

Dear Dyslexia invites people of all ages with dyslexia to change the world's perception of the learning difference – from *dis*-ability to *hyper*-ability – by sending in a postcard that captures their experience visually.

The project launched locally in San Francisco during Dyslexia Awareness Month 2022 as part of an exhibit featuring artwork by high-profile dyslexics including California Governor Gavin Newsom and Twitter logo designer Martin Grasser. It garnered local media coverage in outlets from the San Francisco Examiner ("Dyslexia is a feature, not a flaw, at student exhibition") to the San Francisco Standard ("At 'Dyslexic Dictionary' Exhibit, Gavin Newsom Joins Artists in Celebration of 'Hyper-Ability'").

As part of the postcard outreach, we've connected with dyslexic students nationwide and have partnered with more than 20 schools for dyslexic children. We've also confirmed the involvement of a wide range of notable dyslexics – Olympic gold medalist <u>Greg Louganis</u>, Nobel Prize-winning biophysicist <u>Jacques Dubochet</u>, children's author and illustrator <u>Dav Pilkey</u>, advocate and activist <u>Erin Brockovich</u>, explorer <u>Ann Bancroft</u>, and actress <u>Alyssa Milano</u> – who will all be contributing postcards.

Now, the postcards are looking for a prominent location to be featured, as a way to inspire and educate the next generation of dyslexic thinkers with a celebration during Dyslexia Awareness Month (October 2023).



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To become an ambassador or host this installation, please contact: Zelia Padilha, Executive Producer dyslexia@gershoni.com

To contribute your postcard, download a deardyslexiapostcards.com and follow the instructions to share your work with us!



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-ALIZEE P., AGE 12

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Students from Charles Armstrong School join Gil Gershoni for a Q&A session in front of dyslexic artist Martin Grasser's "Color Dot Font."





The inspiring art I saw made me think that one of the benefits of having dyslexia is creativity. I hope the whole world notices that dyslexia is an advantage."

-ROBIN Z., AGE 13



About the Project's Founder

Dear Dyslexia is the brainchild of Gil Gershoni, a champion for dyslexics, founder and creative director of <u>Gershoni Creative</u>.

For more than 25 years, Gil Gershoni has been developing cutting-edge ideas and keeping brands like Google, Apple, Spotify, and Nike ahead of the curve.

In 2017, Gil founded **Dyslexic Design Thinking**, a program that teaches people how to leverage strategies that come naturally to dyslexics to enhance how they work, think, create and problem-solve.

His mission is to educate people about dyslexia and move away from the traditional – and incomplete – perception of the condition as a limitation only. For Gil, dyslexia is a hyper-ability, not a disability. Dyslexics are often able to make surprising connections and find solutions in unexpected places – and Dyslexic Design Thinking can help linear thinkers unlock their creative potential.

Gil has presented at <u>South By Southwest</u>, the <u>Whitney Biennial</u>, the <u>Sundance</u> <u>Film Festival</u>, <u>Vancouver Institute of Media Arts</u>, <u>San Francisco Design Week</u>, <u>California College of the Arts</u> and <u>UC Berkeley</u>.

He has been featured in **Wired**, **San Francisco Examiner**, **AdForum**, **San Francisco Magazine**, **San Francisco Standard**, and **48 Hills** – and is a graduate of the **Pratt Institute**.

