



A Phenomenal Reader

Julie Lyles Carr: I believe the Listening and Spoken Language approach, LSL, has been so critical to the experience that we've had with Maesy, with the advances that she has made, with her ability to communicate, with her ability to communicate with all of us. She's one of eight children. She's the only child with hearing loss. We were absolutely willing to do whatever would equip her to have the kind of communication and the kind of relationships that she wanted to have. And LSL absolutely provided that.

She also is an avid reader. And one of the early things that I realized, as I began researching a lot of different approaches and what we were going to do, and what this all meant, was I knew that I wanted an approach for her that meant that she would be able to read at an exceptionally high level. She always had such an interest in books, even as a really young child. And I believe LSL has helped provide that for her.

She's a phenomenal writer. She's a phenomenal reader. She's really just such a strong communicator. And I think part of it is just the LSL approach in general, because there's such a focus on communication, that from the time that she was three and a half, what she has known is this heavy, heavy focus on communication -- on being intentional in what you're saying, in really receiving auditory information and processing it well. LSL has definitely afforded us all of that.