

Exceptional Children Information for Parents



October 5, 2022



The NC Branch of International Dyslexia Association is preparing for Dyslexia Awareness Month. They have released a [calendar](#) with daily facts and resources to help grow knowledge. They are also offering a learning opportunity through their annual Day of Dyslexia on Saturday, October 15th from 8 am to 1 pm in Durham, Asheville, and Wilmington. The featured speaker is *Dr. Lucy Hart Paulson*, discussing *Connecting Writing to the Science of Reading; Foundations for Developing Writing in Young Learners*. Several options are available for attendance to include in-person or virtual. More information, including registration, can be found on the [NC IDA's webpage](#).

Sources for free audiobooks (*NCDPI OEC does not endorse the use of these resources, but offer them as a resource for families to use*)

- [Book Share](#) (free to eligible students with a print disability). Over one million titles and books are available in eBooks, audio, braille, large font, and more.
- [NC Kids Digital Library](#) (free with library card). eBooks for reading device or reading app.
- [Libby](#) (free with library card). eBooks, Audiobooks, and more available to read, listen, and access offline across devices. Features include adjustable text size, background color, playback speed, bookmarks, and highlights.
- [OverDrive](#) (free with library card). Books available online, through download, or borrowed through multiple devices. Works in collaboration with public or school libraries. Works in collaboration with other library apps.
- [LibriVox](#) (free). Free public domain of audiobooks with over 17,000 titles read by volunteers. Works on a computer or through a downloadable app.
- [Tar Heel Reader](#) (free). Collection of free, easy-to-read, accessible books. Each book can be speech enabled and accessed using multiple interfaces, including touch screens, IntelliKeys with custom overlays, and 1 to 3 switches.

Important Links

- [Office of Special Education Programs](#) (U.S. Dept. of Ed.)
- [N.C. Department of Public Instruction](#)
- [Office of Exceptional Children](#) (NC)
- [No Kid Hungry](#)

Upcoming Events

- Arc of the Triangle [Events](#)
- Autism Society [Workshops](#)
- Autism Speaks [Information Topics](#)
- CADRE [Parent Resources](#)
- ECAC [Events](#) & [Recorded Webinars](#)
- National Alliance on Mental Illness [Courses](#)
- NC Down Syndrome Alliance [Events](#)
- Special Olympics NC [Events](#)
- Disability:IN [Events](#)

[Triangle Run/Walk for Autism](#)

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[Race 2 Independence](#)

October 29, 2022

Do you have an upcoming event you'd like to share with the community? Please email with information.

You can find previous newsletters in the Parent Newsletter google folder at this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ECParentNewsletters>

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