

**ODFL Retreat meeting**  
**August 12, 2023**  
**Dawn Watts' house**

Lunch was served to all ODFL members and guests. Thanks to Gail T., Debbie Brown, Jenny Jake, and Christine for dessert and water bottles.

Alexia Kemerling, a guest speaker explained to us how to approach Ohio Libraries with ADA and NAD's cover letter, too.

I suggest people print or email this resource to libraries if they receive any pushback on interpreter requests.

<https://www.nad.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/06/Museums-Libraries-Galleries.pdf>

Christine Corner passed out Westerville Public Library Program to us, they always provided events for the deaf community.

First Annual OCDC Retreat meeting:

1. Financial. Some reached
2. Collaboration between OCDC and Libraries.
3. Website/Technology/Brochure. REACHED
4. Ohio Deaf History Month/International Deaf Awareness (September) REACHED
5. Deaf Reader Newsletter REACHED

Second Annual ODFL Retreat meeting:

1. Deaf Mentor Group

SKI-HI Certification for Deaf Mentors. Dawn, Marsha, and Danny have their certification.

Jodie Grace, Head of Deaf Mentor and Family Support.

<https://deaf-mentor.skihi.org/>

Increase training professional SKI-HI Certification

Resources: ODFL Website:

Add a link to find more information

Start with a small like five people, increase then expand to 10 or more in the future.

Resources provider with the program for families of deaf children/child

## 2. Libraries in Ohio

Need to meet with the State of Library staff about our ODFL increase to the local/branch libraries for the deaf community.

Need to set up a website about this organization to explain Ohio Deaf History Month.

Need to have a good leader who is motivated to be involved before we become an officer or committees. All team works together better.

Need to train new library staff or officers or members.

Provide ASL class in the library.

Try to get volunteer interpreters for ASL storyteller day. Age from 3 to up. If under 3 years old, can teach basic sign language to hearing parents and children in the library.

