

HOW TO FIND INFORMATION ON AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE

I. SEARCHING THE ONLINE CATALOG

Search the library's online catalog to find the title and location of materials in the library. The link to the online catalog is available from the library web site <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select **Find Books/Media** and **Find Books/Media in This Library**. Type your keywords in the **Basic Keyword Search** text box and select **Subject** as the field to search. Examples of specific subject entries that appear in our online catalog are listed below.

American Sign Language
Deaf
Deafness

Hearing Disorders
Hearing Impaired
Sign Language

American Sign Language books are found in several different sections of the library depending on the topic focus:

BF **Developmental Psychology**
HV **People with Disabilities**
RF **Otology; Diseases of the Ear**

II. ELECTRONIC BOOKS

The online catalog contains links to full-text electronic books. In order to access these books from home you will need to set up a **NetLibrary** account from a computer in the library. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.

III. REFERENCE BOOKS

Reference books are located on the first floor of the library. Some recommended sources include:

<i>The Gallaudet Dictionary of American Sign Language</i>	REF HV2475 .G35
<i>The Encyclopedia of Deafness and Hearing Disorders</i>	REF RF290 .T93 2004
<i>Random House Webster's American Sign Language Dictionary</i>	REF HV2475 .C66 1998
<i>The American Sign Language Handshape Dictionary</i>	REF HV2475 .T46 1998

IV. ELECTRONIC DATABASES

Electronic databases may be used to find full-text articles in journals, newspapers, and reference sources like encyclopedias. The electronic databases are available online via the library web site <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select the link **Find Articles** followed by the link **Databases by Subject**. Choose the **Health & Medicine** option which lists the following databases:

CINAHL Plus (EBSCO)
Health & Wellness Resource Center (Gale)
Health Reference Center Academic (Gale)
Health Source: Consumer Ed (EBSCO)

Health Source: Nursing/Academic (EBSCO)
MEDLINE (EBSCO)
Science Direct

Or choose the **Education** option which lists the following additional databases:

Education Research Complete (EBSCO)
ERIC (EBSCO)
PsycARTICLES (EBSCO)
Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (EBSCO)

Other databases to consider include:

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)

V. MEDIA

Media materials are located on the first floor of the library and in the Instructional Technology Center on the second floor. Ask a librarian for help in finding items of interest.

VI. INTERNET

Some reliable sites for American Sign Language research include:

<http://www.nad.org>

National Association of the Deaf

<http://clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/>

National Deaf Education Center from Gallaudet University

<http://commtechlab.msu.edu/sites/aslweb/>

American Sign Language Browser

<http://www.jalc.edu/ipp/Classifiers/>

Classifiers in American Sign Language

VII. LIBRARIANS

Reference Librarians will be happy to help you locate materials for your topic in this library and in other libraries. Please ask for assistance at the Reference Desk. You may also **email** or **chat live** with a librarian via the Begley Library web site at <http://www.sunysccc.edu/library>. Select the link **Ask a Librarian**.