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**MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY ANNOUNCES
THE ADDITION OF MANGO LANGUAGES**

San Rafael, CA, January 3, 2011 — Marin County Free Library (MCFL) is pleased to announce that it now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system to its patrons.

Mango is free for all MCFL 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. By participating in actual conversations, users learn vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar and culture.

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. It is available in nine foreign language and three ESL courses. The second is Mango Basic, which teaches everyday greetings, gratitudes, goodbyes and helpful phrases in a short period of time and is designed to appeal to a beginner in a new language. The courses, which require only two to five hours of time to complete, are currently available in 22 foreign languages and 15 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 Amanda Jacobs Foust, the Library's Acting Electronic Services Librarian. "Some people need to learn a second language for business or travel reasons. Others just want to because they think it would be interesting. Many of our patrons want to improve their English to sharpen their social and employment skills. No matter the reason, learning a language should be fun. With Mango, it definitely is."

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 via the library website at www.marinlibrary.org. Even better, if you have your library card and have access to the Internet, you can access the actual courses remotely from anywhere!

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