American Sign Language Wikipedia

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Back Cover: ASL Team Members
Our forefathers conceived a new nation, a nation founded on the idea that all men are created equal. They believed in the inherent dignity and worth of every man, and that prosperity and happiness are the natural rights of all human beings. They established a system of government that would protect these rights, ensuring that no one should be deprived of them by the actions of others. But they did not have the foresight to envision a nation at war, where men would lay down their lives in defense of what they believed in. Yet, even in the midst of this conflict, they remembered the words of their forefathers and continued to work towards the ideal they had set forth. For though we may differ in our views, we are all, at our core, Americans. And as Americans, we must stand together and work towards a better future for ourselves and our children. For our country's destiny is in our hands, and we owe it to ourselves and to our children to leave a legacy of peace and prosperity for all.
Article: Star Wars (excerpt)                                                                                                       ...                                                                                                          by Jason Nesmith

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“Writing the American Sign Language Wikipedia on Incubator”

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

This was 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, told the story of how he founded the American Sign Language Wikipedia, using the specialized software developed by Stephen E Slevinski Jr, and explained 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 explained 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 Dalí”, “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.

**STEPHEN E. SLEVINSKI JR.** answered questions at the end of the presentation. Steve is the developer of the software used to write Wikipedia articles in SignWriting. The articles are written in the SignWriting Script, in visual clusters, down in vertical columns.

**NANCY FRAY ROMERO**’s 48 articles were also displayed in a booklet handed out to the audience.

**VALERIE SUTTON**, the developer of the SignWriting Script, (the symbols used to write the ASL Wikipedia) was also present.

**PASCH McCOMBS and KAYLYN WAISBROT** interpreted American Sign Language to English.

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The presentation in American Sign Language and English can be seen on video:
SignWriting YouTube Channel: https://www.youtube.com/SignWriting

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