

Librarian's Shelf by Karen Connell

New Year, New Language

We're over a week in to the new year and I've been hearing a lot about new year resolutions to lose weight or eat healthier. If you aren't one to set resolutions like those, but are still looking to make goals this year, check out some online resources at the Columbus Public Library that can help you! Broaden your horizons and learn a new language with Mango Languages.

Mango Languages offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught in the user's native language. Mango is free for all library cardholders and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

Languages include those you would expect such as American Sign Language, Spanish, French, and Japanese, as well as a variety of specialty mini courses such as Feng Shui (Chinese), Legal Spanish, Oktoberfest (German), Pirate, and even Texting!

In addition to the traditional language courses, Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign films with Mango Premiere. You can watch a movie all the way through in movie mode, or use the engage mode to interact and learn dialogue, grammar, and culture. Options are available for subtitles, scene preparations, and more. Mango will take you through a tutorial explaining how to navigate these features.

Mango can be accessed at the library, at home, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android™, Kindle® and Nook® found in your device's app store.

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, or scroll down to the DIY/Education section. 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 or Mango Premier and start learning.

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

Join us for our next Tech Tuesday event this Tuesday, January 12 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.