Small Town, Big Impact:

Rural Library Access to ESL Supports

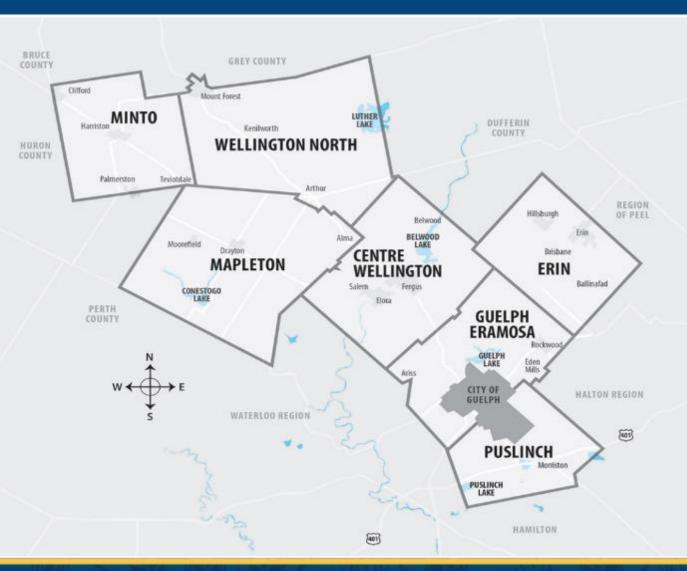




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Wellington County



- Population 90,932 (excl. Guelph)
- 14 library branches



Immigration Stats

Wellington County (Excl. Guelph) Total Population 90,932

- Immigrants: 9,620 (10.6%)
- Recent Immigrants (2011-16): 440 (0.05%)





Immigration Stats

- Approximately 800 newcomers arriving each year (710 to Guelph, 90 to the County)
- 50% of recent immigrants to the County (including Guelph) are economic class. They have been screened based on:
 - language proficiency
 - education level
 - work experience



Immigration Stats

Top Five Countries	
2018	
Syria	58%
Philippines	26%
Eritrea	25%
Iraq	9%
India	9%

Top Five Countries 2019		
Syria	78%	
Philippines	34%	
Eritrea	18%	
India	12%	
Netherlands	11%	



Interpretation and Translation Services

Services for newcomers and immigrants are available in over 40 languages!

刚到加拿大? 我们可以帮助你!

Novi u Kanadi? Možemo vam pomoći. Pružamo usluge za imigrante.

Mới đến Canada? Chúng tối có thể giúp! Dịch vu! Cho người nhập cư

Újak Kanadába? Segíthetük. Bevándorló szolgálatot nyújtunk.

¿Recien llegados a Ca nadá? Podemos ayudar.

êtes-vous récemment arrivés ?Nous pouvons vous aider!

> القائموون جند في كندا؟ نحن نساعدكم!! في خدمات المهاجرين.

آیا تازه به کانادا و ار د شده اید؟ ما ميتوانيم به شما كمك كتيم! خدمات برای مهاجرین!

کیا آپ کینیڈ ا میں نئے ہیں ؟ ہم آ پکی مدد کر سکتے ہیں !! تارکین وطن (امیگرینٹس) کیلینے خد ما ت

कनाडा में आप नए हैं? हम तुम्हारी मदद कर सकते हैं। भापवासियों के लिए सेवाएँ

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GUELPH OFFICE

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SATELLITE LOCATIONS

Arthur, Erin, Drayton, Mount Forest and Rockwood

To schedule an appointment at one of the satellite locations, please call: 1.226.979.0782 or 1.226.979.0850



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ALTERNATE FORMATS AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

New to Canada? We can help!

County of Wellington Settlement Services





"We all smile in the same language."

Helping newcomers and immigrant families in Wellington County and Guelph.



www.wellington.ca 519.837.2670 | 1.800.265.7294



Free Settlement Services

Settlement Information and Referral

Who is Eligible?

Settlement Services staff help newcomers adjust to life in their new community by providing FREE services in the following areas:

- Housing
- Health Care
- Employment
- Education
- Taxes and benefits
- Immigration and citizenship
- Interpretation and translation
- Community and recreation
- Legal services
- Social Services



Other Services

We offer information sessions and workshops on topics of interest to newcomers. Our experienced Settlement Workers are able to help with a wide range of questions and challenges, including:

- Community information and resources
- Navigating and completing forms and applications
- Counselling on transition issues, family and emotional difficulties
- Initial employment and career counselling
- Accessing professional and essential services, such as doctors, lawyers and schools
- Completing language assessments and training
- Finding a place to live



Support

We assist clients in coping with the problems of everyday living and provide information about rights and responsibilities.

- Permanent residents of Canada
- Convention Refugees
- Live-in Caregivers

Other eligible immigrants who need help in adapting to their new life in Canada may also qualify, regardless of how long they have been in Canada. They must not, however, be Canadian citizens.

This service is open to residents of both the City of Guelph and the County of Wellington.

We serve the following areas:

- Centre Wellington
- Wellington North
- Erin
- Mapleton
- Minto
- Guelph/Eramosa
- Puslinch
- City of Guelph





Multilingual Team





- Conduct settlement needs assessments for newcomers.
- Assist newly arrived immigrants and families develop goals and actions to address settlement needs.
- Arrange interpretation and translation services as required.
- Assist clients with completing government documents related to health, employment and other services.

- Assist clients with pre and post-employment related needs.
- Provide information and orientation to newly arrived immigrant families about services and resources available to them through government and community programmes and initiatives and make appropriate referrals.
- Deliver information and orientation workshops related to settlement needs on and off site.



- Keep up to date on issues, policies and legislation affecting newcomers.
- Ensure service are documented and data tracked accurately to meet contract requirement with IRCC.
- Participate in ongoing evaluation of services.
- Incorporate an intensive case management model when serving clients.
- Participate in policy and programme development and professional development.

- Assist with projects and coordinate events that require collaboration with variety of agencies and community partners.
- The ability to meet newcomer needs outside of normal business hours on their terms in a flexible manner which values the unique circumstances present from families and individuals within these families units.



Addressing barriers

- One of the main challenges is lack of formal ESL classes.
- How can we help them to overcome this challenge?
 - 1. Think outside the Box!
 - 2. Use existing community resources which do not require use of funding-like the local library.
 - 3. Mango language Training
 - 4. Deliver a monthly conversation circle and story time.



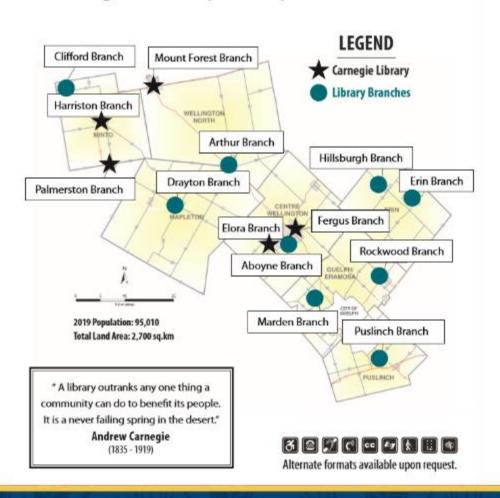
How did the library get involved?





Wellington County

Wellington County Library Branch Locations





Mango Languages Workshop

https://www.wellington.ca/en/discover/eResources.aspx





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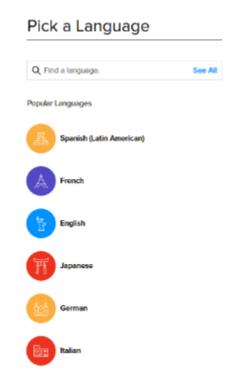
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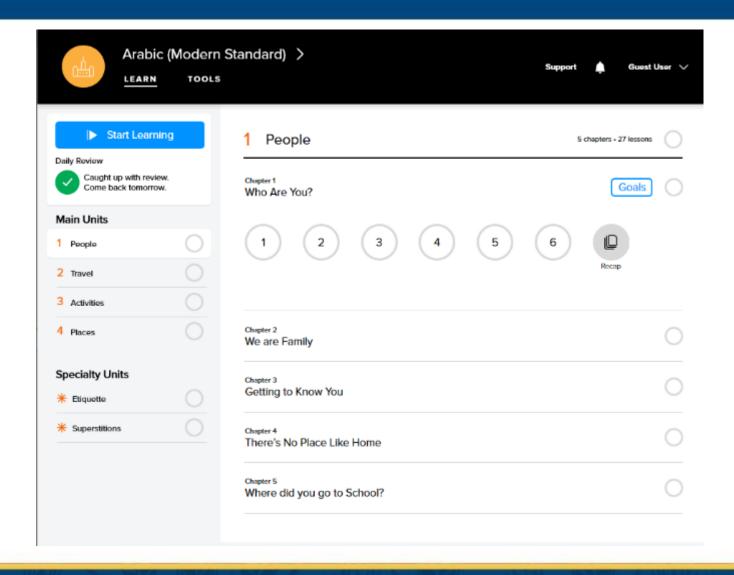


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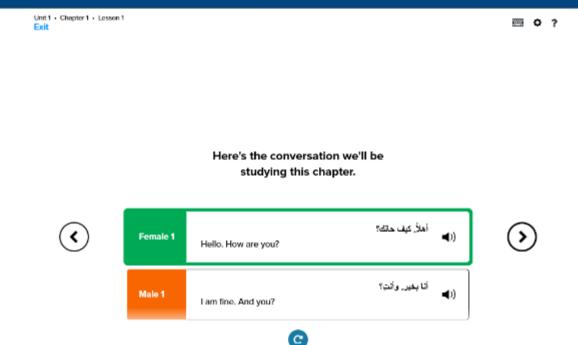
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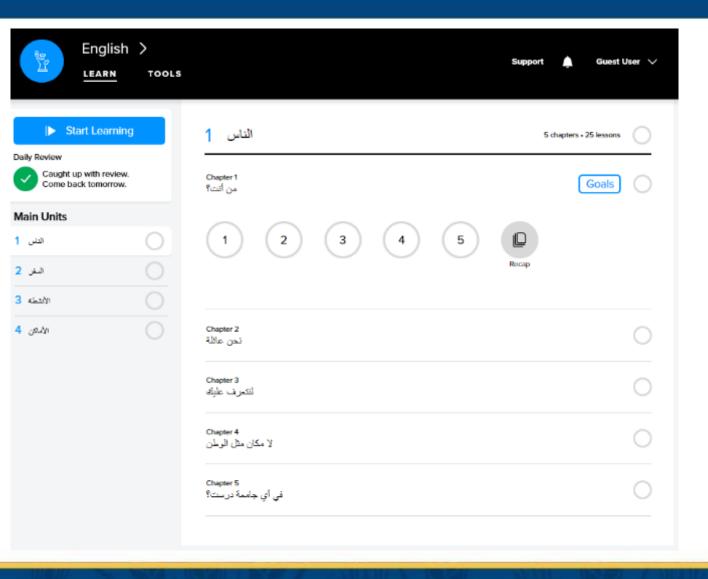














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من أنت؟



- تحية الأخرين وتوديعهم
- تعریف نفسك بصورة رسمیة
 - لقاء أشخاص جدد



- التعرف على صيغ الفعل المساعد to be
- التعرف على ضمائر الفاعل
- ترئيب الكلمات في الجمل
- الاستفهامية حذف بعض الحروف وتعويضها
 - بقاصلة عليا







Next steps after Mango





English-Arabic Story Time







English-Arabic Story Time







English Conversation Circle





Challenges

- Transportation
- Cost for travel
- Childcare





English Conversation Circle

- Speak slowly
- Include pictures of topics
- Smile/ look friendly
 - Body language is important
- Provide encouragement for all participants to speak



Sample Conversation Circle

- Sample PowerPoint from Conversation Circle
 - Topic was Thanksgiving, food, and grocery shopping
 - Other topics included School, Doctor's, Weather
- Discuss the following slides with your tables as if you were participants



Thanksgiving





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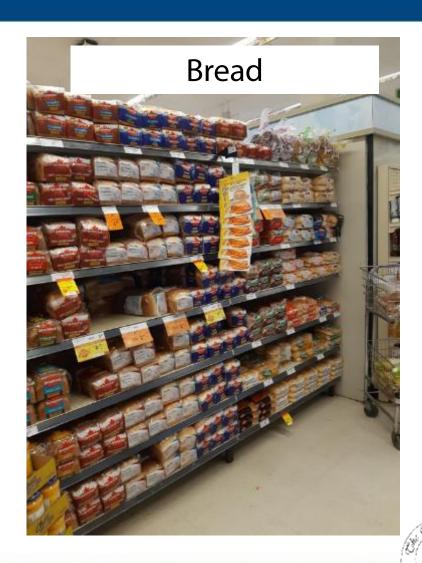


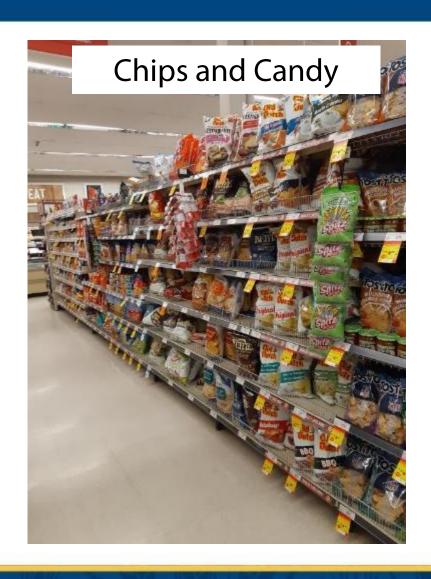


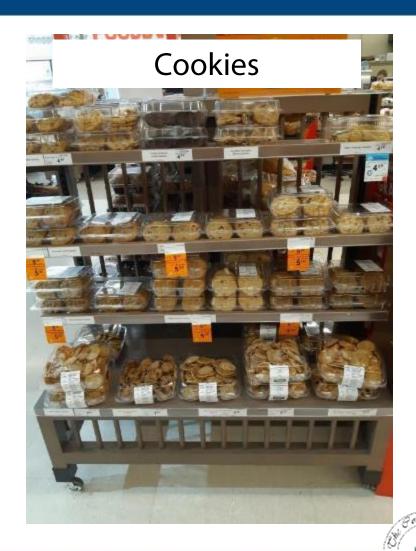












Sample Conversation Circle

- We use photos to help communicate
- PowerPoint is merely a tool, the important part is discussion and having participants take turns speaking



Urban ESL programmes

Toronto Public Library

- Citizen Prep Test
- New to Canada
- Settling in Toronto

Hamilton Public Library

- Newcomer Learning Centre
- English for Seniors

London Public Library

One-on-one ESL

Vaughn Public Library

- Chinese Social Hour
- Tech Training: Apps for Newcomers

Halton Hills

 Board Games for Newcomers



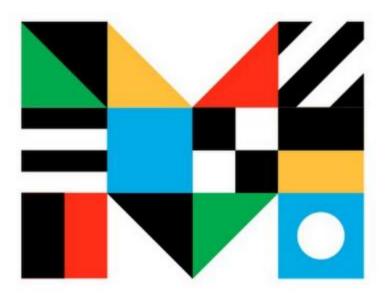
How about rural areas?

- Resources seem to be mainly online, or in print format
- There is language learning programming, but not always ESL specific
- Fewer options for in person ESL practice





- 95 library systems served in Ontario
- 31 Mango Subscribers with townships that are less than 10,000
- Aggregate population served across those systems: 10.1 million







Languages learning resources

Databases

- Mango Languages
- Road to IELTS
- LearningExpressPractice
- Transparent Language
 Online

Websites

- BBC Learning English
- Settlement.org
- Rosetta Stone
- AnyTimeESL.ca





Languages learning resources

Magazines



- Canadian Newcomer
 - An online magazine for new immigrants with current news stories, information on settlement, education, employment and life in Canada.



Community Impact

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Questions?



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