

Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

*What A Great Way to Start A New Year! -
Join us in Columbus, MS to hear Rick Lavoie
on Jan 27 & 28! Look inside for more details.*

Someone Special is Coming to Town...

Santa may have come and gone, but someone else is coming to town. Rick Lavoie (of Fat City Fame) is coming to town (well maybe not Memphis town, but Columbus, Mississippi town). On January 28, 2006 Rick Lavoie will be in Columbus, MS. He will be giving a free lecture on his new book, "It's so Much Work to be Your Friend: Helping the Child with Learning Disabilities Find Social Success." The lecture will be from 7:45a.m.-1:00 p.m. at Mississippi University for Lavoie - Continued on page 7

Annual Meeting and Dinner Announced!!!

Our Annual Meeting with dinner and silent auction will be April 22, 2006 at 6:00 p.m. Please come and support our only fund raiser for the year. We need your help in donating items to be placed in the silent auction. So look under the Christmas tree to see if Santa left any gifts there

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Important Dates to Remember

Spring 2006

Application Deadline	Jan 10
Supervisors Saturday	Jan 14
New Parents Meeting	Jan 19
Workshop	Jan 21
Columbus, MS Conference	Jan 28
<u>Student's First Day</u>	<u>Feb 4</u>
Spring Break (Holiday)	March 18
Easter Holiday	April 15
Annual Meeting	April 22
Student's Last Day	May 6

Summer 2006

Application Deadline	June 10
New Parents Meeting	June 13
Supervisors Day	June 14
Workshop	June 15 & 16
Student's First Day	June 19
July 4th (Holiday)	July 4
Student's Last Day	July 14

Fall 2006

Application Deadline	Sept 5
Supervisors Saturday	Sept 9
New Parents Meeting	Sept 14
Workshop	Sept 16
Student's First Day	Sept 23
Thanksgiving (Holiday)	Nov 25
Student's Last Day	Dec 16

Austin or Bust & other Thoughts

Boy, what a thrill! I got to go to the LDAT Convention this year in Austin, TX. Usually Karen goes along with someone else. This year there were no volunteers to go and I could get off. What luck! It has been several years since I was able to go to an LD conference. It was great to be

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Lending Library to be Reinstated...

Many years ago the Dyslexia Foundation had a video, book, and audio tape lending library for our members. As with most things however, people would borrow and forget to return. So we ran out of things to lend and we had to closed the library. The Board of Directors met recently and decided to try again. The library will begin again in the Spring Semester

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Note from the Prez

Fall 2005 semester on Saturday School has come and gone; and it did it in a hurry too! This was an interesting semester. We had no calamities or earth shattering events. What did happen was that I got to attend the Learning Disabilities Conference in Austin, TX. in November. I really enjoy going to conferences because in Memphis no one understands what we at the Foundation are trying to do or how we are trying to do it. They act like the method we are using is so unusual, but then suddenly we are at the conference and everyone understands our methods because they use them also. It is so much fun.

I know each of you give up so much to be here each Saturday Morning. I also know that you are always wondering if what you are doing will really make a difference; well each of you must make that decision for yourself. But, I am here to tell you that for me the Saturday Program made all the difference between a life without reading and one with reading and life with low self esteem and a child with good self esteem.

Recently a group of our people asked permission to start a Saturday Program in Columbus, MS. I can not tell you how great it felt to know that more kids are going to be helped. But the really neat thing is that a group of us have been asked to go and speak to the new parent's group. One of our graduate asked if she could go and speak to the new parents group and tell them how much this program has helped her. If our children feel this program helps, then it helps.

Just a reminder! Students **MUST** attend either the fall of 2005 or the spring of 2006 semester to be eligible to attend the summer program for 2006. If circumstances beyond your control prevent you and your child from attending one of these semesters, you must petition the board for permission to attend the summer program.

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that you might like to donate. You might also look around the house for something that is collecting dust that you might like to donate too. We will take anything for our auction (or store). Ask businesses that you shop at if they would like to donate something. Ask restaurants where you dine if they would like to donate a dinner. In the past we have had gift certificates to the Pink Place, Putt Putt, Memphis Little Theater, and more. Be creative and make a basket of neat things...an art basket, a reader's basket, a coffee lover's basket, etc. This is a fun evening and everyone has a ball. So bring the family and friends and come have dinner—vote for your favorite board member—hear a brief talk from someone interesting—and find a bargain at the silent auction. Just come and have FUN !! See you at St. Francis of Assisi School (the same place we have Saturday School) at 2100 Germantown Parkway at 6:00 p.m. on April 22, 2006 in the Lower school gym (just follow the signs) cost is \$5.00 each person or \$25.00 per family for a delicious Bar-B-Q dinner (we have salad and hot dogs too). Come one Come all for all the fun you can stand!! See you there!!

Do You Have An E-Mail Address?

Would you like to save the Foundation some money and get your newsletter sooner? We have realized after much prodding that it is very cost effective to have the News Letter sent to those members who are into e-mailing by using e-mail instead of snail mail. So E-mail us your address and we will e-mail you the next news letter. You can even e-mail us your application if you want to...My aren't we becoming techies.

Thanks

Please send an e mail request to:
Memphisdyslexia@bellsouth.net
An acknowledgment will be sent confirming your request as quickly as possible.



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around people that really believe in dyslexia and learning disabilities in general. There were so many great presentations and workshops that Karen and I planned our itinerary with great enthusiasm and care to make sure we could attend as much as possible.

Day 1 – Karen went to “Mastering Learning To Master Test, Content, Lessons and Critical Thinking”...boring stuff to me. Karen thought it was important so she went to that knowing how poorly I take notes. I got the good assignment. I went to hear Karen’s favorite speaker, Rick Lavoie. I wish all of you and especially your children’s teachers could have heard him. Rick Lavoie made so many suggestions that could help you and your child’s teachers. Then I remembered that you can hear him speak. He is going to speak on January 27 & 28 in Columbus, Ms. I hope that if there is anyway possible, you will make the effort to join us to see and hear him in Columbus, MS. It would be time and money very well spent. Rick Lavoie has a fantastic presentation with stories that warm your heart and bring a tear to your eyes. His ideas about how to teach and treat our children are wonderful and his delivery is something that must be experienced.

Days 2 and 3 just added to my enjoyment and knowledge. Although I must admit, several of the presentations brought back many unpleasant memories of my school days. In the “old days”, Dyslexia/LD was not known about and I grew up being told, “You’re smart, if you just tried harder you could do it”. The problem is, in the Memphis area, things have not changed a lot in the past 50 years. I came to the realization that the best way you can help your child is to attend conferences, do research and learn how to be your child’s advocate. Conferences give you the boost in spirit to continue. The research gives you the knowledge you need and being your child’s advocate is the most important and hardest job of all.

You have taken an important first step in your child’s future by joining the foundation. However, it does not stop there. After growing up LD, having two LD children and being in the Foundation for 25 years, I have discovered that there is no quick and easy cure. Having an LD child is a lifetime commitment for you and your child. The decision is your’s to make. Do you take the easy way out and let the system take care of your child’s education and future or do you get involved? Take a large step and join us for the conference in January. I have an idea, let’s make it a party. Several of us are going down in a group to have a great weekend. Call Karen, 337-8731, for details about the Columbus trip. I know I’m going ... what about you?



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of 2006. There will be a one time deposit of \$50.00 to become a member of the library. Then a \$5.00 charge to borrow each video or DVD and \$2.50 charge for each book, audio tape or CD. As long as the items are returned in a timely fashion (two weeks) the member may continue to borrow items. When the member no longer wants to borrow items the deposit will be returned. If for some reason an item is not returned, the deposit will be fortified to cover the cost of replacing the item. By charging a small fee to borrow items, the library can build up a fund to add additional items to the library. Hopefully everyone will enjoy having a convenient way to learn about Learning Disabilities and we can have a super library. Joyce Futrell has agreed to be the librarian. Thank you Joyce! And Thank You Board of Directors for giving us a second chance to have a library.



Wish List

Here is a list of items that were requested by the Summer Program Staff. Some are just wishes others are needed. If you have any of the following items or know of a company that will donate them please do so. Thanks "The Staff"

INCENTIVE PRIZES

Napkins
Paper towels
Kleenex
Notebook paper
White-out
Zip lock bags
(Gallon and Quart)

Diet drinks
Hot chocolate (sugar-free)
Coffee
Goldfish crackers
Chips
Cheese crackers
Pop corn
Peanut butter crackers
Raisins

Copy paper
Pencils
Staplers
Children's Chewable Tylenol
Jr . Strength Tylenol
Trash bags (36 & 13 gal)
Re-usable Ice packs
Soccer and basketballs
Intermediate Dictionaries

Donations

Listed below are the donations that many of you so generously gave during the fall semester. Thanks to all of you for your help. All of the items are appreciated greatly

Rose Family Dictionary & Thesaurus
Doris Allen Store
Karen Focht Comic books
Patti Lehigh Store
Mr. Buchignani Store
Kirby Allen Store
L. Pitman Store
B. Barlow Snacks & Store
L. Pennington Store

Please Note: We try very hard to make sure we have not left anyone off a list and everyone's name is spelled correctly. In spite of that, crazy keys are still pressed and mistakes are made. Please let us know of any errors and we will try and make the corrections. We never want to leave anyone out!

Don't forget to fill out and send in your Saturday School Application on page 10

Remember!!

Everyone who wants to attend Summer School must send in an application!

That is for all students and tutors. If you are planning on tutoring then you need to send in an application to tutor too!

Do you have someone who is impossible to buy for because they have one of everything? Consider a tax-deductible donation or memorial to the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis in their name. Beautiful acknowledgments are sent to both the donor and the donee.

Send donations to :

**Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis
P.O. Box 240792
Memphis, TN 38124**

Remember, donations are tax deductible!



Paid Membership List

Congratulations... You remembered... These *smart* people remembered that dues are due the first of *each year* and they are current paid members! Is your name here or did you forget? No problem you can send a check for \$15.00 or *more* to:

Karen Carson
7532 Hatch Circle or
Arlington, TN 38002

The Dyslexia Foundation
P.O. Box 240792
Memphis, TN 38124

.... and pay your dues today. Dues makes it possible for us to send you Our Dyslexia Newsletter and other mailings during the year.

2006 Paid Members

Carson, Cain & Karen Pennington, Jo Vining, James & Ann

Let's work together to make our list of paid members grow and GROW! (If you have sent in your check and your name is not here, please let us know — Errors do happen - A lot!

Yes, Please renew my membership so I will not miss out on any of the wonderful information you provide.

My Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City, State: _____

Zip: _____

I have enclosed my check for \$15.00.

Send to: Karen Carson
 7532 Hatch Circle
 Arlington, TN 38002

**Even if you're on the right track, you'll get run over if you just sit there.
(Will Rogers)**

We Don't Want To Loose You!



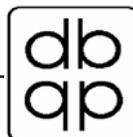
The post office will not send out your change of address after just a few months. So keep us in the information loop by returning this form; or you may e mail us at memphisdyslexia@bellsouth.net In the meantime, you may miss receiving two or three news letters.

Name

Address

City State Zip

Tear off this part of the page and mail to the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis.
P.O. Box 240792
Memphis, TN 38124



Graduates

The following students completed books during the Fall Semester:

Book A
Draine, Anthony
Kincade, David



This represents a great effort on the part of students, tutors and supervisors. We are so proud of all our graduates. Keep up the Great work one and all.

When a student finishes a book they receive their choice of a trophy or a medallion at an award ceremony on the last day of school. These awards can be engraved for just a few dollars. We have an agreement with First Place Trophies to engrave these awards for a discounted price. Therefore should you wish to have the award your child chose engraved take it to 1st Place Awards, 377-9214 and be sure to tell them to give you the Dyslexia Foundation discount.

Math Super Stars

YELLOW

Barlow, Phillip

Cox, Sam

Davis, Devin

Jerome, Emily

Parham, Alouria

Tucker, Lee

GREEN

Buchignani, Charles

Mitchel, Sydney

Parham, Titus

Pruitt, Rahmi

BLUE

Allen, Kirby

Cox, Alex

Draine, Anthony

Humphries, Elysia

McDonald, Tommy

Rose, Crystal

RED

Lehigh, Kathleen

McDonald, Jenny

SOMETHING WORTH READING
 Here are some books you might find interesting:

The Gift of Dyslexia
 by Ronald D. Davis
 ISBN 0-929551-23-0

Turn About Children
 by Mary MacCracken

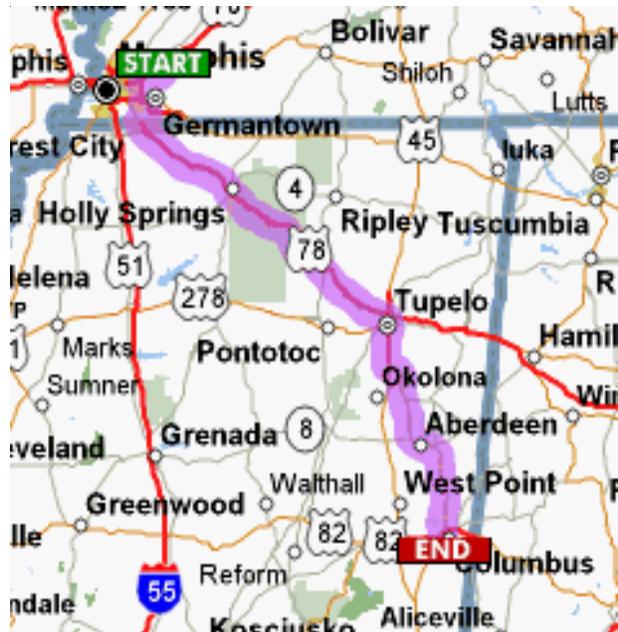
Keeping A Head in School
 by Dr. Mel Levine
 ISBN 0-8388-2069-7

Help Me to Help My Child
 by Jill Bloom
 ISBN 0-316-09982-1

All Kinds of Minds
 by Dr. Melvin Levine
 ISBN: 0838820905

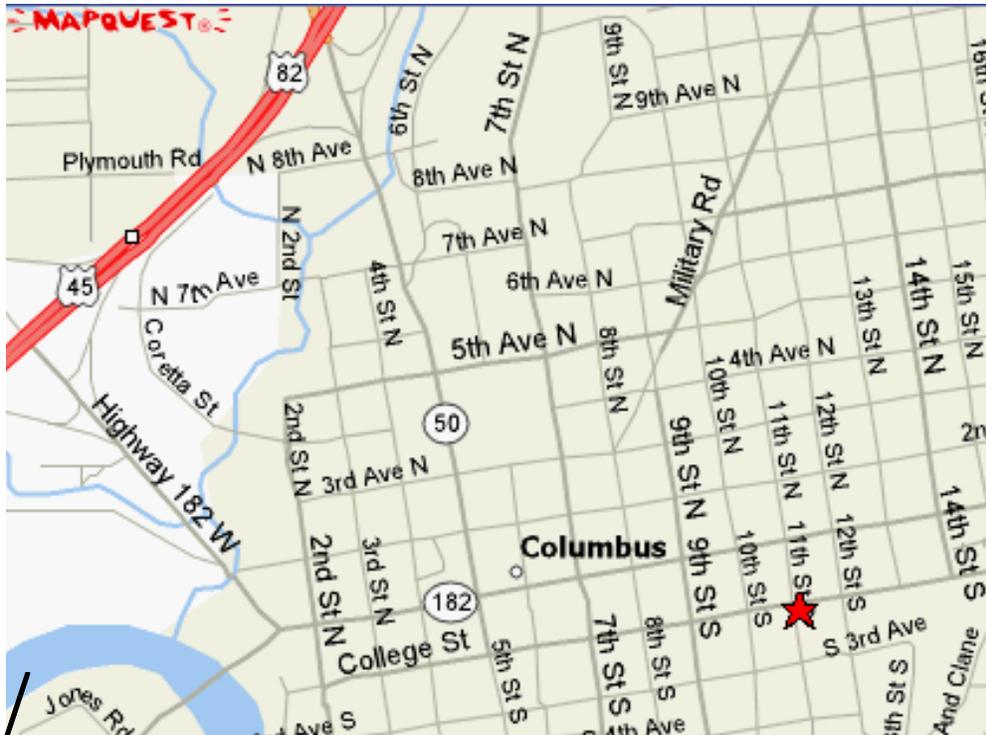
I hope you enjoy these I sure did...

This is a map showing the route from Memphis to Columbus. If you are planing on going and need more details, call 337-8731 and I will send you a detailed map starting from SFA on Germantown. - Cain



This is a detail map of the area around MUW. We hope this will help you find the campus once you are in Columbus.

The star is the Mississippi University for Women
1100 College St.
Columbus, MS 39701



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Women in Columbus, MS at the Hogarth Banquet Rooms on the second floor (lunch will be provided). If you are interested in going and I really hope you are, there is a group of us going down. We are leaving from St. Francis School on Friday afternoon at 4:00 p.m. which should put us in Columbus, MS around 8:00 p.m. (we are planning to stop for dinner for about an hour). We are planning on staying at the Comfort Inn at 1210 U.S. 45 North which is about 1 mile from the MUW Campus. The cost is approx. \$69.00 to \$74.00 (depending on the type of room and how many people stay in the room) a night with a free breakfast buffet. You will need to call to make your own reservations. There are several hotels in the area including a Hampton Inn at 2015 Military Rd and a Wingate at 129 Brickerton St. (just to name a few). You will also need to call 662-241-6101 to reserve your place at the seminar and for lunch. Please call as soon as possible since space is VERY limited. This seminar is hosted by the Roger F. Wicker Center for Creative Learning and was funded by a congressionally-directed grant through the U.S. Department of Education. CEU's are available. Please let's all make an effort to go hear this wonderful speaker ... He is really great! There will be another talk on Friday, January 27th, 2006 from 9:00 to 3:30 p.m. If you can make that one you are welcome to come. This would be a great 2-day event for anyone who can come! Hope to see you there! We are closing Saturday School for this week so everyone can take advantage of this wonderful speaker.



The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

Dear Parents and Tutors:

We are again planning a 12 week spring program. It will be conducted on Saturdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The program will run Saturday, February 4, 2006 to Saturday, May 6, 2006 at St. Francis of Assisi (SFA), 2100 N. Germantown Parkway, Cordova, TN 38016.

Workshops, which are mandatory for all personnel, will be held Saturday, January 21, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi **BRING A LUNCH!!!!**

The Dyslexia Foundation's own language curriculum is used for instruction. Students **MUST** take part in the full curriculum for the entire 12 week period.

The following policies must be understood by all who apply to the program - - as tutors or students:

1. Only those who have been tested and recommended will be accepted as students.
2. Unexcused absences by anyone (students and/or personnel) can result in dismissal from the program and all future Foundation programs. Illness is the only acceptable reason for absence. Any other excuse must be cleared before the absence by the board.
3. All tutors must exceed sixteen years of age.
4. All participants must be current members of The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis. Dues are \$15.00.
5. A certain dress code will be observed by everyone.
6. **ALL WORKSHOPS ARE MANDATORY FOR ALL PERSONNEL.**
7. All personnel must fulfill all obligations as set forth in the application contract.

Please apply for the subject you prefer to tutor, math or social values. New parent-tutors apply only for reading. The following areas require tutors:

1. Reading (All tutors tutor Language)
2. Math or Social Values

Workshops and daily staff meetings will provide instruction in the use of the materials. Supervision will be given over all areas of instruction.

The tuition will be \$180.00 per student. The entire amount is due with the application before January 14, 2006. It cannot be refunded. Remember, parents who wish to tutor must apply. The above figures require an enrollment of 80 students in order for the Foundation to offer the Fall Program at this tuition cost.

All applications must be returned **before January 10, 2006**. If you are unable to meet this deadline please call and notify the Director of your intentions. Neither students nor tutor applications will be accepted after that date unless verbal approval has been made. An exception will be made for new families who tested in the Fall 2005.

If you have any additional questions, please contact the director before the application deadline.

SEND APPLICATIONS TO:

Karen Carson
7532 Hatch Circle
Arlington, TN 38002
901 337-8731

Sincerely,

Karen Carson



WAIVER OF LIABILITY

In partial consideration of the willingness of St. Francis of Assisi to allow its facility to be used by The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis, of which my child is a participant, the undersigned parents or guardians of the child(ren) listed below, acknowledge that St. Francis of Assisi shall be free from all liabilities and claims for damages and/or suits for or by reason of any injury or injuries to me, my child(ren), or property, from any cause or caused whatsoever while in or upon the campus of St. Francis of Assisi during any and all functions of The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis held on said premises.

I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless St. Francis of Assisi from all liabilities, charges, expenses (including counsel fees) and cost on account of or by reason of any such injuries, liabilities, claims, suits or losses however occurring or damages growing out of same.

Children: _____

Signed this _____ day of _____, 2006

Parent or Guardian: _____

RELEASE

I, individually, (and/or as parent, and/or guardian of the named minor) for and in consideration of the acceptance of my application to enter and my receiving permission from The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis, hereinafter called "Foundation", to participate in the succeeding Dyslexia Summer and/or Saturday School, do hereby release, remise, waive, surrender and forever discharge The Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis together with all of their officers, agents, officials, directors, supervisors, tutors and employees, collectively hereinafter called "Foundation", from any and all liability, claims, demands, actions, or causes of action whatsoever arising out of or related to any injury, illness, loss or damage, including death, relating to participation in the succeeding Dyslexia Summer and/or Saturday School.

I further agree that in the event of any injury or emergency requiring medical attention that if I am assisted by the Foundation in receiving treatment and willingly accept such treatment that I will in no way hold the Foundation responsible for the consequences of my treatment of any problem resulting therefrom, whether administered by the Foundation or a third party called by the Foundation. Should I become unconscious or unable to give my consent for medical treatment and it becomes necessary for the Foundation to render assistance or have a third party administer medical treatment, I agree not to hold the Foundation responsible for the consequences of my injuries or any claims, losses or damages arising therefrom. I further agree that I will be responsible for any medical bills incurred in my treatment, and will not hold the Foundation responsible therefor.

Student(s) and/or Tutor(s) name(s):

Signature of parent(s) if under 18: _____

Date: _____



Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis

Student Application

I wish to enroll:

Name _____ Birth Date ___ / ___ / ___ Sex _____ Grade _____

School _____ Dominant Hand _____ Glasses Yes / No

Name _____ Birth Date ___ / ___ / ___ Sex _____ Grade _____

School _____ Dominant Hand _____ Glasses Yes / No

Parents Name _____ Telephone () _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

E Mail Address: _____

My child has permission to be given (if needed): Tylenol Yes / No

Please list any allergies or other medical information that might be needed:

Has your child been tested and recommended for admission into this program? _____

If so, Where? _____ When? _____

Are you a current member of the Dyslexia Foundation? Y/N

If not, please enclose a separate check for dues (\$15.00). Make this check payable to: Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis.

Enclose the full tuition for each child. Tuition is not refundable.

Make checks payable to: Dyslexia Foundation Programs.

Signature of Parent and/or Guardian _____

Return Applications by Specified Deadline

Notice of Nondiscriminatory Policy as to students: The program admits students of any race, color, national and ethnic origin to all the rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to students in the program. It does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national and ethnic origin in administration of its educational policies, or other programs.

Emergency Daytime Number _____



**Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis
Tutor Application**

Name _____ Social Security # _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Address: _____
(Street) (City) (State) (ZIP + 4)

Telephone (____) _____ Date of Birth ____ / ____ / ____ Sex _____

E Mail Address: _____

Please describe any previous experience working with children: _____

Are you a current member of the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis? Y / N
If not, please enclose a check for dues (\$15.00). Make checks payable to: Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis.

Please read carefully before signing:
I hereby make application for employment as a tutor in the Dyslexia Foundation of Memphis program. I understand that I am required to attend all training workshops without compensation. This application, if accepted, is binding only as long as I perform satisfactory service as a tutor. If I do not meet the requirements for attendance and services, a loss of pay will result. Hired tutors will be paid by the day at monthly intervals.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date _____

I have tutored: Math _____ Language _____
 Social Studies _____ Social Values _____
 Auditory _____ Small Group Reading _____
 None of the above _____

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The following is for hired tutors only: Please list two references.

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

Name _____

Address _____ Telephone _____

To be read and signed by parent of tutors under 18 years of age:
I hereby agree to support my child in his/her commitment to the Dyslexia Foundation. I am aware that this is a one-to-one tutoring situation and that he/she is required to be present every day.

Signature of Parent or Guardian _____

Return Applications by Specified Deadline



Cook Book Order Form

To order by phone call 377-8731

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Qty.	Description	Price	Total
	Dyslexia Cook Books	\$12.50	
	Shipping and Handling charges		
	for orders \$1.00 to \$25.00 \$2.00	Cook Book Total	
	\$25.01 to \$50.00 \$4.00	S&H	
	\$50.01 to \$75.00 \$6.00		
	Orders over \$75.00 are 10% of order	Amount Due	
	Thank you for your order.		

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P.O. Box 240792
Memphis, TN 38124

Attention: Postmaster This document contains dated material.

