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DRIFTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNOUNCES THE ADDITION OF MANGO LANGUAGES

July 8, 2014 — Driftwood Public Library is pleased to announce that it now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system to its patrons. Kirsten Brodbeck-Kenney, library director, made the announcement.

Learning a new language with Mango Languages is free for all library patrons, and offers a fast and convenient solution for our community's increasing language-learning needs. 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 that integrates components of vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture. Users learn actual conversation, breaking down complex linguistic elements within an audio-visual framework that draws important connections and builds on information they have already learned.

Mango is available in two versions. One is Mango Complete, a 100-lesson course that is designed to provide a deep understanding of a language and its culture. The second is Mango Basic, which teaches everyday greetings, goodbyes and helpful phrases in a short period of time and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language. There are more than 60 foreign language courses available and 16 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

"We are just thrilled to make this resource available to our community," said Brodbeck-Kenney. "Some people need to learn a second language for business or travel reasons. Some people speak another language primarily, and would like to practice their English. Others just enjoy adding skills to their repertoire or want to keep their minds sharp. Mango makes it easy and fun to learn from your home computer or tablet, or you can bring your headphones to the library and try it out here!"

To learn more about Mango and get a preview of what the program has to offer, stop by the library and we will give you an introduction. You can access Mango through the library website at www.driftwoodlib.org.

For more information, contact Driftwood Public Library at (541)996-2277.

Founded in 2007, Mango Languages is recognized as a leading provider of online language learning services to libraries, government agencies, corporations and the general public. Designed by a team of linguists, teachers, software developers, human interface specialists, writers, voice talents and designers, the company's award-winning language learning system has drawn acclaim from prominent national and international reference groups, educational resources, Web organizations and travel guides. For more information, visit www.mangolanguages.com or follow Mango Languages on Twitter at www.twitter.com/mangolanguages.

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