

Brooklyn's First Deaf & DeafBlind Museum & Research Center to Open with Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on September 12

Historic 65th Anniversary Celebration Ushers in Groundbreaking Deaf & DeafBlind Museum

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-- St. Francis de Sales School for the
Deaf (SFDS) is proud to announce the
official opening of Brooklyn's first Deaf
& DeafBlind Museum & Research
Center. The ribbon cutting ceremony
will take place on Friday, September 12,
2025, from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at 260
Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11225,
as part of SFDS's historic 65th
Anniversary Celebration.

Brooklyn's

Deaf & Deaf Blind

Museum & Research Center

Brooklyn's Deaf & DeafBlind Museum & Research Center Logo

The celebration will bring together

invited press, elected officials, members of the disability community, alumni, SFDS board members past and present, and past executive directors for this historic milestone. Brooklyn's first museum and research center is dedicated to the history, legacy, and lived experiences of Deaf and DeafBlind communities.



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Dr. Julia Silvestri

Curated by Dr. Julia Silvestri, the Museum & Research Center is the first of its kind in New York City, connecting past, present, and future through community stories, archives, and artistic expression.

"Now is the time to recognize, support, and celebrate our culture and community," said Dr. Julia Silvestri, Curator of the Museum & Research Center. "This museum was created to honor our history and ensure that Deaf and

DeafBlind voices are preserved and accessible for generations to come. Every artifact, book, and piece of artwork represents resilience, pride, and progress."

"Opening this museum & research center during our 65th Anniversary reflects the legacy of St. Francis de Sales and the future we envision," said Dr. Jodi L. Falk, Executive Director of St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf. "For decades, SFDS has been dedicated to barrier-free education and communication access. Brooklyn's Deaf & DeafBlind Museum & Research Center extends that mission, creating a space where our students, families, and the world can learn, study, and celebrate the richness of our communities."

Museum Highlights

The Brooklyn Deaf & DeafBlind Museum & Research Center will feature:

SFDS History & NYC Deaf/DeafBlind History
A research center with textbooks, journals, and archival materials

A curated collection of books by Deaf and DeafBlind authors, and works highlighting Deaf and DeafBlind characters

Visual and Tactile Art by Deaf and DeafBlind artists

About Brooklyn's Deaf & DeafBlind Museum & Research Center

Brooklyn's Deaf & DeafBlind Museum & Research Center is the borough's first museum and the only research center dedicated to the history and culture of Deaf and DeafBlind people, with a special focus on NYC's DDB community. Through exhibitions, archives, and public programming, the Center preserves community memory and ensures accessibility in every aspect of its work.

About St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf (SFDS)

Founded in 1960, St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf educates the whole child through a multimodal–multilingual approach in a barrier-free environment, empowering students to grow academically, linguistically, physically, socially, and emotionally. Learn more at https://www.sfdesales.org.

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