

## **Resources Available for Libraries Seeking to Become More Inclusive and Culturally Competent with the Deaf Community:**

Oregon School for the Deaf

(<https://www.oregon.gov/osd/community/Pages/Family-Resources.aspx>)

Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf/RID (<https://rid.org/>)

Kathy MacMillan eCourses and Webinars from ALA: <https://storiesbyhand.com/online-learning/>  
(there are programs coming up in late April and early May that are closely aligned with the topic of this session.)

Lora Heller online classes: <https://mybabyfingers.com/mission-statement/>

Signing with Susan: <https://www.instagram.com/susanflores6512/>

Dr. William Vicars, <http://www.lifeprint.com/>

The Library Services for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing located in Nashville, Tennessee (which holds over 12,000 Deaf resources) might be a good source for panelists now or in the future:  
<https://tndeaflibrary.nashville.gov/learn/about-us/contact>

The library at Gallaudet: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/library/about-the-library/library-staff/>

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She was a lifelong hearing aid wearer until the age of 31, when her hearing dropped severely, instigating her to independently choose to have cochlear implant surgery. She remains active in the ASL community and is fluent in American Sign Language and other variants of the American Deaf community's language. She is now a Direct Support Professional with Independent Environments, Inc., pursuing her dream, educating about accessibility and the world of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Here is a link to her recent webinar on Deaf Culture and Awareness: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ML3njbqoSpc> (Note: there was an ASL interpreter during the meeting, but unfortunately due to a technical glitch that did not get captured in the recorded version of the webinar.)

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