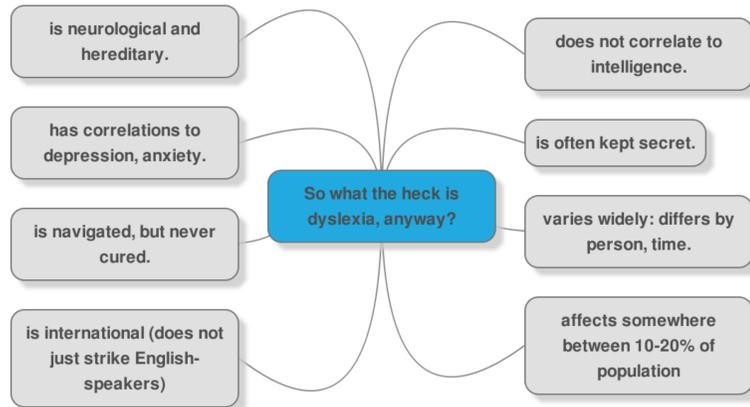


Putting learning disabilities into library school

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What IS dyslexia?



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Dyslexia

We're everywhere...but we're barely present in library and information science curricula. Let's change this, and work towards representation of people with learning disabilities in LIS education so we can better serve tomorrow's patrons at tomorrow's libraries.

Why Dyslexia?

It is relatively common, meaning that dyslexics are everywhere. A body of scientific research is focused on better understanding it, yet very little is written in library and information science journals about serving patrons with dyslexia.

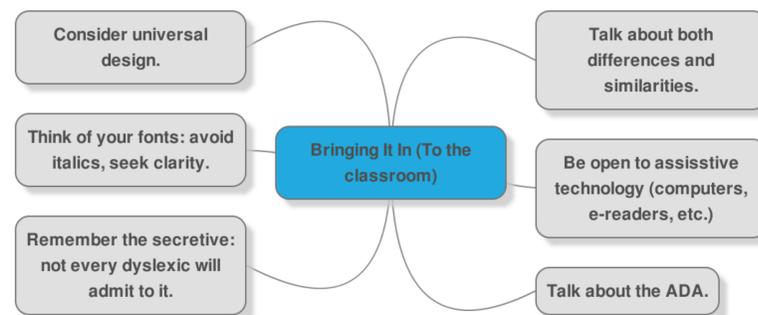
Why Should I Care?

Not so long ago, people with learning disabilities, including dyslexia, were classified as stupid or difficult. By educating ourselves so we can better understand and support dyslexics, we can work to prevent a return to this sort of thinking, as well as ensure that dyslexic students feel less out of place in LIS classrooms—and that our patrons receive a higher standard of service.

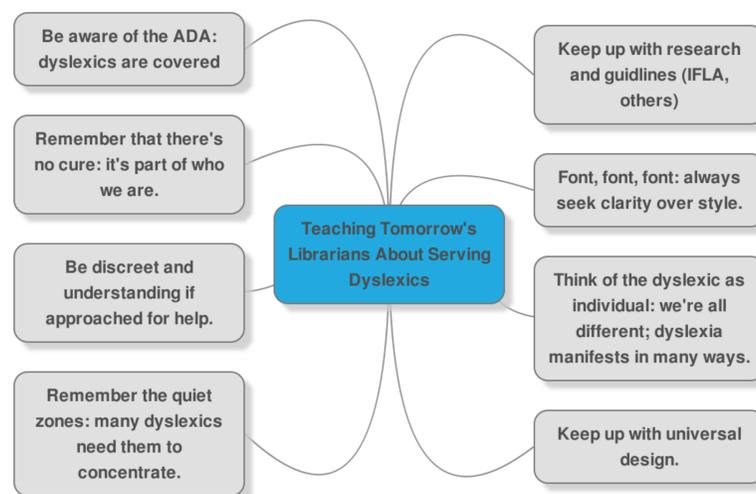
Since dyslexia can affect dyslexics' mental health, ensuring that they feel accepted and safe in their environments—whether they be school or professional—is even more important.

Luckily, many accommodations are easy to make.

In the classroom



Teaching Others (About Us)



Commonalities

What do these measures have in common? They will be helpful for lots of people, not just patrons and students with dyslexia.

Working Together

Dyslexia is never going anywhere ever, but we can work together to ensure that our dyslexic peers feel less alone (and alien) in their LIS classes, and that tomorrow's librarians are prepared to serve tomorrow's dyslexic patrons.

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