

Resources on Reading Differences

Note: The resources below are generally reputable and reliable. They are by no means the only resources available. This list does not constitute an endorsement of any particular resource.

Organizations/Websites

International Dyslexia Association (IDA) (interdys.org)

This website has a wealth of information about dyslexia and other reading difficulties, help with diagnosing, resources, etc.

Academy of Orton-Gillingham Providers and Educators (AOGPE)(www.ortonacademy.org/)

The Academy (as it's known) is the oldest and most prestigious of the organizations that certify Orton-Gillingham teachers and trainers. Although less thorough than the IDA site, the information is helpful.

LD Online (www.ldonline.org)

This is a general website with information about learning disabilities (ld), diagnoses, helpful tools, etc.

Reading Rockets (www.readingrockets.org)

Aimed mainly at elementary school aged children, this website is also good for general information. The videos can be especially helpful in explaining how brain research contributes to our knowledge of why reading is difficult for some people.

National Centre of Literacy and Numeracy for Adults, a New Zealand website with some useful videos. (www.literacyandnumeracyforadults.com/resources/355696)

Everyone Reading (formerly the NY Branch of the International Dyslexia Association) (Everyonereading.org)

This New York City based organization often posts useful workshops. While most are in the greater NYC region, some are available on line. The organization's spring conference hosts many useful workshops and displays different providers of tools for learning disabled students.

The Yale Center for Dyslexia and Creativity (<http://dyslexia.yale.edu/index.html>).

Leading research on dyslexia is being done at this center, which is headed by Doctors Bennett and Sally Shaywitz (see Shaywitz's book below). The site covers advice for students, parents, educators, and contains information about policy and advocacy.

Videos

"Demystifying Dyslexia," a WNED production, is available on YouTube at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4A-pcJkKzRE>.

“How Difficult Can This Be?”

This video is available in the SUNY-Adirondack library and shows direct evidence of what it is like to be a learning-disabled student in a standard classroom. DVD LC4704 .H68 2004. Instructors may check out this video; others must view it in the library.

Journals

Perspectives on Language and Literacy, a publication of the International Dyslexia Society, is available through JSTOR.

The Annals of Dyslexia is a technical research journal, also published by the International Dyslexia Society.

Journal of Adolescent and Adult Literacy, a publication of the International Reading Association, is available through JSTOR.

Books

Sally Shawitz, *Overcoming Dyslexia*, is currently one of the leading books in the field.

Philip Schulz, *My Dyslexia* is a memoir of a dyslexic author (who is also a Pulitzer Prize winner).

Marianne Wolf's *Proust and the Squid* is a popular (as opposed to technical) book on how the brain works and why some brains process print more efficiently than others.