

## Dyslexia Awareness Week in Edinburgh City Libraries

# Positive about dyslexia

6-11 November 2017

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### Public event

## Film showing – Read Me Differently

Wednesday 8 November, 1pm – 5pm  
George Washington Browne Room, Central Library,  
George IV Bridge

Central Library will be showing the film 'Read Me Differently'. One of Dyslexia Scotland's Directors, Fiona Dickinson, has kindly agreed to speak to the audience before the film showing, and members of the Dyslexia Adult Network will be around to chat with after the film. The film is targeted at ages 15 and above.

To book your place go to EventBrite

[Book now](#)

or call Anne Morrison on 0131 242 8070.

Special screenings will also be held in some participating schools during Dyslexia Awareness Week.

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### Public event

## Can't read, won't read ... does this sound familiar?

Thursday 9 November, 10:15am – 11.00am  
Stockbridge Library, 11 Hamilton Place

An event for all. Choosing dyslexia friendly books for kids and teens, with expert advice from Kirstin Lamb of Barrington Stoke publishers.

To book your place go to EventBrite

[Book now](#)

or for more info contact 0131 529 5665  
or [stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk](mailto:stockbridge.library@edinburgh.gov.uk)



## Public event

# Positive about dyslexia

Thursday 9 November

Live music from 5.30pm, event starts 6pm

Reference Library, Central Library, George IV Bridge

Come along and join us for a special event for Dyslexia Awareness Week. Our MC is Paul McNeill, Dyslexia Scotland Ambassador and Regional Head for the Scottish Football Association. Paul will introduce our guest author Margaret Rooke.

Margaret will be discussing her new book 'Dyslexia is My Superpower (Most of the Time)', featuring moving and entertaining interviews with more than 100 children and young adults with dyslexia. Margaret has travelled from her home in London to join us in what will be a very powerful, emotional and inspiring event. Paul will also share his own experiences of dyslexia.

We are also delighted to be entertained by musician and songwriter Adam Strachan. Adam taught himself to play guitar at the age of 15 years old (only 18 months ago).

Inspired by the desire to write and express himself, Adam, who's been described as severely dyslexic, started writing songs and going to local gigs. Adam will perform some of his songs for us and say a bit about his dyslexia experience.

We are also privileged to be launching Dyslexia Scotland's new 'Dyslexia Unwrapped' website for young people with dyslexia. Several of Dyslexia Scotland's Young Ambassadors will be in attendance to unveil the exciting new website and talk about their role in developing it, as well as what it's like being a Young Ambassador. This website has been created with support from a grant from the Corra Foundation.

Displays at the event will include Barrington Stoke publishers, Blackwell's bookshop (with the opportunity to buy Margaret Rooke's new book), Dyslexia Scotland (with their North East branch's youth work display), Dekko comics and designer Lucy Grainge.

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or call Gráinne Crawford on 0131 529 7791.



## School class event

Tuesday 7 November  
St Augustine's Secondary School

Author Iain McKinnon will host an interactive workshop on 'super powers' for S2 classes. With a Masters degree in creative writing and a degree in psychology, Iain will lead a discussion around dyslexia and the writing process which will be of great benefit to the students.

Iain McKinnon is a native of Scotland who lives just outside Edinburgh with his wife and son. Like many authors, McKinnon can pinpoint the exact age he was when he first saw one of Romero's zombie films. For Iain, it was 'Day of the Dead', which he saw when he was 18.

From that point on, he says, zombies topped his list of irrational fears.



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## Teachers' event

Friday 10 November, 1.30pm – 4.00pm  
George Washington Browne Room, Central Library,  
George IV Bridge

We will be hosting a twilight session for teachers as part of Dyslexia Awareness Week 2017. Organised jointly by the City of Edinburgh Council and Dyslexia Scotland, the session will provide an overview of national and local developments and resources relevant to teachers supporting learners with dyslexia.

It will cover an update on the recommendations from the 2014 review 'Making Sense: Education for children and young people with dyslexia', the refreshed Addressing Dyslexia Toolkit, three free online modules on dyslexia and inclusive practice and some important literacy and dyslexia guidelines being developed by the City of Edinburgh Council.

Fran Ranaldi, Chair of the Addressing Dyslexia Toolkit working group and Hilary Aitken, Chartered Teacher (Lead) Literacy/Dyslexia Support Team in the ASL Service at the City of Edinburgh Council will facilitate the session.

To book your place  
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