

The Deaf Reader

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President's Message

Video by: Dawn Watts *Translated by:* Megan Anderson-Christian

We have a new name, "Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library." The new name was approved quickly. The website, bylaws and logo will be updated soon. I would really like to thank the board for all of their work.

This February is Black history month. I am so honored. We will have the Deaf presenter "Nunu" here, on March 11th. You can see the flyer in this newsletter. After Black History Month, we will celebrate Ohio's 5th Deaf History Month. This is really important because knowledge about the deaf community is spreading and people are learning. In addition to that from March 13th to April 15th we will be providing ASL stories. I want to thank our library advisor Allison, from the London public library. She has really helped and has spread the word. This will be the first time we have deaf signers provide stories with an interpreter. We are growing. For more information read the following pages and contact your regional representative.

For future news, the year 2023 is the final year of this term. In November of this year, we will host elections. We will make announcements as that time approaches. If you want to run, go ahead and reach out to your representative. If you have friends that want to be involved, they are welcome. If you have any other additional questions feel free to contact me.

Happy Valentine's Day to you all and stay warm!

[YouTube Video: President's Message](#)

https://youtu.be/aBK9ZxfA_nU



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Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures Name Has Changed!

Written by: Juanita Hall

It was decided by the Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures (OCDC) Board to change the name of their non-profit organization to Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library (ODFL). They realized that over the years since its establishment that many people didn't understand its name, Ohio Citizens of Deaf Cultures and its purpose with the Ohio Libraries. There has been precedent on the national level, for any organization that supports libraries to be called *Deaf Library* or *Friends of the Library*. The ODCD Board had a special meeting and voted to change its name to ODFL that will continue to spread awareness of Deaf culture, Deaf history, American Sign Language and other sign languages in various formats such as videos, books, and other resources.

This name change became official on Tuesday, January 6th, 2023. The new logo is being processed. Currently, the ODFL website is in the process of being updated. The ODFL's Bylaws are being edited and will be updated on the ODFL's website as well.

Mission:

The mission of the Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library is to advance the quality of deaf resources for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and DeafBlind communities by promoting deaf awareness, fundraising, and literacy in Ohio.

Vision:

To serve as a one-stop center for deaf-related information and resources for Ohioans who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Hearing communities.

Goodbye OCDC, Hello ODFL!



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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
 STATE OF OHIO
 OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE

I, Frank LaRose, Secretary of State of the State of Ohio, do hereby certify that this is a list of all records approved on this business entity and in the custody of the Secretary of State.



Witness my hand and the seal of the Secretary of State at Columbus, Ohio this 10th of January, A.D. 2023

Ohio Secretary of State



ASL Storytellers Needed: March 13th - April 15th

Video by: Dawn Watts *Translated by:* Megan Anderson-Christian

Video translation:

Hello! And happy New Year to you all! I am so excited for 2023 because Ohio's Deaf History Month will celebrate its 5th anniversary. A public library in London Ohio employs a woman named Allison. She is our Library advisor. We have discussed and have come to an agreement that from March 13th to April 15th we will provide ASL stories at several local libraries. Allison has reached out to various libraries that are really interested in providing ASL stories. I am now in search of a deaf person who would enjoy reading and signing two children's stories. A voice interpreter will be there for the reading. I anticipate this would be a weekend event, depending on the library's schedule. I would like to have one of you, a deaf volunteer, sign these stories. It does not have to be done in English. If you need feedback or help to translate the stories, I'd be happy to help you.

What's most important is to have you, the deaf community, involved in our local libraries. Allison has informed us that Portsmouth's library is really interested and we have found a person to sign the stories for that library already. Dayton Ohio is also very interested, if you would like to sign stories for them let me know. Cleveland Heights is also interested, if you would like to sign stories for Cleveland heights let me know. We would like to provide a signed story with the Akron library as well, however, we have not yet been able to set up that partnership. I would also like to get set up with Cleveland and Toledo public libraries. Here in the Columbus area, there is a young girl who is a student who really wants to sign for the Worthington Library. If you or anyone else wants to be involved let me know who you are and we can make arrangements. You can do a 4 - 5 min presentation, possibly a song that young children would understand. It would be voiced by an interpreter. After the presentation, crafts will be set up for the kids. Let me know if you would be excited to join. If you are feeling hesitant, just remember... It's important to break the ice and get in there to see what can happen! Again, Happy New year and let me know if you want to join. You can Inbox me via Facebook or send me an email. Bye.

Updated: Jan. 29, 2023 Need Dayton and Akron. Deaf people will do in their local libraries: Cleveland Heights, Portsmouth, Toledo, Columbus. Please contact your ODFL Reps. Look at page 15.

 Searching for Deaf ASL Storyteller in Ohio during on March 13 to April 15

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E44tdoVGhvc&authuser=1>

First Place Artwork Gets Framed!!

The first place winner will win \$50 and have their artwork framed! For more information about the 3rd Annual Children's Art Contest 2023, check out the article on page 7 and the video and flyer on page 30!

[YouTube: 3rd Annual Art Contest 2023](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjS-g2vX2IY&authuser=1)

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Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures /Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library President's Report
October 14, 2022, to January 19, 2023

FB: OCDC/ODFL: 1,482 (0)

FB: OFOLDA: 207 (+9)

The Deaf Reader: 1,131 (+27)

Meetings:

OCDC Websites with committee

OCDC Strategic committee

Library advisor, Allison Ratcliff

Debbie Brown Ohio Deaf History Month

The Deaf Reader Committee

Special meeting with OCDC Board members

Drawing Art Contest

Searching for a new secretary

Bob Donaldson for bylaws

ODFL Bylaws committee

Anties Davis with Kimberly Savage for Black Deaf Advocate workshop

Phone/Emailed:

State Library of Ohio

State Secretary of Ohio

Judy Patterson, Debbie Brown, Marsha Moore, Andrew Knox, Martin T., Bonnie Sandy, Charitable Registration, Ben Gulyas, Cleveland Heights Librarian, Alice Hagameyer (Tool Kit for Libraries Annual Events), Chuck Williams.

OCDC/ODFL YouTube

Malia Schneck Deaf Youth Leader

Drawing Art Contest

ASL Storyteller for Ohio Deaf History Month

Others:

Deafhood Foundation workshop

Attended US Congresswoman Joyce Beatty for Rosa Park Day and Her Ceremonial Swearing.

Edited Website, FB, etc for the new name ODFL.

Third Annual Student's Drawing Art Contest 2023

Written by: Bonnie W. Sandy

It is exciting that Advocates for Kids is joining our Third Annual Student's Drawing Art Contest 2023! Both Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library (ODFL) and Advocates for Kids (A4K) are partnering for this bigger project. This year we will have prizes for the top three winners of each grade level! What's more, the first-place winning artwork of each grade level will be framed and printed on the new 2023 Note Cards!



We welcome Ohio resident students who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, Deaf+Disabled, with Hearing Loss, and KODA (Kid of Deaf Adult) to participate in this drawing art contest. The grades are divided into four groups which are (1) Kindergarten to 2nd grade, (2) 3rd grade to 5th grade, (3) 6th grade to 8th grade, and (4) 9th grade to 12th grade.

In each grade level, a first-place winner will receive \$50, a second-place winner will receive \$25 and a third-place winner will receive \$15! The first-place winners will get their artwork framed and a free set of the new 2023 Note Cards printed with their artwork. Isn't that exciting?

If your child is interested in participating in this contest, please register soon. Contact Bonnie W. Sandy at BonnieWill@aol.com for more information. The deadline for the original artwork submission is Friday, March 3rd. The YouTube link in American Sign language is [3rd Art Annual Art Contest 2023](#) for more details. You may also request a package of art supplies if you need them.

After the judging day, the winners will be announced on March 13th on the Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library Facebook, YouTube, and Website! All Students who participate in this contest will receive a certificate of participation and a surprise gift. All artworks will be returned to the students after the Ohio Deaf History ends on the 15th of April.

The 2023 Note Cards, expense covered by A4K, will become available for sale by the end of March. The benefit will go to the Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library.

This was made possible by Advocates for Kids! Let us all hand-wave to them! Thank you, A4K!! We hope we will continue this partnership with them together!

Photo Credit: Advocates for Kids

Amazon Will Drop the Donations Program

Written by: Juanita Hall

Amazon has recently sent a mass email to all Prime Amazon members explaining that they are winding down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023 due to financial cutbacks in their company. They will be removing the donations programs since they felt it wasn't as successful as they had hoped. They will continue to be involved in other typos of charities such as natural disaster relief and affordable housing (Valinsky, 2023). Therefore, now is your chance to shop on Amazon and support ODFL before February 20th! Keep in mind that their AmazonSmile account is still under the previous name, OCDC. Please contact Amazon if you have further questions or inquiries. Here is the CNN Business article on this subject: [CNN Business SmileAmazon](#). For more information in how to shop with AmazonSmile, click on this link: [Amazon Smile](#)

Reference

Valinsky, J. (2023). *Amazon axes its charity donation program*.
<https://www.cnn.com/2023/01/19/tech/amazon-smile-shut-down/index.html>

Use this link [Amazon Smile](#) while you are doing your regular shopping with Amazon!
For eligible purchases completed at AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation donates 0.5% of your purchase cost to our organization. Shop and support OCDC/ODFL at the same time without hassle.



Come support ODFL/OCDC quickly and easily before time runs out!

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Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library Welcomes Christine Stepien, New Secretary!!

Written by: Christine Stepien *Edited by:* Deborah Ozanich

I live in Hilliard, Ohio and worked at Keepsake T-Shirt Quilts from 2012-2018. I resumed work at KTQ in September 2020 to present. I work at KTQ because of no communication barriers. My admiration of the job is enjoying being a Seamstress sewing on some blankets, pillows, and quilts at work. The love of my job is certainly to meet and socialize with people. I am a mother of two CODA sons, Thomas IV and Matthew. An alumni of The University of Akron, I was a Deaf camping member and Secretary of the OSWC~Ohio Silent Wanderers Club in my college years in the past. I have a love of animals, landscapes, flowers, and especially vintage red pick-up trucks! And black and white photography as a hobby. Christine is a remarkable and passionate Deaf Artist and Crafter for paintings of stone arts of various sizes.

If you are interested to order one or more stones, contact Christine at obuckeyes392@gmail.com



Images credit: Christine Stepien

Note: We thank Judy Patterson, our previous OCDC Secretary for her wonderful service with OCDC. We wil miss her!

National Association of the Deaf Youth Programs

Written by: Chanel, Director of National Association of the Deaf Youth Programs *(Reprinted with permission)*

Happy New Year!

The NAD Youth Programs is excited to start another year of events for our deaf and hard of hearing youth. We wanted to share upcoming deadlines and events for deaf youth in your area to participate in.

Current 10th and 11th graders: [Youth Leadership Camp camper application](#) is due on **January 15th**.

YLC, an outdoor leadership camp, takes place at Camp Taloali, Stayton, Oregon on June 26 - July 21, 2023. We know the application deadline is right around the corner – if you need more time to finish your application, please email nadylc@nad.org.

21+ year olds: No summer plans yet? We got you – [apply](#) to be a YLC staff member and make a difference in our deaf youth's lives. Apply by March 1st!

EVERYONE: Commit to celebrating our deaf youth on National Deaf Youth Day that happens on March 6th every year. We have ideas about what your organization can do [here](#).

Also, the Jr. NAD National Conference will happen this Fall! We encourage deaf youth to join or establish a Jr. NAD chapter to be eligible to attend the conference.

For upcoming events and opportunities for our deaf youth, please follow us on social media, on Instagram (@NADYouthPrograms) and Facebook (NAD Youth Programs). You can also check out our [website](#) or [sign up](#) for our eBlast.

Please feel free to share this email with your community members and deaf youth. May 2023 be a thriving one for all of us, especially Deaf Youth!

If you have any questions about the above opportunities, feel free to email me at chanel.bonheyo@nad.org.

Cheers,

Chanel

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Congresswoman, Joyce Beatty, Celebration Day/Oath

Written by: Dawn Watts

On December 30, 2022, Art Roehrig, Andrew Knox, and I attended the Ohio Statehouse for the US House of Representative, Joyce Beatty District 3 during her Ceremonial Swearing-in ceremony for the 118th Congress. She continues to work and serve the people in our nation's Capital. She still sponsors the National Deaf History Month.



Shadowbox Live

Written by: Dawn Watts



On December 15, 2022, I attended Shadowbox Live in downtown Columbus where they provided several ASL interpreters for the holidays.

It was a very neat place to watch the play on the stage. They provided a menu with food and drinks for people to eat and drink before the show started.

There were four ASL students from Columbus State Community College (CSCC) who attended. They were interpreting for their internship and did a great job interpreting the show!

Every year in December, the Shadowbox Live allows CSCC ASL students to earn their experience working as interpreters on the stage for two days only. I strongly encourage you to keep this in the back of your mind for the December 2023 show to come and watch and support the Shadowbox Live show and the interpreters!

Federal Bill for Websites' ADA Compliance

Written by: Dawn Watts and Deborah Ozanich

The National Disability Rights Network, in collaboration with organizations like the National Federation of the Blind, has been working on a federal bill to create clear guidance on how websites must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

If your organization/grassroots advocacy group would be interested in supporting this, they will need to sign a letter. The letter is attached for your viewing to sign by using the google form link below.

<https://forms.gle/ngjQkqZs9Zws1xr27> Letter of support web and app accessibility available online.

Letter of Support for Web and App Accessibility Act

[DATE XX, 2022]

[ADDRESS]

Dear [MEMBER OF CONGRESS]:

The undersigned organizations urge your support for and swift passage of the [Websites and Software Applications Accessibility Act](#) (S. 4998, H.R. 9021). Millions of people with disabilities face barriers in all parts of society and are less likely to use the internet or software applications because the technology is inaccessible.

This legislation would require the Department of Justice and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission to establish a clear and enforceable uniform national framework for website and software application accessibility, reaffirm that existing disability rights law covers websites and software applications, and ensure that accessibility standards keep pace with new and emerging technologies. It would improve opportunities for people with disabilities to access employment, commerce, healthcare, education, public services, recreation, and all other aspects of life.

The US Department of Justice has long held that the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) covers websites and other technologies that are critical to accessing a business's or agency's services or facilities but has failed to issue regulations defining when and how they should be accessible. Meanwhile, courts have diverged in interpreting when and how the ADA should apply to the internet, and business groups are on the record seeking clear standards that clarify their obligations under the ADA. This bill does not amend the ADA, but it affirms that the ADA requires websites and applications used by covered entities to communicate or interact with job applicants, employees, customers, and members of the public be accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities.

Recent research has shown the breadth of barriers that people with disabilities face. Several studies find persistent barriers in telehealth accessibility. A survey of 74 Deaf and hard of hearing participants who had recently used telehealth found that 65% of participants experienced communications accessibility barriers. Deaf patients frequently experience the inability to connect remote medical interpreters or real-time captioners through the secure telehealth platform and other technical issues, including poor audio quality. Another study¹ found that of 330 blind and low vision participants who had used telehealth to meet with their healthcare provider, 57% reported the telehealth platform was not fully accessible with their assistive technology. Moreover, while there are no studies directly examining the telehealth² experiences of DeafBlind people, anecdotal reports suggest that the vast majority of DeafBlind people are completely unable to utilize telehealth as it currently exists.

The challenges are present in every sector of society. Nearly 60% of the educators surveyed in a Fall 2020 study reported their blind and low vision students could not access one or more of the digital learning tools they were expected to use in class. A 2022 study found that about 50% of³ blind survey respondents experienced accessibility challenges when filling out electronic employment

onboarding paperwork. Moreover, an annual automated analysis demonstrates ⁴ how common inaccessibility barriers are, finding that of one million web pages reviewed in 2022, 97% had some kind of accessibility issue, and an average of 50 errors appeared on every page. ⁵

These findings are neither exhaustive of all website-related issues nor comprehensive of the entire disability community. For example, people with physical disabilities such as limited manual dexterity may need websites that have full keyboard navigation, and people with communication or speech-related disabilities may encounter barriers if a website uses voice interaction, has a time out, or provides phone numbers as the only method to communicate with the business. The disability community is large and diverse, facing access issues that continue to grow and evolve with the ever-changing landscape of websites and applications. While the studies cited primarily explored the experiences of people with sensory disabilities, accessibility issues are pervasive, frequent, and harmful for people with other disabilities as well.

We urge you to support the Websites and Software Applications Accessibility Act to expand access to the digital environment. For additional information, please review the [one-pager](#), [section-by-section](#), and [frequently asked questions](#). Thank you for working toward a more accessible and inclusive world for people with disabilities.

Sincerely,

[organization names]

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Ohio Deaf History Month 2023

Written by: Debbie Brown *Edited by:* Deborah Ozanich

This year 2023 is the Fifth year Anniversary recognizing the Ohio Deaf History Month (ODHM), March 13th to April 15th. On December 6, 2017, Governor John Kasich signed a bill SB 27 for Ohio Deaf History Month. The date of March 13 is when the first deaf President Dr. I. Jordan King for Gallaudet University was elected in 1988. In 1817, our country's first permanent school for the deaf was established on April 15th. It is a great opportunity to celebrate and honor our culture.

The purpose is to educate the hearing people at Ohio's libraries regarding the Deaf Community which includes Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA). We enjoy educating people about Deaf Culture, Deaf History, and American Sign Language (ASL). Additionally, we also have ASL storytellers for children to enjoy.

Participating in ODHM is a great opportunity to learn more about the rich history of the Deaf. Our goal is to increase libraries' memberships in participating in ODHM. Increasing library participation means more knowledge of the Deaf Community's needs and successes.

The local Regional Representatives continue to contact libraries in Ohio to encourage recognition of the ODHM by displaying information and materials regarding Deaf Culture, Deaf History, and ASL.

You can help us by contacting your local library's Regional Representatives to help them set up a display regarding Deaf Culture, Deaf History, and ASL.

If you need help with that, please contact your local library Regional Representatives.

Region Reps # 1 - (Northwest): Lori Luk at lklori1@gmail.com and Ann Bodette at Eug25marie@icloud.com

Region Reps # 2 - (Northeast): Chuck Williams at cwilliams788@gmail.com and Angie Potosky at potosky2rep@gmail.com

Region Reps # 3 - (Southwest): Paul Wernsing at bpwernsing@twc.com

Region Reps # 4 - (Central): Tim McNutt at tmcnutt64@outlook.com and Brad Race at wesbrit2@verizon.net

Region Reps # 5 - (Southeast): Christopher Cooley at Chriscooley40@gmail.com

Help us to support to make the ODHM successful!

Any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Debbie Brown at dbohio1960@yahoo.com

Six Years Ago, the SB 27 Ohio Deaf History Month

Written by: Dawn Watts

SB 27 Ohio Deaf History Month by Ohio Senator Bill Beagle, R, Sponsor standing behind Governor Kasich and Ohio House of Rep, R, Marlene Anielski. Governor Kasich is standing with the diverse deaf and deafblind people who were witnesses as he signed the SB 27 Ohio Deaf History Month on December 6, 2017.



Image Source: <https://ocdclibrary.org/>

Display for Ohio Deaf History Month will be at Ohio Statehouse

Written by: Debbie Brown *Edited by:* Deborah Ozanich

There will be a display for the Fifth year Anniversary for the Ohio Deaf History Month (ODHM) from March 13 to April 15, 2023 near the Governor's office at the Ohio Statehouse. You can stop at the Ohio Statehouse to take a tour around the Ohio Statehouse and enjoy the display for ODHM. The address is 1 Capital Square, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The Statehouse Hours are Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, Saturday & Sunday 11am-5pm.

According to www.ohiostatehouse.org: "Visitors may enter the buildings on weekdays at Third Street, State Street or the South sliding doors in the underground parking garage on the Green Level. On Saturday and Sunday, visitors may enter at Third Street or the South sliding doors in the underground parking garage on the Green Level. The Statehouse is handicapped accessible and senior friendly."

Visit <https://www.ohiostatehouse.org/visit/public-tours> for more information or call 614-728-3726.



Image source: <https://www.ohiostatehouse.org/about/capitol-square/statehouse>

Kathleen Otis

Written by: Dawn Watts

Kathleen used to work in The State Library of Ohio as Catalog service and Former Senior Searcher in the Library of Congress for the past 30 years. She is now retired. She graduated from the Master of Library Science program at Kent State University in 1980. She also earned her B.S. Library Science in Gallaudet (College) in 1969. She married William "Bill" Otis in 1967. He passed away in 2014.

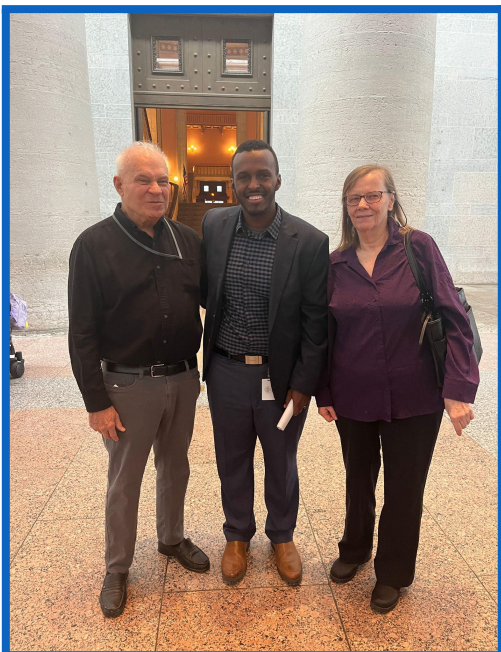


Skip Bergquist, Kathleen Otis, and Dawn Watts in the restaurant.

Legislative Disabilities Day

Written by: Dawn Watts

On Legislative Disabilities Day, Donna Schultz, President of the Ohio Association of the Deafblind, Art Roehrig, Co-Chairperson of the SSP Task Force, Skip Bergquist, Former Rehabilitation Service Commission for the Deaf, and Dawn Watts, Advocacy for the DeafBlind people were at the Ohio Statehouse for meeting with the Ohio Legislators. Several Ohio legislators are interested in supporting a bill for the Deafblind people statewide in Ohio. SSP Task Force group: John Filek, HKNC Regional 5 Co-Chairperson, Art Roehrig, Co-Chairperson, and Terry Blosser, Secretary/Correspondence.



Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center present:

FREE TRAINING - PART 1

Developing Competency in Mental Health Treatment for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Individuals: Approaches and Considerations for Culturally Affirmative Care



This training equips Ohio clinicians with knowledge and insight into the Deaf & Hard of Hearing Community, a cultural and linguistic minority with very limited access to mental health care. As mental health professionals increase their awareness of the differences between deaf and hearing people and learn to adapt their treatment approaches, they will become more skilled in treating deaf patients who suffer from mental illness and substance use disorder. Most importantly, participants will learn how to effectively work with a sign language interpreter in their work.

6.5 CEUs provided FREE to:

- Psychologists • School Psychologists
- Social Workers • Clinical Counselors
- Marriage & Family Therapists

*CEUs are awarded for Psychologists, Social Workers and Counselors only and granted to their license number by the CSWMFT Board (Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family therapist Board) or the OPA (Ohio Psychological Association) via Ohio Department MHAS as a provider.

2023 Training Dates

January 13 • February 6 • March 6 • April 3 • May 19

All Sessions are Virtual via Zoom 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. ASL interpreters and Zoom captioning will be provided.

For more information and to register, visit www.chsc.org/training

ASL Interpreters will be provided



This training was made possible by a grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

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*6.5 CEUs provided free to: Psychologists, Social Workers and Counselors only and granted to their license number by the CSWMFT Board (Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family therapist Board) or the OPA (Ohio Psychological Association) via Ohio Department MHAS as a provider.

Part-2 of this training is intended to be a continuation of the information presented in Part-1.

Clinicians will deepen their knowledge of the deaf and hard of hearing communities and learn to apply this knowledge to clinical practice through the review of case examples, guided discussion and instructive videos. Participants will gain additional information and increase their understanding of the role of the ASL interpreter on the treatment team. The full-day training will allow participants to build their area of expertise in the field of Mental Health and Deafness, ultimately leading to an increase in therapeutic successes with deaf and hard of hearing clients.

2023 Training Dates

February 27 • May 22 • June 2

All Sessions are Virtual via Zoom 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. ASL interpreters and Zoom captioning will be provided.

ASL Interpreters will be provided



For more information and to register, visit www.chsc.org/training

This training was made possible by a grant from the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services.

Cleveland Hearing & Speech Center
presents:

FREE VIRTUAL TRAINING

Developing Competency in Mental Health Interpreting: A 4-Part Series

OCRID is an Approved RID CMP Sponsor for continuing education activities. This Professional Studies program is offered for 0.2 CEUs at the Some Content Knowledge Level. Each session will be awarded 0.2 CEUs for a total of 0.8 CEUs possible.



PART 1 - February 6, 2023 7-9pm

Part 1 will define the members of the team and discuss common therapeutic approaches. The practice of requesting a pre- and post-conference with the clinician will be presented, along with methods for overcoming possible reluctance from the clinician.

PART 2 - February 13, 2023 7-9pm

Part 2 will present client information that is helpful to the clinician and interpreter as they work together to treat the patient and identify linguistic markers that frequently coincide with a variety of mental health diagnoses.

PART 3 - February 27, 2023 7-9pm

Part 3 will describe "Language Deprivation Syndrome" (pulling from the works of Dr. Gulati and Dr. Glickman and others) and provide strategies for interpreters when interpreting for an individual that exhibits dysfluent language.

PART 4 - March 6, 2023 7-9pm

Part 4 will discuss common mental health treatments to uncover the potential challenges faced by an interpreter. Additionally, common linguistic challenges with psychological testing instruments will be presented with an emphasis on the clinician's point of view so that interpreters can clearly explain these challenges to clinicians.

This free, virtual, 4-part series will enlighten interpreters of all skill levels from novice to seasoned interpreters. Student interpreters are encouraged to attend. Through lecture and group discussion, we will discover how to develop a positive working relationship between the mental health team and the ASL interpreter to foster positive mental health outcomes for Deaf clients. The presenter team includes a certified ASL Interpreter, Kara Bull, and 2 clinicians, Dr. Jerry Hayes and Dr. Maria O'Neil Ruddock.

Attendance at all sessions is not mandatory; participants must register for each session individually. Sessions will take place on Zoom.

*ASL interpreters available upon request.
Please make your request for accommodations at the time of registration at least 1 week prior to the training.*

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Cleveland Hearing and Speech Center serves and honors individuals of all backgrounds, abilities, and resource levels and strives to continuously expand our knowledge of JAIDE (Justice, Accessibility, Inclusion, Diversity, Equity) principles. We are a workforce that represents our values by promoting and respecting the communication preferences of staff of every race, culture, age, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and religion.

Need Help Filling Out Your Tax Forms?

Come to CCDHH to sit down with a tax professional and an interpreter to ask any questions you may have regarding your taxes.

Wednesday, February 22 | 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday, March 1 | 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

Wednesday, March 15 | 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Appointments Required

Please bring with you:

- ORIGINAL Social Security Card (not a copy) for everyone to be claimed on the tax return (including children)
- W2s or 1099s
- W-2 G documents, if unemployed
- All income sources documents, Social Security, Unemployment, Gambling Winnings, Interest Income, any self-employment income
- School or education costs including loan interest
- State Picture ID for all adult household members
- IRS PIN if applicable
- Checking account info if direct deposit is preferred for a return
- Expense documentation such as medical, home mortgage interest, etc.
- Copy of last year's return – if possible

***We do not handle rental income, business owners**



Community Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing



11635 Euclid Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44106

SPACE IS LIMITED - DEADLINE TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT IS FEBRUARY 11TH

We follow all COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Contact Rachel Leffel at rleffel@chsc.org



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DeafNation Expo

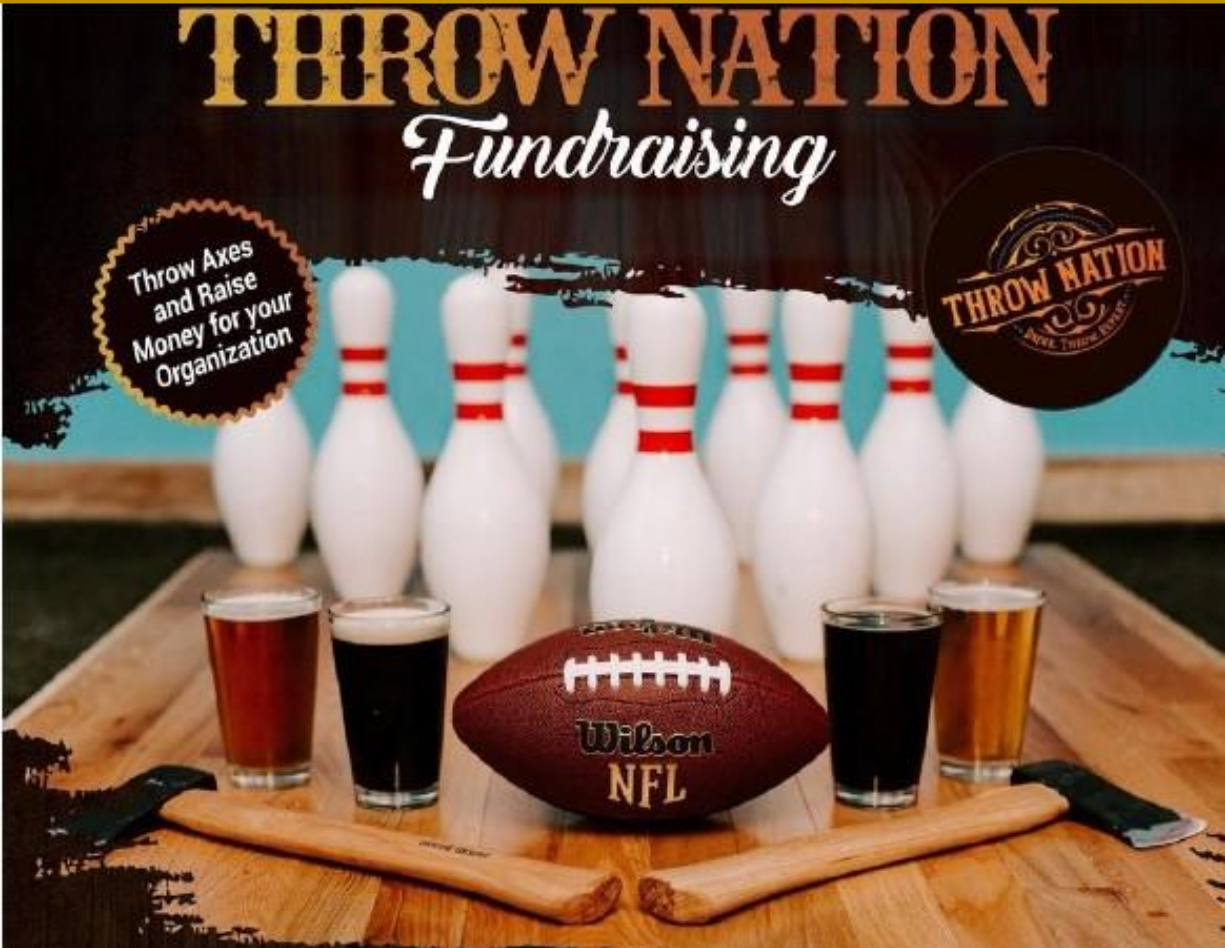
The 20th Anniversary
DeafNation Expo is coming
to Columbus on Saturday,
April 29th, 2023!!

It is FREE!!

Register at:

<https://deafnation.com/expo/>

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ASLTA AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Supporting the American Sign Language Teachers Association!

Saturday, February 25th

6-10 PM!

- ✓ \$20 Cover Fee for All Activities
- ✓ Food Available from Tino's Bar and Grill
- ✓ 50% of Cover Fee and 20% of food and drink goes to support the ASLTA
- ✓ Door Prizes
- ✓ Contact Marsha Moore: give.npdc@aslta.org

Throw Nation | 6649 Dublin Center Dr. Dublin, Ohio 43017

Contact us at columbus@thrownation.com | <https://www.thrownation.com>

ASL & Deaf Community Night

Meets on the 3rd Friday of each month

6 pm to 8 pm

Everyone Welcome!

Dublin North Market
6750 Longshore Street
Dublin, OH 43017

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19



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NEW UPDATE:

BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES

March 11, 2023

**Northern Lights Branch Public
Library**

4093 Cleveland Ave
Columbus, OH. 43224

9 am to 12:30 pm

Contact to Kimberly Savage at
kimberlysavage64@gmail.com

Cleveland Speech and Hearing
Center will have a zoom.

**Antines will be in CLEVELAND AT 4 PM TO 7 PM.
CONTACT to Aileen Reusche at areusche@chsc.org**

Antines “NuNu” Davis lives in Baltimore, MD and is a big fan of the Ravens football team! She spent a good amount of her childhood in Baltimore, MD until 1989 when she moved to Minnesota for a while. She discovered her potential through performing and signing in ASL. She won the first black title of Miss Deaf Minnesota pageant in 1991. She moved back to Maryland. She attended and graduated from Maryland School for the Deaf. She enrolled at Gallaudet University and transferred to Bible College in Minneapolis, MN with a degree in Deaf Studies. She has been involved with many different activities and organizations within the deaf community. She says, “I am so proud to be black a person because my heart goes out to people and children of color.” She travels around the county performing in BLACK ASL.

She will provide a workshop on how to speak out with positive words, how to be a good leader or advocate and be yourself as a black person.

Kimberly Savage announces new update, Black Deaf Advocate events for March 11 on YouTube:
https://youtu.be/VzU1nMQ_j8c

At St.Rita School for the Deaf, Get a Free Booth in “Deaf Family Connect” Event by Deaf Streetlight

Written by: Deborah Ozanich

The organization Deaf Streetlight will have an event called "Deaf Family Connect" on March 4th, 2023 at St. Rita School for the Deaf. Ohio Deaf Friends of the Library will also have a booth there. Hope to see you! This event was previously called “All About Deaf Kids Fair” and held by the Deaf Institute at Cincinnati State Community College. Deaf Streetlight will offer free exhibitions for organizations and companies. St.Rita School for the Deaf is very close to I-75. For more information, contact pam.blair@deafstreetlight.com or (513) 471-2990 or <https://deafstreetlight.com>



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Ohio State University Celebrates Rosa Parks

Written by: Dawn Watts *Edited by:* Deborah Ozanich

On December 8, 2022, Rosa Park Day was at OSU where US Congresswoman Joyce Beatty supported Rosa Park. Her assistant, Larry Stewart, made an arrangement for an ASL interpreter. It was so good to see Larry Stewart, again since COVID 19 hit. Several deaf people were there. They were very impressed to hear about Rose Park's stories, "The Power of One". Next year, they will have a Rosa Park Day in the first week of December.

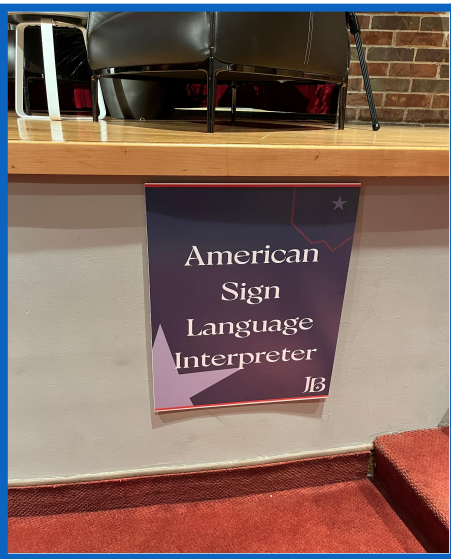


Image credit: Dawn Watts

<https://news.osu.edu/ohio-state-hosts-celebration-of-rosa-parks/>

Please join Hoover's ASL Club for
Lunch bag and an
Interpreted Performance



The Play: Titanic

When: Thursday February 23, 2023

Where: Hoover High School

Time: Performance begins at 7:00 PM

Seating: A special section has been reserved on stage left for all Deaf and hearing guests who buy a ticket. Ticket availability will be opened in early February

Costs: Pre-sale tickets are \$12.00 each by **February 16th**
Tickets at the door are \$15.00 each

Ticket pick-up: Tickets can be picked up the night of the performance.

The Deaf Social:

When: Thursday February 23, 2023

Where: Hoover High School room D-1 and Cafeteria

Time: 5:30pm to 6:30pm

Cost: The social is **free** with a purchase of a

Titanic performance ticket, and will include a lunch bag and a drink.

Please see back on how to order on-line

3rd Annual Deaf-Themed Art Contest!

**3 WINNERS PER GRADE GROUP!
1ST PLACE WINNER \$50
2ND PLACE WINNER \$25
3RD PLACE WINNER \$15**

**DEAF/HH/KODA
ARTISTS!
OHIO RESIDENTS ONLY!**

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K - 2ND
3RD - 5TH
6TH - 8TH
9TH - 12TH**

*Artwork Must be on
Letter /8.5 x 11
paper or canvas*



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FOR EACH GROUP:
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ON NOTE CARDS!**

**PLEASE EMAIL: BONNIEWILL@AOL.COM
TO REGISTER YOUR ARTIST
AND FOR MORE INFORMATION & DETAILS!**

**Monday, March 13, 2023
Winners Announced on the OCDC
FaceBook Page!**

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Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures
Ohio Friends of Library Deaf Action

[YouTube: 3rd Annual Art Contest 2023](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjS-g2vX2IY&authuser=1)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wjS-g2vX2IY&authuser=1>

2023 Book List!

Written by: Debbie Brown

Here are some interesting books for you to read this year of 2023. You can read it during your free time and enjoy it too. Amazon is an excellent site to buy these books. You also can go to the library to borrow it.

Happy reading time!



1. Sounds like Home by Mary Herring Wright (Growing up Black and Deaf in the South)
2. The Deaf Child in a Hearing Family by Arthur Boothroyd and Janice Gate (Nurturing Development)
3. I am Deaf by Jennifer Moore-Nalliner/Marla Fabrega
4. The Sign for Home by Blair Fell (Novel)
5. I can't see you, I am Deaf by Woody Livingstone (A memoir)
6. Deaf Culture Exploring Deaf Communities in the United States by Irene w. Leigh, Jean F. Andrews, Raychelle L. Harris
7. On the Beat of Truth by Maxine Childress Brown (A hearing Daughter's Stories of Her Black Deaf Parents)
8. Show Me a Sign by Ann Clare LeZotte
9. A Loss for Words by Lou Ann Walker (The story of deafness in a family)
10. A Deaf Dog Joins the Family by Terrie Hayward (Training, Education and Communication for a smooth Transition)
11. The Silence Between US by Alison Gervais (I see you. Now hear me.)
12. The Art of Being Deaf by Donna McDonald (A memoir)
13. Mother Father Deaf by Paul Preston (Living Between Sound and Silence)
14. From Obstacles to Political Victory by Kevin J Nolan Sr
15. Our First Discovery by Marvin T. Miller (The heartbreaks and joys of traveling in a motorhome)
16. Sign Are Everywhere by Dr. Stefanie Amiruzzaman, Patrica Bettis-Eddie, Marsha Moore, Dr. Leah Subak
17. Seeing Through New Eyes, Deaf Culture and Deaf Pedagogies by Paddy Ladd
18. The Mask of Benevolence: Disabling the Deaf Community by Harlan Lane
19. The Light of Deaf Women: Inspirational Stories from Visionaries, Artists, Founders and Entrepreneurs by Sofia Seitchik

Note: You may also go to the Deaf related books section at the State Library of Ohio.

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Ohio Alliance Organizations

October 27, 2022

Zoom meeting minutes

Attendees: Lori Luk, Allison Radliff, Katey (ASL interpreter), Denny Stark, Skip Bergquist, Paul Wearing, Leah Subak, Debbie Brown, Lou Maynus, Dawn Watts, Colleen Ticherich, Kate Solar, Bonnie Sandy.

Absentees: Moses McIntosh, Darrell Doudt

Volunteer interpreters: Katey and Lori

Dawn called the meeting to order at 6:05 pm;

Debbie Brown (Paul Wensing) The minutes was then approved.

Introduced Allison R who is Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures Library Advisor. She is working on different libraries for a special event, ASL Storyteller, during the 5th anniversary Ohio Deaf History Month.

Bill of the Right for Deaf Students by Dr. Lou Maynus:

To briefly a history about one and half year ago, the family of a deaf little girl who lives in north of Ohio requested for an ASL interpreter in school but the district refused to provide an ASL interpreter. Family contacted the Ohio Board of Education and they requested Dr. Maynus for her opinion. She started to consider how to approach the State Board because she didn't want to upset all the districts about ASL interpreters for deaf students. Deaf students need an ASL interpreter in school. There are 17 states that have a bill on rights for deaf students. In Ohio, we do not have a law Bill Rights of Deaf Students. Dr. Maynus worked with OSD staff and other people on the draft Bill Rights of Deaf Students but Dept of Education can't use a label "Bill Rights" until the law accepts. It needs to change to "Our Commitment" She will give her presentation to the OCALI conference in November. She will collect people's feedbacks or opinions with words on the draft paper that may need to be edited.

In addition, most families of deaf child did not know about Ohio School for the Deaf, it will help hearing parents to understand. Darrell Doudt, President of OSDAA said that about seven years ago, West Virginia passed a law Bill Rights of Deaf students (preschool to high school) Dr. Maynus did not call that a Bill of Rights. She said they were able to get in the State Guidance Document, that for all Deaf children, they are to take a language assessment at the beginning and end of the school year to make sure the child's language is improving. IF the child's language is not improving then the IEP team needs to figure out what they are doing wrong, fix it and make sure that child's language starts to improve.

Dr Lou would like to share to all schools in their districts about Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) that can help deaf student for observation/evaluation with his/her language. The parents of deaf child can stay at OSD for overnight. To observe deaf student's language.

<https://osd.ohio.gov/parents-and-students/resources/additional-resources/osd-commitment>

<https://www.nad.org/resources/education/bill-of-rights-for-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing-children/#:~:text=Deaf%20children%20have%20the%20right,as%20quality%20family%20educational%20services>

https://osd.ohio.gov/wps/wcm/connect/gov/b72006b3-9a43-48e5-a0d7-5ddf717848b2/OSD+Commitment+3.22.2022.pdf?MOD=AJPERES&CONVERT_TO=url&CACHEID=ROOTWORKSPACE.Z18_M1HGGIK0N0JO00QO9DDDDM3000-b72006b3-9a43-48e5-a0d7-5ddf717848b2-n-TjGqI

OCRID by new OCRID President, Moses A McIntosh: Postpone to next meeting.

Deaf Students activities by Colleen Ticherich

Sharing how to support deaf students in school. She wants to increase more activities for Deaf Students in the library in the statewide of Ohio. Colleen Ticherich will email Allison about the libraries in the Cleveland area. Dawn shared information about Student's Art Contest (attachment) by Bonnie Sandy with sponsor Advocate 4 Kids, Skip Bergquist said that we had a deaf lady who worked in the. Kathy Otis Deaf Librarian for the State of Ohio. She is retired. Skip will follow up.

NEOA Access, LLC by Dr. Leah Subak:

Leah has been working on my two projects under the auspices of a nonprofit organization, NEOAccess, LLC with a mostly deaf or DeafBlind advisory board. Currently, there are 5 people on the advisory board with plans to add two more people. The projects NEOAccess is working on are: the book *Signs Are Everywhere* by four writers: two deaf and two hearing authors. Plans are to possibly collaborate with the Ohio Association of the Deaf (OAD), to sell books and partial proceeds would support Deaf mentors for deaf children. NEOAccess is currently looking to locate PR and marketing services for this book. The second project is the documentary film *I'm So Amazing* which incorporates the writing and poetry of DeafBlind writer, Angie C. Orlando. The film premiered on September 29, 2022 at Kent State University and over 200 people in attendance watched the movie. NEOAccess would like to work closer with OADB to support the organization through the sales of the movie DVD. Dawn added that OADB would like to host this movie next spring, 2023. More information will be announced.

Deafhood Foundation Workshop by Dawn Watts

Took 101 and 201 Deafhood Foundation workshops using Paddy Ladd's book. Strong recommend for taking this workshop. Deafhood 101 is introduced to consciousness raising of the Deaf Being through the lens of phonic centric survivalism of Deaf People. Deafhood 201 is introduced to focus on raising consciousness within our Deaf Community such as Oralism, Residential schools, Deaf education, Deaf clubs and so forth. Need to heal within our community.

<https://www.deafhood.org/education>

Announcement:

Bonnie Sandy, Third Annual Student's Art Contest 2023

I am so excited to share about the Advocate 4 Kids, they are willing to sponsor for gift prizes to the kids. Also, will help for low income families who can't afford to buy color, painting for his/her child. attachment. If you have any questions, please contact Bonnie Sandy at bonniewill@aol.com

Antines "NuNu" Davis of Maryland will come to Columbus on March 10th for Black Deaf people workshop. Free. To increase their leadership skill. She graduated from Maryland School for the Deaf and enrolled at Gallaudet University. She transferred to Bible College in Minneapolis, MN with a degree in Deaf Studies. She has been involved with many different activities and organizations with deaf community. She is so proud to be black person because her heart goes out to people and children of color. More information will be on the FB: OCDC and Buckeye Black Deaf Advocates.

Transform Deaf Education: Why now? Because time waits for no child! Saturday, November 12th at 7 pm. LIVE streaming FB and YouTube. attachment.

Next meeting will be on January 19th at 6 pm.

Adjourned at 7:10 pm

Dawn K Watts

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn K Watts, OAO Recorder

Ohio Alliance Organizations

February 16, 2023 Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

Roll names

Minutes Meeting: October 27, 2022

1. OCRID New Board members by Moses McIntosh, OCRID President
2. Deaf Service Center (DSC) in Columbus by Mike Repas and Bill McGee
3. OADB “SSP with Legislative Day” by Donna Schultz, OADB President

Announcement:

Bonnie Sandy: 3rd Annual Students Drawing Art Contest 2023

<https://youtu.be/wjS-g2vX2IY>

5th Anniversary Ohio Deaf History Month on March 13 to April 15 • Searching for Deaf ASL storyteller in their local libraries.

A guest speaker, Antines Davis will give a workshop on March 11 for Black Deaf Advocates in Northern Lights Branch Public Library, 4093 Cleveland Ave, Columbus OH 43224 at 9 am to 2 pm. Contact to Kimberly Savage at kimberlysavage64@gmail.com

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Ohio Deaf Services Updated 1-19-2023

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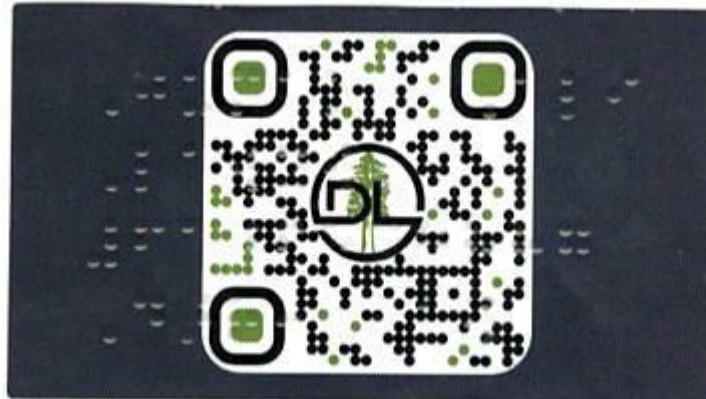
Upcoming Events

March 13 to April 15, 2023: “Deaf History” – Ohio Deaf History Month, Deaf role model engagement

June 18, 2023: “CMV Awareness Month” – a panel of kids/parents with Cytomegalovirus (CMV)

If you need an attorney for a lawsuit pertaining to American Sign Language Access, use this QR code below.

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THE STATE OF OHIO

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Ohio Deaf History Month (March 13 to April 15th)

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