

Decoding Dyslexia Oregon Resources

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Websites – Oregon

- Oregon Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (ORBIDA) - www.orbida.org
- Washington Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (WABIDA) - www.wabida.org
- FACT-Oregon, Family and Community Together - factoregon.org
- OrFirst – Community Parent Resource Center - www.orfirst.org
- SESOR – Special Education Support for parents in Oregon - www.sesoregon.org

Websites - National

- Bookshare – bookshare.org
- Learning Ally - learningally.org
- Children’s Dyslexia Centers, Inc - childrensdyslexiacenters.org
- The International Dyslexia Association - interdys.org
- National Center for Learning Disabilities - nclid.org
- LD Online - LDonline.org
- Bright Solutions for Dyslexia - dys-add.com
- Wrightslaw Special Education Law and Advocacy - wrightslaw.com
- Dyslegia: A Legislative Information Site - dyslegia.com
- Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity - dyslexia.yale.edu
- Proactive Parent - proactiveparent.com
- Headstrong Nation - headstrongnation.org
- Project Gutenberg – gutenberg.org
- Dyslexia Training Institute – dyslexiatraininginstitute.org
- Smart Kids with Learning Disabilities - smartkidswithld.org
- Congressional Dyslexia Caucus - dyslexiacaucus-cassidy.house.gov
- One in Five Initiative – explore1in5.org
- Understood - understood.org

Films/Videos on Dyslexia

- Embracing Dyslexia - www.embracingdyslexia.com
- The Big Picture: Rethinking Dyslexia - www.thebigpicturemovie.com
- Dislecksia – The Movie - www.dislecksiamovie.com
- Journey Into Dyslexia - www.hbo.com/documentaries/journey-into-dyslexia#



Book Resources

- [**Overcoming Dyslexia: A New and Complete Science-Based Program for Reading Problems at Any Level**](#) by Sally Shaywitz, M.D.; Vintage (2005)
A great book that explains what dyslexia is and gives parents tools for helping their children become fluent readers. One of the most helpful and informative books that most parents read early in their journey that really open their eyes and pointed them in the right direction to seek the help their kids needed.
- [**Essentials of Assessment and Intervention**](#) by Nancy Mather & Barbara Wendling; John Wiley & Sons (2013)
A great book for **teachers** that provides practical step-by-step information on accurately identifying, assessing, and using evidence based interventions with individuals with dyslexia. Addressing the components that need to be considered in the assessment of both cognitive and academic – this book includes descriptions of the various tests used in a comprehensive dyslexia assessment along with detailed, evidence-based interventions that professionals and parents can use to help individuals struggling with dyslexia.
- [**The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan**](#) by Ben Foss; Ballantine Books (2013)
A great book for parents that gets down to the heart of the matter; how to empower children with dyslexia. The author from personal experience knows that our kids will learn to read and write, but it is their feeling of self-worth and empowerment that will facilitate their life long success. This is a must read!
- [**Parenting a Struggling Reader**](#) by Susan L. Hall and Louisa C. Moats; Broadway (2002)
This book helped explain how school systems work and provided real-world practical guidance on how to understand and work within the framework of the public school system. It also helped us understand the need to sometimes look outside public schools for additional resources.
- [**Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy: The Special Education Survival Guide**](#) by Pam Wright and Pete Wright; Harbor House Law Press (2006)
Realizing that your child has an LD (or any disability) can set parents off on a roller coaster of emotions. This fabulous book helped us distinguish facts from emotions in order to properly document the facts and best advocate for our daughter.
- [**The Human Side of Dyslexia: 142 Interviews with Real People Telling Real Stories About Their Coping Strategies with Dyslexia**](#) by Shirley Kurnoff; London Universal, (2001)
Just as the title says, this book is packed with real stories by people with dyslexia. While many books on dyslexia focus on the mechanics of the learning disability, this is the human story of the people who live with it. Through their stories we learn their strategies and tools for coping with the reading disability. Many of the stories are inspirational and will be a comfort to parents who worry about their child's future.
- [**The Brain That Changes Itself: Stories of Personal Triumph from the Frontiers of Brain Science**](#) by Norman Doidge; Penguin Books (2007)



An astonishing new science called “neuroplasticity” is overthrowing the centuries-old notion that the human brain is immutable. In this revolutionary look at the brain, psychiatrist and psychoanalyst Norman Doidge, M.D., provides an introduction to both the brilliant scientists championing neuroplasticity and the people whose lives they’ve transformed.

- [**The Dyslexic Advantage: Unlocking the Hidden Potential of the Dyslexic Brain**](#) by Brock L. Eide M.D. M.A. and Fernette F. Eide M.D., Plume (2012)
In this groundbreaking book, Brock and Fernette Eide explain how 20% of people—individuals with dyslexia—share a unique learning style that can create advantages in a classroom, at a job, or at home. Using their combined expertise in neurology and education, the authors show how these individuals not only perceive the written word differently but may also excel at spatial reasoning, see insightful connections that others simply miss, understand the world in stories, and display amazing creativity.
- [**Proust and the Squid: The Story and the Science of the Reading Brain**](#) by Maryanne Wolf (2008)
“In this ambitious, provocative book, Wolf chronicles the remarkable journey of the reading brain not only over the past five thousand years, since writing began, but also over the course of a single child's life, showing in the process why children with dyslexia have reading difficulties and singular gifts. ”
- [**LETRS**](#) by Louisa Moats
LETRS is a professional development series of books, workshops, and on-line courses for K-12 instruction in reading, spelling, and related language skills.
- [**Speech to Print: Essentials for Teachers**](#) by Louisa Cook Moats
This thorough and well-written book ties textbook theory to classroom practice, transcribing the process of learning how to read-from speech to print! Working through the exercises will enable you to recognize, understand, and solve problems that children encounter when learning to read and write. Self-tests are included within the chapters for you to rehearse the language skills presented. complete with case studies, field-tested lesson plans and their adaptations, and extensive appendices of answer keys, Speech to Print is your indispensable course in the art of language. (Amazon.com) Brookes Publishing Company. Moats, L.C. (2009).
- [**Multisensory Teaching of Basic Language Skills**](#) by Judith Birsh & Beverly J. Wolf
- [**Bringing Words to Life - Robust Vocabulary Instruction**](#) by Beck, McKeown and Kucan

Books - For Children

- All Kinds of Minds by Mel Levine
- It's Called Dyslexia by Jennifer Moore-Mallinos
- If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi? by Barbara Esham
- The Alphabet War: A Story About Dyslexia by Diane Burton Robb
- Tom's Special Talent by Kate Gaynor
- Thank You, Mr. Falker by Patricia Polacco

