

Christian County LIBRARY



January 2013 Classes, Events, and News

Learn a New Language in 2013 with Mango

Do you plan to learn a new language in the new year? Tools to learn a foreign language are requested frequently at the Christian County Library, but our newest language-learning resource, a database called Mango Languages, takes language learning to a new level.

Access Mango from any internet connection for free with your Christian County Library card. Visit <http://christiancounty.lib.mo.us> and click on the Mango Languages logo.

To try it, simply enter your library card number. If you create a profile using your e-mail address, Mango will keep track of your progress for you so you can return to your most recent lesson each time you log in. English-speakers can choose from 45 languages. Choose basic lessons that will help you prepare for travel and can be completed in a matter of hours. Or, choose Mango Complete 2.0 to learn in-depth and comprehensive language and grammar skills. Mango also includes English courses in 15 different languages.

Mango is designed to simulate the way people learn a language when they are actually in a foreign country by covering four key conversational components.



- **Vocabulary:** the words that make up a language, presented in useful conversational phrases.
- **Pronunciation:** Hear both pronunciation of words and phrases in standard dialect, and enunciated versions of the same words and phrases. Plus, see a phonetic spelling to help you sound out each word.
- **Grammar:** Learn it without trying. Parts of each sentence are color-coded, helping you begin to intuitively understand how sentences are constructed in the language you're learning.
- **Culture:** Communicate without being rude, offensive, or misunderstood.

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Library Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.

Friday-Saturday

8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Closed Sunday

January Holiday Library Closings

New Year's Day: Tuesday, January 1st

Receive our newsletter by e-mail! Scan this code with your smartphone or sign up on our website.



Library Community Courses

Library Community Courses provide lifelong learning opportunities for the citizens of Christian County. Classes are free.

Downloading E-Books from the Library

Monday, January 7th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library

Get the most out of your Kindle, Nook, iPad, or other e-reader. Learn how to check out and download e-books with your Christian County Library card, then read them on your computer and e-reader.

Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to Computers Part I

Saturday, January 12th, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: James Room, The Center, Nixa

Can't tell your mother board from your USB drive? This class is for you! Learn the basic terms and use of computers. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to the Internet

Monday, January 14th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library

Learn internet terminology such as browser, URL, search engine, and link. Find out what you need to access the internet, and learn how to open a browser, navigate to a website, and navigate within a website. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Cyber Security

Saturday, January 19th, 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Location: Netzer Room Christian County Library

Would you like to get online but are afraid to catch a virus? Would you like to begin paying bills or shopping online but are afraid that a cyber criminal will steal your credit card or other personal information? Join us at the Christian County Library for our Library Community Course, Cyber Security, and learn how to be more careful and aware while online and in your e-mail box. This class will address computer and online security techniques. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to Computers Part II

Saturday, January 26th, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Location: James Room, The Center, Nixa

Learn to create and manage folders, organize your computer desktop, change your settings, and discover some nifty programs your computer offers. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

Introduction to E-Mail

Monday, January 28th, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Location: Netzer Room, Christian County Library



For those who have never had an e-mail account or would like to know more about using e-mail, we will go over the basics of email, set up an account, and practice sending and receiving a few messages.

Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

View the Library Community Course schedule and register online anytime at <http://christiancountylibrary.blogspot.com/>

January 2013

Library Community Course and Adult Program Calendar


Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Library Closed	2	3	4	5
	6	7 <i>Downloading E-Books from Your Library*</i> 5:30 p.m. CCL	8 <i>Hands-On Computer Learning Lab</i> 4:30-6:00 p.m. CCL	9	10	11 <i>Introduction to Computers Part I*</i> 2:00 p.m. Nixa Center
	13	14 <i>Introduction to the Internet*</i> 5:30 p.m. CCL	15 <i>Hands-On Computer Learning Lab</i> 4:30-6:00 p.m. CCL	16	17	18 <i>Cyber Security*</i> 10:00 a.m. CCL
	20	21	22 <i>Hands-On Computer Learning Lab</i> 4:30-6:00 p.m. CCL	23	24	25 <i>Introduction to Computers Part II*</i> 2:00 p.m. Nixa Center
	27	28 <i>Introduction to E-Mail*</i> 5:30 p.m. CCL	29 <i>Hands-On Computer Learning Lab</i> 4:30-6:00 p.m. CCL	30	31	Christian County LIBRARY  1005 N. 4th Ave. Ozark, MO 65721 (417)581-2432 http://christiancounty.lib.mo.us

*Program requires registration. Please call (417)581-2432.

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Kids Calendar



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 New Year's Day Library Closed	2 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	3	4	5 National Bird Day 
6	7	8 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	9 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	10	11	12
13	14 Pets as Listeners* 4:00 p.m.	15 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	16 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	17	18	19
20	21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day 	22 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	23 Preschool Storytime 10:30 a.m.	24	25	26 Free Movie: Brave (2012, PG, 93 min.)
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Programs for Children, Teens, and Families

Storytimes

Preschool Storytime

Stories, songs, and crafts help develop early reading skills. Geared toward 3-5 year olds. Younger children welcome.

- Tuesdays and Wednesdays, January 2nd-30th, 10:30 a.m.

Storytime @ the OC

Join Miss Lucinda from the Christian County Library for storytime at the Ozark Community Center.

- Thursdays, January 3rd-31st, 9:15 a.m.



Movie Day

Saturday, January 26th, 1:30 p.m.
Join us for a free movie and free popcorn and punch. This month's movie is **Brave** (2012, rated PG, 93 minutes).

From IMDb.com: Determined to make her own path in life, Princess Merida defies a custom that brings chaos to her kingdom. Granted one wish, Merida must rely on her bravery and her archery skills to undo a beastly curse.



Pets as Listeners

Bring young or reluctant readers to our PALS program to read to Missy and Pepper, dogs specially trained by Pet Therapy of the Ozarks. Similar programs have seen students who are reading below grade level raise their competency to at or above grade level. Children are more comfortable reading to a pet who never makes fun of them, never corrects them, and always enjoys their time together. Registration required. Call (417)581-2432.

- Monday, January 14th, 4:00 p.m.
- Monday, January 28th, 4:00 p.m.



Missy loves to listen to young readers.

Hands-On Computer Learning Lab

Get one-on-one computer
help from
library technology
volunteers with...

- Setting up an e-mail address
- Learning to use a library database
- Résumé formatting and online job application questions
- Craig's List and Facebook questions
- And much more!

**Open Lab in Netzer Room,
Christian County Library
4:30-6:00 p.m.
every Tuesday
NO REGISTRATION
REQUIRED**



Best Books Read in 2012

Karen Kingsbury's *Even Now* was published in 2005, but one staff member read it for the first time this year, calling it well-written story with a good plot about “struggling with mistakes, choices, family pressures, and how even when it seems impossible, life can be restored.”

***The Best of Me* by Nicholas Sparks** continues to be popular among library patrons as a heartrending romance. Said one staff member, “It reminded me of his early books that were so moving that the reader could not help getting emotionally involved in the story.”

Mystery fans should try the prolific **Anne Perry**. One staff member was drawn to her World War I series, saying, “She writes very well, weaving the story line among details of the Great War.”

If you're looking for something edgier, try the 2012 graphic novel ***Earth One* by Geoff Johns**. “It’s an alternate take on the DC universe,” said library courier Scott Villareal, and “portrays a very different Batman, with Alfred as a trained military agent as a central force in the story.”

If you like fast-paced but prefer non-fiction, ***Killing Kennedy* by Bill O'Reilly** was one employee's favorite book this year. After his previous book, *Killing Lincoln*, O'Reilly is earning a reputation for turning historical events into dramatic human interest stories. Although there's no new information here about the Kennedy assassination, fans of historical page-turners will not be disappointed. Another non-fiction title recommended by staff is the 2010 memoir ***Sanctuary of Outcasts* by Neil White** about his time spent imprisoned in a minimum security prison within the last leper colony in mainland America.

Looking to learn a new skill or enhance your life? One staff member used the library's **Web Wise Seniors book series** to learn Microsoft Excel. Another said **Tal Ronnen's *The Conscious Cook*** helped her to become a vegetarian. Whatever you like to read, chances are the library employs someone who loves what you love and can guide you to your next favorite