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Saskatchewan Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Services
Bridging the Gap



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We've got some exciting news inside!
We want to involve everyone.

**Don't forget to follow us on
Facebook and Instagram**
We post several times a week!

There are events coming soon.
Save-the-date on your calendar!

WINTER 2020



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SAVE THE DATES!

SDHHS Events

- Little Buttons** (Saskatoon)
February 4th every Tuesday till March 24
- Family and Friends Day Skate** (Saskatoon)
March 14, 2020
- Coffee Time** (Saskatoon)
March 20, 2020
- Deaf Expo** (Saskatoon)
June 6, 2020
- Spring Camp** (Saskatoon)
14 - 17, April 2020
- Camp Dragonfly** (Provincial)
May 25 - 29, 2020
- SDHHS AGM/Family Day** (Regina)
June 20, 2020
- Summer Day Camp** (Saskatoon)
18 - 21, August 2020
- High Steaks Dinner** (Saskatoon)
September 25, 2020

Other Events in Saskatchewan

- **ASL Story Time Library** (Saskatoon)
First Saturday of every month
- **Deaf Social Night** (Saskatoon)
First Friday of every month at
- **rRemai mModern tour with ASL Interpreter**
March 7, 2020 (Saskatoon)
- **ASL Interpreted at Nutrien Children's Festival**
May 30, 2020 (Saskatoon)
- **Saskatoon Association Deaf 75th
Anniversary Banquet** (Saskatoon)
June 6, 2020
- **Saskatoon Deaf Senior Coffee** (Saskatoon)
Bi-Weekly on Thursdays
- **Senior Social** (Saskatoon)
Bi-Weekly on Tuesdays
- **Saskatoon Deaf Athletic Club Fun Bowl**
March 7, 2020 (Saskatoon)
- **Saskatoon Deaf Athletic Club Buffet Dinner**
March 21, 2020 (Saskatoon)
- **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Family Camp**
August 9-15, 2020 (Provincial)
- **ASL Practice Group for Adults**
Once a month



Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

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For more information or to sign up
Email saskatoon@sdhhs.com



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see the posters for more
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WHO WE ARE

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A message from the desk of the Executive Director



The past few months has been busy.

This quarter Deaf staff met with 8 MLA's and attended the legislature. They were introduced to the entire legislature and to the Premier. We attended the Throne speech and we were invited to a minister's office to meet one to one. At the Speech from the Throne, the Premiere announced his desire to have disability legislation introduced. One recommendation set out by the Saskatchewan Human Rights Commission (SHRC) was to recognize ASL as a heritage language, and as a language of instruction in education.

Ongoing SHRC meetings with Education, Health and Social Services to advocate full inclusion are slow but progress is being made. We have on many occasions reminded the committee of the letter from Deaf Academics that needs to be addressed, following the ASL standards set out by Gallaudet University.

The Deaf influence and inclusion, has been wonderful; having Patti, Bree, Robyn, and Nicole being more public, and outspoken with media and government. This effort is making a powerful impact. Several media publications and meetings have happened and the stories have been widely shared.



(photos from the StarPhoenix article, October 31, 2019)

We have begun the yearly plan for SDHHS, while much depends on budgets and staffing, commitment to the cause of equity and access is at an all time high. We are ever so thankful for all the board and staff who persevere through the cold to work for us.



Past Events

The 2019 High Steaks Dinner was a HUGE success again this year! We raised close to \$20,000!! Thank you for supporting SDHHS and helping us to provide programs to our Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities in Saskatchewan.

Special thanks to Tammy Benson and Brad Stratychuck for being our guest speakers and sharing their story.

A special thanks to our event sponsors:

Entertainment Sponsor:

Brad's Towing

Dinner Sponsor:

SIGA

Gold Sponsors:

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Other:

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Past Events

Thanks to everyone who came out for our BBQ's last year. It is always a great way to share a meal and bring the community together!

Thanks to Brad's Towing for always lending us their BBQ's!



Community
BBQ
October 2, 2019





Past Events

So much has happened in the past year! . We have been seeing our community growing and growing at every event. You have joined in on the fun and we all really want to say thank you for all your help and support when joining us! We have had so much fun with you all!.



Costume Party!

Oct 19, 2019



Mini Pumpkins. Facepaint. Music. Games. Snacks. Photo Booth. Social. Fun.



Past Events

Thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for visiting us here at the RJD Williams Building. It was great to see the children socializing with their friends and parents chatting with one another. Thank you to the Secret Santa who gifted all the children with an ILY t-shirt this year. What a surprise!

With our warm heart, we hope you all have a wonderful year in 2020!



Christmas Party

Nov 30, 2019



Santa Claus & Mrs. Claus. Games. Volunteers. Social. Presents. Ho-Ho-Ho!



Past Events

Thank you to our seniors for helping us over the years! Just before the Christmas Break, we invited them for coffee and snacks. We had so much fun playing this game called "Jack Box" and taking pictures with the photo booth!

The treats we had were so tasty!



Seniors Christmas

December 19, 2019





Past Events

During the 2020 February break SDHHS' Vocational Department hosted a 3-day sewing skills workshop in Regina for students to learn how to sew sellable items. February 18 - 20 was packed with aprons, bowl cozies, sock monkeys, and fun! We discussed costs, advertising, profit, markets, and pricing. Then we took to drawing out patterns, measuring, cutting, sewing, and completion of projects.

It was a very busy fun 3 days!

Sewing Workshop Regina February 2020





CCCC PRESCHOOL

This year the preschool staff is the same as last year: Bree Sproule and Alyson Hein. The program, Children Communicating Connecting, and in Community preschool for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Children of Deaf Adults is now in its second year! It is wonderful to see how many changes there are from the first year to now. Currently there are eleven preschoolers! The Preschool Staff has been working on developing curriculum to provide the best possible education in American Sign Language and English. The CCCC Preschool has different themes every 6 weeks; farming/harvest, community leaders, Holiday/Christmas, and the current theme is superheroes! Also there are family involvement days to support families and the community! The families have attended Lala's Farm, The Wonderhub, ice skating, ASL classes for parents, Halloween party, gingerbread building, story time, sledding, Fire station and many more!



“A huge difference between a signing preschool and a normal preschool is there’s no pressure for kids to speak or communicate in just one way.” -Deaf parent of a hearing child



ASL / ESL Classes

Saskatoon

The Saskatoon SDHHS Vocational Department started an ASL/ESL class in January, 2020. There are 6 students registered to attend these classes. The ASL/ESL class runs Monday to Thursday from 9:30am to 11:30am for approximately 10 weeks.

ASL is the abbreviation for American Sign Language.
ESL is the abbreviation for English as a Second Language.

Many of the attendees of the ASL/ESL class are Newcomers to Canada and have little to no ASL nor English. Acquiring literacy and language is an imperative step to becoming employed! The class is learning a lot from the Instructor and from each other!

The Instructor, Shelly Carver, is working with many different programs to teach the participants ASL and English. She is incorporating Bravo, Deaf Can!, and experiential learning opportunities such as Job Fairs, social events, and community participation. The ASL/ESL group is being supported by many staff at SDHHS including our Signing Support Professional, Interpreters, the Early Childhood and Family Support Worker, and the Vocational Worker.

SDHHS hopes to host a second set of ASI/ESL classes in the Spring. If you know of anyone who might benefit from these classes, please email jody@sdhhs.com to find out more information.





This year, Nicole and Robyn have revamped Little Buttons by changing the curriculum. It is more unique, and more hands on. There are themes that hold interest of the little ones (and the adults). And they have been enjoying teaching the class! This program has been really successful, and SDHHS has been lucky to host it at the wonderful Learn n' Play Cafe. During little buttons, they have been teaching colours, weather, stories, rhythms, shapes, sizes, and many more! This is great for parents to learn activities with their babies and for toddlers to explore and think about new ways to play.

When Little Buttons' classes end, the parents typically get together socializing. This gives them a great support in each other and lets the other little ones socialize before it's time to leave. We have noticed a few of our students are signing more compared to last fall 2019. To us, this means the curriculum is good and they are learning literacy and language at an early age to ensure successes when they go to school!

Many thanks to Learn and Play Cafe and to our sponsor, Access Communications Children's Fund!



"I loved having a place to learn some sign language I could practice with my children at home. They really enjoyed signing along to the music videos." - A Parent from Little Buttons class



Early Childhood, Youth & Family Services Worker



Hi! I was thrilled to come back to work in September 2019 from being away for almost a year on maternity leave. I'm even more excited to have a new staff person join us, Nicole Musey! Nicole has brought positive energy to help our work and the community.

The focus for the Early Childhood and Family Services program this year is to try and have the community get together for D/HH children and parents and by expanding ASL awareness. Not forgotten, we want to make sure that the Youth and Seniors also get an opportunity to be involved. With this, we have been hosting Little Buttons for age 0-4, we hosted a Costume party, Christmas gathering, and continue welcoming and enjoying our Seniors and their expertise.

There has been so much "video editing" here at SDHHS! We worked with CCCC Preschool creating fun short videos in different themes such as Halloween and Christmas. We are continuing to work on creating video storybooks in ASL to show and teach others in the D/HH community across the province.

There's always some new project happening in my office and many families to work with. I look forward to seeing our community grow. I really appreciate you all supporting us, sharing ideas, and helping us when we need you. We will be attempting to host an event once a month, so keep your eyes open watching SDHHS' Facebook and Instagram for our next events!

All the best,
Robyn Holmes



Sign Support Professional



Hello everyone! It has been my pleasure working here at SDHHS as the Sign Support Professional! I started working at SDHHS in September 2019. I am profoundly Deaf and originally from Prince George, BC. I recently graduated from Gallaudet University with a B.A in Education in May 2019 and plan to continue my schooling in the future.

It has always been my dream to work with young D/HH children. This position gives me the opportunities to do that, which I am very thankful for. I want to acknowledge that the quality life for D/HH people in Saskatchewan has a long way to go. I am determined to bring the community together to help nourish and grow the next generation of young D/HH people. I can tell, big changes are coming soon!

Saskatchewan is truly one of the gem provinces! I'm also proud that my Ukrainian heritage is rooted here too! I am looking forward to seeing familiar faces and to meeting more new people!

Kind Regards,
Nicole Musey



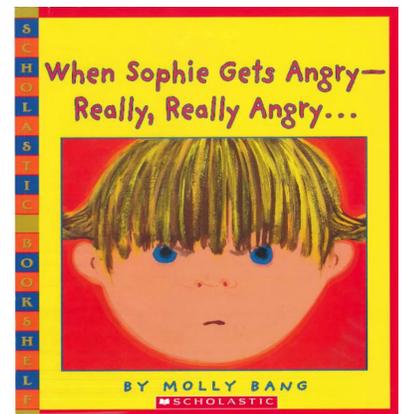
From the Media

Here at SDHHS we have expanded our video production. Here is what some of that looked like in 2019. - Tyler Burgess

Community training classes in Regina and Saskatoon on video production.



We started to create a Library of online story books in ASL.



We worked with the CCC Preschool to create Halloween and Christmas content.



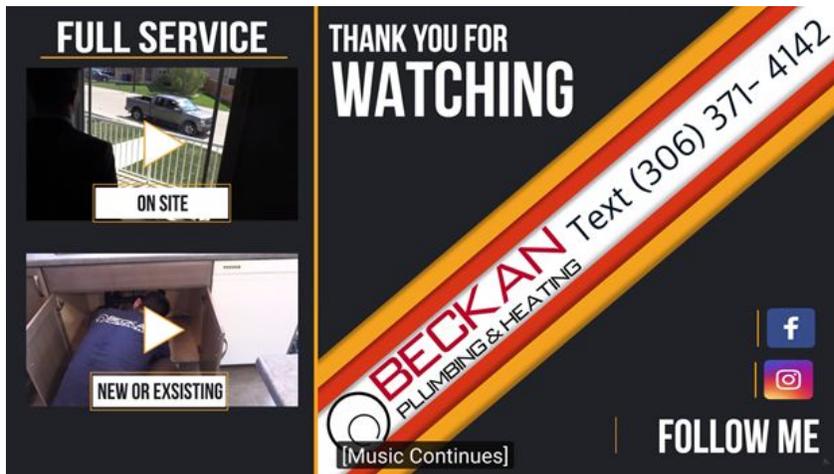
Continued - From the Media

We have created video interpretation for government and other organizations.

We have also been making our announcements through videos on Facebook and our website.



Getting the word out about some of Saskatchewan's Deaf Entrepreneurs.



And, building awareness with "Deaf like me" videos.



Stay Tuned for more upcoming content in 2020. Just search "SDHHS" on YouTube.



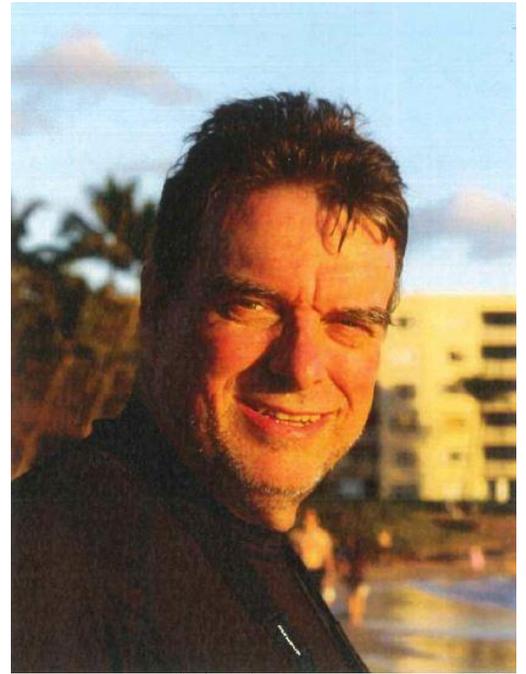
Remembering Roger Carver

It has been a full year since Roger passed away and we wanted to honor his memory, as he was an important part of SDHHS and in the Saskatchewan D/HH community.

Roger Carver was instrumental in the recognition of ASL as a language of instruction and a heritage language in BC and in Alberta. His legacy lives on with some of the Graduates of his BC preschool in standing up for accessibility. - **Nairn Gillies**

I first met Roger Carver when I took our daughter, Nicole, to the Deaf Children's Society of BC. Roger was an amazing person who truly cared for families of Deaf children. I remember vividly, Roger saying: **"It takes a village to raise a child."** Knowing that our family was from Northern BC, and not in a huge Deaf community, Roger encouraged our family to keep connected with other families with Deaf children by going to Deaf Camp. We did that! At least 4 times a year, we took Nicole to the DCS activities and camps. Our holidays consisted of meeting new families every year and visiting Nicole's Deaf friends.

Learning Vacation Experience (LVE) is the place where Nicole truly found her Deaf identity at an early age. I saw Roger on many Deaf panels and in many lectures, and each time he just amazed me and all of his teachings stuck with me! It is all thanks to him that Nicole grew up successful. It was like seeing a torch being passed down from older Deaf role model, like himself, to Nicole.



When Nicole was just 3 years old, we were at a Summer Parent-Deaf Child LVE campfire and Roger was signing a campfire story. He encouraged Nicole to get up and sign The Three Bears. She did it. Roger always had a good way of encouraging and teaching everyone he knew. And we can't forget his amazing sense of humor. When Roger first met my husband and found out he was from Saskatchewan, he showed him some made-up sign for Saskatchewan. I actually thought it was the real sign until I was corrected.

I am so proud of Nicole. She is now working with the new generation of Deaf children.
- **Holly Museys** (Nicole Museys' Mom)



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Here's one of Roger's Articles that he wrote for the Eye to Eye in the DCS Newsletter, Sept/Oct 1997

Eye To Eye by Roger Carver

IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A DEAF CHILD

A couple of years ago, Hillary Rodham Clinton, the wife of U.S. President, Bill Clinton, published a book, titled, *It Takes a Village to Raise a Child*. She was addressing the concerns over how American children and youth were being raised and calling for the need for greater community involvement in their upbringing. She evoked memories of an earlier era of smaller communities whose inhabitants looked after each other and worked together for their children's collective welfare.

It was a concept that was enthusiastically embraced by the American Society for Deaf Children which advocated greater community involvement for their deaf children. They knew that professionals could not or should not take on the primary role for the development of young deaf children's overall development. This was a concept which showed full fruit at last summer's Learning Vacation Experience (LVE) which was sponsored by the Deaf Children's Society. It was there that parents realized its true value.

At the LVE, with its high number of Deaf adults who served as staff members, parents were able to see how well they related to their children, both deaf and hearing alike. There were also Hearing staff members who were highly fluent in ASL. A number of young deaf children received their "kick-start" in language and communication as a result of being exposed to these adults, and their hearing siblings realized that their deaf siblings can grow up into normal and healthy persons. Parents were also able to interact and talk with these persons and learn everything from the proper perspective. This LVE also was the scene of a water fight between the parents and the staff members which considerably broke the ice between groups and among the parents themselves. They found that they were able to laugh, to relax and to have fun! Hearing parents were able to dish it out as well as take it from the Deaf adults; they were able to douse them with a water hose, dump water buckets on them and hurl water balloons at them without feeling guilty about "offending the sensibilities" of Deaf persons. This experience brought these families closer together. That is how it should be.

What is, then a Village? How should it be set up? As the Deaf are small in numbers and scattered throughout an entire region, it is not possible to have a village in the traditional, geographical sense. What we are talking about is a Global Village interconnected through certain organizations, events, and technology. The Deaf community truly functions as a global village, not only across regions, but nationally and internationally, and parents of deaf children are beginning to recognize its value as a priceless resource for themselves.

One family who is raising a deaf child in a small community in a part of B.C. that does not have ready access to services like that provided by the Deaf Children's Society is a part of our outreach program which emphasizes self-reliance and strong networking with other families and Deaf persons. They have done an outstanding job in raising this young deaf child, in becoming fluent in ASL, and in getting her to develop language in the absence of extensive professional intervention. She commented to us late last summer: "It is so simple, it makes me sick!" She touched upon a truth: parents with the right attitude, equipped with the right tools and supported by the right people, can do the job well without ever requiring clinical services. This family even actively encourages Deaf persons to stop by at their home to visit.

That is how it should be; for too many years countless thousands of Deaf persons have been disabled by professional intervention. Well-meaning but uninformed professionals

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prescribed to their families how they should raise and train their deaf children, often getting involved themselves and controlling the agenda. This approach has not worked well and never will - it only exacerbated the situation. There was a German movie, *Beyond Silence*, which recently screened at the Vancouver International Film Festival. Its plot centred around the relationships between a Deaf father, his hearing sister and his hearing daughter. It raised two issues which are relevant to this discussion about professional intervention. There was a scene around the family Christmas dinner table, in which the hearing members were having a conversation without including the Deaf man and his Deaf wife who were signing by themselves with their daughter. The Deaf man's mother lamented the fact that her fingers would be flying in conversation with them if she hadn't listened to those "pig-headed professionals" years ago. In another poignant scene, the Deaf father wistfully recalled to his daughter the time when he was able to communicate with his hearing sister in gestures and home-made signs. However, thanks to the intervention of professionals, she was told to stop communicating with her brother in this manner lest it hinder his speech development. Ever since then she stopped communicating with him in this manner, widening the gulf between him and her. This kind of approach can and does split families.

This discussion simply points out the fact that in most cases young deaf children are not "disabled" in the true sense of the word and that, if raised as nature intended and treated as a child first, he/she will turn out into a healthy, well-rounded individual. Proof is in the pudding: deaf children of Deaf parents seldom require intervention and they do generally better than deaf children of hearing parents. All the hearing parents need to do is to take a leaf from this book, and the best way they can accomplish this is by becoming fluent in sign language, participating in a Village of Deaf adults, families with deaf children, and extended family members, and enjoying seeing their children thrive in a natural social environment. They have done it with a good deal of success in Sweden and Denmark, and they can do it here.

Barbara Raimondo, the current president of the American Society for Deaf Children, puts it very well: *"You hear so much about deaf children of Deaf parents and how much better they are doing than deaf children of hearing parents, it's easy to become discouraged. Hearing parents also need other hearing parents who have learned Sign Language and are managing successfully, as proof that it can be done, as role models, and to learn from."*

Community self-help: That is all it takes.

DCS Newsletter, Sept/Oct 1997





Reclaiming Culture through Art

Summary from his interview

NC Raine | January 05, 2020. <https://www.eaglefeathernews.com/arts/deaf-artist-reclaims-his-culture-through-art>



Photos from the Eagle Feather News

Torrie Ironstar, from Carry the Kettle Nakoda First Nation.

“My art is about colours, patterns, and textures. Like playing with your senses and letting colour define your emotions, feeling the textures, and listening to the story through the patterns,”

“Most of my paintings have their own stories. They have different perspectives by the people who see it and let their emotions dance with the vibes and find stories in the paintings.”

Ironstar wasn't always communicating so passionately through art. Growing up in Regina, he said one of his major obstacles was finding appropriate services to accommodate his needs, often having to rely on family or friends to interpret for him. He also said society often equates being deaf with being “dumb” - having that stigma follow him around for much of his life.

Much of Ironstar's art depicts Indigenous portraits, which he says is mainly inspired by old pictures or books. But the portraits are infused with Ironstar's touch – radiant colours, mixed media collages, geometric shapes.

Ironstar remains passionately focused on his art and encouraging others to overcome their obstacles through art.

“Art is our form of expression from the subconscious and the spirit. It can impact anyone who sees your art,” he said. “There's no bad or wrong or poor in art. Art is art.”




AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE CLASSES
WINTER 2020

What is American Language Language (ASL)?
 A sign language that is used especially for communication by and with d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing people and is the formal sign language of the United States and English-speaking Canada.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15, 2020

| <u>ASL 101</u> | <u>ASL 201</u> | <u>Location</u> |
|--|--|---|
| Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm January 28 – April 9, 2020 No Class: February 18 & 20th | Sundays 2:30 - 5:30 pm January 26 – May 3, 2020 No Class: February 16 & April 12th First & Last Class: 2:30 - 6 pm | Room 245/247 R.J.D. Williams Building 221 Cumberland Ave. N. Saskatoon, Saskatchewan |

One year SDHHS membership included with registration.
 All courses are approximately 40 hours.
 70% attendance is required for completion.
 18 years and older only.
 Fees are Non-Refundable.

ASL Classes started again in Saskatoon at the end of January 2020.

Nicole did a great job in Fall 2019 teaching her first ASL Class and she is taking on two full classes this term!

If you or someone you know is interested in taking ASL Classes, please email our Office Coordinator at saskatoon@sdhhs.com to be added to the ASL Class Saskatoon contact list.

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**AMERICAN
 SIGN
 LANGUAGE
 CLASS**

LOCATION:
 WASCANA REHABILITATION
 CENTRE, 2ND FLOOR
 2180-23RD AVENUE
 REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN

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| <u>ASL 101</u> March 17 & April 21 - Room #5 | Room #3 |
| <u>ASL 201</u> March 17 - Room #6, April 21 - Room #7 | Room #1 |

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 7 - 9 pm
February 4 - April 23, 2020
 No class on Feb. 18 & 20, and Apr. 14 & 16

Saskatchewan Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services
 2343 Broad Street, Regina, SK S4P 1Y9
 306-352-3323 regina@sdhhs.com

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 All courses are approximately 40 hours.
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ASL Classes started February 4th, 2020 in Regina.

Twyla and Caroline have been the ASL Instructors in Regina for many years now.

If you or someone you know is interested in taking ASL Classes in Regina, still please email our Office Coordinator at Regina@sdhhs.com to be added to the ASL Class Regina contact list.

Coffee Time!
 Friday, March 20th, 2020
 9:30am - 11:30am

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DONUT WORRY BE COFFEE

LITTLE BUTTONS

Want to learn more American Sign Language with your young loved one through hands on and visual activities?
If yes, then join us!

Location: Learn & Play Cafe
Address: 441 34 St E, Saskatoon, SK S7K 0S9
Date: Every Tuesday starting on February 4th to March 24th
Time: 9:30 am to 10:15am
Who: Parents and Their Young Children (Ages 0-4)
Cost: \$20.00 per family (all classes per month) or \$5.00 per Drop-in.
 **Free for D/HH

- sensory activities
- storytelling
- rhythm and more!

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**For more information
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 or Nicole@sdhhs.com**

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SPRING DAY CAMP

APRIL 2020

Tuesday 14th
 to
 Friday 17th

Camp Dragonfly

May 25 - 29, 2020



Registration packages
available soon!

Email jody@sdhhs.com to receive a registration package by email.

Camp Dragonfly is for d/Deaf and Hard of Hearing students and their school support workers.
Camp Dragonfly is hosted at the SWF Hannin Creek Conservation Camp.



SDHHS AGM



THE DATE
MIL
DAY

KEEP YOUR EYES OPEN ON OUR FACEBOOK AND I.G. FOR MORE INFORMATION

June 20, 2020
Regina



SAVE THE DATE!

Summer Day Camp

August 2020

TUESDAY 18TH TO FRIDAY 21ST

SDHHS PRESENTS

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 25TH 2020



HIGH STEAKS DINNER

SAVE THE DATE

ASL INTERPRETED

STORY TIME

Frances Morrison Central Library
311 23 St E, Saskatoon

INSIDE POOH'S CORNER!

This Event happens the first Saturday of every month at 10:30am

- FEB 1ST**
- MARCH 7TH**
- APRIL 4TH**
- MAY 2ND**
- JUNE 6TH**
- JULY 4TH**
- AUGUST 1ST**
- SEPTEMBER 5TH**
- OCTOBER 3RD**
- NOVEMBER 7TH**
- DECEMBER 5TH**



NEW LOCATION!

DEAF SOCIAL NIGHT

AT THE
THE SNOOKER SHACK

THIS EVENT HAPPENS THE FIRST FRIDAY OF EVERY MONTH

TIME: 7:00PM - 11:00PM.

ADDRESS: 3421 - 8TH ST E.
SASKATOON, SK

COME FOR A CHAT, PLAY POOL AND YOU MIGHT WIN A PRIZE!!

GOT QUESTIONS? CONTACT
LISA HALE 306-380-4735
CLINTON MILLER 306-850-2848

- FEB. 7TH
- MARCH 6TH
- APRIL 3RD
- MAY 1ST
- JUNE 5TH

WE ALL KNOW THE SECRET TO GREATNESS COMES IN A CUP AND SOCIAL

SASKATOON DEAF SENIOR COFFEE

10:00AM - 11:30AM

JOIN US

- FEBRUARY 27, 2020
- MARCH 12, 2020
- MARCH 26, 2020
- APRIL 9, 2020
- APRIL 23, 2020
- MAY 7, 2020
- MAY 21, 2020
- JUNE 4, 2020
- JUNE 18, 2020



For more information: Contact Bob Hutchinson
hutbel68@sasktel.net



Senior Social



1:30pm to 4:00pm
RJD Williams Building
221 Cumberland Ave N
Saskatoon
Room 249 & 245/247
\$5.00 for admission

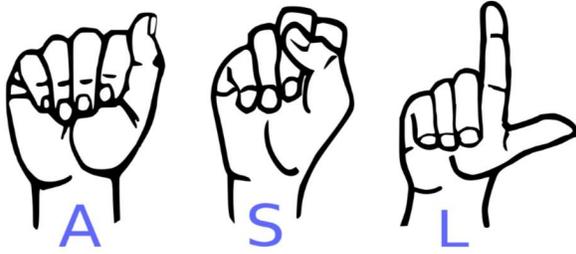
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GAME

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| Tues. Feb 4, 2020 | Bingo |
| Tues. Feb 18, 2020 | Sandbags |
| Tues. Mar 3, 2020 | Bingo |
| Tues. Mar 17, 2020 | Whist Drive |
| Tues. Mar 31, 2020 | Bingo |
| Tues. Apr 14, 2020 | Whist Drive |
| Tues. Apr 28, 2020 | Bingo |
| Tues. May 12, 2020 | Whist Drive |
| Tues. May 26, 2020 | Bingo |
| Tues. Jun 9, 2020 | Whist Drive |
| Tues. Jun 2020 | Bingo |



ASL PRACTICE GROUP FOR ADULTS



Carla Klassen organizes a monthly practice group for adults wanting to improve their American Sign Language (ASL) skills. Carla is an ASL Interpreter and has years of experience! All skill levels are welcome to join the group. The group meets once a month to work on improving vocabulary related to different topics each month. They practice through conversation, games, and activities that help increase vocabulary and allow individuals to use their ASL skills.

Difficulty levels vary depending on your skill level and what level of challenge you would like to take on! This group has people with a variety of skill levels coming out, from people knowing no sign, to fluent users. There is no fee to attend, however it is expected that you purchase something from the Broadway Roastery on 8th street as we are using their facility. All materials needed are provided. If you are unable to join us for the full time, don't worry, this is a pretty casual group, come for as long as you can! Carla posts a Kijiji ad each month under the title 'ASL Practice Group for Adults'. You can also email her to get put on the monthly information email: carlamatch1@aim.com

rRemai mModern



Go to [@remaimodern](https://www.instagram.com/remaimodern) on Instagram and watch our lovely Interpreter Sue in the video about the Gallery tour in ASL on Saturday, March 7th, 2020 at 1:00pm!
Go get your tickets from the Remai Modern Gallery soon!



SASKATOON DEAF ATHLETIC CLUB

S.D.A.C. FUN BOWL

Saturday March 7, 2020
Start at 1:00pm - 3:00 pm

Fairhaven Bowling 3401 22nd Street West Saskatoon, SK

BOWLING FEE: \$20 PER PLAYER

Please let me know how many players by [Thursday, March 5, 2020](#)

** Players, please show up at 12:30 pm to start at 1:00 pm sharp **

Great Prizes - Lottery Chips



**Questions?
Please contact:**

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|---|---|
| Wesley Petterson Text (306) 281-5142 E-mail: wesp07@gmail.com | Clinton Miller Text (306) 850-2848 E-mail: clint-miller@shaw.ca |
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SASKATOON DEAF ATHLETIC CLUB

Market mall

BUFFET DINNER

Saturday March 21, 2020

5:00pm to 11:00pm
(After the SDSA AGM)

At the Market Mall
Coachman Restaurant
2325 Preston Ave
Saskatoon

\$25.00 Per Person



50/50 Raffle

Door Prizes

**Join us to help raise funds
to support SDAC**

Please contact Wesley Petterson or Clinton Miller to buy a

Buffet Ticket before March 18, 2020

Wes Petterson - Text (306) 281-5142 or E-mail: wesp07@gmail.com

Clinton Miller - Text (306) 850-2848 or E-mail: clint-miller@shaw.ca

SAVE THE DATE!



SATURDAY MAY 30, 2020

ASL INTERPRETED

Performances include the following:

REDPATH: 12:30PM - 1:15PM

MISS PERSONA: 2:45PM - 3:30PM.

GO GET YOUR TICKETS!

WWW.NUTRIENCHILDRENSFESTIVAL.COM



ANNOUNCEMENT DISTRIBUTOR

Got information you would like to share with the Saskatchewan Deaf Community?

or

Do you want to receive emails from our community?

E-mail the Announcement Distributor:

saskannouncement@gmail.com

SHARE OUR COMMUNITY!



JUNE 6th 2020

Saskatoon Inn

2002 Airport Drive, Saskatoon, SK



Sask Deaf Expo

To become a vendor:
Please contact
saskatoon@sdhhs.com



SDHHS
Saskatchewan Deaf and
Hard of Hearing Services
Bridging the Gap

Saskatoon Association of the Deaf Inc.

75th Anniversary Banquet

5:00pm to Midnight

Cocktails: 5:00pm

Dinner: 6:30pm

(Limit of 150 banquet tickets)

Entertainment: 9:00pm

- Advance ticket required

10:00am to 3:00pm

Admission by donation

- Suggested donation \$5
- No advance ticket required

Our Comedians



Angela Stratiy John Warren

50/50 Door Prizes Cash Bar

For more information, contact Bob Hutchinson

E-mail: hutbel68@sasktel.net

75th Anniversary Banquet



75th Banquet Admission Information

Banquet and Entertainment : \$60.00 each

Entertainment/Social Only: \$40.00 each

Must show receipt to enter

Can't buy at the door and no refunds

Admission Purchase Deadline: May 22nd, 2020

Pay for your admission how?

MAIL your cheque for admission to:

Saskatoon Deaf Contingency Fund

c/o Ms. Monique Bowman, 447 Sebestyen Court,

Saskatoon, SK, S7K 6S4

OR

E-TRANSFER your payment for admission to Monique at:

monique.bowman27@hotmail.com

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Town: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code: _____

Admission Count: \$60.00 X _____ = \$ _____ \$40.00 X _____ = \$ _____

SAVE THE DATE!

R.A.D PICNIC

REGINA ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF



WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020

5:00PM - 9:00PM

SCIENCE CENTRE
2903 POWERHOUSE DR, REGINA, SK S4N 0A1

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTACT

ALLARD THOMAS

TH00151@SASKTEL.NET



CAMP
OSHKIDEE



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
JUNE 30, 2020**

THIS DEAF & HARD OF HEARING FAMILY CAMP
IS HAPPENING ON

August 9 - 15th 2020

For more information, please go to:

<https://www.camposhkidee.com/dhh-family-camp>



REGISTER NOW
17 - 24
JULY 2020
#2020DEAFVISION

CANADIAN DEAF YOUTH LEADERSHIP CAMP
 INFO: dycjisc@gmail.com
 FOLLOW US  

<https://cdylccljisc.wixsite.com/cdylccljisc>



SLIC 2020 CONFERENCE

OPENING NEW DOOR 

JULY 24 TO 26, 2020

VANCOUVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 DOWNTOWN CAMPUS
 250 W Pender St. Vancouver, BC

REGISTRATION FEE
 \$150 FOR SLIC MEMBERS
 \$225 FOR NON-MEMBERS OF SLIC

AFTER MAY 30, 2020 - PRICE INCREASE:
 \$225 FOR SLIC MEMBERS
 \$295 FOR NON-MEMBERS OF SLIC

Registration online - www.slicanada.ca

FAMILY 2020

at Tribune Bay Outdoor Education Centre, Hornby Island, BC
 Thursday, July 2nd to Sunday July 5th, 2020

REGISTRATION WILL OPEN in MARCH

Family Deaf Camp is for parents with deaf/hard of hearing children and Deaf/hard of hearing parents with their children.

This camp is designed for families that use sign language for all or part of their communication. There is something for everyone and most of the programs will be interpreted. The Tribune Bay Centre staff and DYT (Deaf Youth Today) staff will be offering family participation programs and activities for children and adults. Some examples of programs include: climbing on the tower, hiking, high ropes course, stand-up paddleboards, beach fun, games, mystery hunts, crafts, kayaking, marine tours (12 passenger boat), campfire stories & skits in ASL.

There will be some cabanas yurts and cabins on a first come, first reserved basis.

Registration will open in March. We will send out an email with all the details and will give you two week's advanced notice before camp registration opens, so that registration will be fair for everyone.

Last year, the camp was filled within the first week that registration was open, and we began a waitlist.

Please make sure you are on our FNDC email list (ie. if you received this newsletter by email - you are on our list).

To subscribe to our email list: www.fndc.ca/subscribe



CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

CASLI 2020

CLEAR VISION: CULTURE, INTERSECTIONALITY & DIVERSITY

July 28 - August 1, 2020

Coast Coal Harbour Hotel | Downtown Vancouver

www.casli2020.com   

Registration is open - do not delay, register today!

Our keynote speaker, Jonathan Webb is a gifted and engaging presenter, teacher and activist: he has a wealth of professional accomplishments, research, and lived experience, all of which he is very skilled at sharing. Jonathan will be sure to enlighten and challenge conference attendees with both thought-provoking and action-inspiring presentations!



Connect. Reflect. Be inspired!

The CASLI 2020 Conference is proudly hosted by:





IMMERSION EDMONTON, AB July 6-10, 2020

A 5-day event coordinated by the Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf designed to immerse you in American Sign Language. Whether you know nothing about ASL or you have taken previous courses this week is aimed at improving your fluency while in a fun and relaxed environment. There are no tests! Immersion offers 3 levels of ASL classes from Beginner to Advanced, where students will learn more of the language and culture of Deaf people. All your instructors are Deaf. Lunch and snack are included.

9 am to 3:30 pm for classes
5 pm to 10 pm on Thursday at EADCC for events
9 am to Noon for Friday

\$350 per person or 2 for \$600.00
\$175.00 for Youth

***Please note* Youth over 12 must be accompany with guardian/parents or family members to register. Fees will be half price for youth between 12 to 17 years old.**

Held: Alberta School for the Deaf
6240-113 Street NW
Edmonton, Alberta

For more information or to register
please contact Victoria, ACSD Admin. Assistant
acsdooffice@shawcable.com or www.acsd.ca

REGISTRATION FORM

HOSTED BY ALBERTA CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



IMMERSION EDMONTON, AB July 6 – 10, 2020

My class level is
(please see below for levels)
(check box)

Beginner

I don't know any ASL.
Or
I know up to 200 basic signs and
fingerspelling but haven't
taken a course.

Intermediate

I know some survival ASL
and fingerspelling.
Or
I am currently in Signing
Naturally Levels 1 to 6
or 7 to 12.

Advanced

I know ASL well enough to
communicate and can
understand with ease.
Or
I am currently in Signing
Naturally Level 2 Units 13 to 17
or Signing Naturally Level 3
Units 18 to 25.

Youth

Age 12 – 17

ASL Immersion will be located at:
Alberta School for the Deaf
6240 - 113 Street
Edmonton, Alberta

(Please print)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov/Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

ASL IMMERSION REGISTRATION FEE: (check box)

- \$350.00 per person
 \$600.00 with 2nd name: _____
 \$175.00 for Youth

Please make a cheque or money order payable to:
Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf and mail with registration form to:

Alberta Cultural Society of the Deaf
Re: ASL Immersion
#206, 11404 – 142 St NW
Edmonton, Alberta T5M 1V1

Payment Method: _____

Name on Credit Card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____

Expiry Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Signature of Authorization: _____

Visa, Mastercard, Debit, and e-transfers to acsdooffice@shawcable.com are available.
There is a \$2.50 charge per Visa/MasterCard Transaction and \$0.25 charge for Debit.
There is a \$48.00 fee for all NSF cheques. There is a \$50.00 cancellation fee
due to administrative costs.

If you have any questions or inquiries regarding
ASL Immersion, please contact Administrative
Assistant: info@acsd.ca or check www.acsd.ca



REGISTRATION FORM

HOSTED BY ALBERTA CULTURAL SOCIETY OF THE DEAF



IMMERSION CALGARY, AB August 11-14, 2020

My class level is
(please see below for levels)
(check box)

Beginner

I don't know any ASL.
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I know up to 200 basic signs and
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Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Prov/Postal Code: _____

Email: _____

ASL IMMERSION REGISTRATION FEE: (check box)

- \$210.00 per person (BVC Staff/Student)
 \$240.00 per person (Public)

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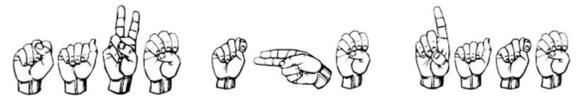
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Bow Valley College
345 6 Ave SE
Calgary, AB

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AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE IMMERSION 2020

at Manitoba School for the Deaf

Organized by:

Society for Manitobans with Disabilities (SMD)

Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services

In Partnership with:

Manitoba School for the Deaf (MSD)

Date: July 6-10th, 2020

NOTE: Registration and Information will be sent out in April 2020



For more information contact:
Claudine Bach: TTY (204)975-3083 or
Email: cbach@smd.mb.ca





Saskatchewan

Early Learning Program
Opens For Children Who
Are Deaf And Hard Of
Hearing

November 23, 2018

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CTV Saskatoon

It's International Day of Sign
Language

September 23, 2019

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=1786842](https://saskatoon.ctvnews.ca/video?clipId
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Saskatoon

Star Phoenix

Advocates say lack of sign
language in Sask. schools a
'crisis'

November 12, 2019

[https://thestarphoenix.com/news/local
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guage-in-sask-schools-a-crisis)



CBC Saskatchewan

Toddler ASL group fills a
gap in Sask. Deaf, Hard of
Hearing community

November 22, 2019

[https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/sas
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The Flipside Show

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Rocky Mountain Deaf School

ASL Story

<https://www.youtube.com/user/RMDSCO/featured>

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Screen printing
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in Sign Language



Definition of Fleek:
Extremely good, attractive or stylish
Pronunciation: /flék/
Adjective: informal/slang

Email us to order: skfleek306@gmail.com

Check out Fleek SK on Facebook
& FleekSask306 on Instagram!



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Beautiful Toques donated to SDHHS by the lovely Makers at St. Thomas Wesley United Church in Saskatoon.

If you need a toque to stay warm this winter, stop by during office hours and pick one up. There are still a few left on the shelf.

Thanks so much to Brad's Towing for delivering them to SDHHS!!



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