Community Conversations
Audism: Understanding its Meaning & Implications in the Deaf Community
Top Picks – Complied by Librarian, Barbara Jenkins

- **Audism Unveiled / Benjamin Bahan.**
  Knight Library DVD 03824

  This documentary uses the life experiences from Deaf people of varied social, racial, and educational backgrounds to show how audism does lasting and harmful damage.

- **The Mask of Benevolence : Disabling the Deaf Community / Harlan Lane**
  Knight Library HV2537 .L36

  The Mask of Benevolence is … a scathing indictment of the heedlessness and hypocrisies of many of its hearing "benefactors," and an expose of the ways in which the "experts" in the scientific, medical, and educational establishments who purport to serve the deaf actually do them grievous harm.

- **Open Your Eyes: Deaf Studies Talking / H-Dirksen Bauman**
  Knight Library HV2380 .D43

  Leading and emerging scholars, the majority of whom are deaf, consider physical and cultural boundaries of deaf places and probe the complex intersections of deaf identities with gender, sexuality, disability, family, and race. Together they …delve into the profound medical, social, and political dimensions of the disability label often assigned to deafness.

- **Deafnicty : A study of strategic and adaptive responses to audism by members of the Deaf American community of culture. Dissertation, University of Michigan**

  Three questions serve as the centerpiece of this study. First, do members of the Deaf American community of culture exhibit enough of the characteristics of ethnicity to warrant the analogy of being like ethnics? Second, to what extent, if any, are the processes of constructing, maintaining, and renewing ethnic identity boundaries similar to that of other ethnic populations? Finally, to what extent, if any, does the concept of ethnicity improve our understanding of prejudice and discrimination that Deaf Americans experience in their daily lives.

- **“Audism: Exploring the Metaphysics of Oppression”**

  This article traces the development of the concept of "audism" from its inception in the mid-1970s by exploring three distinct dimensions of oppression: individual, institutional, and metaphysical.

*Summaries provided are excerpted from the dvd container and book or journal article abstracts.*