author, illustrator, and founder of OhG Design. With a background in graphic design, she brings a thoughtful visual sensibility to every story she creates. She is the author and illustrator of *I miss you, love Otis*, and *That's Sooo Yellow*—heartfelt books that celebrate friendship, connection, and the art of being beautifully yourself.

Suzanne Boehlefeld: Suzanne Boehlefeld is a Northeast Ohio children's author whose stories are inspired by her family's real-life experiences raising a child with autism and sensory processing disorder. Her debut picture book, *My Friend Seymour*, celebrates friendship, empathy, and inclusion while encouraging young readers to appreciate their differences and believe that nothing is impossible.



Julie Ditchburn Patton: Julie Ditchburn Patton has been an elementary school teacher, a greeting card writer, and a blogger. Her debut middle-grade novel, *Bigfoot Is a Jerk*, was published in May 2025. Julie is a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the Alliance of Independent Authors.



Adam H. Hoskins and Allison Tanager: Adam H. Hoskins and Allison Tanager are a husband-and-wife writing and illustrating team. Lifelong residents of Northeast Ohio, they have two daughters with whom they love to share their passion for illustrated stories and classic literature. When they can squeeze in a little time, they write and make art.

Cyndi Brec: A three-time Readers' Favorite 5-star recipient, Cyndi's Romantic Fantasy series has earned praise from bestselling authors Jonas Saul (The Sarah Roberts Series), Suzy Vadori (The Fountain Series), and Midwest Book Reviews, and was later featured in Teen Magazine. Cyndi draws inspiration from her life as a Recreational Therapy Technician, history-loving traveler, and co-owner of a 200-year-old watermill - roots that helped shape The Therans Series. Cyndi is the creator of 'The Therans Series,' a dual world trilogy that reimagines legends and myths into vivid, living adventures!

Andi Michelson: Andi Michelson is a children's author. She explores nature, farm life, and relationships through her picture books, chapter books, and workbooks. When she's not writing or teaching piano, Andi can usually be found chasing chickens, walking in the woods with her goats, or getting dirt under her fingernails in the garden. She lives in Northeast Ohio with her husband and various farm animals.

Gary J. Sikorski: Gary J. Sikorski is a freelance photographer and an avid explorer, with four published books to his name. He has traveled extensively and photographed virtually every country in Western Europe, as well as parts of South America, Mexico, the Caribbean, and several islands in Hawaii. He's currently under contract for eight additional books.

Join us **IN PERSON** at John Carroll University between **10 AM - 6 PM**
or **VIRTUALLY** and read along with **NOBIDA!**

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What is the Read-A-Thon?

A community fundraiser where individuals, families, and classrooms read and collect pledges or donations to support dyslexia initiatives.

Why It Matters: Your support helps IDA Northern Ohio provide:

- Educator and family learning opportunities
- Evidence-based resources and advocacy
- Community outreach - so every child can learn to read



[VIEW SCHEDULE](#)

March 21, 2026
Open House Event

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Students, Families, Educators,
Book Clubs, Teams and Schools

In-Person or Virtual



IN PERSON LOCATION

JCU Grasselli Library
1 John Carroll Blvd
University Heights, OH 44118

HOW IT WORKS

1. Register as a reader (Solo, Team, Classroom or School).
2. Set a reading goal (Minutes or Books) for March 21.
3. Ask sponsors to pledge per minute/book or a one-time donation.
4. Read, track your minutes, and celebrate your impact!

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GET READERS INVOLVED

- Host a class or school-wide reading challenge
- Share photos and celebrate readers in your community



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