

# COMMUNITY RESOURCES

## NJ Human Services' Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH)

DDHH provides education, advocacy and direct services. Resources include Deaf and hard of hearing sensitivity training, hearing aid programs, knowing your rights, ASL, assistive technology demonstrations, & language instruction services for children, among others.



## NJCEDV - Deaf Advocacy Project

NJ Deaf Advocacy Project provides training and technical assistance to improve service providers' capacity to offer culturally sensitive advocacy and supportive services to Deaf survivors of domestic/and or sexual violence.



## NJ Black Deaf Advocates

NJ Black Deaf Advocates aims to promote the leadership development, economic and educational opportunities, social equality, and to safeguard the general health and welfare of Black Deaf and hard of hearing people.



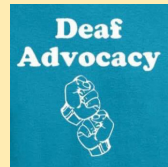
## NJ Association of the Deaf

NJ Association of the Deaf promotes the welfare of the Deaf in educational measures, employment, legislation, and any other field pertaining to or affecting the Deaf in NJ in their pursuit of economic security, equal opportunity, and all their just rights and privileges as citizens.



## Deaf Advocacy Group

A nonprofit organization, the Deaf Advocacy Group is based in Newark, NJ. They offer ASL classes to various community and professional groups, community panel discussions, and informational materials.



## North Jersey Community Center of the Deaf

The Community Center strives to continue enhancing the welfare of the Deaf community. Powered by the efforts of its club membership, they host various community building activities & support Deaf athletic teams.



## Deaf's Delight Cafe

New Jersey's first café for people who are Deaf or hard of hearing. The café aims to create a welcoming and safe space for the community.



# CELEBRATE DEAF AWARENESS MONTH

## at the Library!



**HOBOKEN FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

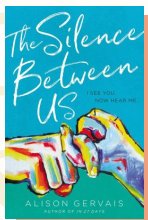
## LEARNING ASL THROUGH SONG

Free 10-week class at Hoboken Public Library  
September 25 - December 4 | Register today at [bit.ly/hplsigs](https://bit.ly/hplsigs)

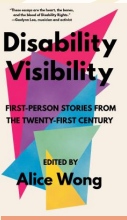


# Adult Fiction & Non-Fiction

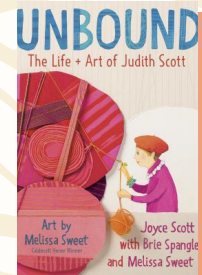
# Youth Fiction & Non-Fiction



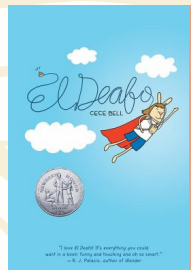
**SILENCE BETWEEN US**  
FICTION; BY ALISON GERVAIS  
Deaf teen Maya Harris must navigate a new life—and love—in this own-voices novel. When Maya is forced to attend a hearing school, she sets out to prove that her lack of hearing won't stop her from chasing her dreams.



**DISABILITY VISIBILITY: FIRST PERSON STORIES FROM THE 21ST CENTURY**  
NON-FICTION; EDITED BY ALICE WONG  
A collection of first-person writing on the joys and challenges of the modern disability experience. The book brings together stories of everyday people whose lives are an ingenious way to live.

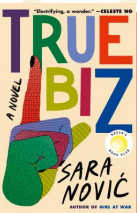


**UNBOUND: THE LIFE AND ART OF JUDITH SCOTT**  
NON-FICTION; BY JOYCE SCOTT  
A moving and powerful introduction to the life and art of renowned artist, Judith Scott, as told by her twin sister, Joyce Scott. She shares her sister's incredible journey to become an artist of great international renown.

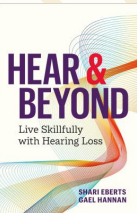


**EL DEAFO**  
NON-FICTION; BY CECE BELL  
In this graphic novel, Cece Bell recounts her experiences with hearing loss at a young age, including using a bulky hearing aid, learning how to lip read, and determining her "superpower."

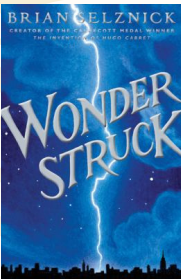
**TRUE BIZ**  
FICTION; BY SARA NOVIC  
The students at the River Valley School for the Deaf just want to live normal lives. This is a story of sign language, lip-reading, civil rights, isolation and injustice, first love and loss, and great persistence, daring, and joy.



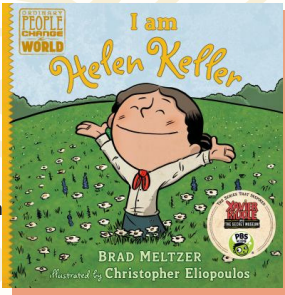
**HEAR & BEYOND: LIVE SKILLFULLY WITH HEARING LOSS**  
NON-FICTION; BY SHARI EBERTS  
Hearing loss doesn't come with an operating manual—until now. This book provides a real-life illustration of how hearing loss, its emotions, and its barriers affect every corner of your life.



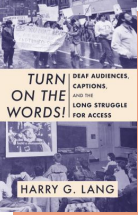
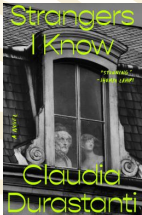
**WONDERSTRUCK**  
FICTION; BY BRIAN SELZNICK  
Having lost his mother and his hearing in a short time, twelve-year-old Ben leaves his Minnesota home in 1977 to seek the father he never knew in New York City. There he meets Rose, who is also longing for something missing from her life.



**HELLEN KELLER**  
NON-FICTION; BY BRAD MELTZER  
The story of Helen Keller, who learned to read and write despite being Deaf and Blind. Helen became an activist who fought for the rights of disabled people.

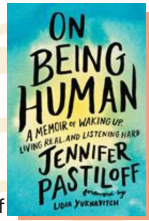


**STRANGERS I KNOW**  
FICTION; BY CLAUDIA DURASTANTI  
Every family has its own mythology, but in this family none of the myths match up. Claudia's parents are Deaf, but couldn't be more different. Into this unlikely yet somehow inevitable union, our narrator is born.

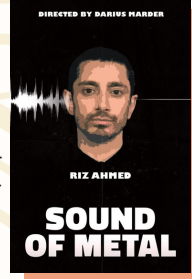


**TURN ON THE WORDS! DEAF AUDIENCES, CAPTIONS, AND THE STRUGGLE FOR ACCESS**  
NON-FICTION; BY HARRY G. LANG  
Lang documents the struggles and strategies over nearly a century to make spoken communication accessible through the use of captioning technology.

**ON BEING HUMAN: A MEMOIR OF WAKING UP, LIVING REAL, AND LISTENING HARD**  
NON-FICTION; BY JENNIFER PASTILOFF  
An memoir about how deafness taught Pastiloff how to listen fiercely, how being vulnerable allowed her to find love, and how imperfections can lead to a life full of wild happiness.



**CODA (2021)**  
BY SIAN HEDER  
Ruby is the only hearing person in her Deaf family. Facing a family crisis, Ruby finds herself torn between pursuing music & her fear of abandoning her parents. Winner for Best Picture at the 94th Academy Awards. Available for streaming on Apple TV.

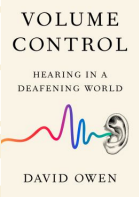


**SOUND OF METAL (2020)**  
BY DARIUS MARDER  
Two nomads, Ruben and Lou, travel gig to gig on an endless American tour. Their music is frenzied and passionate, until one day Ruben is overwhelmed by a severe ringing in his ears, giving way to deafness. Available on DVD through BCCLS.

**THE SIGN FOR HOME**  
FICTION; BY BLAIR FELL  
When Arlo Dilly learns the girl he thought was lost forever might still be out there, he takes it as a sign and embarks on a life-changing journey to find his great love—and his freedom.

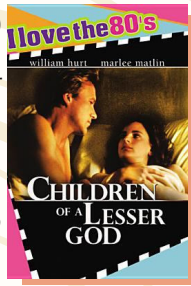


**BEING SEEN: ONE DEAFBLIND WOMAN'S FIGHT TO END ABLEISM**  
NON-FICTION; BY ELSA SJUNNESON  
Part memoir, cultural criticism, & history of the Deafblind experience, this groundbreaking book explores how the misrepresentation of disability in media harms the disabled community—and everyone else.



**VOLUME CONTROL: HEARING IN A DEAFENING WORLD**  
NON-FICTION; BY DAVID OWEN  
The human system for processing sound is a marvel, an assembly of delicate cells, bones, and neurons. Yet many people take their ears for granted. And then, eventually, most of us start to go Deaf.

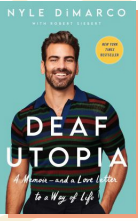
**CHILDREN OF A LESSER GOD (1986)**  
BY RANADA HAINES  
Starting his new job as an instructor at a New England school for the Deaf, James meets Sarah, a young Deaf woman who works at the school. A romance slowly develops between the pair. Available on DVD through BCCLS.



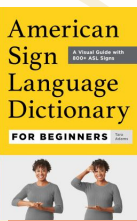
**DEAF OUT LOUD (2018)**  
BY A&E  
Executive-produced by Academy Award-winner Marlee Matlin, this new documentary special follows three predominantly Deaf families as they raise their children in a hearing world. Available for streaming on Hoopla.



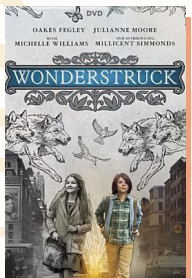
**DEAF UTOPIA**  
NON-FICTION; BY NYLE DIMARCO  
Before becoming the actor, producer, advocate, and model that people know today, Nyle DiMarco was half of a pair of Deaf twins born to a multi-generational Deaf family in Queens, New York. Nyle shares stories, both heartbreaking and humorous, of what it means to navigate a world built for hearing people.



**AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE DICTIONARY FOR BEGINNERS**  
NON-FICTION; BY TARA ADAMS  
Whatever your reason for learning American Sign Language (ASL), this book will guide you through the initial stages of your signing journey. It's filled with everything you need, including detailed directions that make it simple to develop your ASL skills.



**BECOMING HELLEN KELLER (2021)**  
BY MICHAEL PRESSMAN  
Becoming Helen Keller examines the complex legacy of this author, advocate, lecturer, and human rights pioneer. Deaf and Blind since early childhood, she was a passionate advocate for change. Available on DVD through BCCLS.



**WONDERSTRUCK (2018)**  
BY TODD HAYNES  
Tells the tale of two Deaf children separated by fifty years. In 1927 New York City, Rose searches for the actress whose life she chronicles in her scrapbook; in 1977 in the Midwest, Ben runs away from home to find his father. Available on DVD through BCCLS.

## Movies & TV