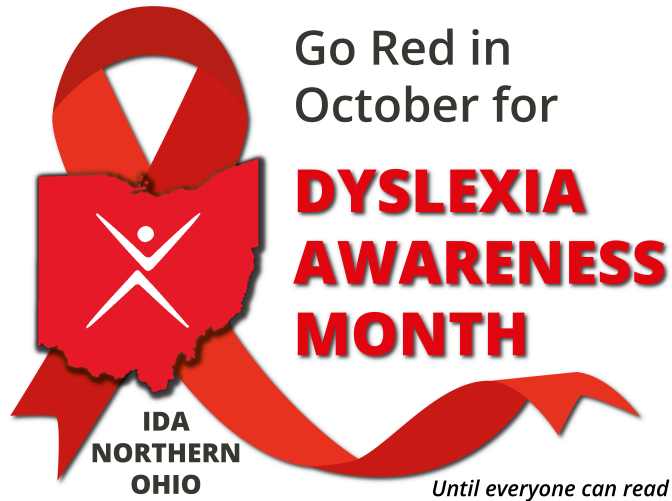




Fall 2026 Member Newsletter

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Greetings IDA of Northern Ohio Members!

Fall has arrived and that means that October Dyslexia Awareness activities are just around the corner. We are eager to celebrate dyslexia advocacy and share our amazing Dyslexia Toolkit resource!



We'd love for you to join us this Thursday, October 8, 2026 for a FREE Dyslexia Simulation after our Open Board Meeting at the ESC of Northern OH beginning at 6:30PM.

Our simulations offer participants an immersive dyslexia experience that builds understanding. Attend with a friend or family member and find out for yourself!

Our 38th Annual Symposium will follow on the heels of Dyslexia Awareness Month. We are hosting this year's event in early November at the University of Akron. Mark your calendars as it'll be hosted on Monday, November 2, 2026, a different day of the week than in year's past.

Find all of our latest news below.

Thank you,

Jen Scaffidi
Board President

ENGAGE WITH US!
October 8, 2026 at 6:30 pm

**OPEN BOARD MEETING &
FREE DYSLEXIA SIMULATION**

IDA of Northern Ohio invites you to attend our open board meeting and engage in a dyslexia simulation where you can experience what it feels like to be an individual with dyslexia.

This informational evening is all FREE!

Register for this FREE event today!





DYSLEXIA AWARENESS MONTH

Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio
6393 Oak Tree Blvd | Independence, Ohio 44131

Embrace Dyslexia Awareness Month Opportunities!

Dyslexia awareness month is the perfect time to strengthen your understanding of dyslexia and increase advocacy efforts.

This Thursday, October 8, join with our community for our Open Board Meeting and FREE Dyslexia simulation event:

- Attend our annual open meeting and learn more about our current dyslexia outreach.
- Experience our FREE dyslexia simulation to grow an understanding of daily literacy challenges faced by individuals with dyslexia.
- Cleveland's Rock & Roll Hall of Fame will be lit red that night to build awareness.

Invite your colleagues, family, and friends for the evening!

We require registration, so please follow and share the link below.

Register Today!



● Northern Ohio is Lighting Up Red for Dyslexia Awareness! ●

On October 8, 2026, the iconic Rock & Roll Hall of Fame will shine red in recognition of Dyslexia Awareness Month!

NOBIDA—the Northern Ohio Branch of the Dyslexia Association—is proud to see this Cleveland landmark help illuminate the importance of dyslexia awareness, early identification, evidence-based instruction, and support for individuals with dyslexia.

When we light up our communities, we help light the way toward hope, understanding, and opportunity.

📸 If you see the Rock Hall glowing red, take a photo, tag NOBIDA, and help us spread dyslexia awareness across Northern Ohio!

Until Everyone Can Read

#LightUpREoD #DyslexiaAwareness #DyslexiaAwarenessMonth #NOBIDA #RockHall #Cleveland #UntilEveryoneCanRead

Share the Toolkits: Find Support and Strengthen Advocacy Skills

You can help your community better understand dyslexia with our free toolkits.



They provide teachers, parents, and advocates tips for immediate action.

Let's put them to use!

Access our toolkits and help raise dyslexia awareness in your library, school, or community.

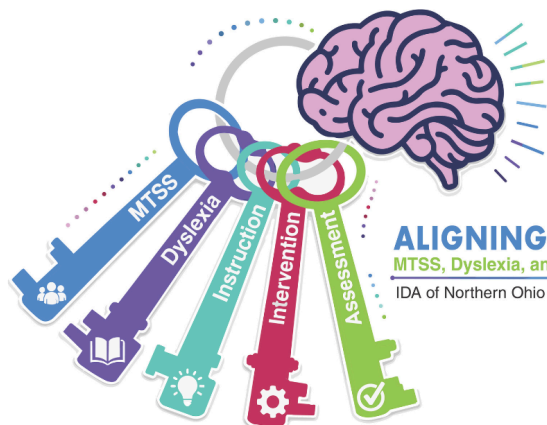
Find and Download the Toolkit

NOBIDA's Night at the Ballpark for the Win!

Thanks to everyone who joined our fun community outing last weekend. We look forward to hosting more opportunities like this one. Stay tuned! For now, check out some photos from our night under the lights.



38th Annual Symposium



ALIGNING THE WORK:
MTSS, Dyslexia, and Academic Success
IDA of Northern Ohio 38th Annual Symposium

Join Us!

November 2, 2026
University of Akron

Learn More

Register Now! Early Bird pricing ends October 16th!

November 2, 2026
8:00 AM to 3:30 PM

University of Akron | Jean Hower Taber Student Union
303 Carroll St, Akron, OH 44325

Breakout Session Information

Register for the Symposium

Scholarship Winners Chosen!

Congratulations to our 2026 Jean Armus
Symposium Scholarship Winners!
We are proud to offer funding for 10 attendees
to attend our Symposium in November.



Congratulations



International
DYSLEXIA
Association™
Northern Ohio

NOBIDA's Library Initiative

This initiative places permanent book collections directly in libraries so families can easily access them and these collections include:

- Loanable children's books featuring characters with dyslexia and stories that introduce key ideas about how children learn to read
- FREE story content aligned caregiver resources with clear, evidence-based guidance to help you make the most of the reading experience

To learn more about this initiative, find downloadable PDFs resources to use with each title and more, click the button below!

Have Questions About The Children's Book Initiative?

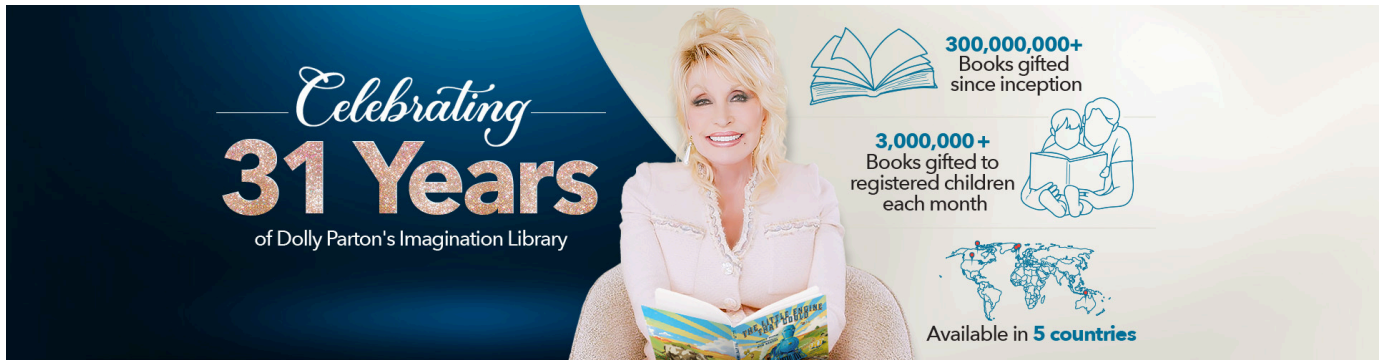
Visit NOBIDA's Library Initiative Page

If you have specific questions about this program or ideas about how to support this initiative, reach out to Jen Murphy at jennifer.murphy@nobida.org.

Fans of the initiative and those eager to chip in to support our efforts, purchase our trendy merch items to raise funds and build awareness across our region!

Buy New Merch to Help Build Participating Library's Collections

Celebrating Dolly Parton's Literacy Efforts



Last month, we were sad to learn of Dolly Parton's passing. Her commitment to getting books in the hands of young readers is an inspiration. We are honored that her [Imagination Library](#) sponsored a portion of our Read-A-Thon program and resources last spring.

Her inspiration to increase children's access to books was a personal mission linked to familial literacy challenges.

"Through her Dollywood Foundation, Parton created the Imagination Library in 1995 as a tribute to her father, who felt shame over his inability to read or write, something she believed prevented him from realizing his dreams. "Inspiring kids to love to read became my passion and my mission," she said in a welcome video on the [program's website](#), noting that books often inspire children's dreams for their future, and "if you can read you can teach yourself anything." (publishersweekly.com)

Read more about Dolly's literacy legacy!

[Dolly's Imagination Library's Literacy Legacy](#)

[Imagination Library's Inspiring Impact](#)

[Learn More About IDA of Northern Ohio](#)

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