



MELSA ASL Series

Sign Me Up: American Sign Language Training for Library Staff

Course Descriptions and Schedules

American Sign Language for Library Staff (Beginner)

Learn how to improve your service to deaf and hard-of-hearing patrons in this interactive series. We'll cover basic information about American Sign Language and Deaf Culture, as well as specific vocabulary for the library setting. Each session will build on those before it to reinforce your knowledge and expand your ability to communicate with members of the Deaf community, and you'll get plenty of interactive signing practice! Recording access will be available to those who cannot attend the sessions live. **There are no prerequisites for this course.** All Intermediate series have the same content, the numbering is for admin purposes only.

Course/Session#	Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5	Class 6
Beginner 5 Registration Open	Thursday 02.03.22 10-11a	Thursday 02.10.22 10-11a	Thursday 02.17.22 10-11a	Thursday 02.24.22 10-11a	Thursday 03.03.22 10-11a	Thursday 03.10.22 10-11a
Beginner 6 Registration Open	Tuesday 03.08.22 1-2p	Tuesday 03.15.22 1-2p	Tuesday 03.22.22 1-2p	Tuesday 03.29.22 1-2p	Tuesday 04.05.22 1-2p	Tuesday 04.12.22 1-2p

American Sign Language for Library Staff (Intermediate)

This series is appropriate for those completed the ASL for Library Staff Beginner series and wish to polish their skills. Sessions will expand on the vocabulary and grammar topics presented in the Beginner course, reinforce your library signing skills and increase your confidence in your ability to communicate with members of the Deaf community. Recording access will be available to those who cannot attend the sessions live. Completion of Beginner ASL for Library Staff is a prerequisite for this course. All Intermediate series have the same content, the numbering is for admin purposes only.

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Intermediate 3 Registration Open	Friday 02.18.22 10-11a	Friday 02.25.22 10-11a	Friday 03.04.22 10-11a	Friday 3.11.22 10-11a	Friday 03.18.22 10-11a	Friday 03.25.22 10-11a
Intermediate 4 Registration Open	Tuesday 03.08.22 4-5p	Tuesday 03.15.22 4-5p	Tuesday 03.22.22 4-5p	Tuesday 03.29.22 4-5p	Tuesday 04.05.22 4-5p	Tuesday 04.12.22 4-5p

Signing in Storytime

Join us for weekly interactive workshops that teach basic American Sign Language vocabulary and demonstrate how to use the signs in storytime activities and the early childhood classroom. Learn how to incorporate ASL into storytime activities in a respectful and accurate way with literacy techniques that bring the benefits of signing to all children and families. Each session will focus on specific thematic vocabulary. Recording access will be available to those who cannot attend the sessions live. **There are no prerequisites for this course.**

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Storytime 3 Theme: Seasons Registration open	Friday 03.04.22 2-3p	Friday 03.11.22 2-3p	Friday 03.18.22 2-3p	Friday 03.25.22 2-3p	Friday 04.01.22 2-3p	Friday 04.08.11 2-3p

Additional training opportunities

Live Open ASL Practice with Kathy MacMillan

Practice and gain confidence in your American Sign Language skills for library settings in this interactive session. Bring questions if you have any.

Course/Session#	Session Date & Time
Open Practice 2 Registration open	Monday, 03.14.22, 2-3p
Open Practice 3 Registration open	Tuesday, 04.26.22, 10-11a

ASL Individual Video Feedback

Submit a video for individualized feedback. Videos are limited to 10 minutes and could cover a planned signing activity for storytime, a common signing phrases to use in patron interactions or a general or specific program opening for any age. Prerequisite for submitting a video is completion of the Beginner or Storytime series. Video slots are limited.

Course/Session#	Session Date & Time
Individual Video Feedback Registration open	Videos can be submitted as soon as registration is confirmed.

If you have any questions, please contact Kathleen James (kathleen@melsa.org).



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