



WIBIDA Spring Conference April 18, 2015

Please join us at the spring conference of The Wisconsin Branch of the International Dyslexia Association. Take advantage of early bird rates before March 18.

#### Tundra Lodge – Green Bay Wisconsin

865 Lombardi Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54304

Hotel rooms are available at a discounted conference rate (\$129 plus tax) if booked by April 2, 2015 when you reference the WIBIDA conference.

Call 1-877-886-3725 or 1-920-405-8700 (local) for room reservations.

Rooms include waterpark passes.

### Saturday, April 18 - Conference Schedule

8:00-9:00	Registration Check in, Continental Breakfast & time to visit the Vendors
9:00- 9:15	Welcome
9:15-10:30	Keynote speaker – Part 1 Scott Marfilius: "What is Assistive Technology and why is it important?"
10:30-10:45	Break / Visit Vendors
11:00-12:00	Lunch WIBIDA update Legislative Update
12:15-2:15	Keynote Speaker – Part 2 Scott Marfilius: Technology supports for reading, writing, and math
2:15-2:45	Break / Visit Vendors / Snack served
2:45-4:15	Breakout Sessions Student driven AT (Assistive Technology) in the Wausau School District Mabel Gallegos Dyslexia Simulation Connie Day
4:30-5:00	Conference Wrap-Up Wrap-up, thanks, evaluation, fund raiser drawing

Additional conference information is available online at <a href="www.wibida.org">www.wibida.org</a> - register today!

Questions?? Contact Darlene Larson at 715-212-7339 or read.spell@gmail.com

#### **Conference Presenters:**

### Keynote Speaker: Scott Marfilius

Scott is an Assistive/Educational Consultant. He has 30+ years of experience working with individuals with disabilities and implementing assistive technology for a variety of needs at all age and background levels. He has a MA.Ed in Curriculum and Instruction and holds teaching certifications in Early Childhood Handicap, Cognitive Disabilities, and Emotional Disabilities.

Scott consults with individuals and groups within school and business settings across the country to assess technology needs and/or determine adaptations that are needed in the educational environment or workplace. Scott also works with universities, assisting them in reorganizing the curriculum to infuse technology throughout the teacher preparation experience and he assists schools at all levels in implementing Universal Design for Learning concepts in the classroom.

## **Break Out Session Speakers:**

## Student Driven AT: Mabel Gallegos (OTR/L, MOT)

Mabel is an Occupational Therapist and Assistive Technology Specialist who has been working in the public school setting for 7 years. One of her greatest passions is promoting student-driven assistive technology services while collaborating with special educational teams to find tools for struggling readers and writers. Mabel received her Master's Degree in Occupational Therapy degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio in 2007. After working in Laredo, Texas at a large school district (student population over 42,000) for four years, she relocated to Wausau, Wisconsin in August of 2011.

# Dyslexia Simulation: Connie Day

Connie is a Wisconsin State licensed teacher with 10 years classroom experience. She is currently working as an office manager and tutor and volunteers with WIBIDA providing simulations in order to educate teachers, administrators, parents, and others interested in helping those with dyslexia. This simulation experience will give you a realistic perspective of what it feels like to have dyslexia. Participants will gain insight and greater empathy for family members, friends, and students in their lives who deal with dyslexia and language processing difficulties every day.