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### A FAST AND EASY WAY TO LEARN TO SPEAK A FOREIGN LANGUAGE!

Santa Ana, CA, March 7, 2014 – OC Public Libraries is pleased to announce that it now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system to its patrons.

“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,” said Helen Fried, County Librarian. Each lesson combines real life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. Users learn actual conversation, breaking down complex linguistic elements within an audio-visual framework that draws important connections and builds on information that they have already learned.

“The subscription for Mango language-learning system was made possible in part by a grant from the S.L.Gimbel Foundation Advised Fund at the Community Foundation Serving the Counties of Riverside and San Bernardino,” said Sherry Toth, Library Programs Coordinator.

Mango is available in two versions. One is Mango Complete, a 100-lesson course that is designed to provide a deep understanding of the 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 40 foreign language courses available and 16 English as a Second Language (ESL) courses.

“We are thrilled to add our library to the growing list of libraries across the country who have added Mango to their resources,” said Fried. “Some people need to learn a second language for business or travel reasons. Others just want to because they think it would be interesting. No matter the reason, learning the language should be fun. With Mango, it definitely is.”

Patrons can access Mango through the library website at [www.ocpl.org](http://www.ocpl.org).

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