



The Deaf Reader

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President's Message

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

Happy October! It's getting chilly and it's good to see the beautiful fall colors in the trees.

I joined the Deafhood foundations this past spring and have been excited to learn so much. In the past authors have written about big "D" deaf and little "d" deaf, emphasizing cultural identities, which we are all aware of. It needs to stop. The different labels are leading to a division among the deaf community. We need to learn to recognize each other's shared deafness and work together. This is very important. I am currently taking a class via zoom, where we discussed the topic of organizing and that it is ok to disagree! What's most important is that we still work together and learn from one another. We will continue learning more about this topic.

We have more good news to share with you! OCDC is growing. We have a deaf and a hearing individual from Cleveland interested in joining us to help advise our libraries! This is thrilling! Cleveland libraries want to increase their number of patrons, our new hearing team member is going to help advise the library and spread library awareness. It is wonderful!

OCDC has been operating for over six years now. And we will be celebrating the 6th anniversary of "Ohio's Deaf History Month" being signed into law by our former governor. On December 6th it was signed into law, and this year from March 13th-April 15th we will be able to celebrate Ohio's deaf history month for the 5th time.

Even more exciting, Bonnie Sandy has been working hard developing the 3rd annual children's art drawing contest. Students from various grades will have the opportunity to join the contest. Even more exciting is that we have even more organizations joining to support the contest. It does not matter if the children are hearing or deaf. So go ahead and spread the word to your friends, families, and schools. Encourage them to get involved.

Lastly, the Ohio Alliance Organization will host a meeting this month, Thursday, October 28th at 6:00 pm. We look forward to some good discussion. We will be discussing the Ohio Bill of Rights for Deaf students across the state of Ohio. If you want to join you are welcome to do so. Provide me with your email and we will send you the zoom link. I hope you enjoy your time in the coming months.

Working together,

Dawn K Watts

Youtube link of President's Message: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=S5rWDM3LBRc>



Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures

Ohio Friends of Library Deaf Action

September 1, 2022

Dear School Teachers and/or Parents/Guardians of Ohio

Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures will be sponsoring the Ohio Deaf History Month celebration from March 13 to April 15. The purpose is to focus on educating and advocating for the Deaf Cultures, Deaf History and American Sign Language (ASL) in the State of Ohio. The Ohio Board for the State of Library encourages all the libraries to participate in Deaf awareness activities so the children and adults can learn and understand Deaf Community or Deaf people better.

Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures is excited to have the Third Annual Students' Drawing Art Contest 2023 where we are inviting school students, K to 12, Deaf, Hard of Hearing, Deaf-Blind, KODA (Kids of Deaf Adults) and hearing, Ohio residents only, to participate this Contest. We ask of you to persuade your students or child/ren - no skill needed - to try out! Attached is a flyer with all information you need to know.

Feel free to make copies of this cover letter and the flyer and share with your students or child/ren. Discuss with them about Deaf people, Deaf Culture, Deaf History, and ASL. Allow them to express their understanding or awareness, and then to draw. You may help them when they ask.

They can start their artwork anytime now until March 2, 2023. To submit an original artwork with a full name, age, grade and school name. Please include the artwork description, mailing address and email address as well. My address is included in the flyer. The deadline is Friday, March 3, 2023, no later please. Between March 9th and 12th, our five judges will view all artworks and vote winners in each grade group! Winning names will be announced on March 13th on OCDC page in Facebook or YouTube. Their artwork will be recognized during the Ohio Deaf History Month.

If you have any concerns or questions, I will be more than happy to answer. My contact information is BonnieWill@aol.com or VP: 614-569-4707. YouTube at 3rd Annual Students' Drawing Art Contest 2023/Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures, a video in ASL will be posted soon. I will follow up with everyone in January 2023.

Looking forward to seeing your students or children's artwork! Thank you.

Best Regards,

Bonnie W Sandy
Chairperson
3rd Annual Students' Drawing Art Contest 2023



Ohio Citizens for Deaf Cultures

Ohio Friends of Library Deaf Action

3rd Annual Students' Drawing Art Contest 2023

Grade Groups: K to 2nd, 3rd to 5th, 6th to 8th, and 9th to 12th, Ohio Residence only

For Ohio Deaf History Month - March 13th to April 15th



2022 Winners:

Madeleine Fry, 1st grade, Jonah King, 3rd grade and Skanda Raviindra, 8th Grade

Artwork must be:

Size - 8 ½" x 11", any paper kind or canvas

Art with Crayons, Markers, Colored Pencils, Watercolors, Acrylics, Computer-drawing,
Paper-cut/pasted, or any kind

Ideas - Desf History Deaf Community Deaf Pride ASL Deaf Thing
Deaf Family/Friends Deaf School Deaf Event Deaf Dream or any other ideas!

DEADLINE: Friday, March 3, 2023, no later, please

On back of Artwork, please add your name, age, grade, school name and
description of the artwork.

Mailing address and email address, too.

Mail Original Artwork to Bonnie W Sandy, Art Contest Chairperson

3554 Rosburg Dr, Columbus, OH 43228

Question or Concern? Contact Bonnie: BonnieWill@aol.com or VP: 614-569-4707

Announcement of 2023 Winners will be Monday, March 13th. Winners will receive
an Award Certificate and a free set of 10 Note Cards with artwork printed.

Fundraising of the Note Card Sales proceeds to Ohio Citizen for Deaf Cultures.

2nd and 3rd Winners and Honorable Winners will receive an Award Certificate.

YouTube link at: 3rd Annual Students' Drawing Art Contest 20023

OCDC Board Finally Got to Meet in Person!

Written by: Deborah Ozanich

On Sunday, August 7, 2022, after a delicious lunch at Master Pizza, everyone came together at the Mayfield Library in Cleveland for the OCDC Board retreat. It was amazing to see a display of books with deaf characters



already arranged for International Week of the Deaf (Sept. 19th-25th). Lots of old faces and new faces were present for this extensive meeting, including Dawn’s service dog Bunny. Great collaboration happened as everyone brainstormed ideas and strategies for the next few years, especially for the 5th Anniversary of Ohio’s Deaf History Month in 2023! This was made possible because of our former Governor John Kaschki. He signed Senate Bill 27, which states that Ohio Deaf History Month will run from March 13th to April 15th. Many suggestions and observations were shared regarding the different parts of OCDC and that includes new goals. Lots of plans are already rolling forward!



Bunny Watts, Dog Service joined in the Retreat Training in Mayfield Heights Public Library. Deaf



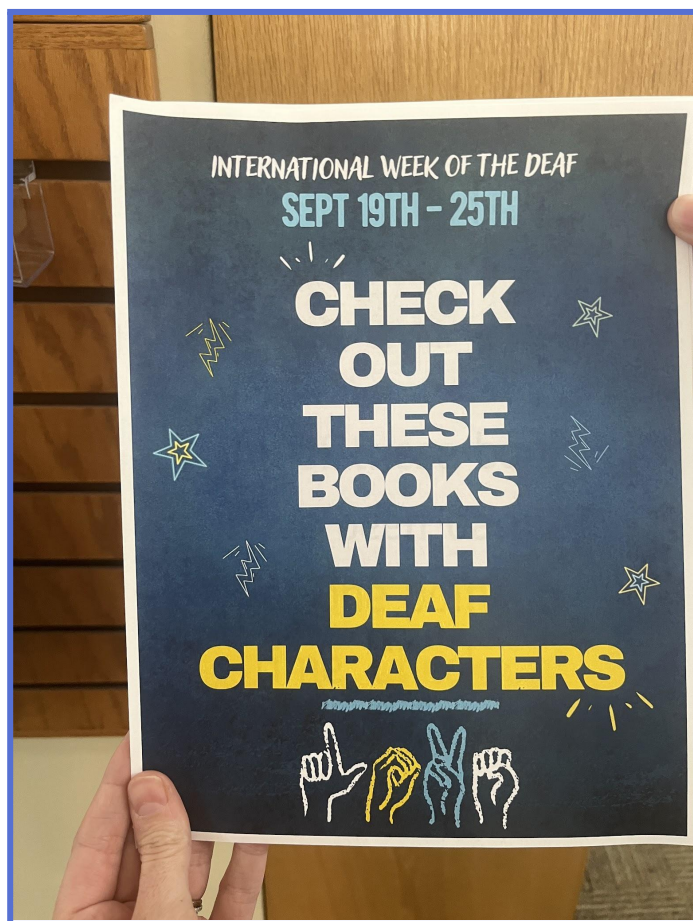
Librarian, Shelly McIntrye has worked for the past 20 years, graduating from Mayfield High School. She met us in the meeting and is a new member of the OCDC. In the future, she may be our advisor.



London Public Library

Allison Ratcliff has been very motivated to support Deaf Culture and ASL classes for the past 3 years. OCDC Board members approved her as our new Library Advisor. She is trying to reach more librarians across the state of Ohio, encouraging them to host more ASL classes and ASL storytellers.

Welcome, Allison Ratcliff!



Click here for the 10tv news link: Hilliard Man Wants Deaf Ohio Baseball Player in MLB Hall of Fame

Written by: Deborah Ozanich

Out of Columbus, Channel Ten WBNS news featured a story about the impact of William “Dummy” Hoy, a famous deaf baseball player that passed away on December 15, 1961 at the age of 99. Dummy Hoy has left an amazing legacy behind him and rightly

belongs in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Steve Sandy, a deaf Hilliard man, has been keeping Hoy’s legacy alive through his tremendous efforts to have William Hoy inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame. For the past three decades, Sandy has formed a vast collection of memorabilia connected to Dummy Hoy, including Dummy’s complete baseball uniform dating back to 1901. This uniform sits in Sandy’s home waiting for its merited day to be displayed in the National Baseball Hall of Fame. Hoy was a valedictorian



when he graduated from the Ohio School for the Deaf (OSD) in 1879. It is said that he was the first to introduce hand signals for the umpire to use during baseball games as he played for the Independents at OSD, guided by his coach, Parley P.Pratt. Despite his small stature of five feet and five inches, Hoy’s stats were so impressive that he was inducted into the Cincinnati Red Hall of Fame in 2003.

How can readers help get William “Dummy” Hoy into the National Baseball Hall of Fame? Explore this website: <https://www.nancychurnin.com/hoy-for-the-hall> and write a letter in your own words explaining why “Dummy” should be inducted and mail it to this address:

Historical Overview Committee
National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum
25 Main Street, Cooperstown, NY, 13326

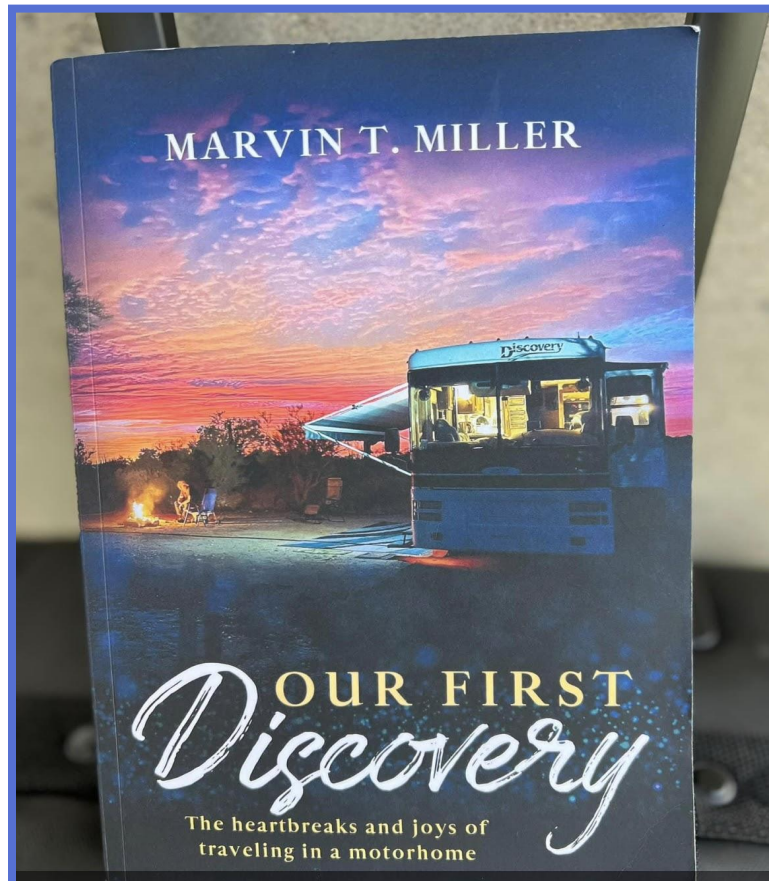
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"Our First Discovery"

Written by: Deborah Ozanich *Reference:* Savorywords.com

Marvin T. Miller is a former president of the Indiana Association of the Deaf, well known Deaf advocate and co-founder of the original DeafNation. Miller has recently penned his memoir about his life on the road in a 2001 Fleetwood Discovery RV titled "Our First Discovery". The article about "Our First Discovery" from the publisher, Savory Words says: This 420-page book is filled with delightful stories and commentary along with photos. "Our First Discovery: The Heartbreaks and joys of traveling in a motorhome. A captivating memoir, this book takes you along on Marvin Miller's journey of living in an RV, the overwhelming debt he gets himself into, and the many people and encounters he experiences. A bundle of lessons learned."

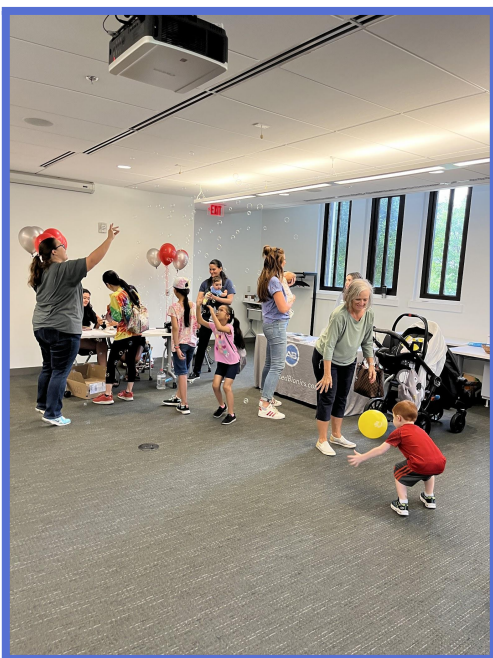
This book is available in print and ebook format at Amazon or you can order directly from the Deaf-owned publishing company at <https://www.savorywords.com/our-first-discovery/>



Ohio Hands and Voices

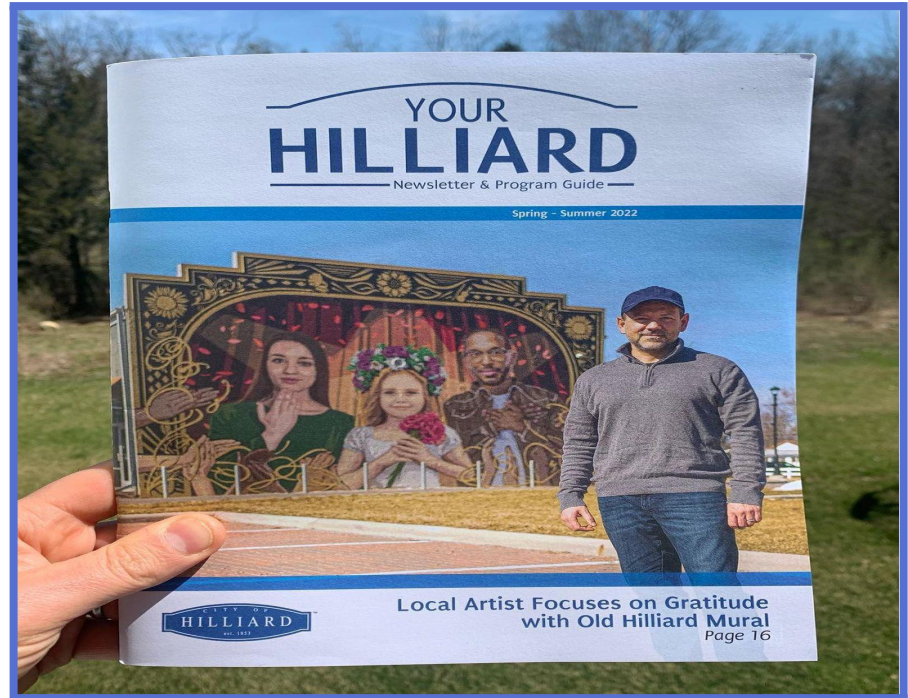
Written by: Camille Warren

On September 10, Ohio Hands & Voices hosted a gathering with the support of the Columbus Public Library and the Jazz Arts Group. Families with deaf/hard-of-hearing children were invited to an ASL-interpreted story time, followed by a Big Band Jazz concert on the grounds of the Topiary Park. The Topiary Park is in the location of the old Ohio School for the Deaf, on East Town Street, directly behind the main public library. Exhibitors included Ohio Citizens for Deaf Culture, Ohio Hands & Voices, Ohio State University, Ohio School for the Deaf, and pediatric cochlear implant and hearing aid manufacturers, including Oticon, Phonak, MedEL, Advanced Bionics, and Cochlear. During the concert outside, Ohio Hands & Voices handed out balloons so that all of the participants – deaf, hard-of-hearing, and hearing – could feel and appreciate the sound vibrations on the surface of the balloons. It was a wonderful opportunity for both community outreach and families to gather together.



Jeremy Jarvis, owner of Jarvis Art Studio in Westerville, OH

J.Jarvis painted ASL “Thanks” and a gesture for “heart”. It is in Old Hilliard Town.



https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/local/communities/hilliard/2021/12/02/public-art-continues-blossom-old-hilliard-new-mural/8745251002/?fbclid=IwAR3KC6L9O4KbGgdAtp7fmEEK7DnGP5dKuQnwnjHsNx CcbRi2UcE_EuOd4iU

“I am so Amazing”

Writing by: Dr. Leah Subak

Kent State University's School of Media and Journalism, Sorenson Communications, and NEOAccess, LLC hosted the documentary film premiere of *I'm So Amazing* on Thursday evening, September 29th, 2022 in the Design Innovation Hub (DI Hub) Theatre at KSU's main campus.

The film included creative works by Angie C. Orlando as well as interviews with many familiar members of the Ohio Deaf and DeafBlind communities and Kent State faculty and alumni. The 200-seat DI Hub theater was sold out for the event in the newly renovated art/maker space. Students (many!), faculty, alumni, and community members from near and far enjoyed the official public showing of the film as well as exhibits by Ohio community partner organizations/agencies.

Audience Reaction/Comments:

"This movie is so beautiful, and it was a brick to the face for me to understand that disabled people have challenges of their own that I didn't see before."

"It was very eye-opening and it made me think about how I can be part of the solution"

Directed by David Smeltzer, Professor Emeritus, School of Media and Journalism

Produced by Ken Subak, M.A. and Leah Subak, Ph.D.

Works by Angie C. Orlando, M.F.A.

Run Time: 93 minutes

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Ohio AG Bell and Ohio Hands & Voices invites you to

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6100 GRAND STRAND AVE
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FRIENDS WITH HEARING LOSS AND THEIR
FAMILIES! COME WITH YOUR CAR
DECORATED OR JUST FOR THE PARADE!

RSVP to agbell.ohio@gmail.com by
10/10/22. Please indicate if you are
decorating your trunk/handing out treats.

Charles “Chuck” Williams Flips the Coin!

Shared from: Gallaudet University, Facebook

September 10, 2022, Gallaudet University welcomed back to campus Chuck Williams, former University Board of Trustee, an iconic leader, and long-time activist for the Black Deaf community from local to national levels. He became a co-founder of the National Black Deaf Advocates when he

was denied access to NAD. Williams was also denied admission to Gallaudet back in the 1950s due to segregation. Williams, now 92 years old, was today’s honorary team captain for the football game. It was his first visit back to campus in a long time. He tossed the coin to begin the game and gave a postgame speech to the team after the win. The team presented Williams with the game ball. There is a scholarship in Williams’ name that supports Black Deaf and Hard of Hearing students pursuing a degree

at GU to continue to give back to the Black Deaf community.

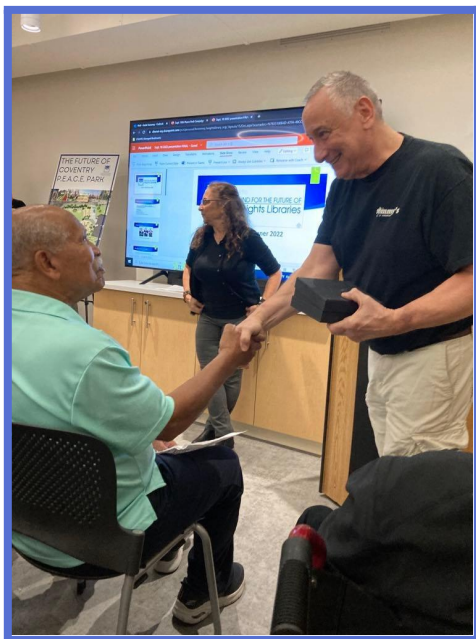
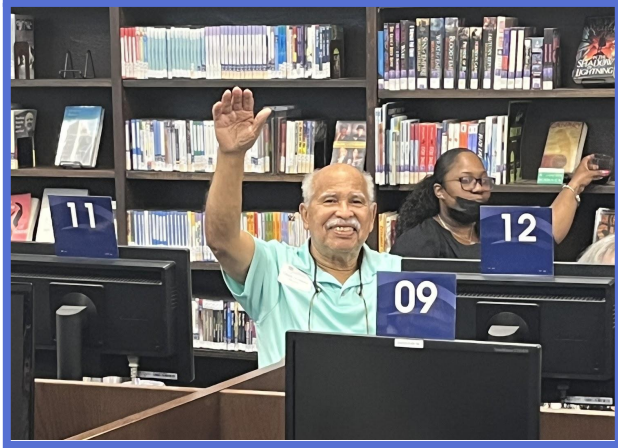


See “Chuck” Roll!

Written by: Deborah Ozanich

On September 18, 2022, Charles “Chuck” Williams (National Black Deaf Advocates co-founder) and Rose Breckenridge (30-year leader of the Cleveland Orchestra Music Study program) were recognized at an Honor Roll dinner hosted by the Fund for the Future of Heights Libraries (FFHL) held at the newly renovated Coventry Library Branch of

Cleveland.



Ohio Alliance Organizations Meeting

August 25, 2022 Zoom meeting

Attendees: Linda Adams, Sara Bianco, Skip Bergquist, Sarah Bernholtz, Willis Cook, Chris Cooley, Jay Gates, Jack Hawk, Andrew Knox, Joe Osborne, Fred Palchick, Judy Patterson, Donna Schultz, Rick Schultz, Martin Teltser, Dawn Watts.

Absentees: Darrell Doudt, Julie Felts, Moses McIntosh Marsha Moore.

Dawn called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm;

Linda Adams (Willis Cook) made the motion to edit and add Fred Palchick's comment to the May 19, 2022 minutes as follows:

Fred Palchick gave the history of OYO camps in Northeast Ohio having about 5 camp programs for the Deaf and others in different locations in Ohio. Fred mentioned Mike Repas researching and getting the support to set up one major camp for the Deaf in the state of Ohio from all the CCDs. In August 2013, the major OYO camp for the Deaf was established and directed by J.J."Chipmunk" Bechhold".

The minutes were then approved.

Note: Ohio Alliance Organizations (OAO) do not have BYLAWS nor the State of Ohio Charitable Registration. All organizations are very welcome to join in the OAO meeting together. Nearly two years, the OAO Recorder always requested approval of the reading of the minutes meeting.

Ohio Association of the Deaf by Skip Bergquist

Thank you for having me here tonight to talk about the importance of working together to help OAD become a better organization. Marsha Moore could not be with us tonight but she is very supportive of OAO being a part of OAD.

It is important that WE save OAD for our future young people and citizens of Ohio who are Deaf, Hard of Hearing, DeafBlind, and Deaf Plus. With OAD from its origin we have come a very long way being a public-serving advocacy organization with government, businesses, employment and service-providing agencies. We need to remain visible and cooperative. OAD should be the primary Association to host the Alliance of all Deaf organizations and projects. OAD needs to be the head of all our working together representing our whole Deaf Community and Deaf Culture.

We need to look back to OAD's original purpose which was to obtain protection and advocacy for deaf people getting their driver's licenses and insurance. OAD has since expanded their involvement with education, interpreting services, accessibility in the government, courts, workplaces, schools and many other initiatives:

For example:

- Establishment of the Office of State Coordinator of Deaf Services (SCD)/
- Program Specialist for the Deaf with Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR).
- OAD gave over \$6,000 to the BVR to reach out to state and federal funding to get services and programs started...
- Frank Gattas was the lead person for the BVR working with the founders of OAD and became the first State Coordinator of Deaf Services (SCD) with BVR. BVR later became the Ohio Rehabilitation Service Commission (ORSC) and now Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD). After Frank Gattas, I did become a SCD and saw how OAD was very instrumental with development of programs and services. OAD worked with different agencies and service providers over the years and was able to come up with other fundings for conferences, workshops and delivery of services. Establishment of BVR/Vocational Rehabilitation Counselors for the Deaf throughout Ohio. Eventually about 20 specialized counselors for the d/Deaf in Ohio.

- Establishment of 10 Community Centers for the Deaf in Ohio. OAD's involvement eventually brought in state and federal dollars of \$1.2 million dollars a year for CCD's funding.
- Establishment of Project DEAF (Diagnostic, Evaluation, Adjustment Facility) housed with Goodwill Industries in Columbus led to the development of the Comprehensive Programs for the Deaf (CPD) for specialized training for employment. Cleveland Speech & Hearing Center and Columbus Speech & Hearing Center became providers of services.
- Ohio Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf got established.

The list goes on...

We need to look at what are the most important issues that we want to advocate for in today's society and for tomorrow's generation. We look forward working together for the present and future generations of the Deaf community. To emphasize, we want to come together to make OAD a stronger and cohesive group especially for legislation and educational standpoint.

The Attorney General Office recognizes the OAD as the legitimate and legal organization and that they appointed Irene Tunanidas as its interim president which now has changed to her being president. The OAD also voted to appoint Fred Palchick as 1st Vice President, President Elect. Thus, the leadership is evolving as we speak. Marsha Moore and I are willing to co-chair the Ohio DEAFair 2023 pending Board approval, working with Deafopia which we need to respond to by September 1st.

We need YOU and more members to make this happen and stronger... the leadership will grow and prosper for all of US!

Deaf Service Center in Columbus by Shannon Seger, Co-Interim Executive Director

Shannon Seger of Toledo started working for DSC in Columbus as Co-Interim Executive Director with Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) and Deaf Community and Megan Menikheim is also Co-Interim Executive Director of Portsmouth with Interpreting Department by virtual.

Some of the DSC Board member officers resigned and the new DSC Board member officers are:

Karen Karmic, Chair (Deaf)

Julie Stewart, Vice Chairperson (Deaf)

Christina Wieg, Secretary (HH)

Chris Johnson, Treasurer (Deaf)

They are now cleaning up with all records and financial records, too. Donte for any State of organizations to donate money to the DSC.

Bill of the Right for Deaf Students by OSDAA President, Darrell Doudt

Previously, while working in the state of West Virginia, Dr. Lou proposed a *Bill of Rights* for Deaf students to the state legislature. Dr. Lou is now the Superintendent for the Ohio School for the Deaf, where they are working to create their own Bill of Rights. The goal is to improve access to information statewide. It is as followed:

1. Early Intervention and Preschool in English and ASL or both.
2. Language Acquisition and Monitoring in specific strategies and services.
3. Parents fully informed in parent to parent support.
4. Qualified Deaf Mentor with deaf students and parents.
5. Qualified Educational Interpreters for deaf students' language.

6. Access Educational offering.
7. IEP/IFSP and Least Restrictive Environment.
8. Expanded Core Curriculum by Education team and Parents, too.
9. Transitional planning for deaf student's Career preparation.
10. Equal access to school programs, social activities, athletic activities, extra-curricular activities and support service with appropriate accommodations.

For more information, please contact Darrell Doudt at president@osdaa.org and Jack Hawk at jhawk@triadds.org

Ohio Chapter Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf (OCRID) by Moses McIntosh, OCRID President: Postponed to October meeting...

SSP's processing with DODD by OADB President, Donna Schultz and HKNC North Central Regional Services Coordinator, John Filek

Donna has been working close with John Filek, HKNC North Central Regional in Columbus for Support Service Provider (SSP) with the DODD under the Home Community-Based Waivers. The Core Team by Ohio Association of the DeafBlind had a special meeting with John Filek for Ohio Legislative about the SSPs and Co-Navigators. Art Roehrig shared his experience with SSP services in Maryland with the Ohio Department of Health. He encouraged the core team to invite Minn and Louisiana about their successful bill, SSP in their states.

John Filek is on vacation until after Labor Day weekend. He will come back to Ohio in the fall. For more information contact Donna Schultz at donna.schultzdb@gmail.com

SSP Training Columbus Speech Hearing Center by Julie Felts

Julie's one of the members in her one of the member's family death, Dawn gave a summary.

Julie Felts invited John Filek, HKNC and Dawn Watts, Special Support Provider (SSP) experience as presentation for the new staff who want to work with DeafBlind people in Franklin County. Julie feels that this is a huge benefit for new staff who need to learn how to work with DeafBlind people. If you have an SSP program in your local area, I suggest you contact John Filek for an SSP workshop. His email address is jfilek@helenkeller.org

Next meeting will be on October 27th at 6 pm.

Adjourned at 7:27 pm.

Dawn K Watts

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn K Watts, OAO Recorder

If you are interested to share with us news of your organization, please let Dawn K Watts know at ohiocdc2016@gmail.com

Columbus Public Library on Grant Ave

Shop the Big Book Sale

Time for a seasonal restock?

Mark your calendars for the next [Big Book Sale](#). Join us for the

Members Only Preview Sale on October 13 and the general sale

October 14-16. Friends of the Library members receive 10% off their purchases.



Clerc-Gallaudet Week on Dec. 3-10, 2023

<http://www.foldadeaf.net/news/clerc-gallaudet-week-december-3-10>

Laurent Clerc



Thomas Gallaudet



UPDATE of the Language Equality and Acquisition for Deaf Kids (LEAD-K)

Written by: Dawn K Watts

Its mission is to work towards kindergarten readiness for deaf and hard-of-hearing children by promoting access to both American Sign Language (ASL) and English. LEAD-K defines kindergarten readiness as perceptive and expressive proficiency in language by the age of five. Deaf and hard-of-hearing children are at high risk of being cut off from language, language deprivation, which can have far-reaching consequences in many areas of development (e.g., cognitive development, socio-emotional wellbeing, academic outcomes) There are a variety of methods to expose Deaf and hard-of-hearing children to language, including hearing aids, cochlear implants, sign language, and speech and language interventions such as auditory/verbal therapy and Listening and Spoken Language therapy. The LEAD-K initiative was established in response to perceived high rates of delayed language acquisition or language deprivation displayed among that demographic, leading to low proficiency in English skills later in life, despite research showing that children who receive cochlear implants and appropriate therapy tend to learn language at the same level as their hearing peers. The general mission of the group is to promote the use of American Sign Language by Deaf and hard-of-hearing children as early as possible. It has been met with a wide variety of responses, including pushback from organizations and families that promote Listening and Spoken Language for deaf children.

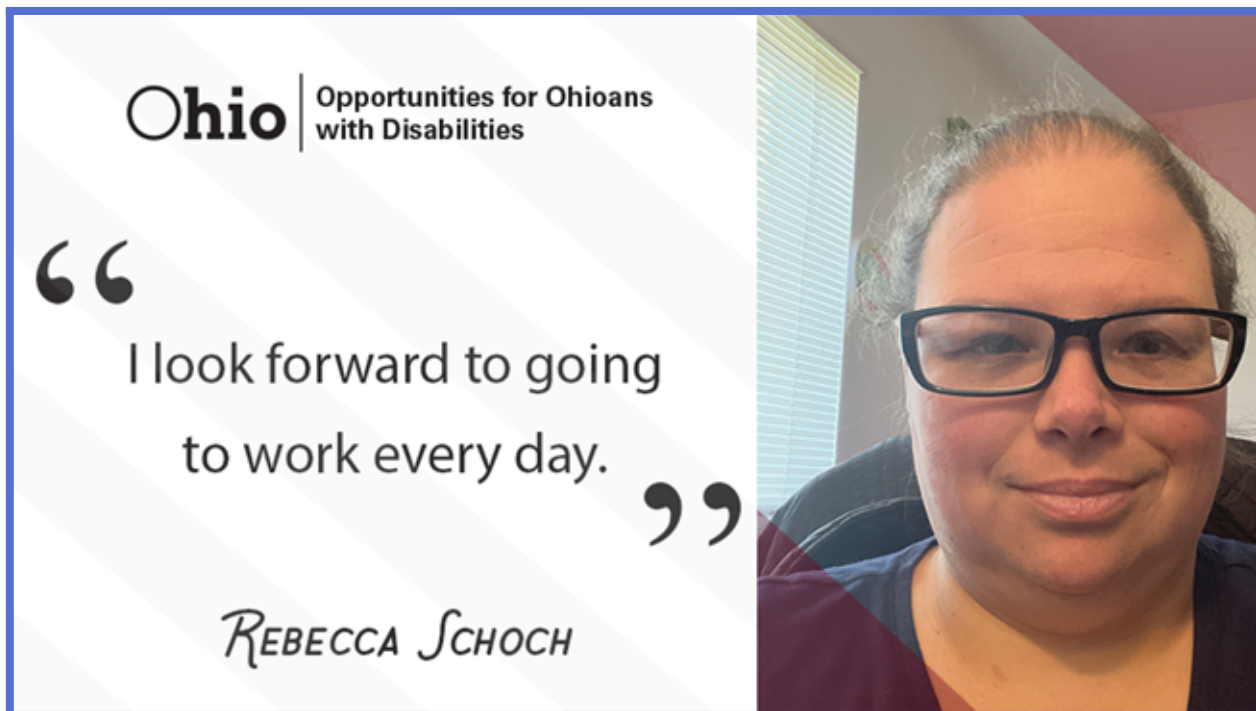
Sheri Farinha, Leader of the USA LEAD-K said that twenty (20) states have passed. There are list of states:

Arizona
California
Connecticut
Georgia
Hawaii
Indiana
Iowa
Kansas
Louisiana
Nevada
Maine
Montana
Nebreska
New Jersey
Oregon
South Dakota
South Carolina
Texas
West Virginia
Virginia

Ohio LEAD-K is still active and will announce it to the public in the future.

Rebecca Finds the Right Job Fit

Reference: www.oodworks.com



Rebecca Schoch enjoys being with others. However, she shared that her school years were challenging because of her inability to hear. The public schools Rebecca attended did not offer classes in American Sign Language (ASL), nor did they offer interpreters for her classes.

After high school, Rebecca found a program that helped her learn ASL. The language has benefitted how she communicates with others and her life overall.

In addition to not being able to hear, Rebecca has attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and depression. While working a third shift job in February 2021, Rebecca found herself struggling to multitask, sleep, and connect with others. She began to think that a third-shift job was limiting her ability to maintain friendships and take advantage of needed downtime.

In May 2021, she reached out to Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) for assistance. She worked with Trista Thompson, OOD Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, who is fluent in ASL. Trista connected Rebecca with Dr. Budzenski at the University of Toledo, Department of Psychology for a specialized assessment to determine what type of work would be a good fit for her.

Following the assessment, Trista connected Rebecca with Hilary Wier, Employment Services Manager at Deaf Services Center in Columbus. Hilary, who is also fluent in ASL, provided career exploration and services to assist Rebecca in preparing for, getting, and keeping a job.

Rebecca found a job at Mercy Health-St. Anne Hospital in Toledo, Ohio as a Pyxis™(a medication management software) Supply Technician. She gathers supplies and instruments for case carts, prepared with all the supplies required by a surgical team’s procedure with a patient. Rebecca’s efforts help keep surgical teams aligned and focused on what matters most—patient care.

“OOD has helped with getting the right support for me to be successful,” said Rebecca. “I look forward to going to work every day.”

“It was wonderful to work with Rebecca and watch her take advantage of OOD services to assist in such a wonderful outcome,” said Trista. “Her bubbly personality, can-do attitude, and willingness to explore other possible career paths supported her success.”

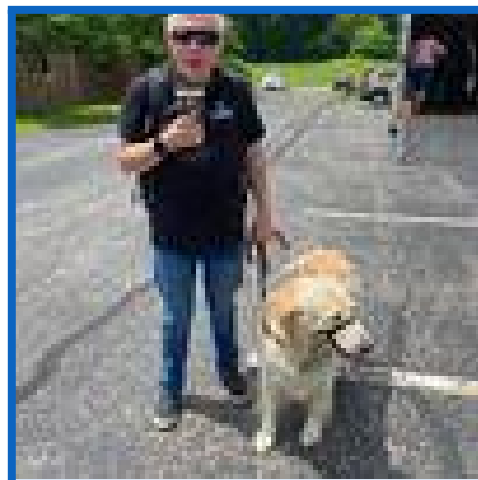
If you or somebody you know has a disability and would like to work, visit [OODWorks.com](https://www.OODWorks.com) or call 800-282-4536.

Ohio Tech Ambassadors in Portsmouth, Ohio

Written by: Christopher Cooley

September 2, 2022

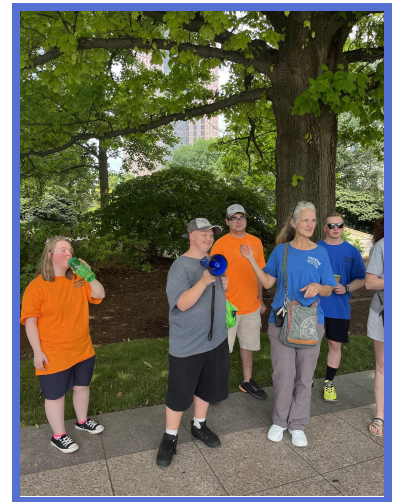
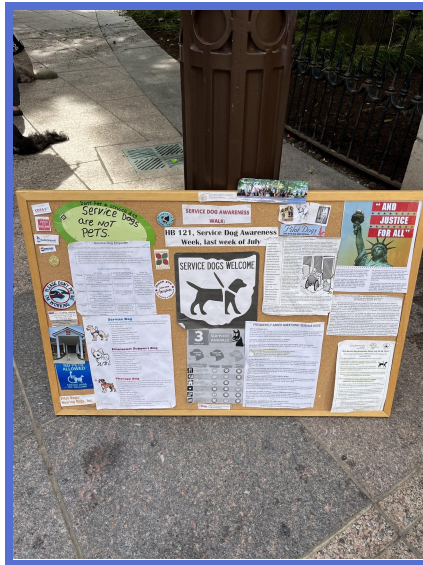
Every year *Friends of Portsmouth* puts on an event called *River Days*. It is a little fair. I sat down with the Director of events, to talk about accessibility. He is willing to help me make things accessible in Portsmouth. I took the opportunity, while I had the door open, to see if we could set up a booth to promote visibility for those with disabilities. He is willing to work with me. I had a booth set up that was run by folks with disabilities. I also took the opportunity to add Ohio Deaf Awareness, Ohio service dog awareness, and Ohio tech ambassadors program to the booth.



Ohio Service Dog Awareness Week

Written by: Chris Coolney

On the 32nd Anniversary of the American Disabilities Act, I took the opportunity to add Ohio Dog Service Awareness week on July 23, 2022, at the Ohio Statehouse. We stayed and promoted disability visibility with dogs. Lots of folks took pictures of our Ohio Service Dog Awareness Week photos.



<https://www.dispatch.com/story/news/2022/07/29/ohio-statehouse-demonstration-aims-raise-profile-service-dogs/10120892002/>

Above Photos Credit: Dawn K Watts

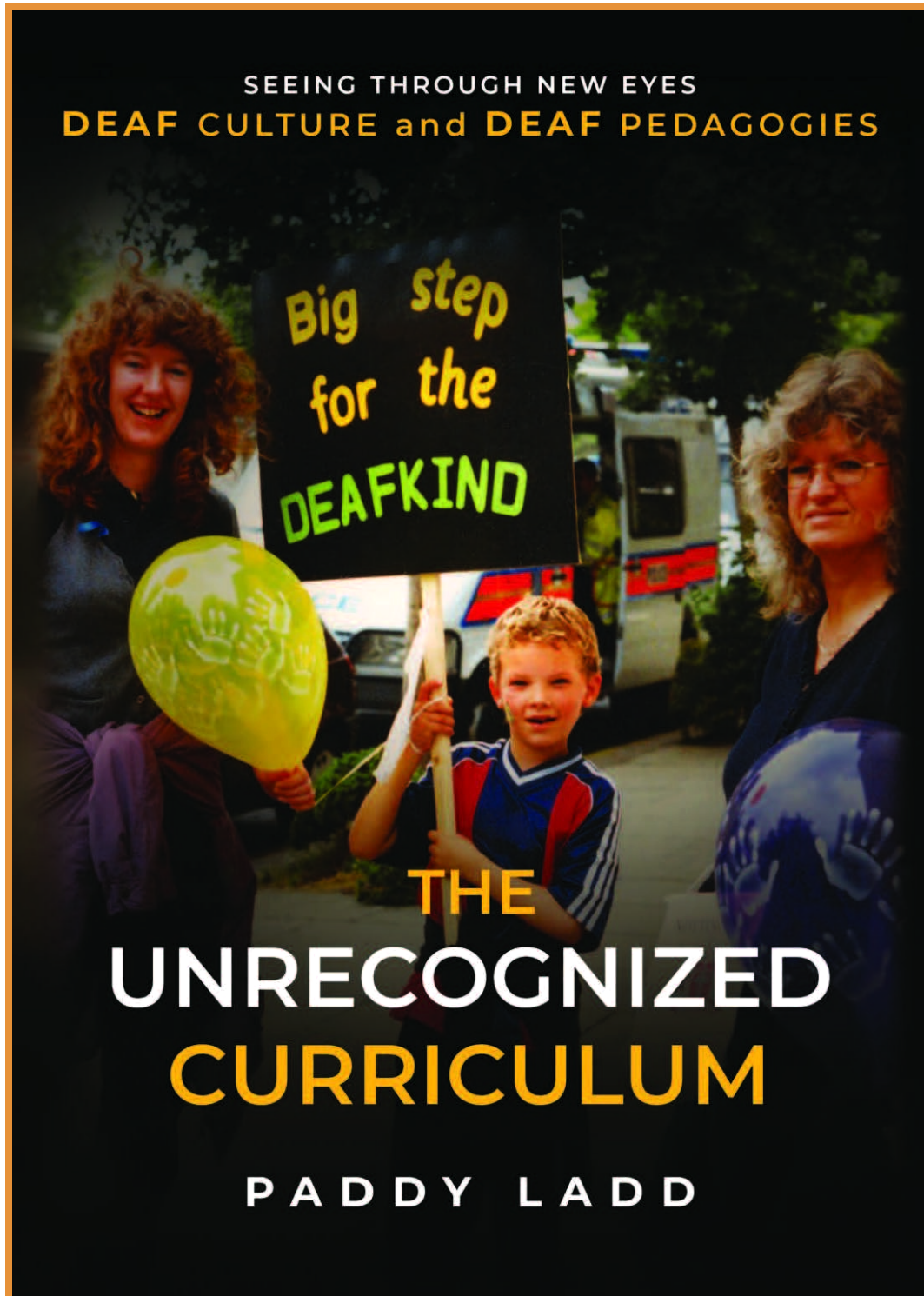
Deaf World Against Violence Everywhere (DWAVE)

Ellen Mansfield of Frederick, Maryland provided a Mosaic Workshop in the DWAVE building on September 7, 2022. Art Roehrig and Shirley Rybarski enjoyed touching mosaics on their tile. Art designed “Tactile hands” for DeafBlind communication. Shirley created an “ILY” design.

<http://www.ellenmansfield.com/>



The Unrecognized Curriculum by Paddy Laddy



<https://www.dawnsign.com/products/details/seeing-through-new-eyes-deaf-culture-and-deaf-pedagogies-the-unrecognized-curriculum>

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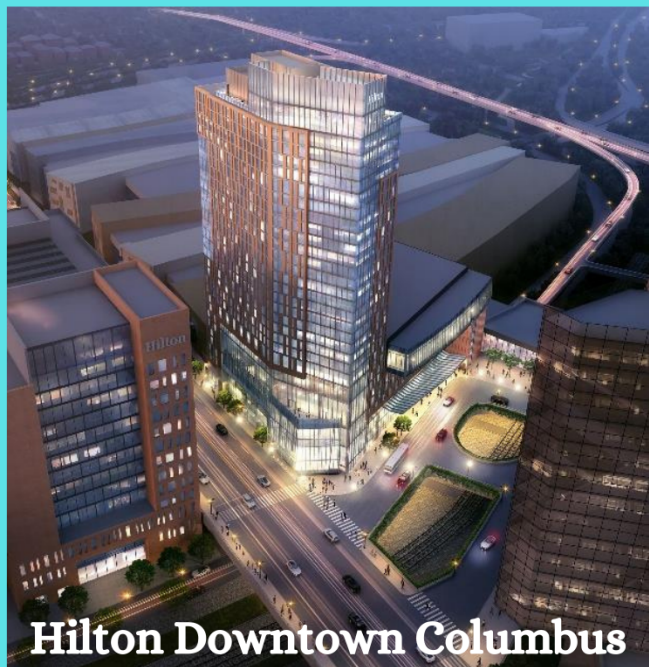
2023

**National
Professional
Development
Conference**

Columbus, Ohio



June 28 -
July 1
-2023-



Hilton Downtown Columbus



The Wreath Event on October 30th at 1pm to 4 pm

Written by: Marsha Moore

Follow them in order #1, #2, and #3. And also the link to RSVP and pick your wreath is here:

<https://forms.gle/573GoHX7e9UcQwpe7>

Hope to see you all there. This event will support the ASLTA national conference in June 2023.

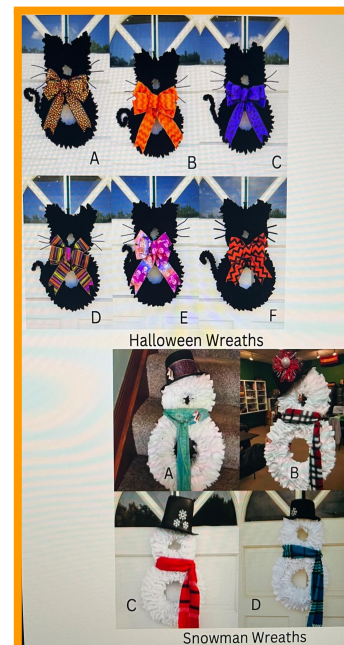
Thank you.



Pumpkin Wreaths



OSU Wreaths



Halloween Wreaths

Snowman Wreaths



2023 National Professional Development Conference
Columbus, OH
Embracing Our New Future and Beyond

Call for Volunteers

What: 2023 ASLTA NPDC Conference

When: June 28, 2023 to July 1, 2023

Where: Hilton Columbus Downtown
401 N. High Street, Columbus, OH

Needed for:

- Registration
- Exhibits
- Hospitality
- Presenters/Workshops
- Pre-Conference Workshops
- Opening Ceremony
- Closing Ceremony
- Special Interest Group
- Social Justice
- ASLTA Business Meeting
- Silent Auction at Closing Ceremony
- Deaf Art Gallery
- Whova
- Brave Space

There will be a training on June 27th in the evening at the hotel. If you cannot make it, a meeting with you will be arranged at a different time.

If you are interested, please email
volunteer.npdc@aslta.org



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DEAF YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY



Triad Deaf Services

Serving the Deaf, Hard-of-Hearing, and Deaf-Blind of Stark, Tuscarawas, and Carroll Counties

When: Saturday December 3, 2022

Where: North Canton Hoover High School
525 7th ST NE
North Canton, Ohio 44720

Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm

Featuring

Deaf Santa Claus

Crafts, Games, and Prizes

Entertainment in ASL by Arts Academy at Summit

Gifts for Deaf, HOH, Deaf-blind children

Includes: Pizza, cookies, chips, and drink

**Please RSVP to your child’s teacher or contact
Casey Ring at Hoover HS by November 16, 2022**

E-mail: cring@triadds.org

 Yes, we will be able to attend **No**, we are unable to attend

Deaf child’s name: _____ **Age:** _____

Number of family members attending: **Adults** _____ **Hearing Children** _____

Hearing child(s) name and age: _____

*******Note to parents*******

If you have hearing children that will be attending please provide a gift for those children to be given by Deaf Santa.

**ALL children, Deaf/hard-of-hearing/hearing,
signing and non-signing kids welcome.**



Keepsake

T-SHIRT BLANKETS

Want your Keepsake T-Shirt Blanket or T-Shirt Quilt in time for the holidays this year? Order Now!

It's that time of year again! If you want to get your blanket or quilt in time for the 2022 Holiday Season you need to have your shirts to us NO LATER than October 15, 2022.

<https://www.tshirtblankets.com/>

If you want to order a quilt, check at www.tshirtquilts.com

If you want to order a blanket instead, check at www.tshirtblankets.com



Ohio Association of the DeafBlind Christmas Hat Party

When: December 3, 2022

Time: 10:30am to 3:30pm

Where: Eagle Pavilion

3899 Orders Road

Grove City, OH 43123

Admission: \$20 Deafblind

\$10 SSP

\$25 Non-Member

RSVP by November 15th

Contact: Chairperson Nicole Bucher at

bellanicola@gmail.com

**Included Taco Buffet, Craft Raffles, Cash Raffles, and
Surprise Gift Cards.**

Also win Hat contest 1st and 2nd place

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Upcoming Events

December 3 - 10, 2022 - Clerc-Gallaudet Week

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 CMV

Website Links:

- 1) <https://www.10tv.com/video/news/local/hilliard-man-wants-deaf-ohio-baseball-player-in-mlb-hall-of-fame/530-e679b9cc-0dff-47f2-9c73-e8ab2643f9d3?fbclid=IwAR3duXwJiWVhngMMcK5hWxBRxakvSFmO4GbLyYqURiZboXVKsPzAF-DHnL8&fs=e&s=cl>
- 2) <https://www.savorywords.com/our-first-discovery/?fbclid=IwAR3iv8kOJimh4fHnXquK5ahWqvcU9q2ZxcpFiKQEif4jvm8cgQSVR8bCLb4>

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

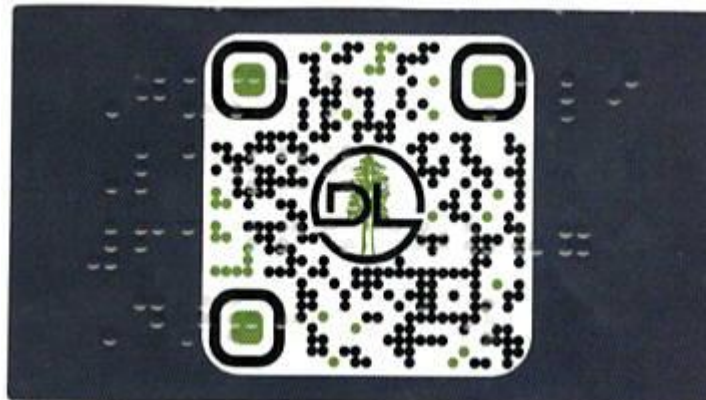
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