

# 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**