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Regional Library Offers Services to the Deaf



Hi, my name is Ileen Dunnington. I am the coordinator of deaf services for the Northwest Iowa Regional Library headquartered in Sioux City, IA. The Regional Library provides services and materials to the 110 public libraries & the 400,000 residents within its borders. The region covers the 19 counties in the northwest corner of the state. In addition to loaning books, magazines, & films; aiding & training library staffs, & answering thousands of reference questions a year; the region is now offering special services to the deaf community.

This inaugural edition of Library News highlights the development of the region's Deaf Services Project & describes its programs & services. This issue is being sent to you because you were referred to us as having interest in the needs of the deaf. Presently there is no charge for this newsletter.

WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE DEAF SERVICE PROJECT?

This project has three purposes:

- 1) The regional library is striving to make librarians aware of deaf culture.
- 2) Aid libraries in meeting the educational, informational & cultural needs of the deaf patron.
- 3) Demonstrate to the deaf community that the library is a place that can meet those needs.

WHAT HAS BEEN DONE SO FAR?

The coordinator has compiled addresses & listing of phone numbers (voice & TDD) of individuals in the Northwest Region & beyond who are either deaf or share deaf's concerns & issues. Clubs' names, addresses & contact persons have been compiled for Iowa, Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, South Dakota, Nebraska, & Missouri. These lists are available for people who are traveling or visiting in those areas.

John Houlahan, regional administrator & Ileen have conducted workshop sessions for librarians on deaf problems & technology. Presentations were also made to different service groups and deaf associations. The regional administrator & the coordinator have attended sessions at Regional & National conventions on ways libraries can serve the deaf.

5 TDDs have been purchased and are being placed in libraries for the use of deaf patrons to request books, videos and magazines & to seek information & assistance.

50 closed captioned video & 70 books are available for loaning on topics ranging from basic sign language to social issues. The regional office has processed requests from how to sign a particular word in the song "We are the World", to providing information on computer software for learning sign language. The newest service is the publication of Library News, a newsletter featuring information, news and facts related to and for deaf and those individuals and groups who are concerned with the needs of the deaf.

HOW WAS THE PROJECT STARTED?

Alice Hagemeyer of Washington, DC, the only deaf public librarian in the nation & a leader in deaf services in libraries, met John Houlahan at a national library convention. John learned from her there are many unmet needs of the deaf. Alice had a good friend & former classmate living in Sioux City - Ileen Dunnington. Through the inspiration of Alice, assistance of Ileen & federal financial support of the State Library of Iowa, the region's Deaf Services Project began in April of 1985.

WHAT IS YET TO BE DONE?

The regional library is committed to continue the publication Library News, the lending of materials, the expansion of the TDD reference network, & the education of librarians & the deaf population about each other.

Tasks planned include the distribution of Redbooks to 20 major public libraries within the region. The Redbook authored by Alice Hagemeyer is a source book containing general & directory information on services, programs, products, people & organizations.

The regional library also hopes to expand its deaf services to others. Therefore if you know of individuals or groups who would benefit from our services or would like to receive this newsletter have them contact the Northwest Regional Library, 6th & Jackson, Sioux City, Iowa 51105. (712-279-6186 Voice or TDD). Offices are located at the West entrance of the Sioux City Public Library. Hours are Monday - Friday 9:00 - 5:00 p.m. Ileen Dunnington, coordinator is available Thursday 9 am - 2:30 pm at the same address and telephone number.



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Coming Next Time...

The January 1987 issue will feature . . .

- . . . a report on a federally funded Illinois program "Awareness Project for Library Service for the Hearing Impaired."
- . . . a first hand account by Ileen Dunnington of her attendance at the 1986 National Association of the Deaf Convention in Salt Lake City.
- . . . a list of 70 new books on and for the deaf.

The Northwest Regional Library is pleased to announce their collection of 50 closed captioned videos are now available for loan. Videos may be borrowed for 3 days. Renewals are allowed if there is no waiting list. Items sent by mail will have longer check-out periods, so videos may be in the patron's home for the 3 day check-out period.

Items may be borrowed by coming to the regional library, by phone 712-279-6186 (voice or TDD) or by writing the Northwest Regional Library. To request a video by mail or TDD list the date which you want the video, the video's call number (number listed in the left column next to the title) and the title. There is no charge for the use of the video.

<u>Request Number</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Request Number</u>	<u>Title</u>
4	Best Defense	8	Tightrope
5	Big Chill	11	To Live and Die in L.A.
1	Boy Named Charlie Brown	12	War Games
6	Care Bear Movie, The	17	Waterloo Bridge
7	Cocoon		
9	D.A.R.Y.L.		
10	Dune		
13	Explorers		
14	Falling in Love		
15	First Born		
16	Footloose		
18	Ghostbusters		
19	Gremlins		
21	House on Skull Mountain		
23	Kidco		
24	Killing Fields, The		
25	King David		
26	Legend of Hell House		
27	Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome		
28	Moscow on the Hudson		
29	Mr. Billion		
30	National Velvet		
31	Natural, The		
32	Neptune Factor, The		
34	Oh God You Devil		
35	Oh Heavenly Dog		
2	Passage to India		
37	Pee-Wee's Big Adventure		
36	Perfect		
38	Places in the Heart		
40	Pollyanna		
41	Purple Rain		
42	Return of the Jedi		
43	Robin Hood and the Sorcerer		
44	Romancing the Stone		
45	Seven Ups, The		
46	Silverado		
47	Slugger's Wife, The		
48	Snoopy Come Home		
49	Soldier's Story, The		
50	Starman		
51	Stone Boy, The		
52	Summer Rental		
53	Terms of Endearment		
39	Testament		
22	Thumbelina		

Local Libraries Own Many Books on the Deaf

The Northwest Iowa Regional Library has a microfiche catalog of over 250,000 books owned by 110 libraries in Northwest & North Central Iowa. Copies of the microfiche catalog & microfiche readers are in 75 Northwest Iowa Public Libraries.

There are nearly 100 different books on deafness and related topics. Available are books on such areas as sign language, novels featuring deaf characters, biographies, histories, and books on social issues. Following are samples of books featured in the catalog. To get more information on other books available go to your local library and have them show you their copy of the Northwest Regional COM catalog. If your local library does not have a microfiche reader contact the Northwest Regional Library and we will get the information to you. Write or call John Houlahan, Northwest Regional Library, 6th and Jackson Streets, Sioux City, Iowa 51105.

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Fant, Louie J. - Ameslan - An Introduction to America Sign Language. National Association of the Deaf, 1972.

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Katz, Lee - The Deaf Child in the Public Schools, a handbook for parents of deaf children. Interstate Pointers & Publishers, 1974.

Riekehof, Lottie - The Joy of Signing, the new illustrated guide for mastering sign language and the manual alphabet, Rev. & enlarged edition. Gospel Pub. House, 1978.

Wolff, Sydney - Games without Words; Activities for thinking teachers and thinking children. Thomas, 1974.

People in the News

Since February, 1986, Ileen Dunnington has been the deaf services coordinator for the Northwest Iowa Regional Library. Her previous work experiences include teaching sign language classes for 18 years, most recently at Western Iowa Tech. Ileen is a graduate of the Omaha School for the Deaf, Omaha, Nebraska. She along with her husband Bob, who is employed by the Sioux City Journal, have two businesses Dunnington TDD and Signaler Sales. The Dunningtons are the parents of two married sons and have two granddaughters.



Ileen Dunnington receives a check from Sallie Spellerberg (l) and Merlyne Smith (r). The \$500 check was from the Sioux City Quota Club for the purchase of closed-captioned videos. One of the major focuses of this National Organization is the problems of the Deaf and Hearing Impaired.

