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**LITTLE ROCK, Ark.** — The Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind will host an annual Deaf Awareness Day at the Capitol honoring National Deaf History Month, aiming to educate the public about Deaf history. The event will feature speakers and student performances.

Immediately following the program, Michael Don Fess will host a book signing with co-authors of *An Arkansas Anthology*. The new collectable classic contains over 65 articles with varying themes including inspiration, poetry, history, op-eds, and satire. This published work of 21 Arkansas authors will be given free with a donation of \$25, with proceeds benefiting Arkansas School for the Deaf and Blind. This project was initiated in April 2025 by author-editors Michael Don Fess, Bick Saterfield, and Sharon Keathley.

### **Tuesday, April 7, 2026**

**WHAT:** Deaf Awareness Day

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

**WHERE:** Second Floor Rotunda, Arkansas State Capitol, 500 Woodlane St., Little Rock, AR 72201

**PRESS:** Open

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