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Language Learning Platforms

1. Mango Languages

a. Structured <u>language learning platform</u> with vocabulary, grammar and more. Supports English and many other languages.

Tutoring & Homework Help

1. Brainfuse HelpNow

a. Online tutoring available in English and Spanish for grades K-12 and beyond.

2. Library Electronic Resources

a. These are offered at local libraries and may be accessed via library card login or other methods.

Skill Building & Courses

1. LinkedIn Learning

a. Tutorials and courses for new skills development.

Exam Preparation

1. EBSCO Learning Express

a. <u>Online test prep resources</u> which includes GED and citizenship exam preparation resources available in Spanish.

Bilingual Databases & Educational Tools

1. PebbleGo by Capstone

a. Nonfiction articles designed for early elementary learners available in <u>Spanish</u> and <u>English</u> with natural voice reading.

2. Britannica Online Encyclopedia

a. General research resource available online.

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Early Literacy & Reading Resources

1. Public Library Association's Early Literacy Calendar

a. Provides interactive activities for parents to do at home with children, plus book lists and songs. <u>English Calendar | Spanish Calendar</u>

2. Scholastic Teachables

a. <u>Worksheets and other resources</u> for reading comprehension, multiplication practice, and more available for parents and teachers.

3. Texas Library Association Tejas Star Reading List

a. The <u>Tejas Star Reading List</u> (TSRL) provides a recommended reading list to encourage children ages 5-12 to explore multicultural books and to discover the cognitive and economic benefits of bilingualism and multilingualism.

4. Texas Library Association Bluebonnet Reading List

a. The <u>Texas Bluebonnet Award List</u> includes titles for grades 3 – 6 and one of the most prestigious children's choice literary awards in the United States.

Community and Library Programs

1. Baby Day Celebration

a. Event with bilingual materials for babies and parents promoting early literacy.

2. Parent-Child Education Program & ESL Classes

a. Partnership program providing ESL classes with childcare through local community college.

3. Board Books for Babies Program

a. Books handed out in English, Spanish, or bilingual versions to families.

4. Dual Language Nights

a. Events to encourage family engagement in bilingual literacy with public library involvement.

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Technology Access

1. Hotspot Lending Program

a. Portable internet hotspots loaned to students to provide internet access at home.

Book Purchasing & Collection Development

1. Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (FIL)

- a. Spanish-language <u>book fair</u> held annually in Guadalajara, Mexico, offering a wide range of Spanish and bilingual books.
- 2. American Library Association (ALA) Free Pass
 - a. Awarded to <u>ALA members</u> who apply to attend the Feria Internacional del Libro de Guadalajara (FIL).

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