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Bilingual dictionaries donated to Plainfield library for ESL program

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The Rotary Club of Plainfield-North Plainfield recently donated 20 English/Spanish pictorial dictionaries to the Plainfield Public Library's growing English as a Second Language program.

The dictionaries were purchased and distributed for free to active program participants, who include 145 adults who have immigrated to the U.S. from more than 30 nations. Many such members also are part of the library's weekly Los Amigos Club, through which they practice conversational English skills.

Stella Segura, the ESL program coordinator, said she previously used the same books during Los Amigos Club meetings, with great success.

Library Director Joe Da Rold, a former president of the local Rotary Club, said the donation suggestion occurred to him because the club annually donates dictionaries to local elementary school students. Da Rold said he hopes the donation can become an annual tradition to benefit the library's ESL program.

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