

June Book Club

True Biz

By Sara Novic

Date of Course: June 15, 2026

7 pm Central 6 pm Mountain



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South Dakota
Speech-Language-Hearing
Association

Introductory Level

0.1 ASHA CEUs

In order to receive continuing education credit for this course, participants will be required to complete a self-assessment which will include stating three things learned related to learner outcomes and how this information will be applied in the workplace.

Title: June Book Club: *True Biz* by Sara Novic

Course Description: This book club will focus on the book, *True Biz* by Sara Novic. This book is a fictional story of the experiences of Deaf and hard of hearing individuals, highlighting cultural perspectives, communication access, and the impact of language environments. Our discussion of characters' journeys and systemic challenges will lead us into a conversation of how this can enhance our own cultural responsiveness and evidence-based practice.

Learner Outcomes:

After completing this activity, participants will be able to describe key aspects of Deaf culture and Deaf identity.

After completing this activity, participants will be able to discuss how different communication modalities (ASL, oral/aural approaches, bilingual education) affect language development, access, and psychosocial outcomes.

After completing this activity, participants will be able to compare the lived experiences of Deaf and hard-of-hearing characters to real-world clinical scenarios.

Presenter: Liz DeVelder, MA, CCC-SLP

Biography: Liz DeVelder, MA, CCC-SLP is a Lecturer and Clinical Educator at the University of South Dakota. Liz teaches several undergraduate courses in the program including Introduction, Speech, Language, and Hearing Development, and Clinical Methods. At the USD Speech-Language & Hearing Clinic, her clinic caseload typically is filled with language, autism, and literacy in addition to serving as the SLP Clinic Coordinator. Liz is a member of ASHA and SDSLHA. She is a past president of SDSLHA.

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Time Agenda :00 Introduction, :05 Discussion of prepared questions, :40 Open discussion, :55 Wrap up