

Tailored Skills



Learn: American Sign Language

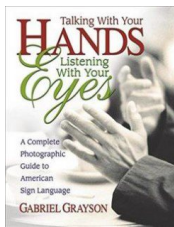
Library Resources



Sign Language 101: A Beginner's Guide to American Sign Language

This video is excellent for every American Sign Language (ASL) student as well as teachers, parents, and professionals learning ASL to communicate clearly and naturally. You will learn how to sign the alphabet, numbers, colors, holidays,

calendar, grammar, sentence structures, ASL Idioms and hundreds of vocabulary along with bonus features.

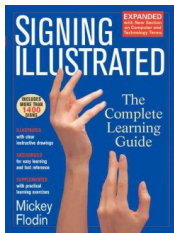


Talking with your hands, listening with your eyes : a complete photographic guide to American Sign Language

by Gabriel Grayson

Uses almost 1,400 photographs to

present a comprehensive guide to the techniques, words, and phrases used in American Sign Language

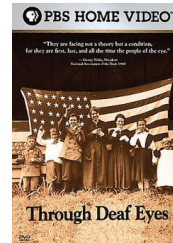


Signing illustrated : the complete learning guide

by Mickey Flodin

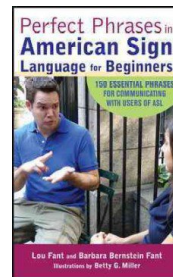
An updated edition of the best-selling guide to signing groups signs with similar shapes and movements in chapters such as Numbers, Money and Quantity, and Thoughts,

Emotions, and Ideas, creating a quick and easy system for the novice, with all-new sections on the latest computer and technology signs, as well as vocabulary reviews, fingerspelling exercises, memory aids, glossary, and a comprehensive index.



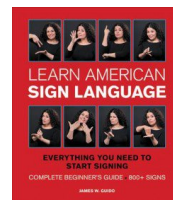
Through Deaf Eyes

American Sign Language has a rich history, and this PBS documentary presents a myriad of perspectives on the experience of hearing impairment and deafness.



Perfect phrases in American Sign Language for beginners : 150 essential phrases for communicating with users of ASL

Quick and easy phrases in ASL for daily life.



Learn American Sign Language : everything you need to start signing : complete beginner's guide : 800+ signs

by James W. Guido

Reviews the basics of signing and teaches over eight hundred signs associated with such topics as the body, health, the home, school, work, food and drink, activities, and nature.

Community Resources

Oklahoma City Community College

OCCC regularly offers 8 week beginners and intermediate ASL classes to anyone in the community. Check the [OCCC website](#) for more information. *Please note this resource contains an associated fee.*

Metro Tech

Metro Tech offers introductory ASL classes. Visit [metrotech.edu](#) for more information. *Please note this resource contains an associated fee.*

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Online Resources

Free Online Courses: Bill Vicars' Youtube Channel
Bill Vicars is a Deaf instructor of ASL who had made hundreds of lessons available for free on Youtube. [Start with video 1](#), and then make your way through the videos. No prior knowledge of ASL required. You can also access his videos by searching for "Bill Vicars" in the Youtube search bar. *This video may contain ads and its content does not reflect the views of the Metropolitan Library System.*

ASL Connect - Gallaudet University
Gallaudet University, the only university in the country geared towards educating the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, offers free lessons and videos on their website. Visit gallaudet.edu/asl-connect/asl-for-free/

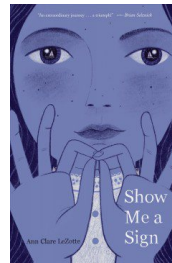
"Signing with Susan"
Susan is a Deaf ASL teacher with an active Instagram account (@susanflores6512.) She regularly shares vocabulary on her account.

"The ASL Shop"
The Instagram account @theaslshop is run by Deaf ASL instructor Stephanie Zornoza. Every day, she posts a short video showing one sign, on its own and then in a sentence.



A sign language dictionary containing several thousand videos of American Sign Language (ASL) signs, fingerspelled words and other common signs. Create an account with your library card number, and you'll be able to access this dictionary for free on a mobile device or on a computer. Access this resource through metrolibrary.org/databases

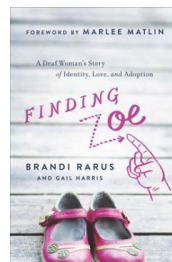
Deaf Representation



Show Me a Sign
by Ann Clare LeZotte
The author, a Deaf librarian, draws on the true history of a thriving 19th-century Deaf community on Martha's Vineyard in the story of a girl whose proud lineage is threatened by land disputes with the Wampanoag and a ruthlessly ambitious scientist.



Song for a Whale
Frustrated by the communication challenges of the hearing world as her school's only hearing-impaired student, a 12-year-old electronics whiz uses her tech skills to help a whale that has lost its ability to communicate.



Finding Zoe : A Deaf Woman's Story of Identity, Love, and Adoption
by Brandi Rarus
A memoir by Brandi Rarus, who lost her hearing at age six. She met her husband Tim after seeing him at the Gallaudet Uprising, and they fell in love a year later, devoting their lives to each other, improving the lives and communication for the Deaf, and later, raising their three hearing sons.

Born This Way Presents: Deaf Out Loud (Kanopy)

Executive produced by Academy Award-winner Marlee Matlin, this documentary special follows three predominantly deaf families as they raise their children in a hearing world. Visit kanopy.com and create an account using your library card number to access this resource. There are many other documentaries and short films to explore featuring Deaf individuals.