

**October 2015...Dyslexia Awareness
Month!**

Dyslexia is a learning disorder characterized by difficulty reading due to problems identifying speech sounds and learning how they relate to letters and words, despite having average or above average intelligence. One in five people have dyslexia, making it the most common learning disability.

Spoken language and reading have much in common - reading is a sound and language based process. This is often referred to as the "language-literacy connection." Often there are underlying language based reasons a child is having reading, writing and spelling difficulties. A language-literacy evaluation will determine the basis of your child's reading difficulties and lead to a remediation plan to move your child to become a successful reader and lifelong learner. If you have concerns about your child, call me - let's talk.

Happy Reading!



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5 Reasons to say Dyslexia



Schools do not want to use the term "[dyslexia](#)". Here are 5 strong reasons why we must say dyslexia! Please read and share.

Myths & Truths about Dyslexia

**"Oh, I didn't know you did that!"
is a phrase we often hear.**

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"Dyslexia is the most common learning disability," notes Sally E. Shaywitz, M.D., co-director of the Yale Center for Dyslexia & Creativity. It affects one in five kids, which means a typical classroom has at four to six dyslexic students who require diagnosis and targeted reading instruction, [Dr. Shaywitz](#) says.

Dyslexia Legislation



The grassroots group, Decoding Dyslexia, is drafting legislation in every state requiring school districts to recognize dyslexia, test and provide treatment using evidence based research. Fourteen states have passed some form of this proposed legislation. Illinois has only required that the state recognize the definition of dyslexia and mandated that an advisory board be formed. To stay up to date on the latest dyslexia news, "like" us on [Facebook](#).

MYTH:

Public schools test for Dyslexia.

Fact:

Most public schools do not test children for dyslexia because federal education law does not yet require them to diagnose *why* a child is struggling.

Source:
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