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Cranberry Public Library
2525 Rochester Road
Cranberry Twp., PA 16066
Tuesdays:
April 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27
June 3
9:30-10:30 AM

Squirrel Hill Library
5801 Forbes Ave.
Pittsburgh, PA 15217
Metered lot under the library
Mondays:
June 30 July 7, 14, 21, 28
August 4
6:00-7:00 PM

PENN HILLS

William E. Anderson Library
1037 Stotler Rd.
(Stotler & Saltzburg)
Pittsburgh, PA 15235
Tuesdays:
July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
August 5
9:30-10:30 AM

WASHINGTON

Co-sponsored by Rainbows End
Recreation Station
www.recstation.org
289 North Ave.
Washington, PA 15301
Tuesdays:
August 26
September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10:00-11:00 AM



The PEAL Center serves families of children with disabilities and special health care needs. We provide information and training on education in Central and Western Pennsylvania, and on health care needs and support services statewide.

The PEAL Center is an organization of parents of children with special health care needs and disabilities reaching out to assist other parents and professionals.

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Target Audience—Parents, infants, toddlers, and young children, birth to kindergarten, who would like to use another avenue to improve their communication skills. Children must be accompanied by with their parent/caregiver. Additional family members, teachers, or therapists are welcome to attend. This sign language class is intended for all children, regardless of their disability label. Dress comfortably since this is a “hands on” class!

Class size—10 to 12 children

Length of class—The course consists of six 45-60 minute lessons.

Course Topics—Each lesson introduces 15-20 basic signs. Lessons are organized by these topic areas: First Signs, Mealtime Signs, Bed and Bath Signs, Animal Signs, Playtime Signs and Dressing Signs. Lessons incorporate visual and concrete cues, singing, art, stories, games and play-based activities. The *Tiny Fingers to Tiny Voices* course is based on American Sign Language.

Course Outcomes—Sign language has been researched and proven very beneficial for the language development of early communicators. Sign language combined with expressive language helps give children another way to communicate their wants and needs. Facilitating communication between child and parent can help reduce frustrations felt by the child, parent and educator alike.

Testimonials

There is no doubt that Kim's instruction played a significant part in my daughter's language development. I firmly believe that Kim's instruction not only furthered my daughter's ability to communicate by signing, but also to eventually communicate using words.

—Parent and PA/Nationally Certified School Psychologist

Kim has truly made a remarkable impact in our son's ability to communicate with others. The signing was the visual component that my child needed to make the connection so he would utilize his words. His words also became clearer and more consistent as we progressed with Kim's program.

—Parent of child with expressive speech delays

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Registration form

Questions: 412-281-4404 or toll free 866-950-1040

Squirrel Hill Washington Penn Hills Cranberry Twp.

CHILD First Name _____ Last Name _____

Age _____ Disability _____

PARENT/CAREGIVER First Name _____ Last Name _____

Street _____ City _____ Zipcode _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

County _____ IU _____ School District of Residence _____

E-mail _____

Additional Participant(s) _____



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REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.
Registration deadline:
2 days prior to start of session

**Mail this registration form to
The PEAL Center or
Reply by fax 412-281-4408 or**

E-mail to: Admin@pealcenter.org
Use “Sign Language” as the title of your message
Include all information requested on this form.

Persons requiring accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please call the PEAL Center 412-281-4404 to discuss the needed accommodations.