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ANNUAL READING CENTER BRIGHT STARS EVENT  
FEATURING NATURALIST DOUGLAS WOOD AT QUARRY HILL  
*October is Dyslexia Awareness Month*

(October 29, 2018, Rochester, MN)

What: **Annual Bright Stars Event – featuring guest Douglas Wood**

When: **Sunday, November 4 (Shows at 2pm and 4pm)**

Location: **Quarry Hill, Rochester**

Our **annual *Bright Stars* event** provides an opportunity to highlight successful adults with dyslexia. **This year our special guest is Douglas Wood.**

Douglas Wood is known as Minnesota’s “renaissance man.” Mr. Wood is an award winning author, artist, musician, naturalist and wilderness guide. He is also dyslexic.

As our special guest, Mr. Wood will share stories and songs, and inspire the audience with his true story of going from the “worst reader in the class”, a painfully shy kid with ADHD and dyslexia, to a best-selling author and speaker.

In his books and music, frequent speaking engagements, and far-flung wilderness expeditions, Douglas Wood continues to explore the relationship between the natural world and the human spirit.

Douglas Wood has read his books, narrated, and performed at the White House, New York’s famed Lincoln Center, and many other extraordinary venues across the country. As a professional musician and song-writer, Doug is a virtuoso performer on 12-string guitar, mandolin, and banjo.



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This event is open to the public and will be hosted at Quarry Hill Nature Center. Tickets are FREE but seating is limited so please register at [www.TheReadingCenter.org](http://www.TheReadingCenter.org). The first \$10,000 in donations made during this event will be matched by Mayo Clinic and the Rochester Scottish Rite Children's Foundation.

**\*Douglas Wood is available for pre-event interviews by phone, and Nov. 4 (event day). Interviews by arrangement of The Reading Center.**

**Since 1951, over 9,000 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 1951. 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.

In 2017, The Reading Center tutors and trainees reached hundreds of Minnesota's struggling readers. In total, **we reached 512 students across all our programming** including our impactful relationships with the Rochester Reading Champions and Boys & Girls Club of Rochester. Due to the support of donors, 16% of our students received almost \$59,000 in scholarships.

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