

*Enjoy a story read in
American Sign Language*

*Learn to use
American Sign Language
with your child*

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1000 Cranberry Square Drive
Cranberry, PA 16066
724.772.6200

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Washington, PA 15301
724.223.7805
www.ucpswpa.org

Barnes & Noble
1099 East Pittsburgh Street
Greensburg, PA 15601
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926 Freeport Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-781-2321

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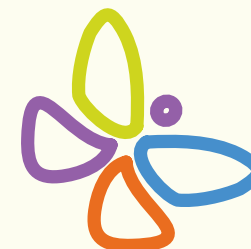
Signing Story Time

Learn to sign with your baby

if you are...

- * the parent of an infant or toddler
- * interested in learning sign language
- * currently using sign language with your child

...this is an event for you!



CHOICES FOR
CHILDREN
Parent Infant Program

Why should you use American Sign Language with your baby?

Signing allows young children to communicate before they are able to talk.

Infants can sign a word as early as 6 months old. Toddlers don't often start saying words until 12 months of age.

Preverbal children use gestures to

communicate. They point to ask for a toy, grimace to say "yuck," or wave to say "bye-bye." Sign language takes advantage of our natural gesturing tendency to enhance infant to parent communication.

Sign language enhances cognitive, language and social emotional

development. Researchers (at www.babysigns.com) have shown that children who have used sign language as toddlers have a better vocabulary understanding and usage at 24 and 36 months. Signing babies have also had higher overall IQ's at 8 years of age.

Bilingual by age 2. American Sign Language is an official language (like French or Spanish.) Children who speak English and sign in ASL are technically bilingual.



An 11-month old uses a baby sign for eat.

Learn American Sign language through popular children stories

The best way to learn American Sign Language (ASL) is to use it frequently. What do you frequently do with your toddler? Read books! Signing Story Time will consist of ASL instruction through the use of children's literature. At each session 3 books will be read; one targeting infants (under 12 months old), one targeting toddlers (1 to 2 years) and one targeting preschoolers (3 to 4 years old.) Each book will have the same set of vocabulary giving the parent three opportunities to learn the words. When you go home, be sure to incorporate the signs you've learned into your stories. Your child will learn to use ASL in no time!

Sites on signing with infants

www.mybabycantalk.com
www.signing4babies.com
www.brightminds.us
www.42explore.com/signlang.htm
www.babyseensign.com/kidsigns.htm

Sites with parent testimonials

www.mybabycantalk.com/content/information/stories/babystories.aspx
meyerweb.com/eric/thoughts/2005/10/27/signing-up/

Signing Story Time Locations

Location	Day & Time
Cranberry Barnes & Noble	10:00 a.m. Third Thursday of each month
Greensburg Barnes & Noble	11:30 a.m. Fourth Tuesday of each month
Washington Rainbows End Recreation Center	10:00 a.m. Second Friday of each month
Aspinwall Waterworks Mall Barnes & Noble	10:00 a.m. Third Wednesday of each month
Homestead Waterfront Barnes & Noble	11:00 a.m. First Tuesday of each month

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