

2024 Inspiration Award

The Dallas Branch of the International Dyslexia Association Board of Directors selects a recipient of the Inspiration Award as an individual who has made significant contributions to their community through their efforts, actions, time, and dedication while embodying the spirit of dyslexia.



Krista Weltner

Krista Weltner is an author, illustrator, filmmaker, and puppet maker. Her debut picture book series, *Everyday Adventures with Molly and Dyslexia*, was inspired by her own experience growing up with dyslexia. In addition to her literary pursuits, she works in stop-motion animation. Her work can be seen in the Netflix animation *Wendell and Wild* and Laika Studios' upcoming *Wildwood*. Before working in the film, she helped bring animatronic and puppet characters to life for the theme park industry. In 2016, she obtained a Master's in Fine Arts from the University of Connecticut, where she presented her master's project and short film, *Partially Compensated* (also inspired by her experience with dyslexia). Krista's short film has been seen in film festivals worldwide and has afforded her numerous opportunities to engage and advocate with others for a more inclusive world.

Previous Inspiration Award Recipients

2023 Todd Berger

2022 Todd Meier

2020 Paul Voelker