WikiConference 2016 in San Diego, California

Come to a Presentation in ASL & English
by the Deaf Action Committee for SignWriting (the DAC)

"Writing the American Sign Language Wikipedia on Incubator"

Sunday, OCTOBER 9, 2016
3:30pm
San Diego Central Public Library
Clark Room, Floor 1
330 Park Blvd., San Diego, CA 92101

Presented in American Sign Language by 3 native-ASL Deaf Wiki-contributors: Adam Frost, Jason Nesmith and Holly Sharer.

This is an historic presentation, since it is the first time in history that American Sign Language, or any sign language, can be written in a Wikipedia, written in the handshapes, movements, and facial expressions of sign languages, using the SignWriting Script.

ADAM FROST, Deaf ASL Teacher and Linguist, will tell the story of how he founded the American Sign Language Wikipedia, using the specialized software developed by Stephen E Slevinski Jr, and will explain that the first attempt at an ASL Wikipedia was made possible by a donation of server space on Wikimedia Labs and later on Wikimedia Incubator. As the first Deaf ASL Editor, Adam translated the Wikipedia menus from English to ASL using "Translate Wiki". Adam contributed the first ASL article in the ASL Wikipedia: "Charles-Michel de l'Épée" and he continues to edit articles and gives tech support to new ASL writers.

JASON NESMITH, Deaf 3D Artist, Animator and Graphics Designer, is contributing 4 articles to the ASL Wikipedia: "Elon Musk", "Star Wars", "3-D Printers" and "Walt Disney". Jason will explain how he learned SignWriting and why he is excited to write Wikipedia articles for the Deaf Community and to animate them as well.

HOLLY SHARER, Deaf Psychologist and Artist, is contributing three ASL articles in the ASL Wikipedia: "Salvador Dali", "Picasso", and "Thailand". Holly lived and worked with Deaf people in Thailand and Cambodia, which makes her contributions to the ASL Wikipedia even more meaningful.

This is a lively presentation in ASL with English/ASL interpreters. The audience can ask questions of the presenters. The inventor of the SignWriting Script, **Valerie Sutton**, and the developer of the software used to write Wikipedia articles in SignWriting, **Stephen E Slevinski Jr**, will be present to take questions as well. Nancy Fray Romero's 48 articles will also be shown.

American Sign Language Wikipedia Team

Deaf ASL Writers Will Present at the Wiki Conference, Sunday October 9 at 3:30pm

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