

# DEAF CULTURAL FESTIVAL

Sunday, September 24, 2023 | 10 a.m.–4 p.m.  
All activities and performances are FREE

Nelson  
Atkins  
MUSEUM OF ART

Welcome to the 8th annual Deaf Cultural Festival at the Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art! Encounter and learn about Deaf Culture and American Sign Language through hands-on art activities and performances from distinctly Deaf perspectives. ASL interpretation and voice interpretation provided.

## Performances

**ASL** **ASL Lit**  
10:30–11 a.m. | repeats 3–3:30 p.m.  
**Atkins Auditorium**

Screening pre-recorded video of students from the Kansas School for the Deaf perform poetry and stories in American Sign Language.

**ASL** **The Rosa Lee Show – WONDER**  
1–2 p.m. | **Atkins Auditorium**  
**Overflow viewing in Lens 2**

"Wonder" is an engaging and immersive one-woman show that brings the magic of American Sign Language (ASL) to life through a multimedia experience. With a combination of ASL storytelling, entertaining skits, captivating musical performances, and interactive moments with the audience, this show takes you on an imaginative journey filled with joy and wonder. Join us on a journey that celebrates the beauty of ASL and leaves you with a sense of wonder.

**ASL** **ASL Storytelling**  
11:30 a.m.–12 p.m.  
2:30–3 p.m. | **Kirkwood Hall**

Join Marie Qualls and Michelle Plummer for stories told in ASL! Learn how to sign from elements in the stories.

**ASL** Activity is presented in ASL.  
**6g** Activity will have an ASL/voice interpreter.

## Workshops and Walks

**ASL** **Unity Beading Circle with Laura White**  
10:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. | repeats  
2–3:45 p.m. | **Classrooms 4 & 5**

Learn from Deaf-Blind Artist Laura White and participate in a community "Beading Circle" during these exciting workshops. Create a square for a new beaded quilt by placing beads on a pegboard to create your own unique designs. Each square will then be added to the community beaded quilt, celebrating the Deaf Culture Festival at the Nelson-Atkins. **AVAILABILITY IS LIMITED TO 40 SPOTS PER WORKSHOP- FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.**

**ASL** **ASL Art Walk**  
12–12:30 p.m. | **Repeats 3–3:30 p.m.**  
**Meet in Bloch Lobby**

Follow Deaf Educator Ashley Watson in the galleries to discuss and learn about artwork in the museum's collection. **SPACE IS LIMITED TO 15 SPOTS**

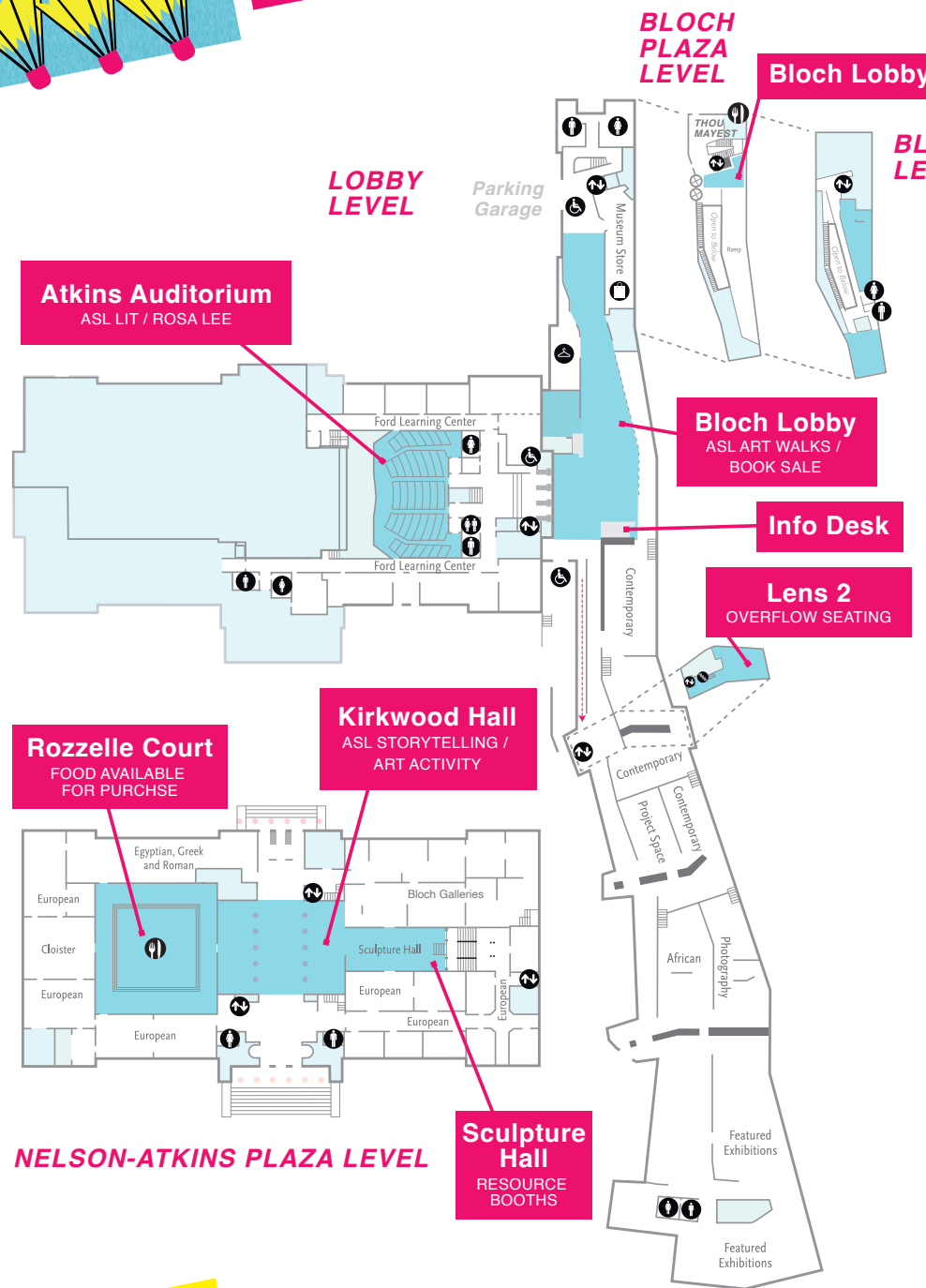
## Activities

**ASL Paper Hands Drop In Artmaking**  
10 a.m.–4 p.m. | **Kirkwood Hall**

Learn American Sign Language handshapes by creating a paper sculpture.

**Annual Library Benefit Book Sale**  
10 a.m.–4 p.m. | **Bloch Lobby**

September 22-24, join us for our annual Library Benefit Book Sale in Bloch Lobby during regular museum hours. Book lovers will find a wide variety of art books at incredible prices. Proceeds go to support new acquisitions for our Spencer Art Reference Library.



## ASL Alphabet

A	B	C	D
E	F	G	H
I	J	K	L
M	N	O	P
Q	R	S	T
U	V	W	X
Y	Z		

## Learn More

### Resource Booths 10 a.m.–4 p.m. | Sculpture Hall

Visit with our community partners—The Whole Person, Kansas School for the Deaf and the Museum of Deaf History, Arts & Culture—and learn about available local resources from the Missouri Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

### ASL SMARTIFY



Uncover stories about works of art in the Nelson-Atkins collection by scanning the QR code to download the Smartify App. Tours are provided in American Sign Language!

**Thank you to our museum volunteers and members**—the art and soul of the museum—whose support make festivals like this possible. Learn more at the Nelson-Atkins Membership table located in Atkins Foyer today during the festival or go online at [artandsoulkc.org](http://artandsoulkc.org)

**A special thank you to our community partners:**

