



# Alsager School

## Dyslexia-friendly Books

**Did you know that 1 in 5 people are dyslexic?**

**Dyslexia-friendly Books** use a font that appears less crowded on the page for example: Arial, Comic Sans, Calibri. Letter and word spacing is larger to improve readability as are wider margins, short lines and paragraphs. Paper is also important. Matt paper is better than gloss, and cream is a better alternative to white as shiny white paper can appear too dazzling. The paper should also be thick enough to prevent the other side showing through.

Listed below is only a small selection of books from a wide range of genres specifically written for dyslexic and reluctant readers. These are aimed at students in Years 7 and 8 and is only a guide.

Many of these titles are available for students to borrow from the school LRC.

### **Adventure**

A Dangerous Game by Malorie Blackman  
Candy Girl by Karen McCombie  
Five Hundred Miles by Kevin Brooks  
The Secret Lake by Karen Inglis  
Tin Boy by Steve Cole and Oriol Vidal

### **Classics**

Animal Farm (Barrington Stoke edition) by George Orwell  
Christmas Carol by (Barrington Stoke edition) by Charles Dickens  
Jane Eyre: A Retelling by Tanya Landman  
Monster Slayer: A Beowulf Tale – A Retelling by Brian Patten  
Of Mice and Men (Barrington Stoke edition) by John Steinbeck  
Pride & Prejudice: A retelling by Laura Wood  
The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie (Barrington Stoke edition)  
The Speckled Band by Stephanie Baudet, Arianna Bellucci & Arthur Conan Doyle  
The Strange Case of Dr Jekyll and Mr Hyde (Barrington Stoke edition) by R L Stevenson  
The Sussex Vampire by Stephanie Baudet, Arianna Bellucci & Arthur Conan Doyle  
The Three Students by Stephanie Baudet, Arianna Bellucci & Arthur Conan Doyle  
The World of Greek Mythology by Ben Spies

Wuthering Heights: A Retelling by Tanya Landman

### **Family/Home/Relationships/Life's Challenges/Social Issues**

A Bad Day for Jayden by Tony Bradman  
A Fistful of Feathers by Linda Jones  
Have a Go by Jon Mayhew  
I am the Minotaur by Anthony McGowan  
Just Another Little Lie by Eve Ainsworth  
Knife Edge by Robert Swindells  
Last Days of Archie Maxwell by Annabel Pitcher  
One Shot by Tanya Landman  
Queen of King Street by Tom McLaughlin  
Second Best Friend by Non Pratt  
Swan Song by Gill Lewis  
The Disconnect by Keren David  
The Great Food Bank Heist by Onjali Q. Rauf and Elisa Paganelli  
The Harder They Fall by Bali Rai  
The House of Clouds by Lisa Thompson  
The Humiliations of Welton Blake by Alex Wheatle  
The Lost Diary of Sami Star by Karen McCombie  
The Small Things by Lisa Thompson  
Thicker Than Water by Anne Cassidy  
Thin Ice by Chris Powling  
Under the Skin by Cathy MacPhail  
Zebra Crossing Soul Song by Sita Brahmachari

### **Fantasy/Magical**

Arctia The Mountain Giant by Adam Blade  
Epos The Flame Bird by Adam Blade  
Featherlight by Peter Bunzl  
Houdini and the Five-Cent Circus by Keith Gray  
Imogen and the Children from Underbedd by Simon Taylor  
The Evil Within by Catherine MacPhail  
The Evil Within: How Young Henry Jekyll Became Mr Hyde

### **Historical**

After the War: From Auschwitz to Ambleside by Tom Palmer and Violet Tobacco  
Arctic Star by Tom Palmer  
Daisy and the Unknown Warrior by Tony Bradman  
Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story by Catherine Johnson  
The Last Hawk by Elizabeth Wein  
Tragedy at Sea: The Sinking of the Titanic by David Long and Stefano Tambelli  
Under Cover of Darkness by Pat Thomson  
Until We Win by Linda Newbery

White Eagles by Elizabeth Wein  
White Feather by Catherine and David MacPhail

### **Horror and Ghost**

Ghost for Sale by Terry Deary & Stefano Tambellini  
Mirrors by Kate Ormaud  
The Beast of Harwood Forest by Dan Smith  
The Clown by Roy Apps & Abby Ryder  
The Front Room by Michelle Magorian  
The Ghost Garden by Emma Carroll  
The Ghost Tower by Gillian Cross  
The Invasion of Crooked Oak by Dan Smith and Chris King

### **Humour**

Anna Gain by Guy Bass & Steve May  
Diary of a Trainee Rock God by Jonathan Meres  
Help! By Alison Prince  
Jason Banks and the Pumpkin of Doom by Gillian Cross  
The Cupcake Wedding by Gillian Cross  
The Fiendish Revenge of Leroy Jones by Vivian French  
The Spectacular Revenge of Suzi Sims

### **Mystery**

Dark Peat by Marcus Sedgwick  
Pike by Anthony McGowan  
The Mystery of Craven Manor by Joy Woodhams

### **Science Fiction**

The Deep-Sea Duke by James Lauren  
Virus by Chris Bradford

### **Science and Nature**

Eagle Warrior by Gill Lewis  
Fox Friend by Michael Morpurgo  
Lark by Anthony McGowan  
Rook by Anthony McGowan  
Run Wild by Gill Lewis  
The Dog That Saved the World Cup by Phil Earle  
Thin Ice by Chris Powling  
World Burn Down by Steve Cole and Oriol Vidal

### **Sport**

All Out attack by John Hickman & Neil Evans  
Edgar & Adolf by Phil Earle

Football Crazy (series) by Tony Bradman  
Game Changer by John Hickman & Neil Evans  
Game On by Bali Rai  
Home Ground by Alan Gibbons  
Keeper by Alan Gibbons  
Kick Off by John Hickman & Neil Evans  
Offside by Paul Stewart  
Over the Line by Tom Palmer  
Rugby Academy by Tom Palmer & David Shephard  
The Football Trials: dangerous Play by John Hickman  
The Walter Tull Story by Michaela Morgan

**Thriller**

Bulletcatcher (series) by Chris Bradford  
On the Edge (series) by Nigel Hinton  
Persist by Melvin Burgess  
Thriller (continued)  
The Box by Alex Woolf & Szabolcs Pal  
The Devil's Angel by Kevin Brooks  
Thin Ice by Chris Powling  
Virtual Kombat: Virus by Chris Bradford