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“Mango Language Program at the Norfolk Public Library”

You can indeed “watch your language” with the Mango Language program available through the Norfolk Public Library.



This week – May 11th through the 15th is Mango Week at the library with prizes given to people who come in and test drive the program.

“It’s a great opportunity for people to come and see what it’s like to learn a new language online,” said Anne Pruss, Library Reference Specialist.

There are over 60 different languages that are available to learn through the database. All that’s needed is a Norfolk library card. Pruss said that those interested in obtaining a card need to bring identification to the library to sign up and receive a free card.

To access the Mango database a library patron logs in their library card number and then chooses which language he or she wants to access.

Once the language is chosen, a person can choose what types of conversations in that language they are interested in. For instance, when “French” is clicked on, a person can focus more on “Conversation”, “Wine and Cheese”, or “Romance”. There’s a short

French film to watch to practice understanding the French language. The choices are endless as far as languages and topics. Learn legal terms in Latin American Spanish or superstitious terms in Russian.

The language conversations show up on the screen in print and are also spoken. A “voice comparison” button lets the person record their attempt at the new language so that it can be analyzed for accuracy.

“This is a very simple way to learn a new language. You can access it from your smart phone, your notebook computer, your home computer day or night whenever it’s convenient for you. You can also learn it at your own pace,” Pruss said.

For more information about the Mango Language database, call the library at 402-844-2100 or stop in at the library Monday through Thursday 9:00 am to 8:00 pm, Friday and Saturday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Sunday 1:30 pm to 4:30 pm. To see more about the program see Anne at <http://tinyurl.com/oelgsx7>