



East Alabama Regional Educational Group of
Alabama Branch of the International Dyslexia Association

Creating Dyslexia Friendly Learning Environments

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Date: Friday, October 7, 2016

Time: 8:30am CST to 3:00pm CST

Location: Auburn/Opelika Area

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Fees: Free (lunch on your own)



WHAT WILL I LEARN AND WHO ARE THE SPEAKERS?

- Participants will be able to describe environmental situations and challenges that result in a student's need for speech-to-text and text-to-speech technology applications. (Session 1)
- Participants will be able to access Google Chrome applications and Bookshare applications across various computer platforms and operating systems. (Session 1)
- Participants will be able to recognize environmental situations and challenges that require use of multi-sensory classroom strategies and accommodations. (Session 2)
- Participants will be able to match environmental situations and challenges with the most effective strategies and accommodations across grade-levels and content areas. (Session 3)

Dorothy H. Strong has taught for 33 years. She is currently the Multisensory Resource Specialist for Madison County Schools. She has been a Certified Academic Language Therapist (CALT) for several years and works closely with teachers throughout Madison County as they create positive learning environments for students with dyslexia. She has been a general education teacher and a special education teacher in both resource and collaborative settings. Teachers across Madison County have access to her wealth of information and creative ideas regarding the challenges of dyslexia and strategies to rise to those challenges.

Denise P. Gibbs taught for more than 25 years as a professor in Communication Science and Disorders at the University of Montevallo before becoming the Director of the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation Learning Centers. Dr. Gibbs is the author of RTI for Early Readers: Implementing Common Core Standards in Your K-5 RTI Model published by LRP in 2011; RTI for Middle and High School: Strategies and Structures for Literacy Success published by LRP in 2008; and Leading the Dyslexia Challenge: An Action Plan for Schoolwide Identification and Intervention published by LRP in 2004. Dr. Gibbs has been appointed by the Alabama State Board of Education to the Dyslexia Advisory Council and had worked with leaders at the Alabama Department of Education in the development of the Alabama Dyslexia Resource Guide. Through the philanthropy of the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation, Dr. Gibbs provides professional development in the areas of dyslexia and RTI at no cost to Alabama schools.



SCHEDULE AND SESSIONS

8:00am to 8:30am	Check In and Registration
8:30am to 9:45am	Session One - Google and Bookshare: Free Text to Speech and Speech to Text Tools In session one, Denise Gibbs will provide participants with insights into free Google-based extensions and applications along with Bookshare applications that assist students with dyslexia in overcoming reading and writing challenges through text-to-speech and speech-to-text opportunities.
9:45am to 10:00 am	Break
10:00am to Noon	Session Two – Creating a Dyslexia Friendly Classroom: Multisensory Strategies In sessions two and three, a team of Madison County teachers led by Dorothy Strong will provide participants with examples of multi-sensory classroom strategies and accommodations that will positively impact learning outcomes for students with dyslexia.
Noon to 1:00pm	Lunch (on your own)
1:00pm to 3:00pm	Session Three – Creating a Dyslexia Friendly Classroom: Accommodations

