Writing World Literature in the Sign Languages of the World

The SignWriting® Literature Project
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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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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
http://www.SignBank.org
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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