

Our Message

Two-thirds of fourth-graders in the United States are not reading proficiently. What helps kids with dyslexia learn to read helps all kids learn to read. Learning to speak is natural. However, learning to read requires instruction. All kids benefit from specific, explicit instruction, and kids with reading issues like dyslexia must learn to read this way. At Teach My Kid to Read, we urge everyone to learn about how we learn to read and the different components that lead to skilled reading. Once children become proficient readers, they reach a treasure chest of endless possibilities and opportunities. Let's make that happen for all kids!



The infographic is titled "ROADMAP to READING" and is set against a background of a green hill with trees. A winding road leads from the top left towards a treasure chest at the bottom. The treasure chest is open, revealing books and gold coins. The infographic is divided into two columns by a dashed line, listing various reading skills and their descriptions.

ROADMAP to READING

- **Pre-Reading Language Skills**
Talking
Singing
Read Alouds
- **Print Awareness**
Book Handling
- **Building Background Knowledge**
- **Vocabulary**
- **Pre-Reading (phonological awareness)**
Manipulating large chunks of sound in language.
- **Phonemic Awareness**
Identifying and manipulating individual sounds in words.
- **Alphabetic Principle**
Letter formation
Sound-letter relationships
- **Phonics**
Sounding out words/
Spelling words

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When:

Virtual or Join us on October 1st in-person at specific locations

Why:

What helps children with dyslexia learn to read helps all children learn to read. Teach My Kid to Read works with libraries, so more children have access to resources and instruction that helps all kids become skilled readers. Help us support equitable instruction!

Proceeds benefit Teach My Kid to Read, a 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization



Dr. Richard E. Schutz Walk for Community Literacy Solutions

Teach My Kid to Read is proud to host the second Dr. Richard E. Schutz Walk for Community Literacy Solutions! Richard E. Schutz, “Dick,” known to family and friends, dedicated his life to helping all children learn to read. Dick was a pioneer of decodable books and created the reading series Beginning Reading Instruction/Advanced Reading Instruction (BRI/ARI), known to many as “I See Sam.” Millions of children have learned to read using Dick’s meticulously developed reading series. BRI/ARI is the most evidence-based, decodable book program demonstrating extraordinary success teaching children to read using a simple, say the sound, and read the word approach to early literacy.

At Teach My Kid to Read, our connection with Dr. Richard E. Schutz began when we looked for the most evidence-based and parent-friendly approach to help young children learn to read. Faith Borkowsky told me about her success tutoring children and recommending the series to parents so children could practice their newly learned skills. While BRI/ARI is a book series, the architecture of the approach teaches children how to read. When I learned more about the books, I realized their impact if more children received access to the books through the libraries and Teach My Kid to Read provides guidance and support.

Sadly, Dick passed away amid our discussions about decodable book bundles for early readers and the best way to support parents and caregivers with BRI/ARI through the libraries. However, we hope that this walk will be the beginning of a long tradition that enables people all over the country, and even other countries, to learn about Dick’s work and how BRI/ARI can help young children learn to read.

As part of this event and our October programming, a good portion of the donations provide free sets of BRI/ARI to the libraries and other community centers. Unlike other organizations that offer free books to libraries and communities, Teach My Kid to Read does precisely what their name says. They teach children to read. To further support early literacy skills and help struggling readers, Teach My Kid to Read provides resource manuals, videos, support, and training so that more people can help children learn to read. Here’s to the work of Dr. Richard E. Schutz, community literacy solutions, and teaching all kids to read!

Kind Regards,



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How to Participate – Ways to Create Awareness

- Join our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1036131100472852/> to stay up to date on all of the ways to create awareness and organize local events. If you are not on Facebook, check our event page <https://teachmykidtoread.org/about-us/events-webinars/dr-richard-e-schutz-walk-for-community-literacy-solutions/>
- Purchase your t-shirt! Proceeds enable Teach My Kid to Read to help more libraries and communities access and support resources like decodable books.
- Organize a walk that starts or ends at your public library. If your library has decodable books or literacy resources, show the community the collection and how decodable books support reading instruction or intervention.
- If your public library is setting up a display for Dyslexia Awareness Month, offer to help. You can answer questions from patrons or help the library set up a display.
- Visit our store and purchase an early literacy decodable starter kit for your library. <https://teach-my-kid-to-read.myshopify.com/> The bundles are also available through direct donations. Go to <https://teachmykidtoread.org/support/> to make a donation of any amount, and to learn about how to help more high-needs communities access decodable books. For organizations and businesses interested in sponsoring the event, please visit the event page at <https://teachmykidtoread.org/about-us/dr-richard-e-schutz-walk-for-community-literacy-solutions/> and download the sponsorship package.
- Organize a book study or a reading. “If only I would have known...” What I wish the Pediatrician, Preschool Teacher, and Librarian would have told me about Language, Literacy, and Dyslexia is written by literacy specialist, Faith Borkowsky, and provides a perfect introduction to fundamental literacy skills.
- Be sure to post your photos throughout October or whenever you create awareness. Find us on Instagram https://instagram.com/teachmykidtord?utm_medium=copy_link



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