

ConnBIDA Connecticut Branch of



July 2011 Newsletter

Note from the president, Donald K. Takacs

Welcome back to **ConnBIDA** updates. We will now provide newsletters at least twice per year, possibly more based on your feedback; which will be most welcome.

We look forward to your participation in moving our fine organization ahead. For much of 2010 the Connbida board of directors was reevaluating our mission. We are now prepared to move forward to meet the literacy objectives of children with dyslexia and others with a need to improve reading skills and comprehension.

The following guidelines will apply to our newsletters, which are intended to be:

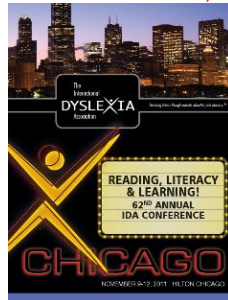
- Brief
- Informative
- Interactive
- Provide resources for our members
- Available only online

Our objective will be to provide links to key articles and instructional materials, rather than writing our own copy. As a branch of IDA, The International Dyslexia Association, we have access to major sources of information and links provided by headquarters, plus the 44 branches in the USA and 20 global partners elsewhere.

Key links are:

- www.connbida.org
- www.interdys.org
- IDA Fact Sheets
<http://www.interdys.org/Intranet/default.aspx?u=55&style=2&pageid=6>
- IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading:
<http://www.interdys.org/Intranet/default.aspx?u=55&style=2&pageid=6>

IDA 62nd Annual Conference Chicago November 9-11, 2011



I mportant dates to remember include:

- **October 2011 Dyslexia Awareness Month**
- October 4, 2011 HBO Documentary Film, "Journey Into Dyslexia"
- October 21, 2011 Annual Conference
- October 29, 2011 Dyslexia Dash 5K

Film, Documentary by HBO: **Save the date.**
Date: October 4, 2011 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM
Venue: Wilton Library, Wilton
Topic: "Journey Into Dyslexia"

Conference Details: **Save the date.**
Date: October 21, 2011 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM
Venue: Albertus Magnus College, New Haven
Topic: "The Struggling Reader: From Assessment to Implementation"
Keynote Speaker: **Michael Coyne**

Dyslexia Dash Details: **Save the date.**
Date: October 29, 2011 10:30 AM
Venue: Sherwood Island State Park, Westport
Distance: 5K

Public Act 11-85 PASSED CT Legislature June 7.
CLOSING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT GAP
<http://www.cga.ct.gov/2011/act/pa/pdf/2011PA-00085-R00SB-00929-PA.pdf>

Enjoy the summer. We hope to see you in October.



Reading is the key to education.