

What's New in Bradford for Primary Students?

During the 2012-2013 school year, the SMCD SB partnered with the Bradford West-Gwillimbury Public Library to start a dual language book collection in the following languages:

**English-Spanish
English-Portuguese
English-Italian
English-Punjabi
English-Tamil
English-Urdu
English-Arabic
English-Vietnamese**

These eight languages were chosen based on the recommendations of Bradford Immigration Community Services (BICS). The library also has a large English-French collection.

All teachers working in Bradford are welcome to get a library card and borrow books for use in their classroom. All primary students are encouraged to visit the library to sign out books or participate in literacy activities.

The dual language book collection was started to encourage all parents/extended family members to read with and to young children in the home in their first language.

A factsheet outlining the Importance of Developing First Languages can be found in a variety of languages at:

http://www.smcdsb.on.ca/parents/ESL/first_languages/