

Ohio Valley Branch Newsletter

October 2025

Last week at Oktoberfest, I was walking with my daughter Maddy, who has dyslexia. She mentioned “I hate all these signs without the logos, I can’t tell where everything is!” For someone with Dyslexia, a common sign with similar font and colors can be daunting. It helps her when there are different colors and pictures to figure things out quickly. This example led me back to our Chapter meeting in September. Carmen Mendoza shared with us her heart as upcoming President to grow our branch. She wants to grow not only practitioners in the field of dyslexia but also parents and families who help people with dyslexia. Together we can be stronger! Consider rejoining, encouraging others to join IDA, or just join us for a chapter meeting to learn more about how we can help people thrive with dyslexia. -Christina Scheckel, Newsletter Chair



Scholarship Chair – Anne Leeman

OVBIDA has given out **\$6013** in scholarships for 2025. Pictured are Meghan Cline and Maria Leeman, who received their scholarship certificates at our September branch meeting. Additional awardees are Amy Heimkreiter, Caroline Kelly, and Joanna Forsha.

Parent Educator Chair – Nikki Sullivan

11.3.25- 6:30pm Springer School and Center

Sanding Down the Myths of ADHD: Facts & Strategies to Get Students Engaged

Amanda Conrad, PsyD

School Psychologist, Associate Professor of Pediatrics

Behavioral Medicine and Clinical Psychology

Cincinnati Children's

1.14.26- 6:30pm Springer School and Center

Drilling Down on Dyslexia & Specific Learning Disabilities (SLDs)

Quintino R. Mano, Ph.D.

Clinical Neuropsychologist

University of Cincinnati

Register at <https://www.springer-ld.org/parent-programs/>

	Upcoming Branch Meetings All meetings are 6-7 pm at Springer School Auditorium date icons from Flaticon.com	
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Nominating Chair – Cari Kelly

The Ohio Valley IDA Branch is Growing!

The Ohio Valley IDA is pleased to announce that new board positions will soon become available as our branch continues to expand. This expansion represents an incredible opportunity to strengthen our work and further our mission of supporting individuals with dyslexia and related reading differences.

We are looking for dedicated individuals who are passionate about making a difference and eager to share their talents, expertise, and energy with our community. These new roles will help guide the direction of our branch, expand outreach efforts, and create even more opportunities for individuals and families to thrive.

Keep an eye on your inbox—an email with details and a link to the Member Nomination Interest Survey will be sent out this month. Together, we can continue building a stronger, more impactful Ohio Valley IDA Branch. The following positions are up for election this November. We hope you'll join our initiative!

Membership Chair

Leads efforts to grow branch membership by creating and implementing recruitment strategies and fostering member engagement and retention.

Nominating Chair

Oversees the nomination process by identifying and evaluating potential Board members. Presents a slate of nominees for election—including Officers, upcoming Nominating Committee members, and candidates for any vacancies—to the Board.

Legislative Chair

Monitors state and federal legislation related to literacy. Builds connections with legislators, communicates about pending bills, and provides updates to the OVB Board.

Fundraising Chair

Advances OVB/IDA's mission by developing initiatives. Raises awareness of the branch's programs—such as workshops, parent support groups, and services for individuals with learning differences—while collaborating with the Communications Committee to expand outreach.

Publicity Chair / Social Media Chair

Promotes OVB/IDA by publicizing events, conferences, workshops, and resources for parents and educators. Partners with the Communications Committee to ensure consistent messaging and manages social media platforms to strengthen visibility and engagement.

Website Chair

Maintains and updates the OVB/IDA website to ensure accurate and timely information

about events, conferences, and resources. Coordinates with the Communications Committee to distribute communications to members and the community.

Membership Chair Nora Gokin	Memberships end every year July 31. Has your membership lapsed or do you need to update your email for membership communication? In the IDA website, choose membership then member portal. https://portal.dyslexiaida.org/IDAMemberResponsive/IDAMemberResponsive/Default.aspx
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