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Supporting & Celebrating a Multilingual Campus Community

Final Report - Ideas to Action 2022

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Number of people involved in or impacted by the project since Ideas to Action funding:

Over 112 families, 225+ individual participants

Do you anticipate that your project will continue after Ideas to Action funding?

Yes

Did your project encourage partnerships and collaborations with any community partners or other WiLS members? Who did you connect with during this process and how might you sustain those connections?

Yes! We were able to form wonderful partnerships beyond the Library. Our Bilingual Storytimes were a group effort from start to finish, bringing together our CCAMPIS (Child Care Access Means Parents in School), TRIO, StudentSHARE, and satellite center staff in Manitowoc and Sheboygan. We are confident in our ability to sustain these connections now that the program has gained so much momentum. We also hope that our resource Libguide will inspire other libraries across Wisconsin to explore and share new, impactful multilingual library practices.

Thinking about your project, what was the most innovative part? What can you, or your community, do now that it couldn't before?

We were thrilled to see how our initiative expanded beyond our original design. Thanks to our three-pronged approach and strong partnerships outside the Library, our entire campus community is now able to access digital and print materials in Spanish and Hmong, receive key service documents and navigate the Library in their preferred language, and attend programs with their families that celebrate multiple languages, cultures, and identities. This work is never truly done, but we feel we've made exciting progress in the past two years thanks to the support of Ideas to Action.

How do you think other WiLS members could use what you learned and accomplished at their own organizations?

We hope that our experience and the resources in our Libguide will inspire other libraries to begin their own multilingual initiatives. Every community has its own linguistic and cultural needs and we hope libraries across Wisconsin (and beyond) will take the time to seek out and meet those needs. We have provided lesson plans and materials lists for our storytimes, translated samples covering a variety of library service documents, and links to our multilingual library collections. As our own multilingual services grow and evolve, we recognize that every step toward linguistic access and equity is an important milestone and we hope to be a supportive resource no matter what stage a library is at on their multilingual journey.

Project product(s):

<https://gotoltc.libguides.com/multilingual>