



Fall 2025 Member Newsletter

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Greetings, NOBIDA Community Members.

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, and NOBIDA is sponsoring multiple activities to build awareness. We invite you to join our advocacy! Continue reading for all the details.



- **On October 9th at 6:30 PM, we will host our Annual OPEN Board Meeting, featuring a FREE dyslexia simulation with our team.** [Join us at the Educational Service Center of Northeast Ohio](#) to learn more about our board work and gain an “hands-on” understanding of dyslexia.
- **We are eager to see you at our upcoming 37th Annual Symposium!**
Early bird registration is open and runs through Oct. 15th. [Register today!](#)
- **SAVE the DATE, March 7, 2026**, for our all-new Read-a-Thon Event at John Carroll University in University Heights, OH! Stay tuned for details.

Go red with NOBIDA and [reach out](#) with any questions!

Jen Scaffidi
Board President

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month!

How will you go RED for Dyslexia?

We've scheduled the following local landmark buildings will be lit red for dyslexia awareness throughout October! Stay tuned and check them out.

[Rock and Roll Hall of Fame](#) in downtown Cleveland
[Terminal Tower](#) in downtown Cleveland
[WesBanco Tower](#) in Youngstown
[Ariel Foundation Park](#) in Mount Vernon



Thursday, October 9th: Annual Open Board Meeting and FREE Dyslexia Simulation

Open Board Meeting & Dyslexia Simulation

Introducing our all-new, wonderful, and FREE Dyslexia Toolkit developed by our talented Board of Directors.

Our easy-to-access Dyslexia Toolkit is full of resources for parents, teachers, specialists, and advocates alike. We are proud to share this with our community and encourage you to use it!

NOBIDA'S Dyslexia Toolkit

Coming soon! NOBIDA MERCH in our all-new merchandise store.

Stay tuned to our social media feed and email blast for purchase information

37th Annual Symposium

Register Now! Early Bird pricing ends October 15th!

Join Us!

Friday, November 14, 2025

8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Walsh University | North Canton, Ohio



In person: 4 Contact Hours

*Virtual Presentations:
Up to 6 Contact Hours*

Learn More and Register
noh.dyslexiaida.org



Celebrating Differences

Literacy That Empowers Every Learner

IDA of Northern Ohio 37th Annual Symposium

IN-PERSON PRESENTATIONS

*When Students Don't Make Sufficient
Progress in Reading Interventions*



Dr. Carolyn
Denton

*Literacy in Math: A Focus on
Vocabulary and Word Problems*



Dr. Sarah
Powell

*Twice Exceptional: Empowering Gifted
Students with Dyslexia to Thrive*



Dr. Amanda
Nickerson

Discount hotel rate of \$99 per night at Hilton Garden Inn, 5251 Landmark Blvd., North Canton, Ohio 44720
330-966-4907 | Rooms are blocked under NOBIDA

VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS

MTSS: Building Systems That Empower Every Learner
Dr. Stephanie Stollar

**Word Problem Problems? A Focus on Routine and Directive
Word Problems**
Dr. Sarah Powell

**Assessment as a Tool for Empowerment: A Parent's Guide to
Participating in Literacy Evaluations**
Dr. Jennifer Murphy

**The Cognitive Science of Retention: Helping Students with
Dyslexia Remember What They Learn**
Angie Schaal, Ed.S.

Getting Personal with the Science of Reading
Julie Hicks, M.Ed

**Sound Foundations: The Latest Research of Teaching
Phonemic Awareness and Phonics to Empower All Learners**
Dr. Sarah Cooley

Dyslexia 101: A Parents' Primer on All Things Dyslexia
Sue Grzybowski, MBA

**Both/And: BOTH Meeting Students Where They Are AND
Supporting Core Classroom Learning**
Maggie Hatcher, M.Ed., MAEL, W.D.P., ODEW

**The Power of the Pen: How the Reciprocal Relationship of
Writing and Reading Builds Brain Pathways**
Amanda Upp

Scholarship Winners Chosen!

Congratulations to our 2025 Jean Armus Symposium Scholarship Winners!
We are proud to offer funding for 10 attendees to our Symposium in November.

Ohio's Dyslexia Report

The OH Department of Workforce and Education recently released its 23'-24' Dyslexia Law Report. The report provides an overview of the Dyslexia Laws, implementation data, outcomes, and further recommendations.

[Read Updates and the Full Report on the NOBIDA Blog](#)

Multisensory Math Summer Course Review

Multisensory Math I & II: Summer 2025



International
DYSLEXIA
Association®
Northern Ohio

with Marilyn Zecher

NOBIDA proudly welcomed Marilyn Zecher back to Northern Ohio for her ever-popular, always inspiring multisensory math courses. Find all the details on the NOBIDA blog.

[Multisensory Math Course Recap](#)

University of Akron's Center for Structured Literacy Summer Institute

We welcomed over 200 educators from across Ohio, along with the Center for Structured Literacy and Akron Public Schools, for our first Summer Institute on July 30, 2025.

Highlights include:

- A Keynote address by national expert, [Dr. Jan Hasbrouck](#)
- Seventeen outstanding breakout sessions led by experts in structured literacy
- An [MTSS](#) panel featuring three Ohio school districts excelling in this important area
- Vendors offering a variety of literacy products

[Learn More: University of Akron's Center for Structured Literacy](#)



Keynote speaker Dr. Jan Hasbrouck