

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

Love Your Library

Love is in the air and at your library this Valentine's Day! Columbus Public Library offers online resources to help you express your love today. Learn romantic phrases and conversation skills with Mango Languages or listen to a Valentine's Day playlist or your favorite love songs with Freegal Music.

Mango Languages is an online language learning resource with 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught in the user's native language. It is free for all library cardholders and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection, via a web browser on a computer or using the Mango Languages app on your smartphone or tablet.

There are four "Romantic Introductions" courses on Mango Languages. Spanish (Latin American), Portuguese (Brazilian), Italian, and French are the "Language Love Affairs" available. In these specialty conversation courses, you can learn flirty phrases and romantic conversations. Each course has conversational goals so by the end you will be able to extend an invitation, inquire about someone's habits, and strike up a conversation. Learn a few phrases to impress your special someone today, or go through the course together!

To use Mango Languages on your computer, start by going to www.cplconnect.us and clicking the Digital Library link. From there you can look to the left and choose Mango from the Quicklinks list. When the Mango website opens, you will be asked to login or create a profile with your name, email, and a password.

Then you are ready to get started! Use the left navigation bar to select languages, then specialty courses, and choose one of the four romance courses.

Freegal Music is another online resource from the Columbus Public Library that you can use to celebrate Valentine's Day. Freegal Music has created a special Valentine's Day playlist with 49 songs from a variety of artists such as John Legend, Aretha Franklin, Barry White, Frank Sinatra, Elvis Presley, Kelly Clarkson, Journey, Beyonce, Aerosmith, and more. The Valentine's Day playlist has been made for you, but you can create your own playlists with your favorite songs and stream up to 3 hours of music per day. You can also download 5 songs of your choosing each week that are yours to keep.

Freegal Music can be used in a web browser and is also available as an app for Android and iOS. Follow the link to Freegal Music from the Digital Library page of our website, www.cplconnect.us, and simply sign in with your library card number to start listening to your favorite music.

If you have any questions about Mango Languages, Freegal Music, or any of our online resources, call 402-564-7116 or stop by the library.

Book-a-Librarian for an hour of individual assistance or join us for our next Tech Tuesday event March 8 any time from 6 to 8pm for help using our online resources on your electronic device.

Tech Tuesday takes place the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 6 to 8pm. It's an opportunity to ask questions about your electronic device or explore how different devices work by using the library's devices.