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FAMED *JURASSIC PARK* PALEONTOLOGIST
JACK HORNER TO SPEAK AT READING CENTER EVENT, NOVEMBER 8, 2015
October is Dyslexia Awareness Month

(October 19, 2015, Rochester, MN)

What: **Bright Stars Event – An Afternoon with Paleontologist Jack Horner**

When: **Sunday, November 8, 2015 from 3-5pm**

Location: **Rochester International Event Center**

Our annual *Bright Stars* event provides an opportunity to highlight a successful adult with dyslexia. **This year our Bright Stars Event features world renowned paleontologist and dyslexic, Jack Horner.**

Please join us as we hear from this rock-star famous paleontologist who is making major contributions through his out of the box thinking, fueled by his brilliant dyslexic brain. **Jack Horner has served as technical adviser to the Jurassic Park films, including the recent one, even boasting a cameo appearance.** Jack will talk about how dyslexia has helped him to be a better paleontologist. The event is free but any donations will help benefit our mission. Refreshments will be served. Hands-on activities for children provided by Quarry Hill Nature Center staff, including photo ops with Stan the T-Rex dinosaur skull onsite at the Event Center.



The Reading Center presents
Jack Horner
November 8, 2015

For a preview – check out this video with clips of the new movie: <http://tinyurl.com/nnej7lu>

***Jack Horner is available for pre-event interviews by phone, by arrangement.**

Since 1951, over 8,700 dyslexic students have been taught to read through the Reading Center

The Reading Center is a non-profit organization that has been helping struggling students learn to read since 1950. A United Way partner agency, the Reading Center provides educational testing, one-on-one Educational Therapy, an early childhood Reading Readiness program and summer Best of Basics program for children. The Reading Center also trains adults in a multi-sensory, structured approach (Orton Gillingham) to teach reading through our Basic and Advanced Institutes and for school teachers through our Infusion Program.

In 2014, the Reading Center provided 7,334 lessons to 169 students one-on-one, 95 children and adults were tested for reading disabilities, 86, 4-6 year olds were screened for free, and 59 students enrolled in 84 Best of Basics courses to work on skills over the summer. \$53,000 in scholarships were provided to 110 children whose families could not afford the cost of testing and tutoring. 27% of Reading Center students receive scholarship assistance.

Through our partnership with the United Way and school districts, we trained 68 teachers who brought their Orton Gillingham training back into their classrooms and reached an estimated 1700 students. Another 31 educators and parents were trained in our Basic and Advanced institutes offered at the Reading Center.

For more comprehensive background information on the Reading Center go to www.TheReadingCenter.org/AboutUs/MediaInformation or call the above contact person to arrange interviews.

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