

# UNTIL EVERYONE CAN READ



## Fall 2024 Member Newsletter

Hello IDA of Northern Ohio Community,

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month and we are busy building awareness all over Northern OH.

NOBIDA will "Light Up REaD" across Northern Ohio for Dyslexia Awareness Month. Iconic buildings, including Premier Bank in Youngstown, the Terminal Tower and Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, and Ariel Foundation Park in Mt. Vernon, have been illuminated red to build awareness.

The red light symbolizes the marks made by red pens on students' papers, highlighting the struggles and stigmas faced by individuals with dyslexia.

[Visit and follow our Facebook page for updates.](#)

Thank you to all able to attend our in person 36th Annual Symposium. We have extended access available and would love to see you at this week's Annual Open Meeting and FREE Expert Roundtable discussion.

Continue reading to find all of our announcements!



Best,

Jen Scaffidi, Board President

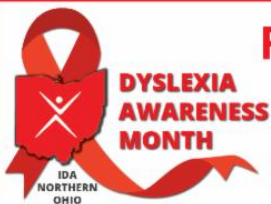


***This Thursday, October 17 from 6:30-8PM ESC of Northeast Ohio***

**Join our community for NOBIDA's Annual Open Meeting and roundtable speaker event!**

*Learn the latest about NOBIDA and enjoy a LIVE panel discussion with our Symposium's extended access presenters.*

**Register TODAY!**



## **FREE COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2024 | 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM**

ESC of Northeast Ohio, 6393 Oak Tree Blvd., Independence, OH 44131

***Operationalizing Structured Literacy in the IEP: Aligning Goals, Objectives and Services***

Kerry Agins, Esq.



***Understanding Dysgraphia: A Parent's Guide***

Theresa Kaska,  
M.Ed., CALT, CSLD-S, LDT

***Untangling the Strands: A Parent's Guide to Understanding Assessments for SLD in Reading and Writing***

Jennifer Murphy,  
Ph.D., Ed.S.



***Empowered Education Advocate***

Mary Jo O'Neill, M.Ed.

Join NOBIDA for an interactive roundtable discussion with presenters from our symposium's parent video series.

This event offers parents, guardians, and community members the opportunity to gain insights and practical advice on supporting students with learning differences. Don't miss this chance to engage with experts and fellow community members in a meaningful conversation about advocacy and education.



**This is a free community event. However, registration is required.**  
<https://nobida.memberclicks.net/oct-24-round-table>

Thank you to everyone who attended our in-person Symposium on September 27th!

Extended access to virtual professional development presentations is available now until December 31, 2024. Our extended access also includes bonus videos designed for parents and guardians.

Find ALL the Details HERE!



## We Offer a Special Note of Thanks to All of Our Amazing 36th Annual Symposium Sponsors and Community Partners

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## Print Version Now Available

### IDA 75th Anniversary Edition: *Perspectives on Language and Literacy*

As we reported in the spring, the International Dyslexia Association released the highly anticipated [75th Anniversary Edition of \*Perspectives on Language and Literacy\*](#), offering invaluable insights into Structured Literacy, a crucial aspect of modern literacy instruction.



Purchase your own print version of this resource via the button below!

Also, on an important note, due to increased concern about literacy education "buzzwords," IDA's definition of Structured Literacy is evolving.

[Learn the latest definition of Structured Literacy and more about this important topic and its distinctions HERE.](#)

[Find all the details and IDA swag HERE](#)

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## NOBIDA 2025 Summer Workshops:

Multisensory Math 1 with Jen Scaffidi, June 16-20, 2025  
Multisensory Math 2 with Marilyn Zecher, June 23-27, 2025

[Wilson 3 Day Advanced Strategies Group Instruction Course,](#)  
June 17-19  
(Level 1 Cert Prerequisite)

**Stay Tuned!**



## WILSON SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Instructors: Ellen Brick & Morgan Amend, Wilson Credentialed Trainers

### WILSON READING SYSTEM ADVANCED STRATEGIES FOR MSL GROUP INSTRUCTION

**DATES:** June 17, 18, 19, 2025

**LOCATION:**

Summit Educational Service Center  
420 Washington Avenue  
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221



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## Math Fun at Our Summer 2024 Math Workshop

Multisensory Math Expert, Marilyn Zecher taught us well.

### Positive attendee reviews of Marilyn's course:

*"I recommend that all math instructors, teachers, coaches, and Vice Principals take this class. The information is priceless! All the tools, hands-on instruction, step-by-step facilitation, and manipulatives to get started allow trainees to be prepared to implement strategies in the classroom immediately."*

*"I would recommend this class to secondary teachers in the class because, throughout the course, you can see how the students at lower levels learn math and how the presented examples could be manipulated for a higher level of math. Math is like building blocks. What the students learn at the lower level is still being applied at the higher level."*

**Learn About Marilyn's Approach**



## In the News:



### The Science of Reading in Ohio

Walsh University welcomes, Governor DeWine! NOBIDA Board Member, Dr. Lindsey Roush along with the university's impressive educator preparation program, hosted the governor and received rave reviews!

Read all about the visit in the **Canton Repository News coverage** in the button below.

[Read About the Visit!](#)

## October Officially Designated Dyslexia Awareness Month

Local northern Ohio cities have been *officially* proclaiming October as Dyslexia Awareness Month!

The city of Middleburg Heights, Parma, and Wood County have all completed this designation process. Others are slated to soon follow.

In addition, Parma libraries will host special dyslexia centered book displays throughout the month.

Find all of the latest updates on our [Facebook](#),

[Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) feeds.

Our dedicated Board members have spearheaded this amazing awareness project!



## Upcoming Read Ohio Monthly Policy Hours

Read Ohio is proud to introduce its new, monthly webinar that will provide updates and answer questions about the Third Grade Reading Guarantee, dyslexia support laws, high-quality instructional materials, English language arts curriculum and intervention requirements, science of reading professional development, and other literacy-related topics.



[Learn More and Register for October's Webinar!](#)

## A New 2025-26 Scholarship: Now Accepting Applications

The Pam Kanfer Scholarship supports Structured Literacy education.

[Apply Today!](#)





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# PAM KANFER SCHOLARSHIP



Pamela Lewis Kanfer, a reading teacher who helped change the laws in Ohio so schools could meet the needs of dyslexic students, passed away on January 7, 2023 at the age of 72 after a long battle with cancer.

Pam, who also helped start a successful program at Akron's Helen Arnold School to improve the teaching of reading, was a loving mother of four and grandmother of 15. Her interest in dyslexia was sparked as she watched her son, Jaron, struggling to learn to read. She would eventually become a certified reading specialist, tutoring hundreds of students who might otherwise have fallen through the cracks over a decades-long career at The Lippman School and in private practice. She traveled the region as a volunteer, teaching teachers how to help students who were having trouble reading.

"Parents are usually the first ones to know and they always can sense when something's going on," Pam said in a 2015 interview. "Teachers need to know that kids aren't lazy. I think that's the big line. They just say, 'Well, this kid's lazy, because I know he can do it.' Or, 'If I send him back to his desk, he'll do it right the next time.'"

"And then," Pam added, "professional development is the best solution to solving the reading problems in the school."

NOBIDA is offering the Pam Kanfer Scholarship for a Structured Literacy Training Program towards certification (including a practicum) during the 2025-2026 school year. The recipient will be able to choose from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's Approved List of Evidence-Based Reading Intervention Programs. The Pam Kanfer Scholarship will cover the majority of the cost of certification of a valid, structured literacy training program for a board-approved applicant.

Educators, administrators, speech-language pathologists, and college education students are encouraged to apply. Scholarships are available to persons who



*Pam Kanfer and students late '70s*

do not have another sponsor (such as an employer or school district). Our goal is for applicants accepting this scholarship to utilize the certification to benefit children/adults in their pursuit of literacy and to become a member of the IDA ([www.dyslexiaida.org](http://www.dyslexiaida.org)).



Application Deadline:  
March 13, 2025

Winners Notified By:  
March 27, 2025

[https://nobida.memberclicks.net/  
kanfer-scholarship-25](https://nobida.memberclicks.net/kanfer-scholarship-25)

*All applicants will be considered except members of the NOBIDA Board and Advisory and their families. Payments will be directly made to the approved institute program rather than the recipient. If the program and practicum are not completed, then the recipient must pay back the scholarship funds in full.*

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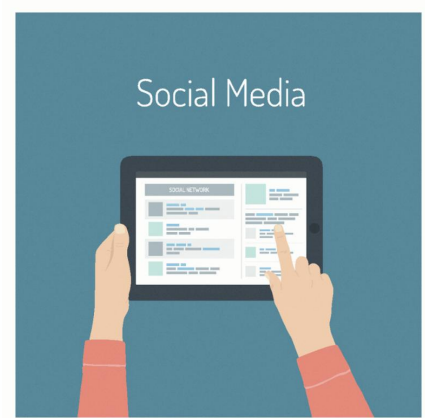


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*We'd love for you to click the icons above and then like and follow our feeds.*



Share our posts with all your friends to help us make the greatest impact!



## Ohio's Dyslexia Law Information

IDA of Northern Ohio is committed to sharing ongoing updates on Ohio's Dyslexia Law.

We encourage you to consult the resource link below to find all 2024-25 news.

Find All Updates to OH's Dyslexia Supports for 2024-25

**Dyslexia can hide a student's full range of strengths and abilities.**



Ohio's literacy resources will help students see *dynamic* instead of *dyslexic*.



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