

Denise Gibbs, ASHA Fellow, CCC/SLP
Board Member, Past President



Dr. Denise P. Gibbs has served as a Board Member of the Alabama Branch of the International Dyslexia Association for 18 years, and is one of the organization's Past Presidents.

Her regional dyslexia service appointments include the Alabama Grade Level Reading Committee as well as the Alabama Dyslexia Advisory Council (DAC) established by the Alabama State Board of Education in 2015. Dr. Gibbs is a charter member of the DAC and currently serves as the council's Historian.

Dr. Gibbs currently serves as Director of the Alabama Scottish Rite Foundation Learning Centers. Under her leadership, the non-profit organization provides free dyslexia testing for Alabama students and free professional development trainings for Alabama educators.

With 25+ years of leadership as a University of Montevallo Communication Science and Disorders professor, Dr. Gibbs's published LRP works are [Integrating K-12 Literacy Standards Into Your Elementary RTI Model](#), [RTI in Middle and High School: Strategies and Structures for Literacy Success](#), and [Rising to Dyslexia Challenges Through Multi-Tiered Systems of Support: A Handbook for Schools](#).

Dr. Gibbs is an avid cross-country RV camper and enjoys spending time with her family. No matter where the road takes them, though, they always call Gurley, Alabama "home."

When did you first learn about dyslexia?

Dyslexia has always been part of my life. I am dyslexic, and we have children and grandchildren with dyslexia. I taught college courses specific to dyslexia, as well. All of those roads guided me here to help champion understanding, services, and the science of reading for students and teachers in Alabama and beyond.

Education:

B.S. Speech - Language Pathology, University of Montevallo
M.S. Speech- Language Pathology, University of Montevallo
Ed.D. Special Education, University of Alabama

Certifications:

American Speech-Language-Hearing Fellow
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