



WORKSHOPS AND PRESENTERS

The SaywhatClubconvention is a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialize with others who know what life is like with hearing loss, but that's not all our convention offers! There is an abundance of good information and insight to be mined from our workshops and presentations.

Scroll down the page to read about our scheduled workshops.

VENDOR INTRODUCTIONS & UPDATES

Thursday, August 1st

1:45 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

TBD: Our first workshop on Thursday afternoon will highlight our vendors. Each will give a short introduction and update for their respective company and/or product.

NOTE: At this time, details are still being worked out for additional workshops, so check back frequently for updates to this page. You can find a basic schedule and the date and times of workshops [here](#).

Thursday, August 1st
3:15 p.m. - 4:15 p.m.

INTRODUCTION TO ASL

Rachel Ward
Kelli Panos
Alexandria Moran



If you're like many hard-of-hearing and late deafened adults, you've probably been exposed to American Sign Language but haven't had much chance to learn and use it. This workshop can get you started and give you the tools and resources you can use to improve communication with people in your life, including family and friends. Our presenters are associated with ASL University, an online American Sign Language curriculum resource center founded in 1997 by Dr. William G. Vicars (also widely known as "Dr. Bill"), Associate Professor of American Sign Language and Deaf Studies at California State University, Sacramento. ASLU provides free self-study materials, lessons, and information, as well as fee-based instructor-guided courses. Many instructors use the ASLU lessons as a free "textbook" for their local ASL classes. More information can be found at lifeprint.com.

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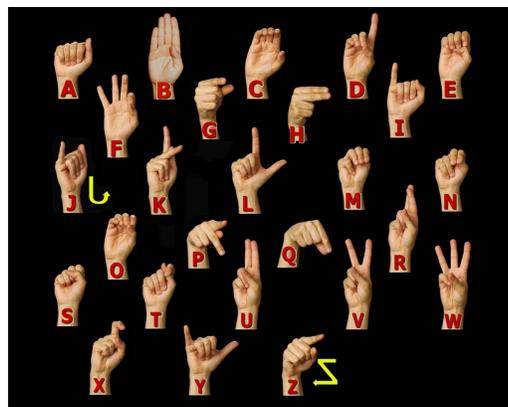
Introduction to ASL covers the basics of American Sign Language. This will include fingerspelling, common signs used in everyday life, and facial grammar. Come and learn signs for life at home, when you're out at a restaurant, and even underwater! Rach, Kelli, and Alex will provide you with study resources and tips for how to learn a visual language!

PRESENTERS

Rachel Ward earned her Bachelor's degree in Deaf Studies from California State University, Sacramento. Rachel is currently an adjunct instructor at a local community college teaching American Sign Language. She is also the Associate Director of ASL University.

Kelli Panos earned her Bachelor's Degree in Deaf Studies from California State University, Sacramento. Since then, Kelli is an intern at ASL University where she is able to work closely with her mentor and other interns. In addition to the internship, Kelli works with children with autism implementing applied behavior analysis (ABA). Wherever she ends up, Kelli wants to continue expanding her knowledge of ASL and the culture.

Alexandria Moran is currently pursuing a Bachelor's of Arts in Deaf Studies and plans to enter an interpreter preparation program post graduation. She is an intern at ASL University where she assists in building resources for teaching online American Sign Language courses. In her free time Alexandria enjoys volunteering at a local middle school where she teaches ASL.



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