



Spotlight on Alice Hagemeyer



Alice Lougee Hagemeyer, '52, a longtime advocate for equal access to library services for the deaf community, is NSDAA Spotlight for January.

Hagemeyer received her education at the Nebraska School for the Deaf (NSD) from 1939 to her graduation in 1952. She attended Gallaudet and secured a job as clerk at the D.C. Public Library. In 1974, she entered the University of Maryland for her master's degree in library and information science.

As librarian for the deaf community, Hagemeyer was determined to increase public awareness about issues deaf people face, and to motivate more deaf people to visit libraries. Hagemeyer founded Friends of Libraries for Deaf Action (FOLDA) to promote library access and quality deaf resources for the deaf community, and served as the organization's president.

Hagemeyer was inducted in the NSDAA Hall of Fame in 2004. At present, Hagemeyer is advocating for the establishment of the Deaf Cultural Digital Library (a.k.a. The Red Notebook). Hagemeyer is also working on a book, *A Deaf Culture Not to Be Lost: Orphans*.

Sources: <https://www.gallaudet.edu/about/history-and-traditions/alice-hagemeyer>

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