

OAK PARK



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LANGUAGE PATHFINDER

The Oak Park Public Library has many books, visual materials, and sound recordings that can help you learn a new language. This is only a small sample of what the library has to offer.

BOOKS

- ***Arabic in Three Months* by Mohammad Asfour 492.7 ASF. Grammar is simply explained. Model sentences, key phrases and word list build vocabulary.**
- ***The Everything Learning Spanish Book with CD: speak, write, and understand basic Spanish in no time* by Julie Gutin 468.242 GUT. Hola! You'll be speaking Spanish like a pro.**
- ***German Survival Guide* by Elizabeth Bingham 438.3421 BIN. The easiest, least intimidating, most effective introduction to German language and culture. You will travel with confidence in Germany and Austria.**
- ***Japanese in Plain English* by Boye De Mente 495.6 DEM. This is the speedy way to speak Japanese. Contains plenty of useful sentences.**
- ***Learning Chinese Characters: a revolutionary new way to learn and remember the 800 most basic Chinese characters* by Alison Matthews 495.1 MAT. Students will learn the meanings and the pronunciations of these 800 characters in no time.**
- ***McGraw-Hill's Complete Medical Spanish: practical medical Spanish for quick and confident communication* by Joanna Rios 468.3421 RIO. Step-by-step program for building Spanish competence in a medical situation. Contains CD.**
- ***Teach Yourself Polish* by Nigel Gotteri 491.858 GOT. Learn to speak, understand and write Polish, and quickly get beyond the basics.**
- ***Your First 100 Words in Hebrew: beginner's quick & easy guide to demystifying Hebrew script* by 492.482 YOU. Great book for learning Hebrew in the same way that children first learn their own language.**

DVD MATERIALS

- *Destinos: An Introduction to Spanish* 468.342 DES. Two parts with 12 video discs. The series presents vocabulary, structures, and functions in a natural, conversational way.
- *French in Action* 448.342 FRE. The student is instructed in French language and culture by seeing people interacting in real life situations, while speaking idiomatic French. It is total immersion learning.

LANGUAGES ON CD

- *Colloquial Swedish* by Philip Holmes 439.7 HOL. The set contains two CDs, two cassettes and one booklet. It is interactive, clear, practical and easy. This same Routledge Colloquial series contains *Colloquial Korean* by In-Seok Kim 495.7 KIM.
- *Pimsleur Language Programs: Spanish (Latin American): the short course*, 5 discs 468.342 SPA. *Russian: the short course*, 5 discs 491.7 RUS. *Chinese (Cantonese): the short course*, 5 discs 495.1 CHI. *Irish: the short course*, 5 discs 491.62 IRI.
- *Teach Yourself Portuguese* by Manuela Cook 469.8342 COO. Contains a book and two CDs. Allows you to explore the language in depth and gain all-around confidence in a new language.

ONLINE

- <http://lii.org> Librarians' Internet Index will give you links to various language learning sites. Check it out!
- www.japanese-online.com Free learning service since 1996. For advanced lessons, registration is required.
- www.word2word.com/coursead.html Large site with many languages. Quality and quantity of lessons varies.
- www.yourdictionary.com Huge website for language learning with hundreds of links to helpful sites.
- www.bbc.co.uk/languages Good quality site for French, German, Italian, Dutch, Spanish, Russian, and Portuguese.
- www.fsi-language-courses.com Site has many languages courses developed by the Foreign Service Institute. Courses were developed by the government and are in the public domain.
- www.languagetutoring.co.uk/learning-a-language-later-in-life.html This is a free course. Other courses from this site have a fee. Good for learning Spanish.
- <http://babelfish.altavista.com> Individual words, paragraphs up to 150 words, or whole web pages can be translated into many Western European languages. Chinese, Japanese, and Korean are also offered. Some basic language courses are offered for free.

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