October 2026

Ohio Valley Branch Newsletter



October Virtual Conference - Sign Up Now

Registration closes October 23

Members $75 and Non-members $115 for 6 hours

What an exciting season it is to be part of our branch! As you'll see throughout this newsletter, we have a wonderful lineup of activities ahead of us.

First, thank you to our Board Members for the time, energy, and dedication you give to our branch. Your efforts make everything we do possible.

I also encourage each of you to get involved. Whether by volunteering, joining a committee, or attending an event, your participation strengthens our community and expands our impact.

Most importantly, I want our branch to be a place where everyone feels welcome and connected. If you're new, returning, or looking for ways to become more involved, please reach out. I'd love to hear from you.

Thank you for being part of the Ohio Valley Branch and for all you do to support the dyslexia community. I can't wait to see many of you at our upcoming events!
-Carmen Mendoza, President (admin.ovb@dyslexiaida.org)

October Fundraiser-

2 weeks ONLY

10/7-10/21

$20 a shirt



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October Fundraiser - Virtual Dyslexia Dash

10/1-10/17

Nominiations Chair - Karen Geiger

The Nominations Committee is excited to share that we will be looking for new board members in the coming months as we begin planning for the 2027–2028 year!

We will be seeking individuals interested in serving in the following positions:

- Secretary
- Conference Chair
- Legislation Chair

Be on the lookout for more information soon, including details about each position, responsibilities, and how to express your interest. We hope you'll consider bringing your talents, ideas, and passion to our board. We would love to have you join us!

Scholarship Chair - Anne Leeman

Current scholarship application window closes Oct. 18

2027 scholarship award application windows are:

October 19, 2026 - January 3, 2027

January 4 - July 5, 2027



Vice President - Cari Kelly

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month, and we are proud to celebrate the incredible individuals with dyslexia in our community. As an educator, parent, and individual with dyslexia, I know firsthand that dyslexia presents challenges, but it does not define our intelligence, potential, or ability to succeed. This month, we celebrate the strengths, determination, and accomplishments of individuals with dyslexia while continuing to advocate for early identification, evidence-based instruction, and access to the resources every learner deserves. See more of Cari's article on our website https://ohv.dyslexiaida.org/

Dec 9	Jan 26	April 11
Next Branch meeting at Springer School and Center 6-7pm	Experience Dyslexia	In person, Professional Development with Jamie Peavler

Member Spotlight



Newsletter Chair, Christina Scheckel participated in a mission trip to Durban, South Africa in August. She shared a lesson from Mount Saint Joseph's free online preschool program Project Ready with Build The Future preschool teachers. Their preschools provide education in English, food resources, and improve sanitation in primarily Zulu speaking areas of South Africa. Sharing the science of reading with these vibrant educators was both inspiring and fun. We found many similarities across cultures and learned that enthusiasm for teaching transcends borders, languages, and even time zones!

At the September 23 Branch meeting, we enjoyed a panel discussion about Navigating the IEP Process with panelists Bradley Paramore (school psychologist), Al Early (administrator, advocate), Cari Kelly (parent), and Jack Kelly (student). Thank you for sharing your expertise and experiences!





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