

Writing World Literature in the
Sign Languages of the World

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Deaf Community

Skilled signers from the Deaf Community will:

- **Learn** to read and write Sign Languages in SignWriting
- **Write** and preserve Sign Language literature that is originally composed in Sign Language by Deaf authors
- **Translate** spoken language literature into Sign Languages
- **Prepare** Sign Language documents for publication in SignWriting, using our latest software: **SignPuddle** and **SignBank**

The project will **provide employment** for the Deaf Community.

Software Development

Software development will be ongoing because:

- **SignPuddle** and **SignBank**, although working programs right now, can only produce small documents at present
- **SignPuddle**, designed and programmed by Stephen Slevinski, can be developed further to produce large SignWriting books
- **SignBank**, programmed in FileMaker Pro by Todd Duell, coordinates with SignPuddle, so as changes are made to SignPuddle, SignBank needs to be programmed to coordinate with those changes. The 2 programs work together.

Publishing & Distributing

Printing Sign Language Literature and Donating to Schools

- **SignWriting books** will be printed, published & distributed
- **SignWriting books** will be donated to classes with Deaf students
- **SignWriting books** will be sold to schools, libraries & researchers
- **SignWriting book sales** will help keep the project going and the income will also support donations to Deaf Education.

Non-Profit Organization

The SignWriting Literature Project is founded by, and sponsored by, the Center for Sutton Movement Writing, a 501c3 educational non-profit organization located in La Jolla, California. The Center was founded by SignWriting inventor Valerie Sutton in 1974, receiving California tax-exempt status in 1976 & Federal exemption in 1978.

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Center for Sutton Movement Writing

an educational nonprofit organization
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SignWriting Literature Project

<http://www.SignWriting.org/literature>

SignWriting Sponsors Forum

www.SignWriting.org/forums/sponsors

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SignWriting Literature

Goal: To write Sign Language Literature for Deaf Communities in six categories, published in book form and available on the web:

1

School
Textbooks



2

Children's
Literature



3

Religious
Literature



4

Deaf Author's
Literature



5

Large Sign
Dictionaries



6

World
Literature



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SignWriting Software

Goal: To provide the world with easy-to-use efficient software that makes it possible to compose Sign Language Literature directly in the movements of Sign Languages, to sort dictionaries by Sign-Symbol-Sequence, to search Sign Language texts and databases for linguistic elements, and to be able to print multi-lingual documents.

Our two existing programs, **SignPuddle™** and **SignBank®**, are already well on their way to providing these tools, but further software development is needed to complete the task.



SignPuddle 1.0 Online

<http://www.SignBank.org/signpuddle>

SignBank 8 in FileMaker Pro 8

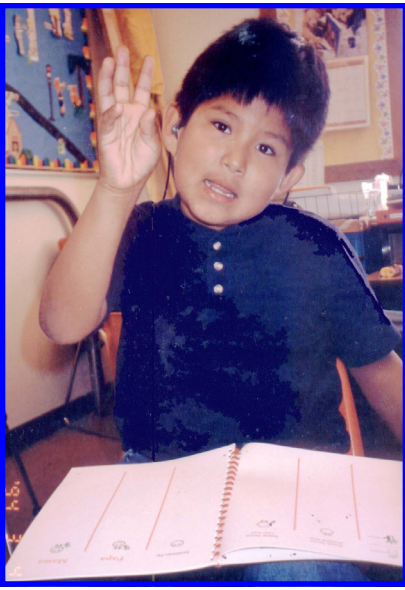
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Our Mission

- **Writing World Literature** in the Sign Languages of the world
- **Improving Literacy Levels** of the born-deaf
- **Preserving Sign Languages** that have never been written
- **Improving Communication** for signers around the world
- **Providing jobs for the Deaf**



Who and How?

- **How Many Served?**
Millions of Sign Language Users
- **Who Uses Our Services?**
Teachers, parents, Deaf people
researchers, publishers, schools
- **SignWriting Web Site**
Learn to read and write!
www.SignWriting.org
- **SignWriting Software**
Type Sign Languages!
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USA Federal Income Tax

& California Franchise Tax

US Internal Revenue Code

Educational Corporation

501 (c) (3)

US Tax Identification Number

95-3068257

California Revenue Code

Public benefit educational

corporation, section 23701d

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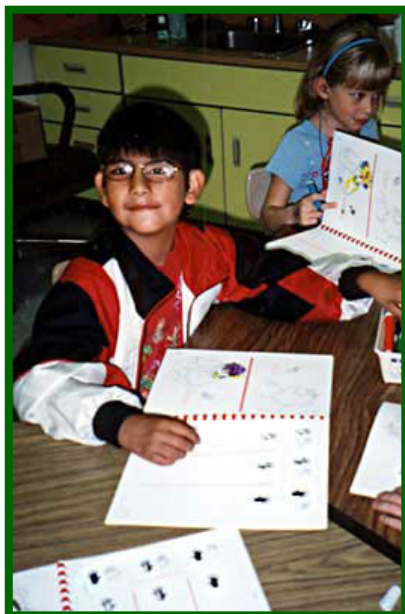
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