



ASL Literacy Night 2018-2019

Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf Annual ASL Literacy Night!

MSAD's annual ASL Literacy Night is a great time to share in our love of ASL, books, and imagination! We will share a book read in American Sign Language, play an ASL game, and create a fun art activity all surrounding a monthly theme. This is a wonderful opportunity to come together and share in community and celebrate our love of language and stories! The ASL Literacy Night is once a month on **Mondays from 6pm to 8pm** in the Quinn Hall's Petra Howard Auditorium. Mark your calendars!

This year we will be celebrating the richness of our community by reading diverse, award-winning children's books. Written by native authors, we will share stories that represent a variety of cultures, cultural experiences, history, and tradition. Join us for a super fun Monday night literacy and language celebration of our diversity!

September 24th –Welcome! Or welcome back! Either way, we are excited you are here, and to celebrate we will be reading, ***All are Welcome Here*** by Alexandra Paul. *All Are Welcome Here* is a celebration of diversity, and, just like our MSAD family, encourages and inspires kids! Join us for a MSAD welcome back ASL Literacy Night!

October 29th – In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage month we will be reading, ***Dreamers*** by Mexican-American author Yuyi Morales. In 1994 Yuyi immigrated to the United States with her infant son, she left everything she owned but did not arrive in America empty-handed. Yuyi brought with her a multitude of talents, and is now a Mexican-American, award-winning artist and author! The book *Dreamers* is based on Yuyi's immigration experience.

November 26th – We will be reading, ***We Are Grateful: Otsaliheliga*** by Cherokee author Traci Sorell. Otsaliheliga (oh-jah-LEE-hay-lee-gah) is used by the Cherokee Nation to show gratitude, and in this beautiful story, we learn about all of the Cherokee celebrations that happen in a year.

December 17th –December is National Human Rights month, and to honor that we will be reading, ***Stepping Stones: A refugee family's journey*** by Margriet Ruurs, translated by Falah Raheem, illustrated by Nizar Ali Badr. In *Stepping Stones* we will follow the story of a young girl and her family who are forced to flee their village to escape the civil war that has engulfed Syria and make their way toward freedom in Europe.

January 28th – January is National Braille Literacy month and to celebrate we will be reading, the award-winning book, ***Six Dots: A Story of young Louis Braille*** by Jen Bryant. Join us and learn how one boy created a new alphabet system and then learn how to spell your name in braille.

February 25th – In celebration of Black History Month we will be reading, ***The Youngest Marcher: The Story of Audrey Faye Hendricks, a Young Civil Rights Activist*** by Cynthia Levinson. We will read about Audrey Faye Hendricks, the youngest child known to be arrested for a civil rights protest in Birmingham, Alabama, 1963 and learn that you are never too small or too young to make a difference.

April 29th – In recognition of Earth Day we will be reading, ***One Plastic Bag: Isatou Ceesay and the Recycling Women of the Gambia*** by Miranda Paul. We will learn about Isatou Ceesay and how one woman made a huge difference in caring for the earth.

May 20th – May 22nd is Harvey Milk Day. We will be reading, ***Pride: The Story of Harvey Milk and the Rainbow Flag*** by award-winning author Rob Sanders. Come learn about social activist Harvey Milk and Gilbert Baker, and how their work changed the world.