

New American Initiative

We believe the mission of the library is to serve all in the community, especially those who are underserved in some way. Fairfax County Public Library already provides service to English Language Learners. Immigrants to Fairfax County can find many resources in the library, from English Language Learning materials to English conversation groups.



With additional funding from Fairfax Library Foundation supporters, the resources available to immigrants in Fairfax County could be greatly improved.

The greatest need for our library system’s English Language Learners is the English as Second Language (ESL) sub-collection. Our Deputy Director shared: “The ESL collection is one of the hardest working sub-collections in FCPL, with some items still in circulation after well over 100 check outs. The collection is badly in need of updating, as some items are over 20 years old but still circulate regularly. The fact that people still use 20+ year old materials illustrates the need for these life-changing resources and the care with which people use them.”

County budget constraints have recently limited the library’s ability to fully fund these materials. **We are looking for sponsors—companies, individuals or foundations—who would like to fund these vital resources for our Fairfax County immigrants.** It is more important now than ever before to give everyone in the community a fair chance to succeed in Fairfax County.

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We hope to raise at least \$5,000 for this initiative, and our goal is \$15,000. To find out what these funds will purchase for the collection, visit www.FairfaxLibraryFoundation.org/NAI. To learn about becoming a sponsor, contact us at info@FairfaxLibraryFoundation.org or call 703-324-8300. Thank you!

