



International Week of Deaf People and International Sign Language Day

**Educational resources
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Note: The name of International Week of Deaf People was changed by WFD in 2021 from “International Week of the Deaf”. As such, some of these resources use the old name.

The International Week of Deaf People (IWDP) was first launched by the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) in 1958 and is celebrated during the last full week of September (September 23-29, 2024). IWDP is a time to promote the awareness of human rights and sign language, and to recognize that “deaf people have our own communities, our own cultures, our own languages, sign languages, which unite us all” (WFD). Events are held around the world to raise awareness and celebrate the achievements of Deaf individuals and communities. The 2024 IWDP theme is “Sign up for Sign Language Rights”.

The International Day of Sign Languages (IDSL) occurs on September 23, during the International Week of Deaf People. Proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017, IDSL recognizes the important role of sign language, and access to education and services in sign language, as essential human rights for Deaf people. The 2023 IDSL theme is “Sign languages unite us!”

Learn more about the International Week of Deaf People and the International Day of Sign Languages from the [World Federation of the Deaf](#). Also see the International Day of Sign Languages webpage from the [United Nations](#).



CCDI WEBINARS

The following webinars were delivered previously, and recorded versions can be accessed via CCDI's Knowledge Repository. If your organization is a [CCDI Employer Partner](#), you and your colleagues can visit the [Knowledge Repository portal](#) to register for access (using a work email address) and login credentials will be sent via e-mail (check Inbox and Junk Mail folder just in case).

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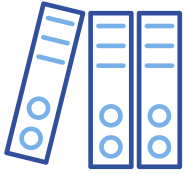
Bilingual

- [Accessibility / Accessibilité](#) (2023)
- [Intersections of disability and mental health / Croisements des notions de handicap et de santé mentale](#) (2022)

English only

- [Accommodations – The ultimate checklist](#) (2020)

Please view a [schedule and descriptions of our upcoming webinars](#) to be delivered live (recorded versions will be accessible via CCDI's Knowledge Repository shortly thereafter). If your organization is a CCDI Employer Partner, you and your colleagues can register and attend for free. If your organization is not currently a CCDI Employer Partner and you are interested in joining, you can [learn more about the Employer Partner program and submit an inquiry here](#).



ARTICLES, REPORTS, AND TOOLS

Bilingual

- [Deaf Culture / Culture des sourds](#), Canadian Encyclopedia
- [Definition of “Deaf” / La définition de “Sourd”](#), Canadian Association of the Deaf
- [Indigenous Sign Languages in Canada / Langues des signes autochtones au Canada](#), Canadian Encyclopedia
- [Navigating Workplace Accommodations for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Employees / Accommodements sur le lieu de travail pour les employés Sourds et malentendants](#), Canadian Hearing Services
- [Sign languages – General information / Langues des signes – Renseignements généraux](#), Government of Canada
- [Sign languages – Learning / Langues des signes – Apprentissage](#), Government of Canada
- [Terminology / La terminologie](#), Canadian Association of the Deaf

English only

- [Accessibility and Inclusion: A Toolkit for Organizations \(PDF\)](#), City for All Women Initiative
- [Disclosure and Accommodation Guide for the Workplace \(PDF\)](#), University of Toronto
- [#DeafAtWork](#), National Association of the Deaf
- [What is Deaf Culture?](#) Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf
- [Accommodating Workers who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing](#), Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act
- [Community and Culture – Frequently Asked Questions](#), National Association of the Deaf
- [Deaf Culture](#) from the Sign Language Institute Canada
- [Accessibility Guide to Businesses & Service Providers \(PDF\)](#), Canadian Hearing Society

French only

- [10 bonnes pratiques pour rendre accessible votre entreprise aux personnes malentendantes](#), Association des personnes avec une déficience de l'audition (APDA)
- [Guide pratique : recruter et inclure une personne sourde ou malentendante dans l'équipe \(PDF\)](#), Accès-Travail Sourds (ATS)
- [Surdités en entreprise \(PDF\)](#), La Fondation pour l'Audition



BOOKS

CCDI encourages you to check with your local bookstore or municipal library for availability of these publications.

Bilingual

- Seeing Voices / Des yeux pour entendre (Oliver Sacks)

English only

- A Loss for Words: The Story of Deafness in a Family (Lou Ann Walker)
- [Deaf Heritage in Canada: A Distinctive, Diverse, and Enduring Culture](#) (Clifton F. Carbin; available online from the Canadian Cultural Society of the Deaf)
- El Deafo (Cece Bell)
- I'll Scream Later (Marlee Matlin)
- Show Me a Sign (Ann Clare LeZotte)
- Song for a Whale (Lynne Kelly)
- The Language of Light (Gerald Shea)
- The Perseverance (Raymond Antrobus)
- Train Go Sorry: Inside a Deaf World (Leah Hager Cohen)
- Voice (Adam Pottle)
- Wonderstruck (Brian Selznick)
- You're Welcome, Universe (Whitney Gardner)
- Deaf Utopia (Nyle DiMarco)

French only

- Vivre avec une surdit  (Rose Paynel)
- Tragi-com die de ma surdit  (Charles Maurras and Fran ois L'Yvonnet)
- La Vie en sourdine (David Lodge)



FILM AND TELEVISION

Please note: There may be a cost related to watching this content and CCDI is not responsible for those costs.

The films and television shows listed below cover a range of themes. Some showcase authentic experiences and stories, while others have been recognized for their accurate and meaningful portrayal of Deaf characters.

Bilingual

- [A Quiet Place / Sans un bruit](#) (Amazon Prime Video / Paramount+)
- [Children of a Lesser God / Les Enfants Du Silence](#) (Amazon Prime Video)
- [Deaf U / Deaf U : Le campus en langue des signes](#) (Netflix)
- [The Dance of Words / Les mots qui dansent](#) (National Film Board of Canada)
- [Wonderstruck / Le Musée des merveilles](#) (Amazon Prime Video)

English only

- [Audism Unveiled](#) (Vimeo)
- [Between the Laughter](#) (National Film Board of Canada)
- [CODA](#) (Apple TV)
- [The Silent Child](#) (YouTube)

French only

- [La Famille Bélier](#) (YouTube)

TED

TED TALKS

Bilingual

- [Bridging the gap between the deaf and hearing community / Comblent le fossé entre les communautés sourde et entendante](#) (Roos Wattel)
- [How having deaf parents shaped the way I view disabilities / Comment le fait d'avoir des parents sourds a façonné ma perception du handicap](#) (Brendan Hlibok)

- [How technology has changed what it's like to be deaf / Comment la technologie a changé ce que c'est que d'être sourd](#) (Rebecca Knill)
- [The enchanting music of sign language / La musique enchanteresse de la langue des signes](#) (Christine Sun Kim)
- [Why we need to make education more accessible to the deaf / Rendre l'éducation accessible aux enfants sourds](#) (Nyle DiMarco)

English only

- [Deaf and proud](#) (Irisa Daphne MacAulay & Kathleen Wood)
- [Deaf ideology](#) (Marika Kovacs-Houlihan)
- [Protecting and Interpreting Deaf Culture](#) (Glenna Cooper)
- [Sign language is my superpower](#) (Austin Vaday)

French only

- [De l'inclusion des personnes sourdes dans l'enseignement Classique](#) (Cindy Barate)



PODCASTS

English only

- [Children of a Silent God: A Bilingual Journey Through American Sign Language](#)
- [Child's Voice](#)
- [Equitable Literacy Instruction for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students](#)
- [Hearing Loss LIVE!](#)
- [Leader Talks with Anne-Marie Pham - Season 1, Episode 12 | Yin Brown - Intersections of disability and mental health](#)
- [Seen and Not Heard](#)
- [What The Deaf?!](#)

French only

- [Activisme LGBTQ+ pour les communautés sourdes](#)
- [Influence-moi](#)
- [Réalité des personnes sourdes et malentendantes](#)



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- [@MaryHarman](#)
- [@MsDeafQueen](#)
- [@tafreez](#)
- [@ThatDeafGirlKJ](#)
- [@TheArielSeries](#)
- [@thedailymoth](#)
- [@WhyISign](#)

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- [@femmebionique_](#)

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