

# ASL & Deaf Culture Resources



Get up-to-date information about ASL and Deaf events in the Rochester area by following the RSD Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rochesterschoolforthe deaf](http://www.facebook.com/rochesterschoolforthe deaf).

Here is a list of resources we think could be helpful as you learn about American Sign Language and the Deaf Community. We'd appreciate your feedback on the resources listed here – or other resources you think should be listed here. We want to make sure you have the best learning experience possible. E-mail us at: [SFA@RSDeaf.org](mailto:SFA@RSDeaf.org).

## American Sign Language

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### ASL Dictionary from NTID

This ASL Dictionary from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf is a modified version of their popular ASL Video Dictionary and Inflection Guide. The program shows 2,700 signs and 650 sentences that demonstrate how signs change, or "inflect", to convey different meanings. The [iOS app](#) is available in the Apple App Store for \$1.99, and the [Android app](#) is available in the Google Play store for \$1.99.

The ASL Video Dictionary and Inflection Guide CD remains for sale for \$49.95. An online version is available by subscription for \$39.99 per year. Discounts are available for educational and not-for-profit organizations. Go to "site licenses" at [www.rit.edu/dictionary](http://www.rit.edu/dictionary).

### ASL Pro Online Dictionary

ASLPro.com was created to be a free resource for the classroom teacher. <http://www.aslpro.com/cgi-bin/aslpro/aslpro.cgi>

### ASL Training Center

Offering online sign language resources since 1997. The program began as an effort to support parents of Deaf children living in rural or "outlying" areas without access to sign language classes. <http://www.asl.tc/>

### Fingerspelling Practice

This is an American Sign Language fingerspelling practice tool to help you improve your ability to read fingerspelling! Created by Dr. Bill Vicars of Lifepoint.com. On the web at <http://asl.ms>. \$.99 on iTunes, <https://itunes.apple.com/us/app/asl-fingerspelling-lifepoint.com/id605558017?mt=8>.

### ASL Poetry clips

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLcCezR4p3z0iBL07d5iQhxWUZJVMPVIX>

**What is ASL Poetry? (Not a scholarly article but good basic explanation) Click on the link "There are 5 components to a Sign;" it has a cute depiction of 5 parameters using the Mona Lisa painting**  
<http://www.deafjam.org/poetry.html>

**Deaf History Timeline**  
<http://www.deafjam.org/timeline.html>

**Biographies on Famous Deaf People**  
<http://www.deafpeople.com>

**Andrew Bottoms ASL Literature**  
<http://www.andrewbottoms.com/asl-literature/>

**Gallaudet Digital Journal (It has ASL Literature components)**  
<http://dsdj.gallaudet.edu>

## **Deaf Education/Research**

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### **Research Briefs by Gallaudet University VL2**

12 videos: The Gallaudet University VL2 Center publishes research briefs as a resource for educators and parents. The goal is to inform the education community of research findings, to summarize relevant scholarship, and, in the form of practice guides, to present recommendations that educators and parents can use when addressing the multifaceted challenges of educating deaf and hard of hearing children. [Click here to access the collection of videos through YouTube.](#)

## **Entertainment**

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### **Deaf Professional Artists Network (D-PAN)**

D-PAN is dedicated to promoting professional development and access to the entertainment, visual and media arts fields for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing. Includes lots of videos with ASL interpretations of modern pop songs. [www.d-pan.org](http://www.d-pan.org)

### **Gallaudet University Video Library**

This is a broad collection of videos made by Gallaudet University students and staff. Topics and video quality is wide ranging. <http://videolibrary.gallaudet.edu/>

### **KissFist Magazine**

A word-of-hand arts & culture magazine for the signing community. [www.kissfist.com](http://www.kissfist.com)

## **History, Culture & Community**

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### **Carolyn White Siegfried & DeFois Hathaway Siegfried Archive Center, Rochester School for the Deaf**

The archive center's mission is to collect, hold, care for, and make available for research, historical documents, photographs, artifacts and other valuable records of Rochester School for the Deaf.

[http://www.rsdeaf.org/about\\_archives.asp](http://www.rsdeaf.org/about_archives.asp)

### **Deaf People in History**

This page commemorates deaf people whose accomplishments are part of Deaf history. It is meant to honor the achievers and innovators who contributed to the Deaf community and also enhanced American culture and society as a whole. <http://www.deafpeople.com/history/index.html>

### **Deaf Studies Internet Resources (RIT Library)**

A broad collection of different online resources, covering everything from ASL to Deaf religious resources to the Deaf Women of Rochester. <http://library.rit.edu/node/493>

### **Deaf Trivia**

Fun and forgotten facts about people and events in Deaf history. [www.deaftrivia.com](http://www.deaftrivia.com)