ASL Extreme Makeovers: The Art of Personification

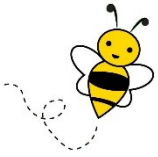
Workshop Description:
Discover how to transform yourself into someone—or something—else using the expressive power of American Sign Language (ASL). In literature, *personification* gives human traits to inanimate objects, plants, or animals. In ASL, this technique comes alive through movement, facial expression, and role-shifting.
In this dynamic workshop, Trix will demonstrate how to personify characters and shift roles within a story. You'll learn how to "become" a flower, a butterfly, or even a book! Explore how to embody objects like a baseball, basketball, beach ball, bowling ball, football, marble, ping pong ball, racquetball, soccer ball, water polo ball, and more—bringing them to life with emotion and action.

Educational Objectives:
By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to:

- Describe the appearance and actions of various objects
- Demonstrate creative role-shifting and personification in ASL
- Break down storytelling elements involving places, objects, and characters

Activities:

- ***Group Activity***: Divide participants into break-room groups to practice the skills from the PowerPoint presentation. Each participant will demonstrate their skills.
- ***Participant's Skill Practice*:** We will discuss ASL dialects, language registers, and comparisons between English-influenced signing & ASL. Each participant will demonstrate examples.
- ***Incorporate Q&A*** throughout the session.
- ***Hands-on Practice*:** Encourage participants to demonstrate their skills and focus on signing and voicing the meaning, instead of using English word-by-word translations.



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