

## Parent and Student Resources List: External to Portland Public Schools

### Parent Resources

#### Advocacy - Local

Decoding Dyslexia Oregon (Training, Events, Resources)

Website: [www.decodingdyslexiaor.org](http://www.decodingdyslexiaor.org)

Email: [info@decodingdyslexiaor.org](mailto:info@decodingdyslexiaor.org)

Fact Oregon (Training, Events, Resources)

113455 SE 97<sup>th</sup> Ave.

Clackamas, OR 97015

503-786-6082

Website: [www.factoregon.org](http://www.factoregon.org)

International Dyslexia Association

Oregon Branch

PO Box 2609

Portland, OR 97208-2609

Website: [www.or.dyslexiaida.org](http://www.or.dyslexiaida.org)

Email: [info@orbida.org](mailto:info@orbida.org)

#### Advocacy - National

Decoding Dyslexia

Website: <http://www.decodingdyslexia.net/>

International Dyslexia Association

Website: <https://dyslexiaida.org/>

Learning Disabilities Association of America

Website: <https://ldaamerica.org/>

Understood

Website: [www.understood.org/](http://www.understood.org/)

The Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity

Website: <http://www.dyslexia.yale.edu/dyslexiastraighttalk.html>

Assessment (Private) in the Portland Metro Area

The Children's Program (Assessment)

6443 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy

Suite 300

Portland, OR 97221

503-452-8002

Website: [www.theblossercenter.org](http://www.theblossercenter.org)

MindSights Psychological Testing and Assessment Services (Assessment)

516 SE Morrison St. Suite 400

Portland, OR 97214

Phone: 503-222-0707

Website: <http://www.mindsightspdx.com/>

Email: [MindSights@mindsightspdx.com](mailto:MindSights@mindsightspdx.com)

Northwest Reading Clinic, Inc. (Assessment, Tutoring)

Tigard Office

7000 SW Hampton

Tigard, OR 97223

Phone: (503) 620-2223

Website: [www.northwestreadingclinic.com/](http://www.northwestreadingclinic.com/)

PDX Reading Specialist (Assessment, Tutoring)

5285 SW Meadows RD #378

Lake Oswego, OR 97035

503-747-3491

Website: [www.pdxreadingspecialist.com](http://www.pdxreadingspecialist.com)

Email: [info@pdxreadingspecialist.com](mailto:info@pdxreadingspecialist.com)

## Books and Articles for Parents

- *The Dyslexic Advantage* by Brock L. Eide and Fernette F. Eide
- *The Dyslexia Empowerment Plan* by Ben Foss
- *The Gift of Dyslexia* by Ronald D. Davis
- *Overcoming Dyslexia* by Shelly Shaywitz

*10 things About Dyslexia Every Teacher Needs to Know* by Nickola Wolf Nelson, Ph.D:  
<https://www.weareteachers.com/things-about-dyslexia-every-teacher-needs/>

*Auditory Processing - What is it? (Hearing and Processing)* by Lori Riggs, MA, CCC/SLP:  
<http://www.nacd.org/auditory-processing-what-is-it-hearing-vs-processing/>

*Distinctive Brain Pattern May Underlie Dyslexia* by Anne Trafton of MIT News Office, dated December 21, 2016:  
<http://news.mit.edu/2016/distinctive-brain-pattern-may-underlie-dyslexia-1221>

*Why Dyslexia is More Than a Reading Disorder* by Alice Park of TIME, dated December 21, 2016:  
<http://time.com/4608060/dyslexia-reading-disorder/>

## Tutors (Private)

The Blosser Center for Dyslexia Resources (Tutoring and Summer School)  
1907 NE 45<sup>th</sup> Ave  
Portland, OR 97213  
503-234-4060  
Website: [www.theblossercenter.org](http://www.theblossercenter.org)  
Email: [info@theblossercenter.org](mailto:info@theblossercenter.org)

Bright Solutions for Dyslexia (Curriculum, Tutoring Referral, Training)  
Website: <http://www.dys-add.com/>

Susan Dassie (Tutoring)  
Notes: Uses Barton. Prior work experience at Park Academy.  
Phone: (921) 285-7360  
Email: [sdassise@gmail.com](mailto:sdassise@gmail.com)

Language Skills Therapy (O-G Tutor Referrals)  
10700 SW Beaverton Hillsdale Hwy., Suite 470-2  
Beaverton, OR 97005  
Phone: 503.924.3157  
Website: <http://www.languageskillstherapy.org/>  
Email: [info@languageskillstherapy.org](mailto:info@languageskillstherapy.org)

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#### Videos and other Web Resources

*Assistive Technology for Dyslexia -- What assistive technology and apps can help kids with dyslexia?* Join Jamie Martin, assistive technology consultant and Understood expert, for this expert chat to find out.

Weblink: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=97dgzDTza3w>

*Misunderstood Minds*, a companion site to the PBS special on learning differences and disabilities. Experience a decoding activity (simulation):  
<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/experiences/readexp1a.html>.

Weblink: <http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/misunderstoodminds/>

## **Student Resources**

### Assistive Technology

**Bookshare** is the largest online library of accessible books in the world. All of its books are digital and can be read aloud with text-to-speech

(<https://www.understood.org/en/school-learning/assistive-technology/assistive-technologies-basics/text-to-speech-technology-what-it-is-and-how-it-works>).

Website: <https://www.bookshare.org/>

**Easy Spelling Aid** is a simple spelling app that gives children and adults alike a quick and easy way to find out the spelling of a word, translate words to and from English, or other languages, and helps dyslexic learners with specific cognitive difficulties with the aid of the 'OpenDyslexic' font and colour overlays.

Website: <http://www.easyspellingaid.com/>

**Learning Ally** is a nonprofit providing dyslexia support through audiobooks and parent support services.

Website: <https://www.learningally.org/>

**Nessy** has a different approach to teaching children with dyslexia. Through games, videos and worksheets, Nessy helps rebuild lost confidence.

Website: <https://www.nessy.com/us/>

**Talking Books and Braille Library (State of Oregon)** is available for those with dyslexia. It is a FREE resource to request books on audio. Possible that you can request textbooks on audio. To access, you will need a doctor's note and to download the **BARD Enrollment application**: <https://nlsbard.loc.gov/NLS/ApplicationInstructions.html>.

### *Talking Books State Library*

250 Winter St NE

Salem, OR 97301

Toll-Free: 800-452-0292 (in state)

Phone: 503-378-5389

Website: <http://www.oregon.gov/osl/talkingbooks/pages/index.aspx>

Email: [talkingbooks.info@state.or.us](mailto:talkingbooks.info@state.or.us)

**TalkTyper** is a simple online dictation tool. When kids speak into their computer mic, the tool types out what they are saying.

Website: <https://talktyper.com/>

**Tumblebooks** is animated picture books online.

Website: <https://www.tumblebooks.com/>

**Quizlet** is a study tool that lets students create electronic flashcards. Lots of kids may enjoy Quizlet, but it has features that are especially helpful for kids with reading issues.

Website: <https://quizlet.com/>

### Children and Young Adult Books

- *The Alphabet War: A Story About Dyslexia* by Diane Burton Robb and Gail Piazza
- *Author: A True Story* by Helen Lester
- *Close to Famous* by Joan Bauer
- *Eleven* by Patricia Riley Giff
- *Fish in a Tree* by Lynda Mullaly Hunt
- *Hank Zipzer: The World's Greatest Underachiever*, a series by Henry Winkler and Lin Oliver
- *If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi?* by Barbara Esham
- *It's Called Dyslexia* by Jennifer Moore
- *The Lightning Thief* and others in the series by Rick Riordan
- *My Name is Brain* by Jeanne Betancourt
- *Tacky the Penguin* by Helen Lester
- *Thank you, Mr. Faulker* by Patricia Pollacco
- *Two-Minute Drill: Mike Lupica's Amazing Comeback Kids* by Mike Lupica
- *Trapped* by Judy Spurr
- *What is Dyslexia?: A Book Explaining Dyslexia for Kids and Adults to Use Together* by Alan M. Hultquist
- *The Vicar of Nibbleswick* by Roald Dahl

### Videos and Websites

*The Amazing World of Dyslexia* -- Partnering with the founder of The Dyslexia Think Tank, Rose Kuntz created this visual story of her children's book "Mommy, why is it so hard for me to read?" Weblink:

[https://vimeo.com/39375191?fb\\_action\\_ids=10153316598074172&fb\\_action\\_types=og.shares&fb\\_source=other\\_multiline&action\\_object\\_map=%5B789193397838382%5D&action\\_type\\_map=%5B%22og.shares%22%5D&action\\_ref\\_map=%5B%5D](https://vimeo.com/39375191?fb_action_ids=10153316598074172&fb_action_types=og.shares&fb_source=other_multiline&action_object_map=%5B789193397838382%5D&action_type_map=%5B%22og.shares%22%5D&action_ref_map=%5B%5D)

*Dyslexiaville* is the first media company for kids with learning and attention issues.

Website: <https://dyslexiaville.com/>

- Peggy Stern on creating Dyslexiaville:  
[https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story\\_fbid=1310252689024881&id=365980010118825](https://m.facebook.com/story.php?story_fbid=1310252689024881&id=365980010118825)

## TED Talks

- *Overcoming Dyslexia, Finding Your Passion*: Piper Otterbein at TEDxYOUTH@CEHS, Weblink: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=ugFIHHom1NU>
- *Stop Climbing Start Swimming: The hidden advantages of Dyslexia*: Jonathan Buchanan at TEDxWarwickED, Weblink: <https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=VIIbeqMGB3o>

## Well Known People with Dyslexia

### *Major Figures of Present Day*

- Anne Bancroft (dyslexia), Actor
- Harry Belafonte (dyslexia), Entertainer
- Michael Bennett (dyslexia), U.S. Senator From Colorado
- Tony Bennett (dyslexia), Musician
- Erin Brockovich-Ellis (dyslexia), Advocate
- Carol Moseley Braun (dyslexia), former U.S. Senator From Illinois
- Richard Branson (dyslexia), Business mogul and founder of the Virgin Group
- Michelle Carter (dyslexia and ADHD), Olympic Gold Medal Winner in Shotgun
- Cher (dyslexia), Actor and singer
- Anderson Cooper (dyslexia), CNN news anchor
- Barbara Corcoran (dyslexia), Real-estate mogul
- Tom Cruise (dyslexia), Actor
- Walt Disney (dyslexia, creator of Mickey Mouse and Disneyland)
- Ben Foss (dyslexia), Inventor of the Intel Reader
- Whoopi Goldberg (dyslexia), Actor, comedian and talk show host
- Salma Hayek (dyslexia), Actor
- Goldie Hawn (dyslexia), Actor
- Tommy Hilfiger (dyslexia), Fashion designer
- Jewel (dyslexia), Singer
- Daymond John (dyslexia), Investor and founder of FUBU
- Magic Johnson (dyslexia), Basketball Hall of Fame
- Ingvar Kamprad (dyslexia), Founder of IKEA
- Keira Knightly (dyslexia), Actor
- Dannel Malloy (dyslexia), Governor of Connecticut
- Kendrick Meek (dyslexia), former U.S. Representative From Florida
- Jamie Oliver (dyslexia), Celebrity chef
- Paul Orfalea (dyslexia and ADHD), Founder of Kinko's
- Ozzy Osborne (dyslexia and ADHD), Musician
- Gavin Newson (dyslexia), Lieutenant Governor of California
- Dave Reichert (dyslexia), former U.S. Representative From Washington
- Charles Schultz (dyslexia), creator of the comic Peanuts
- Charles Schwab (dyslexia), Businessman and investor
- Octavia Spencer (dyslexia), Actor
- Carly Simon (dyslexia), Musician
- Stephen Spielberg (dyslexia), Director
- Brent Sopel (dyslexia), former NHL hockey player
- Joss Stone (dyslexia), Singer

- Diane Swonk (dyslexia), Economist and author
- Tim Tebow (dyslexia), former NFL Quarterback
- Henry Winkler (dyslexia and math issues), Actor and Author

*Major Figures from the Past*

- Muhammad Ali (dyslexia), World Heavyweight Champion Boxer (1942-2016)
- Alexander Graham Bell (dyslexia), Inventor (1847-1922)
- Agatha Christie (dyslexia and dysgraphia), Author (1890-1976)
- Thomas Edison (dyslexia and ADHD), Inventor (1847-1931)
- Albert Einstein (dyslexia), Theoretical physicist (1879-1955)
- Henry Ford (dyslexia), Industrial revolutionist (1863-1947)
- John F. Kennedy (dyslexia), 35th President of the United States (1917-1963)
- Pablo Picasso (dyslexia), Artist (1881-1973)
- Leonardo da Vinci (dyslexia and ADHD), Artist and inventor (1452-1519)