VL2 Storybook Creator
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Visual Language and Visual Learning
Teach children to learn to read, so they can read to learn
The social problem:
Lack of language access, therefore, no literacy development

- Many deaf infants experience little or no language exposure, particularly in families that do not sign. This is language deprivation.

- Language deprivation leads to academic, social, and occupational difficulties.

- Lack of signed resources through media, TV, internet, reading apps for 21st Century Learners.

- Only 3% of Deaf children receive bilingual education (in sign language).
Our solution:
An Ecosystem through Innovation

Training and opportunities for deaf individuals

Community capacity growth

Literacy development for deaf children

Support families, educators

Towards a global digital library
Our Social Impact & Knowledge Transfer

- Over 50,000 storybook apps downloaded
- Deaf individuals are empowered with digital skillsets for 21st century careers
- Scaled to 7 countries: Norway, Japan, Russia, the Netherlands, Saudi Arabia, Italy, and New Zealand
- Deaf children globally have access to signed literacy material, and opportunities to learn about their stories, cultural folktales
- Families can share reading experience with their child
How to work with us?
Replication & Impact Transfer

- Establish partnerships, with support through the Gallaudet network
- Knowledge transfer through training and empowerment
- Develop literacy materials by translating and creating storybook apps
- Work with investors, families, educators, and Deaf talent
Thank You!

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