

Dyslexia Awareness Week **“Hidden Dyslexia”**

Edinburgh Libraries in association with Dyslexia Scotland

Monday 1st November Central Library George IV Bridge EH1 1EG

6.30pm – 8.00pm

We are delighted to welcome **Sir Jackie Stewart OBE**, our keynote speaker, who will highlight the potential impact of unidentified dyslexia.

There will also be an opportunity to chat to painter Terry Adams and photographer Eleanor Darroch. Refreshments served. To book your place contact Grainne Crawford 0131 529 7791 or grainne.crawford@edinburgh.gov.uk

Tuesday 2nd November Scottish Parliament Cross Party Group 5.00 – 7.00pm
Private Invitation

Sir Jackie Stewart OBE will be the keynote speaker at this event, speaking on “Hidden Dyslexia – social & economic costs”. The event aims to raise the awareness of MSPs and others of the links between unidentified and unsupported dyslexia and offending, mental health and workplace issues.

Tuesday 2nd November Oxfangs Library 343 Oxfangs Road EH13 9LY

6.00pm – 8.00pm

Practical drop-in session demonstrating supportive software, ‘Read & Write Gold’, which is freely available on all public access computers in Edinburgh City Libraries. This will be of particular interest to parents, carers of young people or anyone living with dyslexia.

Craig Mill, e-Inclusion Advisor for the JISC Regional Support Centre, Scotland North & East, will demonstrate the benefits of free, downloadable software as well. Refreshments served.

All welcome.

Tuesday 2nd November Waverley Court Meeting Room C.07, opposite Cafe area
12-2pm

‘Support for Dyslexia drop-in’. An informal information session for Council employees with dyslexia who wish to know more about strategies and support. To find out more please contact Vicki Hobson, WEA, 0131 226 9174 or email v.hobson@weascotland.org.uk

Wednesday 3rd November Craigmillar and Moredun Libraries
Moredun Library 2pm – 3pm and Craigmillar Library 6pm – 7pm

Both libraries will host **Arnaud Touanga**, rapper musician. His single 'Can't hold me down' is a song about his own personal struggle with dyslexia and how he overcame the obstacles he faced with perseverance and help from others. His music will be followed by an informal workshop on free, downloadable supportive software, by **Craig Mill**, e-Inclusion Advisor for the JISC Regional Support Centre, Scotland North & East, for those wanting to improve their reading and writing skills.

To book a place phone Craigmillar Library, 7 Niddrie Marischal Gardens, EH16 4LX on 0131 529 5597 or Moredun Library, 92 Moredun Park Road, EH17 7HL on 0131 529 5652.

Thursday 4th November Wester Hailes Library 1 West Side Plaza EH14 2FT
10am – 12 and 1pm – 3pm

Two introductory practical sessions on the supportive software, 'Read & Write gold' - an excellent tool used to assist people in improving their reading and writing skills, which is freely available on all public access computers in Edinburgh City Libraries. Particularly useful for anyone supporting adults or young people in literacy.

To book a place phone Wester Hailes Library on 0131 529 5668.

Thursday 4th November McDonald Road Library 3 McDonald Road EH7 4LU
6.30pm – 8.00pm "Lottery" by Lowri Potts, directed by Lisa Nicholl

This poignant and funny short play tells the story of Alan and Fizz, old school friends whose love is rekindled as they search for Alan's lost lottery ticket in the local library. In a race to find the ticket in one of the thousands of books before closing time, both reveal the different ways they have met the challenges of dyslexia in their lives.

Please e-mail flyingpizza@talktalk.net if you are interested in finding out more about the play or the writer.

This is followed by a short demonstration showing the benefits of highly acclaimed supportive software, 'Read & Write gold', which is freely available on all public access computers in Edinburgh City Libraries. Refreshments served. To book a place phone McDonald Road Library on 0131 529 5636.

Thursday 4th November Room 2, Riddles Court Dyslexia Awareness Training
9.00am-12.15

Training for supervisors and managers of organisations in Edinburgh.

To book a place or find out more about this extremely relevant free training session, please contact Vicki Hobson, WEA, 0131 226 9174 or email v.hobson@weascotland.org.uk

Friday 5th November Stockbridge Library 11 Hamilton Place EH3 5BA
10.30am - 12.30

An introductory practical session on the supportive software, 'Read & Write gold' - an excellent tool used to assist people in improving their reading and writing skills, which is freely available on all public access computers in Edinburgh City Libraries. Particularly useful for anyone supporting adults or young people in literacy. Refreshments will be served.

To book a place phone Stockbridge Library on 0131 529 5665.

Friday 5th November Central Library George IV Bridge EH1 1EG
6.00pm – 8.00pm

The closing event for Dyslexia Awareness Week hosted by the Bank of New York Mellon. The evening will focus on Dyslexia in the workplace, with three extremely knowledgeable guests, **Richard Firth** from Edinburgh Napier University, **Elsbeth Dow** from Dyslexia@work and **Alastair Campbell** from Texthelp.

For further information and bookings please contact Ivy.Nunes.Douglas@bnymellon.com

Saturday 6th November Film House Cinema 88 Lothian Road EH3 9BZ
1.00pm – 3pm

Screening of "Summer", starring Robert Carlyle - 90 minute showing with panel discussion about dyslexia to follow. Purchase your tickets at the box office on 0131 228 2688. Cost £3.00
Panel includes: Special Guest **Hugh Ellis**, writer of the film "Summer" who is dyslexic himself, **Fiona Dickinson**, Chair of Council, Dyslexia Scotland and **Robert McCormack**, Learning Development Facilitator at Forth Valley College and counsellor specialising in dyslexia

Exhibitions during Dyslexia Awareness Week

Central Reference Library Landing Monday 25th October to Friday 5th November
'Dyslexia - a visual concept'

Terry Adams is a Fife based artist, and his art ranges from the abstract through to seascapes of local harbours. Terry has created these paintings to illustrate how people with dyslexia see the world and his paintings show the somewhat existential approach sometimes adopted by them to everyday tasks like reading. This body of work is refreshing and exciting and will appeal to those with and without dyslexia.

Chat to Terry about his paintings at our evening events in the Central Reference Library on Monday 1st and Friday 5th November.

Stockbridge Library Monday 25th October to Friday 5th November
'Many Faces of Dyslexia'

The title is from a quote by M. B Rawson, 1986. This is a sensitive collection of images by Edinburgh photographer **Eleanor Darroch**, which focuses on diversity of those affected by dyslexia in society, showing the emotional and social impact of the learning difficulty. Chat to Eleanor about her photographs at our evening events in the Central Reference Library on Monday 1st and Friday 5th November.

Courtyard Waverley Court, during Dyslexia Awareness Week
Except Wednesday - 'Dyslexia in the work place'

Dyslexia Awareness displays at some local community libraries. Oxfangs, Stockbridge, Wester Hailes, McDonald Road, Craigmillar, and Moredun.

There are numerous books covering the topic of Dyslexia available in Edinburgh City Libraries.
Search the library catalogue on www.edinburgh.gov.uk or speak to a member of staff!

For general enquiries about the programme of events please contact either
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For more information about dyslexia, visit www.dyslexiascotland.org.uk

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