

# ESL and Multilingual Library Initiatives

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## Current Initiatives – Children's Services

- Outreach
  - Schools, Back to School Nights
  - Visits to home daycares
- Spanish Dial-a-Story
- Mighty Beginnings



#### **Current Initiatives – Adult Services**

- ESL Conversation Club
- READ Collection Update
- Mandarin Health Fair
- Large-scale cultural events
  - Lunar New Year
  - Dia de los Muertos
  - Yan Can Cook



#### Collections

- Print materials collected in international languages representing the Sunnyvale community.
  - Chinese\*\*
    - Top circulating
    - Multiple newspapers
    - Books in simplified and traditional
  - French
  - German

- Japanese
- Korean
- Persian
- Russian
- Spanish
- Vietnamese

## Collections



- E-Resources available in:
  - Chinese (e-books)
  - Spanish (e-books, e-audiobooks, e-magazines, articles)
  - Language learning tools:
    - READ Collection
    - Mango language software

#### **Future Initiatives**

- LCS Committee for ESL/ Culturally-Inclusive Programming
- Environmental analysis of Sunnyvale communities, population
- Surveying patrons
- Researching and reviewing grant opportunities



# **Potential Board Action Items**

- Feedback:
  - What sort of programming appeals to you?
  - What does culturallyinclusive programming mean to you?
- Recommendations:
  - Organizational contacts for collaborative opportunities





# Questions?

