



Spring 2026 Member Newsletter

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Happy Spring!

Thank you, NOBIDA community members, who joined and contributed to our Read-A-Thon fundraiser in March! We hope many more will join in the event next year and help NOBIDA continue building community and dyslexia awareness.



Structured Literacy and the Science of Reading remain in the news. We are enthusiastic about Ohio's strides in ensuring that ALL students have access to literacy skill development.

Advocacy is the key to increased literacy and dyslexia awareness. Our Board and Advisory Council work diligently to serve our northern OH community and beyond. Your support helps NOBIDA lead advocacy efforts and build awareness through educational programming and events.

Read about NOBIDA's ongoing efforts on our blog.

NOBIDA Advocacy and Ohio's Path to Increased Literacy

Read on for details on our Summer 3 Day Wilson Introduction Course in August!

"Save the Date" for our 38th Annual Symposium, [Aligning the Work: MTSS, Dyslexia, and Academic Success](#), featuring keynote speaker [Stephanie Stollar](#) and multiple breakout sessions on Monday, November 2, 2026, at the University of Akron.

Enjoy our latest news and remember to like and follow NOBIDA on [FB](#), [Instagram](#), and [LinkedIn](#) for our most recent updates.

Until Everyone Can Read...

Jen Scaffidi
NOBIDA Board President

Read-A-Thon Overview

Thank YOU, Attendees and Donors!

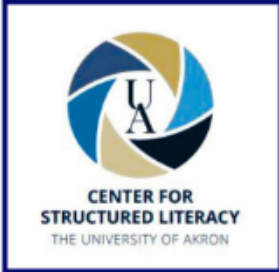
**READ-A-THON
FOR DYSLEXIA**

NOBIDA's 1st Annual Read-A-Thon for Dyslexia event included a full day of awareness building and community engagement!

Event proceeds will support our continued advocacy efforts. We appreciate your support and look forward to next year's event.



University of Akron - Center for Structured Literacy Book Study and Monthly Book Giveaway



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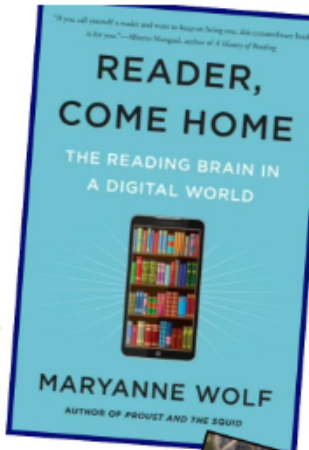
Book Study

Contact Hours available

2nd Tuesdays
January - May

4:00 - 5:00pm


Virtual
Zoom link will be sent to registrants




**READER,
COME HOME**
THE READING BRAIN IN
A DIGITAL WORLD


MARYANNE WOLF
AUTHOR OF *PROUST AND THE SQUID*

Maryanne Wolf will be the Keynote Speaker for our UA CSL Summer Literacy Institute July 2026



REGISTER NOW


 [UA Center for Structured Literacy](#)



**International
DYSLEXIA
Association™**
Northern Ohio

Book Giveaway

1 winner every month from January to May!



To become eligible to win, simply join our UA-Center for Structured Literacy Book Study that will meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month from January to May. We will be reading Dr. Maryanne Wolf's *Reader Come Home* in preparation for her keynote address at our Summer Literacy Institute (July 28th). There will be a different book given away each month!

REGISTER NOW

We encourage you to take a chance on our monthly book raffle in support of U of Akron's [Center for Structured Literacy's Book Club](#)! Each month, we've raffled off a literacy-focused book.

Enter today! Maybe you'll be our final raffle winner during the second week of May!

Enter to Win!

Join the Book Study!

IDA Membership Drive: "Spring Forward"

Explore the Change You Can Create

Do you know your membership status?

Our newsletters reach many of you because you have either signed up to receive them or created an account to attend a NOBIDA program. Though getting our latest news is helpful, an official IDA membership provide access to premium membership opportunities!

[Membership Benefits List](#)

[Check Your Membership Status](#)

If you have never made it official or if you've not renewed in a few years, it's time!

IDA is proud to offer a new member discount (use code **SPRING 15 on the **More Information** page of checkout) now through May 15, 2026!**

We know that change starts with informed educators and advocates like you.

This spring, take the first step toward creating meaningful change for individuals with dyslexia.

Spring Forward with IDA to explore the change you can create through knowledge, community, and evidence-based practices.



[👉 Join IDA today!](#)

Become a member between April 1 and May 15 and use the **SPRING15 discount code on the **More Information** page for 15% off your membership!**

Read OH Literacy Academy



Literacy Academy 2026

June 3-4, 2026

The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's 2026 Read Ohio Literacy Academy will take place **June 3 and 4 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center**. This year's theme, *Integrating Systems for Student Success*, will feature sessions focused on advancing literacy across Ohio and a dedicated track on teacher leadership.

The event offers professional learning to support the use of evidence-based language and literacy practices.

Registration is now open.

Find All the Details and Register!

University of Akron's Center for SL's 2nd Annual Summer Literacy Institute

Attend and learn about the role of digital literacy and AI at the University of Akron this summer!



Deep Reading in a Digital World: Cultivating Connection, Comprehension and Critical Thought

SECOND ANNUAL SUMMER LITERACY INSTITUTE

July 28, 2026, 9 a.m - 3:45 p.m.

The University of Akron Jean Hower Taber Student Union Ballroom and breakout classrooms on 3rd floor

Cost:

Registration before April 1, 2026: **\$100**

Registration after April 1, 2026: **\$125**

Keynote Speaker:

Maryanne Wolf, author of *Reader Come Home: The Reading Brain in a Digital World*.

Keynote Presentation Title:

Deep Reading in a Digital World: Cultivating Connection, Comprehension and Critical Thought

Closing Featured Session:

Tim Odegard and Megan Gierka, Science of Learning, Structured Literacy, and AI

Food Offerings:

Morning refreshments, lunch & snack

Come hear national literacy expert Maryanne Wolf, participate in amazing breakout sessions presented by local, regional and state experts and enjoy breakfast, lunch and many giveaways by vendors with your colleagues. We hope to see you there!

Contact mevans1@uakron.edu for more information.



REGISTRATION OPEN NOW
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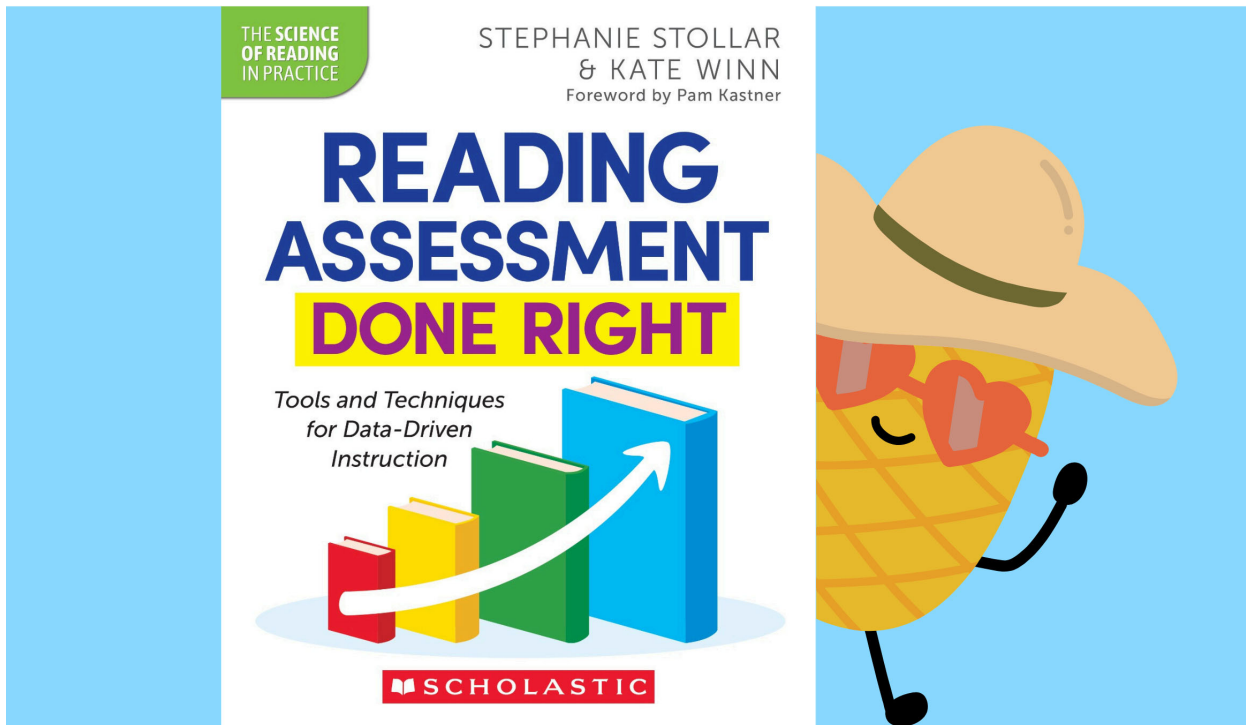
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Register Now and Share the Details!

Coming Soon! Stay Tuned for Details.

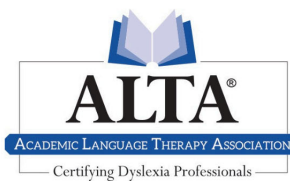
SUMMER

Book Study!



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Certifying Dyslexia Professionals

Summer Wilson Course



IDA -
NORTHERN
OHIO

WILSON
LANGUAGE TRAINING®

WILSON READING SYSTEM ADVANCED STRATEGIES FOR MSL GROUP INSTRUCTION

AUGUST 3, 4 & 5, 2026 | 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Summit County ESC | 420 Washington Avenue | Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

This three-day course provides strategies, modeling, and practice as participants learn about the critical aspects of WRS small-group instruction, including how to optimally deliver WRS Lesson Blocks 1, 2, and 3. Participants learn about advanced and differentiated instruction for students to further develop vocabulary, comprehension, and fluency skills. This course prepares participants to implement WRS in a small group setting, teaches how to properly monitor student progress, and provides the prerequisite for the WRS Group Mastery Practicum.

Instructor:

Ellen Brick, Wilson Certified Trainer

Cost to Attend:

\$650 Non-Members | \$625 IDA Members

Early Bird Discount available until
June 30, 2026: \$625

SCAN FOR COURSE OBJECTIVES & REGISTRATION FORM



PREREQUISITES

- WRS Level I Certification
- Bachelor's degree in education or a related field

GRADUATE CREDIT

One graduate credit (optional) is available through Fitchburg State University, Fitchburg, MA, upon completion of course requirements. Please see Process for Graduate Credit for details.

All cancellations must be submitted via email to contact.us@nobida.org.

Cancellations received on or before July 15, 2026 will receive a full refund. If payment was not yet made, any outstanding invoices will be adjusted accordingly. Cancellations received on or after July 16, 2026 will be subject to a \$50 cancellation fee.

Substitutions are allowed: Attendance may be transferred to another individual for the same program. If a non-member replaces a member, the difference in registration fees must be paid. If a member replaces a non-member, the price difference will be refunded or credited.

Please note: If you do not cancel by the deadline and do not attend, you are still responsible for payment.

<https://nobida.memberclicks.net/wilson-reading-system-advanced-strategies>

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