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New Spanish books for adults & teens at Astoria Public Library

Astoria, OR – ¿Hablan español? Want to read comics, bake a custard tart, or escape into a fantasy novel? Now you can at the Astoria Public Library. Thanks to a grant from Roundhouse Foundations, Astoria Public Library has a new collection of Spanish books for adults and teens. The collection includes graphic novels, fiction, informational books, and mp3 audiobooks.

“We are excited about the opportunity to better serve our Latinx community,” said Suzanne Harold, Library Director. “We encourage everyone in Astoria to visit the library and see all the resources we offer. In addition to books, we have programs for all ages, DVDs, research databases, rainy day activities for kids, and more. Library cards are free to everyone who lives inside city limits. Stop by with your photo ID and proof of address and we’ll get you set up!”

“A collection of books in Spanish will be of great benefit to our Spanish-speaking community members. All of us at El Centro NW appreciate the efforts the Astoria Public Library is making to include books that represent the diversity of our area,” said Rocío Simmons, President, El Centro NW Board of Directors.

The grant proposal started as a homework assignment for Nolan Parker, graduate student at Emporia State University School of Library and Information Management. In their final semester, Nolan needed to write a grant application. They reached out to the Astoria Public Library, discussed the library’s needs and potential funding sources with the director, then wrote the ultimately successful grant proposal. “We couldn’t have done this without Nolan’s help! Their enthusiasm and dedication were essential to winning the grant,” said Harold.

To learn more about the Astoria Public Library, visit www.astorialibrary.org or contact Suzanne Harold at 503-325-2450.

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