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Free Reading Assistance Workshop for Parents and Students Offered in September

Lincoln families can get help with studying spelling and vocabulary.

(August 20, 2007) – The *Nebraska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association* announces a free workshop to help parents of children in elementary, middle or high school and their children learn quick, helpful strategies for studying spelling and vocabulary.

“Spelling is a common frustration for many youngsters and teens, especially those who have trouble reading,” says Carolyn Brandle, President of the *Nebraska Dyslexia Association*. “Our expert reading instructors will work with both the students and their parents to give them practical study strategies to help improve spelling skills.”

The workshop will be presented on two different days to accommodate the schedules of parents and their children.

Monday, September 10 7:00 to 8:30 pm

Saturday, September 15 10:15 to 11:45 am

The workshops will be held in Lincoln at the Bess Dodson Walt Public Library at 6701 S. 14th. The instructors are Dr. Joan Stoner and T. Elli Cross, who both have over 30 years of experience working with children, teenagers and adults who struggle with reading.

Parents are urged to bring youngsters and teens who are struggling with spelling to the workshop. Instructors will work separately with parents and with the children to provide ideas for studying spelling and vocabulary to help improve test scores. Families are encouraged to bring a recent spelling or vocabulary list to the workshop.

No registration is required for the free workshop. The workshop is a public service of the *Nebraska Dyslexia Association* in conjunction with *Dyslexia Awareness Month* in October. More information about the group is available at www.ne-ida.com.

The mission of the Nebraska Branch of the International Dyslexia Association (www.ne-ida.com) is to improve educational opportunities for students with reading, writing and spelling deficits: promote education of teachers in research-based approaches to reading instruction; work with teacher education providers to require research-based training for teacher certification; and provide information and support to parents and the public on reading problems.