

### Companies Selling ASL/Deaf Culture Books, Products, & Assistive Devices

- Gallaudet University Press sells a variety of ASL texts and other deaf-related resources. [Gallaudet University Press](#)
- Dawn Sign Press offers materials in ASL, books about ASL and more. [Dawn Sign Press](#)
- Harris Communication offer materials in ASL, books about ASL and more. <http://www.harriscomm.com/>
- Sign Media, Inc. produces videotaped and text materials on American Sign Language and American Deaf culture. [Sign Media, Inc.](#)
- TJ Publishers sells ASL texts and other ASL & deaf culture books and resources. [TJ Publishers, Inc.](#)
- Amazon.com has an extensive selection of books and resources you can use to learn about ASL. Type "ASL books" in their Search box and you will see a list of books, all with user reviews. [Amazon.com](#)

### Deaf Culture

- A Journey into the Deaf World by Harlan Lane, Robert Hoffmeister, & Ben Bahan
- For Hearing People Only by Matthew S. Moore and Linda Levitan

### Reading with Deaf Children

- 15 Principles for Reading with Deaf Children-in English: [http://www.gallaudet.edu/clerc\\_center/information\\_and\\_resources/info\\_to\\_go/language\\_and\\_literacy/literacy\\_at\\_the\\_clerc\\_center/welcome\\_to\\_shared\\_reading\\_project/15\\_principles\\_for\\_reading\\_to\\_deaf\\_children.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/clerc_center/information_and_resources/info_to_go/language_and_literacy/literacy_at_the_clerc_center/welcome_to_shared_reading_project/15_principles_for_reading_to_deaf_children.html)
- 15 Principles for Reading with Deaf Children-in ASL: [http://www.gallaudet.edu/clerc\\_center/asl\\_version\\_of\\_srp\\_15\\_principles\\_for\\_reading\\_to\\_deaf\\_children\\_now\\_available\\_online\\_.html](http://www.gallaudet.edu/clerc_center/asl_version_of_srp_15_principles_for_reading_to_deaf_children_now_available_online_.html)

### Universities/Programs

- Gallaudet University: <http://www.gallaudet.edu>
- National Center on Deafness- California State University Northridge: <http://www.csun.edu/ncod/>
- National Technical Institute for the Deaf: <http://www.ntid.rit.edu>

# ASL/Deaf Culture Resources for Families



Tip: Check with your local community college, university, or high school to see if they offer ASL Classes for community members. The easiest and fastest way to learn ASL is from other fluent users, so the Deaf community and ASL classes are your best resources!

# ASL Resources

## Online Resources for Learning ASL

- Washington State Resources (*ASL Classes, Interpreting Services, etc*)  
<http://www.deafweb.org/signlang.htm>
- HandSpeak: Learning American Sign Language online including ASL video dictionary, ASL alphabet chart/fingerspelling, Baby Talk in ASL (language acquisition), ASL Word of the Day/Phrase of the Week, and more.  
<http://www.handspeak.com/>
- ASL University: ASL University is an online curriculum resource for American Sign Language students, instructors, interpreters, and parents of deaf children. <http://www.lifeprint.com/asl101/pages-layout/concepts.htm> - [www.lifeprint.com](http://www.lifeprint.com)
- ASL Pro: ASL Pro is a *completely free* online ASL educational resource website featuring over 11000 ASL Signs [www.aslpro.com](http://www.aslpro.com)
- ASL Nook: [www.aslnook.com](http://www.aslnook.com)
- RIT/NTID: <http://www.ntid.rit.edu/dictionary/>
- For technology-related signs: <http://www.masterstech-home.com/ASLDict.html>
- Signs for World Countries: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7HQWbLruigo&sns=em>
- Signs for Countries: <http://www.aslresource.net/CountrySigns.html>
- Sign with Me: A Family Sign Language Curriculum (ASL version) For parents of young deaf children, wishing to learn signs along with their child.  
<http://www.signwithme.org/>

## Books/Dictionaries - ASL

- The Picture Plus Dictionary by Virginia McKinney
- Signs for Me: Basic Sign Vocabulary for Children, Parents, & Teachers by Ben Bahan & Joe Dannis
- American Sign Language Dictionary by Martin L.A. Sternberg
- A Basic Vocabulary: American Sign Language for Parents and Children by Terrence J. O'Rourke
- The American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary by Richard A. Tennant & Marianne Gluszak Brown

## Videos/DVDs

- Bravo ASL! Family Series Curriculum- can be purchased through various vendors listed below
- Signing Time Series: Cousins Alex Brown (who can hear) and Leah Coleman (who is deaf) invite children of all ages to Come sign with us!"  
<http://www.signingtime.com/>
- Reading to deaf children: Learning from Deaf Adults- Videotape 59 minutes
- Fifteen Principals acts as a guide for parents and teachers to learn how to read to deaf children. 1997: Laurent Clerc National Deaf Education Center
- An Introduction to American Deaf Culture - Set of 5 videotapes, 60 minutes each.
- Illustrates system of rules for social interaction that is followed by members of the deaf community. For example, rules of social interaction, values, group norms, identity, and language traditions. 1993: Sign Media.

## Online Resources about ASL/Deaf Culture

- Sign Language for Parents-National Association of the Deaf: [www.nad.org/issues/early-intervention/information-parents/sign-language-parents](http://www.nad.org/issues/early-intervention/information-parents/sign-language-parents)
- Helpful Information for Parents new to ASL: <http://csdeagles.com/outreach/calnews/2011-12/deaf-baby.pdf>
- Through Your Child's Eyes/American Sign Language: [www.youtube.com/watch?v=FV69iJuXwP4](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FV69iJuXwP4)
- Deaf Digest-online magazine: <http://deafdigest.net>
- DeafLife- online magazine: <http://www.deaflife.com>
- Deaf Nation: <http://deafnation.com>
- A Deaf Woman's Journey: [www.whysign.com](http://www.whysign.com)
- Why learn ASL? [www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghuuQ6h0BIU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ghuuQ6h0BIU)
- StorySigning/How to read with your child: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=drMbdflqL5E&feature=plcp>

## Family Support

- American Society for Deaf Children:  
<http://www.deafchildren.org>
- Parent Package:  
<http://vl2parentspackage.org>

