Deaf Culture Forum
Presented by ALA/ASGCLA (Association of Specialized, Government, and Cooperative Library Agencies) and FOLDA (Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action) at the ALA Midwinter Meeting
Friday January 24, 2020 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM
Pennsylvania Convention Center (PCC)
1101 Arch St, Philadelphia PA 19107
Room 103C

Agenda

10:30 – 11:00 am Registration and Nametags

Deaf Culture Forum: Awareness, Understanding, Action
Program Facilitator
Molly Raphael, former ALA President

11:00 am Welcomes
Sherry Machones, ASGCLA President
Alice Hagemeyer, FOLDA President

11:15 am Introductions

Video: “What Does Deaf Mean?”
from National Deaf Center on Postsecondary Outcomes (NDC)

11:40 am History and Awareness
History of the Deaf Community and Libraries; and Stages of Building the Deaf Culture Digital Library, Alice Hagemeyer, Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action (FOLDA)

Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library
Irene Padilla, Maryland State Librarian
Susan Cohen, Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library Project Coordinator
Ricardo Lopez, Chairperson, Maryland Deaf Culture Digital Library Advisory Board

12:05 pm ALA’s Equity, Diversity and Inclusion strategic focus
Loida Garcia-Febo, ALA Immediate Past President

12:15 pm Discussion Questions
12:30 pm  Libraries and Deaf Education
            Higher Education
Amy Malm, Dean University Library, Gallaudet University
Noah Beckman, Instruction & Reference Librarian, Gallaudet University
Elizabeth Henry, Instruction & Reference/E-Resources Librarian, Gallaudet University

Pre K-12 Education
Joshua Beckman, Visual Media Specialist, Pennsylvania School for the Deaf
Penny Starr-Ashton, Library Manager, Pennsylvania School for the Deaf

1:00 pm  Buffet Lunch
Welcome by Wanda Brown, ALA President

1:45 pm  Libraries: Inclusion of the Deaf Community
State Libraries
Pat Herndon – Assistant State Librarian and Director of GLASS, Georgia Public Library Service

Public Libraries
Rosa Rodriguez, Deaf Literacy Center, Pinellas Public Library Cooperative (video)
Janice Rosen, Inclusive Services, District of Columbia Public Library (video)

2:00 pm  Discussion Questions

2:10 pm  Organizations, Agencies, and Advocates for the Deaf
National Association of the Deaf
Melissa Draganac-Hawk, President, National Association of the Deaf

State Commissions for Deaf and Hard of Hearing
Loretta Sarro, Delaware Office for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

Deaf Seniors of America
Alfred Sonnenstrahl, President Deaf Seniors of America

National Black Deaf Advocates (NBDA)
Anquinette Kimble-Stafford, Former Board Secretary/Member, National Black Deaf Advocates

Outreach to the Deaf in Prison
Rev. Ron Friedrich, pastor of Deaf church, lead chaplain at Gallaudet University and a volunteer prison chaplain

Advocate for Deaf Culture Digital Library
Alec McFarlane, president National Literary Society of the Deaf, Inc.

2:40 pm  Wrapup and Summary