



Consider volunteering for the International Dyslexia Association

The Georgia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association
is a non-profit, **volunteer** organization
dedicated to helping
individuals with dyslexia,
their families,
and the individuals and groups that support them.

Who?

The IDA-GA Board of Directors has begun to use the term **IDA-GA Action Group** to refer to passionate individuals throughout the state of Georgia who want to be actively involved in enhancing and building upon IDA-GA's current outreach activities. With the help of the IDA-GA Action Group volunteers, the Board of Directors believes IDA-GA will be able to do more and do it better than ever! Together we can demystify reading difficulties, spread knowledge, and encourage change.

How?

If you would like to be an IDA-GA Action Group volunteer, please contact us at info@idaga.org or (404) 256-1232.

What?

You can contribute by sharing your ideas, skills, and/or time in any of the following areas (or suggest other ways you want to be involved):

1. Information / Referral

IDA-GA gets calls and emails from individuals across the state of Georgia.

- Anyone can help us compile a comprehensive IDA-GA Resource Reference Book by letting us know about resources he/she has found in GA. We also need researchers to help us find other hidden gems throughout the state. How can we help those people who live far from Atlanta?
- We need one person to volunteer to retrieve the IDA-GA voicemail messages and email them to the Outreach Coordinator.
- We need a bank of experts and some good listening ears. Offer to answer questions from callers by speaking directly to callers or by being a resource for the Outreach Coordinator. Simply tell us about yourself, and we can match caller questions with your area of expertise.
- Assist with data entry and management.

2. Website www.idaga.org & FaceBook

- Are you website and FaceBook savvy? Send us your suggestions!
- Find IDA-GA on FaceBook and hit "like," make comments, etc.

3. Dyslexia Dash 5K Run / October Awareness Month

This event provides an opportunity to raise awareness about dyslexia, and the funds raised will go towards the scholarship fund and IDA-GA outreach activities.

- Assist with event planning, organization, publicity, and/or legwork prior to race day.
- Participate as an individual runner/walker or as part of a team. Encourage others to register and form teams.
- Help on race day by doing any of a number of tasks: manning a table, restocking water/refreshments, assisting the DJ or the race director, setting-up / breaking down tables, organizing t-shirts, directing traffic in the parking lot, taking photographs, etc.

4. Workshops for Teachers/Tutors

- Suggest teacher training opportunities you would like to see IDA-GA bring to Georgia.
- Spread the word to teachers.

5. IDA-GA E-Newsletter

You will receive the IDA-GA E-Newsletter every couple of months.

- Recommend an article topic.
- Direct us to an article you would like to see reprinted in the IDA-GA newsletter.
- Provide information that can be used in an article.
- Submit a “perspectives” article based on your experience as a person with dyslexia or your experience as a person who is in some other way “connected” with dyslexia.*
- IDA-GA will periodically ask for specific types of submissions. When you find out about these opportunities to be published, please spread the word.*

**Note: The IDA-GA Board will review all submissions and will contact individuals if their submission has been chosen for publication.*

6. April Open Membership Meeting

This board meeting is open to all IDA-GA members and individuals considering becoming a member. The IDA-GA Board of Directors invites a guest speaker.

- Recommend a speaker or suggest a topic.

7. Outreach Meetings

The meetings are free and open to the public. Meeting topics and locations will vary and will be geared to different audiences.

- Help find different venues /hosts for meetings.
- Be a greeter/in charge of sign-in.
- Offer to be facilitator for open forum/ support group type meetings.
- Suggest topics and/or speakers.
- If you have an area of expertise, offer to be a speaker.
- Offer to bring refreshments.

8. Annual Dimensions of Dyslexia Conference

Parent, professionals, and individuals with dyslexia attend this annual February conference.

- Attend and share what you learned. Submit “highlights” for the e-newsletter.
- Spread the word. Forward the e-blast announcements.
- Suggest speakers/topics.
- Submit a proposal to be a speaker.
- Volunteer to work the day of the event.

9. Other Suggestions WELCOME

Thank you for your support of the Georgia Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Please visit www.idaga.org often to find out about specific volunteer needs throughout the year.