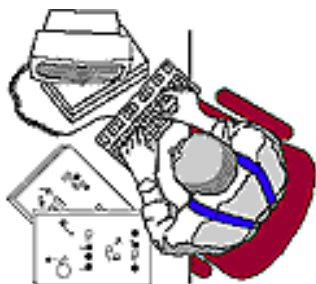


SignWriting Year-End Report

Important Events in the Year 2000



The Sutton Fonts

True Type For Windows and Macintosh

Eighteen SignWriting Fingerspelling Fonts were developed and released in year 2000, designed by Michael Everson in Dublin, Ireland, for the Deaf Action Committee For SignWriting (the DAC). They are [free for web download](#).



"SGN" Becomes World Standard

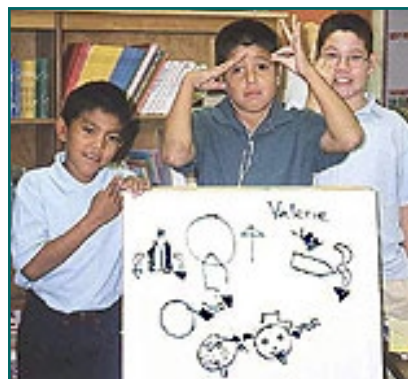
Our joint proposal to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) was accepted in Washington DC in February, 2000, thanks to the efforts of Michael Everson. The 3-letter code "sgn" now represents "sign language" in computer programs around the world.



Sutton's

SignWriting E-Lessons

Valerie Sutton taught ongoing SignWriting lessons on email to members of the SignWriting List in the year 2000. These lessons, posted on the internet, spread the use of SignWriting in 18 countries. Sutton created web pages recording the lessons. They will be incorporated into future textbooks.



New Mexico

SignWriting Literacy Projects

School systems in two New Mexico cities, Albuquerque and later Las Cruces, pioneered the use of SignWriting in US deaf education. Teacher and researcher Cecilia Flood, who brought SignWriting to the Albuquerque Public School system in 1999, stimulated other teachers to use SignWriting in 2000. Documentation shows [Deaf children are benefiting](#).



**German
SignWriting Literacy Project**

At the "Landesbildungszentrum für Hoergeschädigte", a school for Deaf children in Osnabrück, Germany, teacher Stefan Woehrmann has pioneered the use of SignWriting. German Deaf children are learning to read, write, and speak words better, because of their teacher's intense [dedication to the use of SignWriting.](#)



**South African
SignWriting Literacy Project**

At the Fulton School for the Deaf in Durban, South Africa, Deaf teacher Ingrid Foggitt is teaching SignWriting to her Deaf students from the Kingdom of Zulu. Eleven different Sign Languages are used at the school, and [SignWriting can write them all.](#)



[SignBible Site](#): Bible verses written in SignWriting in ASL.

**New SignWriting Web Sites!
Year 2000**

The SignBible Site
<http://cyberjer.com/signbibl/>

The SignPoetry Site
<http://cyberjer.com/signpoet>

German SignWritingSite
www.Gebaerdenschrift.de

SWML, SignWriting Markup Language
<http://swml.ucpel.tche.br/>



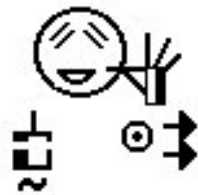
**SWML
SignWriting Markup Language**

The SignWriting Markup Language, or SWML, is the work of Dr. Antonio Carlos da Rocha Costa, professor of Computer Science at the Universidade Católica de Pelotas in southern Brazil. As director of the SignNet Project, which focuses on new computer programs for SignWriting, Dr. Rocha Costa is doing important work. SWML will be used as an integral part of Unicode and will lay the foundation for future programming.



Sutton's [Symbol-Bank Database](#)

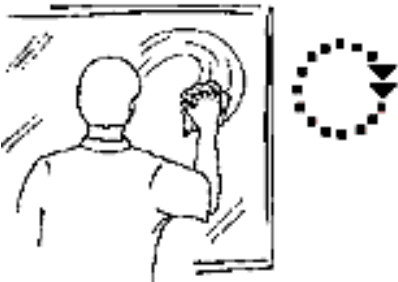
Posted on the [SignBankSite](#), Sutton's SymbolBank is a database listing all of the symbols of Sutton Movement Writing. It includes comparison charts between symbols used in older computer programs such as SignWriter 4.3, with newer symbol sets for the [SignWriting Markup Language \(SWML\)](#), [Unicode](#), and other SignWriting computer programs under development.



[Italian Sign Language](#)

[TISLR Conference, Amsterdam, July, 2000](#)

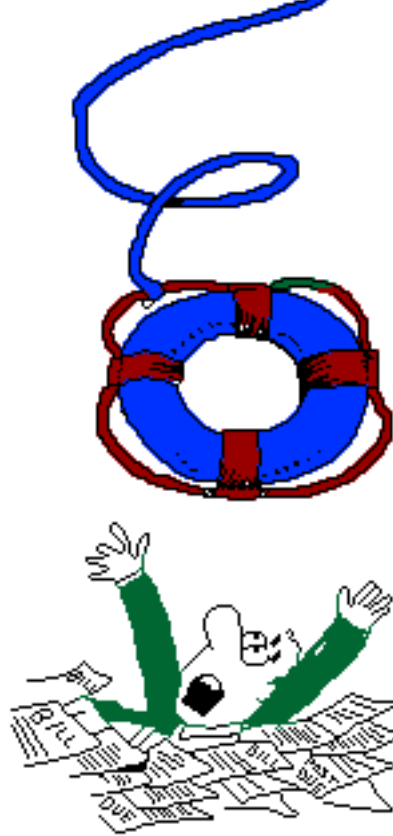
The 7th Conference on Theoretical Issues in Sign Language Research (TISLR) included SignWriting in several papers. James Kegl presented written Nicaraguan Sign Language, the writing of Malaysian Sign Language was presented in a poster by Hope Hurlbut, and a workshop by Italian linguist Elena Pizzuto showed written Italian Sign Language.



SignWriting was taught in Spain in the year 2000, thanks to the dedication of linguists Steve and Dianne Parkhurst. Their new textbook, [SignoEscritura](#), is referred to by SignWriting users all over the world.

SignWriting in Belgium, [Brazil](#), [Italy](#), [Japan](#), [Nicaragua](#), [Norway](#), Peru, [Spain](#), and Switzerland...

Important new SignWriting projects developed in the year 2000, including the Flemish Sign Language Dictionary, the Swiss-German Sign Language Databank, an impressive [Brazilian Sign Language Dictionary](#) with thousands of pages, including an introduction that teaches SignWriting symbols, the Japanese Fingerspelling Font, new SignWriting literature in Nicaraguan Sign Language, new research and a web site from Norway, and the beginning of translations of the Lessons In SignWriting textbook in several countries, including Belgium, Brazil, Germany, Italy and Switzerland.



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