

Recommended Reading & Reference Material

ALIGNED WITH NEP 2020, ISLRTC GUIDELINES & TOTAL COMMUNICATION PEDAGOGY

1. Educator & Pedagogy Handbooks

Language Learning in Children Who Are Deaf and Hard of Hearing: Theory to Classroom Practice

By Susan R. Easterbrooks

Core Application: Provides practical strategies for structuring language environments, visual cueing, and early literacy routines in special education classrooms.

How Deaf Children Learn: What Parents and Teachers Need to Know

By Marc Marschark & Peter C. Hauser

Core Application: Breaks down visual-spatial cognition, memory processing, and natural learning styles unique to young deaf children.

58-IN-MIND: Multilingual Teaching Strategies for Diverse Deaf Students

By Debbie Golos

Core Application: Direct guidance on managing bilingual classrooms (combining sign language with written/spoken languages).

2. Auditory-Verbal & Speech Training Manuals

Auditory-Verbal Therapy: For Young Children with Hearing Loss and Their Families, and the Practitioners Who Guide Them

By Warren Estabrooks, Ellen A. Rhoades, and Karen MacIver-Lux

Core Application: The gold-standard textbook for speech-language pathologists and auditory-verbal therapists working on sound detection, discrimination, and speechreading in early childhood.

3. Indian Sign Language (ISL) & Official Frameworks

ISLRTC Indian Sign Language Dictionary & Basic Learning Sets

Published by Indian Sign Language Research and Training Centre (ISLRTC)

Core Application: Standardized ISL signs for early functional communication, body parts, animals, feelings, and family members.

NCERT Primary ISL Adapted Series

Jointly developed by NCERT & ISLRTC

Core Application: Standardized pre-primary and early primary print/digital visual modules aligned with NEP 2020 (accessible via the e-DIKSHA portal with QR-coded ISL videos).

4. Children's Picture Books for Visual Circle Time

Moses Goes to a Concert

By Isaac Millman

Story Focus: A deaf boy and his classmates attend a concert and experience music through physical vibrations (using balloons and floor resonance), reinforcing sensory integration concepts.

Boy

By Phil Cummings

Story Focus: Features a young deaf boy who communicates through gestures, drawings, and expressions, highlighting empathy, visual storytelling, and community inclusion.

Mighty Mila

By Katie Petruzzello

Story Focus: Centered on a young girl navigating daily routines with cochlear implants/hearing aids, celebrating confidence, self-advocacy, and individuality.

5. Parent Empowerment & Home Reading

The Parenting Journey: Raising Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children

By Karen Putz

Core Application: Recommended for your school's parent resource center to help families navigate emotional adjustment, early technology choices, and home sign integration.