

Spanish for Librarians

and how to easily integrate Spanish into your library

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Section 1: Basics in the Spanish Language

Alfabeto - Alphabet

A a	/ ah /	Ñ ñ	/ enyeh /
B b	/ beh /	O o	/ oh /
C c	/ seh /	P p	/ peh /
D d	/ deh /	Q q	/ koo /
E e	/ eh /	R r	/ ereh /
F f	/ efeh /	S s	/ eseh /
G g	/ heh /	T t	/ teh /
H h	/ acheck /	U u	/ oo /
I i	/ ee /	V v	/ oobeh /
J j	/ hota /	W w	/ dohbleh oobeh /
K k	/ ka /	X x	/ ekees /
L l	/ eleh /	Y y	/ yeh /
M m	/ emeh /	Z z	/ seta /
N n	/ eneh /		

Números - Numbers

1	uno	16	dieciséis
2	dos	17	diecisiete
3	tres	18	dieciocho
4	cuatro	19	diecinueve
5	cinco		
6	seis	20	veinte
7	siete	21	veintiuno
8	ocho	22	veintidós
9	nueve		
10	diez	30	treinta
11	once	31	treinta y uno
12	doce	32	treinta y dos
13	trece		
14	catorce		
15	quince		

Pronombres - Pronouns

Yo → I	Nosotros(as) → We
Tú → You (informal)	Vosotros(as) → Y'all (informal)
Usted → You (formal)	Ustedes → Y'all (formal)
Él → He	Ellos → They (males)
Ella → She	Ellas → They (females)

Frases básicas - Basic Phrases

Hola	→	Hola
(Hello)		(Hello)
¿Cómo está usted?	→	Bien, ¿y usted?
(How are you?)		(I'm well. And you?)
Bien. Me llamo [name].	→	Mucho gusto.
(I'm well. My name is [name].)		(Nice to meet you.)
¿En qué puedo ayudarle?	→	¿Dónde está el/la [...] ?
(How can I help you?)		(Where is [...]?)
El/La [...] está aquí/allí.	→	Muchas gracias
(The [...] is here/there.)		(Thank you very much.)
De nada	→	Adios
(You're welcome)		(Goodbye)

¿Usted puede hablar inglés?	→	Sí / No
(Can you speak English?)		(Yes / No)
Por favor, espere un momento.	→	[No response] / Muy bien
(Wait a moment, please.)		([No response] / Okay)
¿Dónde están los aseos?	→	Los aseos están aquí/allí.
(Where is the restroom?)		(The restroom is here/there.)

Vocabulario de la biblioteca - Library Vocabulary

Abstracto	Abstract	Impresión	Printout
Almanaque	Almanac	Impresora	Printer
Artículo	Article	Indice	Index
Base de datos	Database	Libro(s)	Book(s)
Bibliografía	Bibliography	Libros para [...]	Books for [...]
Biblioteca	Library	... adultos	... Adults
Bibliotecario(a)	Librarian (Male/Female)	... niños	... Children
Biografía	Biography	... jóvenes	... Young Adults
Catálogo	Catalogue	Material de referencia	Reference material
Cita	Quote/Quotation/Citation	Multa	Fine
Computadora	Computer	Palabra clave	Key word
Devolución	Return	PDF	PDF
Diccionario	Dictionary	Película	Film/Movie
Dirección de internet	URL	Periódico / Diario	Newspaper
Documentos gubernamentales	Government Document	Plagio	Plagiarism
Enciclopedia	Encyclopedia	Programa	Program
Escritorio de circulación	Circulation Desk	Préstamo	Check-out / Loan
Escritorio de referencia	Reference Desk	Reseña	Review
Estante(s)	Shelf (Shelves)	Reserva	Reservation
Fecha de vencimiento	Due date	Revista popular	Magazine
Ficción / No ficción	Fiction / Non-Fiction	Revista académica	Academic Journal
Fotocopia	Photocopy / Copy	Sitio web	Website
Fotocopiadora	Copy Machine	Tarjeta de biblioteca	Library Card

Section 2: Integration of Spanish into the Library

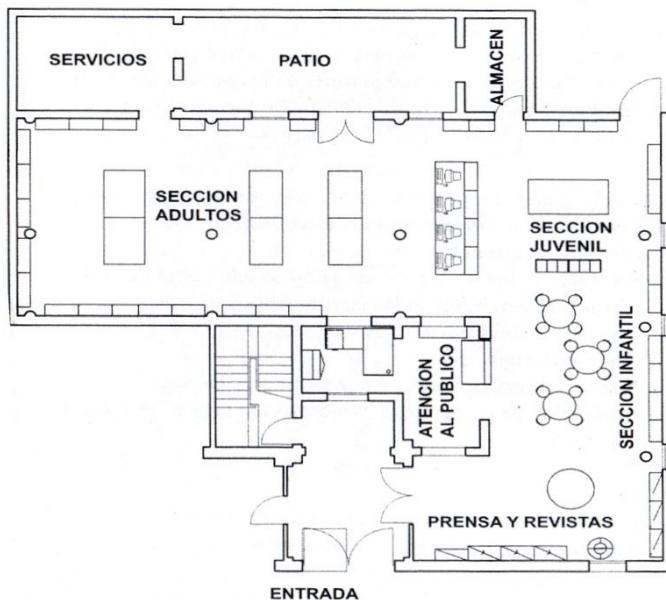
Providing basic information in Spanish

Translations of pamphlets, section names, maps, basic how-to's on library procedures, and flyers for programs you host can all be translated easily and quickly.

Programs for Spanish Speakers

English as a Foreign Language courses, language exchange events, reading and writing activities for Hispanic children and their parents, events and displays for National Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 - Oct. 15) are ways to include and engage with Latinos in your communities through the use of the Spanish language.

Some examples would be:



Cultural Sensitivity

Be mindful of the immense diversity found in the Hispanic community. Food, culture, dialect, race, and religion often vary greatly from country-to-country, and even from region-to-region within those countries, so make sure to not use stereotypical or potentially offensive materials for events/displays/etc.

While many Hispanics keep cultural practices from their countries of origin, bear in mind the millions of native Spanish speakers in the US whose country and culture of origin is the US. The Spanish speakers you encounter in your libraries are just as likely to be from the US as they are from a foreign country.

Useful Dictionary/Translation Resources Online

Google Translate

Good for easy translations of words/phrases, although can be inaccurate.

WordReference.com

Great source for accurate translations with context, but only one word at a time.

Additional Notes
