

Book Resource List

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These resources can be found in the Collie Library at Neuhaus Education Center or at your local library or bookstore. These books are helpful for families to learn about important issues in the area of learning disabilities, especially dyslexia.

Recommendations for Families Affected by Dyslexia

For Kids	
Robby the Dyslexic Taxi Lynn Greenberg, 2023 Ages: 4-8	This delightful story is about a taxi with dyslexia who must deliver his passenger to the airport on time. There is just one problem: Robby can't read the street signs. How will he get his passenger to the airport on time if his dyslexia is putting the brakes on his trip? The book follows Robby as he uses his creative skills to overcome his learning differences to complete his task.
A Walk in the Words Hudson Talbott, 2021 Ages: 6-8	This story is based on the author's childhood difficulties with reading and how he made peace with words.
Thank you, Mr. Falker Patricia Polacco, 1998 Ages: 5-10	This autobiographical picture book narrative will evoke empathy and help children to see how painful teasing and bullying can be for someone with any kind of a learning difference. Mr. Falker is a true hero in this book.
My Name is Brain/Brian Jeanne Betancourt, 1993 Ages: 6-10	Struggling with problems that the kids in his class see as clowning around, such as mixing things up and spelling letters backwards, Brian learns he has dyslexia and suffers peer teasing when his friends do not understand. A good one for siblings to read to gain empathy.
The Alphabet War: A Story About Dyslexia Diane Burton Robb and Gail Piazza, 2004 Ages: 5-9	A story about a boy with dyslexia in the first grade whose teacher wanted him to put the letters into words so he could read. That was the beginning of the Alphabet War. Almost everyone in his class was learning to read, but Adam was fighting a war against the letters.
It's Called Dyslexia Jennifer Moore-Mallinos Ages: 5-9 2007	Sarah is unhappy and she no longer enjoys school. After she discovers that dyslexia is the reason for her trouble, she begins to understand that with extra practice and help from others, her reading

	and writing will improve. At the same time, she discovers a hidden talent she never knew existed.
A Kid's Book About Dyslexia Sarah Travers Ages: 5-9 2024	This book helps kids aged 5-9 understand the ins and outs of dyslexia. The author shares her own experience with dyslexia and school, how to develop self-advocacy and adaptability, and the beauty that can come from thinking outside the box.
The Adventures of Everyday Geniuses: Series Barbara Esham, 2008-2018 Ages: 7-11	a. Free Association, Where My Mind Goes During Science Class b. b. Stacey Coolidge's Fancy Smancy Cursive Handwriting c. Mrs. Gorski, I Think I Have the Wiggle Fidgets d. If You're So Smart, How Come You Can't Spell Mississippi? e. Keep Your Eye on the Prize f. Last to Finish, A Story About the Smartest Boy in Math Class
Hank Zipzer Series Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver, 2004-2019 Ages: 7-11	A seventeen-book series Hank Zipzer is smart, creative, and funny. He wants to do well in school. He tries not to be lazy, like his parents claim he is. This series is about his adventures to understand others and help them understand him.
Here's Hank Series Henry Winkler & Lin Oliver, 2019 Ages: 7-11	More stories about Hank Zipzer that kids can relate to. This series is printed in the “dyslexia” font designed to make letters more distinct.
The Lightning Thief Series Rick Riordan, 2006 Ages: 8 and up 2006	Perseus "Percy" Jackson is a twelve-year-old New Yorker who has dyslexia and ADHD. For reasons unknown, he often finds himself in unique situations that get him kicked out of school. He discovers his superpowers when he learns that he is the son of the Greek god Poseidon. It is up to him to save the world from an impending war between the gods.
Welcome Back, Maple Mehta-Cohen Kate McGovern, 2021 Ages: 9-12	This is a story about a smart girl with an impressive vocabulary who is trying to keep the secret that she can't read and will now have to repeat 5 th grade.
Fish in a Tree Linda Mullaly Hunt, 2017 Ages: 9 and up	“Everybody is smart in different ways. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its life believing it is stupid.” Ally has been smart enough to fool a lot of smart people. Every time

	she lands in a new school, she is able to hide her inability to read by creating clever yet disruptive distractions. In this story, she discovers that there is a lot more to her—and to everyone—than a label, and that great minds don't always think alike.
Dr. Dyslexia Dude Dr. Shawn Robinson Ages: 8 and up	Superhero graphic novel Doctor Dyslexia Dude is an autobiographical and compelling story of an African American boy who is also a colorful superhero with dyslexia
Two-Minute Drills Mike Lupica, 2009 Ages: 8-12	Chris Conlan is the coolest kid in sixth grade? The golden-armed quarterback of the football team and the boy all the others look up to. Scott Parry is the new kid, the boy with the huge brain, but with feet that trip over themselves. These two boys may seem like an odd couple, but each has a secret that draws them together, and proves that the will to succeed is even more important than raw talent.
Dyslexia Explained https://www.amazon.com/Dyslexia-Explained-Without-Need-Words/dp/0956004229 Mike Jones, 2015 Ages: 8-12	'Dyslexia Explained' is designed for parents and teachers to read with children to help them understand dyslexia. Illustrated, fun, and easy to read.
Joey Pigza Series Jack Gantos Ages: 8-11 ADHD	Joey Pigza's got heart, he's got a mom who loves him, and he's got "dud meds," which is what he calls the Ritalin pills that are supposed to even out his wild mood swings. Sometimes Joey makes bad choices. He learns the hard way that he shouldn't stick his finger in the pencil sharpener, or swallow his house key, or run with scissors.
Looking for Heroes: One Boy, One Year, 100 Letters Aidan Colvin, 2016 Ages: 11 and up	Reading quickly and accurately is often the key to success in school. Without it, many dyslexics struggle and fail. Some, however, go on to achieve wild success. Aidan Colvin, a high school student with dyslexia, decides to write 100 letters to successful adults with dyslexia. He is genuinely surprised when people write back. This book features letters from John Irving (writer), Ann Bancroft (arctic explorer), Delos Cosgrove (surgeon and CEO), Thomas Sayre (sculptor), Phillip Schultz (poet) and others.

Parents and Educators	
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Overcoming Dyslexia (2nd edition) Sally Shaywitz, 2020	An essential and comprehensive source for parents and for teachers, this comprehensive and practical book helps us understand, identify, and overcome reading problems related to dyslexia.
The Dyslexic Advantage: Unlocking the Hidden Potential of the Dyslexic Brain (revised) Drs Brock & Fernet Eide, 2023	Provides invaluable advice on how parents, educators, and individuals with dyslexia can recognize and use the strengths of the dyslexic learning style in the following areas: material reasoning (used by architects and engineers); interconnected reasoning (scientists and designers), narrative reasoning (novelists and lawyers); and dynamic reasoning (economists and entrepreneurs).
From ABC to ADHD: What Every Parent Should Know About Dyslexia and Attention Problems Eric Q. Tridas, 2007	Written by an experienced team of physicians and neuropsychologists, this essential guide walks parents through topics that include the role of attention in reading; the causes of ADHD and dyslexia; and a range of instructional, behavioral, and medical management strategies, including a detailed analysis of medications and their side effects.
Conquering Dyslexia: A Guide to Early Detection and Intervention for Teachers and Families Jan Hasbrouck, 2020	Dr. Hasbrouck shares the instructional approaches that work best for children with dyslexia, and the most current information for parents so they can advocate for their children and communicate with educators effectively.
Raising a Child with Dyslexia: What Every Parent Needs to Know Don Winn, 2019	Written from the perspective of someone who grew up with dyslexia and raised a child with dyslexia, this book offers a unique peek into the mind of someone with experience. As an expert, the author lays out clear guidelines for promoting healthy development despite challenges.
Wrightslaw: From Emotions to Advocacy: The Special Education Survival Guide https://www.amazon.com/Wrightslaw-Emotions-Advocacy-Education-Survival/dp/1892320096 Peter W.D. Wright & Pamela Darr Wright, 2006	The Wrights are well-known for their seminars preparing parents for engaging with the system by explaining education law and for sharing strategies and information about advocating for children's educational rights.
Thinking Differently: An Inspiring Guide for Parents of Children with Learning Disabilities	An innovative, comprehensive guide to help parents understand and accept learning disabilities in their children, offering tips and

https://www.amazon.com/Thinking-Differently-Inspiring-Children-Disabilities/dp/0062225936 David Flink, 2014	strategies for successfully advocating on their behalf and helping them become their own best advocates.
From High School to College: Steps to Success for Students with Disabilities Elizabeth Hamblet, 2017	College is a different world from high school, and the laws, expectations, and culture around disability services and accommodations are different, too. Elizabeth Hamblet, a Columbia University Learning Specialist/Consultant and recognized transition speaker and writer, has written a one-of-a-kind, step-by-step guide that is an essential resource for college-bound students, their families, and the special educators and school counselors who work with them.
Mindset: The New Psychology of Success Carol Dweck, 2007	From the renowned psychologist who introduced the world to “growth mindset” comes this updated edition of the million-copy bestseller—featuring transformative insights into redefining success, building lifelong resilience, and supercharging self-improvement.
A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future Daniel Pink, 2006	The future belongs to a different kind of person with a different kind of mind: artists, inventors, storytellers-creative and holistic "right-brain" thinkers whose abilities mark the fault line between who gets ahead and who doesn't.
Your Hidden Superpowers: How the Whole Truth of Failure Can Change Our Lives Becca North, 2018	The author rewrites the story we tell ourselves about failure. She puts forth a captivating vision of how shifting our view of failure would change how we lead our lives, yielding profound benefits for us as individuals and as a society.
Undiagnosed: The Ugly Side of Dyslexia Ameer Baraka, 2022	This memoir by Emmy-nominated actor Ameer Baraka depicts how coming of age in the murderous streets of 1980s New Orleans collided with an unrecognized learning difference. Incarcerated for manslaughter at the age of fourteen, Ameer must reconcile his past with the will to persevere through the misconception that he's unable to learn.

Podcasts	
Sold a Story Emily Hanford	There's an idea about how children learn to read that's held sway in schools for more than a generation — even though it was proven

	wrong by cognitive scientists decades ago. Teaching methods based on this idea can make it harder for children to learn how to read. In this podcast, host Emily Hanford investigates the influential authors who promote this idea and the company that sells their work. It's an exposé of how educators came to believe in something that isn't true and are now reckoning with the consequences — children harmed, money wasted, an education system upended.
Literacy Now Parents for Reading Justice	
Amplify: The Science of Reading Podcast	Science of Reading: The Podcast delivers the latest insights from researchers and practitioners in early reading. Each episode takes a conversational approach and explores a timely topic related to the Science of Reading
The Reading League Podcast	
Literacy Talks	