

WHAT IT MEANS TO BE DYSLEXIC

Have you gto dyslexia?

eny = any

meny = many

becos = because

enuff = enough

Thank dog I'm not dyslexic!

A dyslexic walks into a bra...

Warning! Dyslexia runs in my family!

Dyslexics have more fun.

Dyslexics are teople pool!

"DYSLLEXIA" It's ONLY A WORD, NOT A SENTENCE

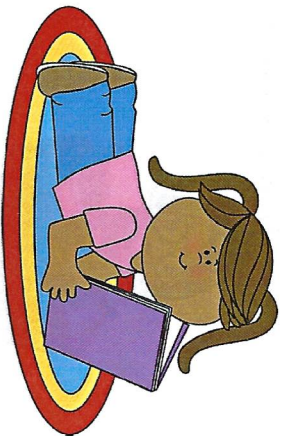
Dyslexia is an information processing problem in the brain that makes it difficult to interpret language and symbols such as letters.

I runs in families but it doesn't have to limit a child's future success and happiness.

Many experts refer to Dyslexia as a 'learning disability'. Apparently that means you must be stupid, slow, lazy: you don't fit in.

Dyslexia is not that at all! It is a gift! It is a learning difference - not a learning disability.

Dyslexia - all the cool kids are battling it.



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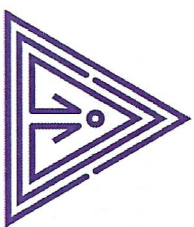
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The logo of The Scottish Rite Charitable Foundation of Canada conveys the concept of a Masonic charity dedicated to research.



The design includes the use of the Masonic triangle forming a simplified maze signifying the challenge of research.

The goal leading to a symbolic circle represents the perfection of the Foundation research endeavours to achieve solving the puzzles of the mind.

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DOAT THE LEARNING CENTRE



Learning Centre
For Hamilton

WHAT IS DYSLLEXIA?

Dyslexia is a specific learning disability.

It is characterized by difficulties with word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities.

The word Dyslexia comes from the Greek meaning "difficulty with words".

At the Learning Centre, children with Dyslexia overcome their difficulty with words and learn to read.

That is who we are and what we do so the children can *learn to read so they can read to learn*.

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FAMOUS DYSLEXICS

Here are examples of famous people with Dyslexia. Just think of what they have accomplished in their lives. Just think what the children at the Learning Centre can do and what you can do to help!

Jay Leno	Cher	John Lennon
Mozart	Tom Cruise	Whoopie Goldberg
Sylvester Stallone	Prince Charles	Princess Beatrice
Thomas Edison	Albert Einstein	Leonardo da Vinci
Pablo Picasso	Vincent van Gogh	Winston Churchill
John F. Kennedy	Richard Branson	Henry Ford
F. Scott Fitzgerald	Walt Disney	Alexander Graham Bell
Bill Gates	Steve Jobs	Ernest Hemingway

These are just a few high achievers who have struggled with Dyslexia.

Most of them had something in common.

They had someone who believed in them.



CHANCES FOR SUCCESS ARE GREATER IF DYSLEXIC CHILDREN ARE TREATED EARLY

If the Scottish Rite Learning Centre can get Dyslexic children through their formative years with their self-esteem intact, the sky is the limit.

Not long ago, conventional wisdom was to wait until age 8 to begin testing a child for Dyslexia.

Things have changed.

Studies show it is possible to identify children as young as three who are at risk for Dyslexia, and the chance of a child succeeding is much greater if they receive early treatment.



OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR TUTORS TO TEACH

The Learning Centre is accepting applications for tutors who wish to volunteer a few hours each week and obtain Certification as an Orton-Gillingham tutor.

Tutors will assist in presenting the Orton-Gillingham approach to children with Dyslexia.

The Learning Centre program uses one-on-one tutoring with trained and certified tutors.

Children attend two, one-hour tutoring sessions each week, over a period roughly equivalent to the elementary school schedule of teaching. Children will generally require a period of three years to complete the entire program.

This is an ideal opportunity for men and women who have previous experience in working with children or in social services.

Retirees have discovered they can make a useful contribution to the community in this way.

Tutors receive reimbursement for expenses during the training period. An annual Tutor Appreciation Night is held in June. A graduation Ceremony for the children is held in October.

The Learning Centre has a proven record of success of opening doors of wonder and opportunity for its graduates.



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**CAN YOU HELP?
WILL YOU HELP?**

Contact: office@dyslexiacentrehamilton.com

OPPORTUNITIES FOR VOLUNTEERS

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This is a call for applications and nominations. You are earnestly invited to consider serving as a volunteer on the Board of Directors. The purpose of the Board is to govern the operation of the Learning Centre.

The Board is comprised of men and women reflecting a broad representation of skills and vocations. Many board members belong to the Masonic fraternity, however, you do not need to be a member of the fraternity to participate; indeed, outside representation is desired. You do not need to be a resident of Hamilton: in this case, geographical diversification is desired.

The 10 member Board is structured to include Citizen Directors and Masonic Directors.

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE FOR VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST

The Learning Centre always welcomes volunteers. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our success!

By volunteering you will fulfil a vital role in improving the lives of our children as well as assisting the wonderful work of the Learning Centre.

You will experience the rewarding satisfaction of helping a child overcome Dyslexia.

You will provide a warm, welcoming and nurturing environment for the children, families, tutors and administrative personnel.

You will work in partnership with other volunteers who have made a commitment of about 2-3 hours a week. Duties will include opening and closing the Learning Centre, reception and welcoming parents and children.

