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Melissa Public Library Announces the Addition of Mango Languages as Part of the World Language Selections

Melissa, TX - Melissa Public Library is pleased to announce that it now offers the Mango Languages online language-learning system to its patrons. Grateful thanks to the Friends of the Melissa Public Library for supporting this program for 2010-2011.

Mango 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 conversational elements within an audio-visual framework that allows the user to draw important connections between pieces of information they have already learned.

The courses, which require only two to five hours of time to complete, are currently available in six foreign languages and one English as a Second Language (ESL) courses. The Melissa courses are: Spanish, Japanese, French, Mandarin Chinese, and Arabic (Levantine). The ESL course is Spanish. (Others are listed, but they will not save.)

"We are thrilled to add our library to the growing list of libraries across the country who have added Mango to their resources," said Lorelei Perkins, Melissa Library Director. "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."

To help develop your appreciation and understanding of world languages, be sure to stop by the library and check out books and materials from our all new 'World Languages' shelves. Currently there are Spanish and bilingual Spanish books available. We are looking to add more in the MANGO languages. There are childrens', youth, and adult selections available.

You can access MANGO from our library website at www.cityofmelssa.com. You will need your library card number to register and save your progress. If you do not have your card number, stop by the library for a replacement card. Remember, from home or from any computer or from the library, you can MANGO!

Hello!	Bonjour!	Nǐ Hǎo	你好
Ohayou gozaimasu		おはようございます	
Al salaam a'alaykum		السلام عليكم	¡hola!

Other Happenings at the Library:

Thank you to the Friends of the Melissa Public Library for their continued work and generosity. The members recently spent hours stuffing phone books to raise library funds to support our programs. The City of Melissa and the Melissa Public Library extend our thanks and appreciation to these fine volunteers. This year, the Friends have purchased a new display cabinet for historical items, funded the Mango languages program for a year, guaranteed the contract for one year of movielicensingUSA for our community entertainment, and provided the funds for several children's programming events. With their commitment and service, everyone benefits. Consider joining the Friends and being part of the people who make things happen at the Melissa Public Library.

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." Name that book!!!! Look for the answer further down in our news!!

Let's introduce our library trio! Victoria Villegas is our library assistant and has been with us for five years. She is a mainstay of our programs. Victoria and her husband, Robert, and big baby, Archie the dog, live in McKinney and enjoy movies and walks. Shannon Neubauer is our new library clerk. She had five years experience in Wylie before coming to us. She and Justin enjoy playing on-line games and taking walks. Justin enjoys the shooting range and Shannon enjoys golfing and playing the piano! Lorelei Perkins has accepted the position as Library Director. Klark and Lorelei moved to Melissa from Nebraska almost two years ago, right next door to three of their eleven perfect grandchildren. They enjoy travel and reading (imagine that!) Klark is a model train buff (O gauge right now). We are all pleased to be part of the Melissa community through the library.

Update on City Hall and library closing times

- The Melissa Public Library will be closed for Thanksgiving; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, November 25-27.
- The library will open one hour late at 1:00pm on Thursday, December 16.
- For the Christmas holiday, the Library will be closed Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, December 23-25.
- The city building and library will be closed for New Years; Friday and Saturday, December 31 and January 1.

Melissa Public Library would like to provide increased access to vision impaired or low-vision patrons in our area. If you are interested in joining together to discuss opportunities to share experiences and materials, contact Lorelei Perkins at librarian@cityofmelissa.com and we will schedule some ideas and prospects.

Howdy, pardner! This year marks the 25th anniversary of Larry McMurtry's best-seller, Lonesome Dove. With that in mind, the Western section of the Melissa Public Library has been given two dedicated book stacks on the east wall!!! We are also processing in a beautiful donation of Western authors and are receiving two large-print Western titles each month from Center-Point Large Print Books. Look under the cowboy hat and find a great read!!!

In conjunction with the new language program, MANGO, available at the Melissa Public Library, several patrons would like to meet to discuss English Language Learning opportunities. If you are a Spanish language speaker and would like to gather to learn conversational English, contact Lorelei Perkins at 972-837-4540 or librarian@cityofmelissa.com

"It is a truth universally acknowledged that a single man in possession of a good fortune, must be in want of a wife." The book is Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen. Come to an evening of

Jane Austen, Wednesday, December 1 at 7pm, and share your insight about the book and the author. We will do an Austen book a month from now on. Come whether you have read the book lately or not!

The National Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo) is scribing along in the Melissa Library! Every Tuesday evening in November from 6-7pm, come share what you have written and be encouraged to continue. Our combined number of words so far is 32,752!! A best seller could be in your future!! We will continue in December once a month from here on out.

Story times! Come each Friday from 10:15-10:45 for fun stories and activities geared to ages 2 through 4. Watch the holiday dates as there are some 'off' days.

- December 3 – National Cookie Day!
- December 10 – Winter Holidays!
- December 17 – A VISIT FROM SANTA!!! Bring your camera and take pix while your child shares their wishes with Jolly Old Saint Nick!
- December 24 and 31 Library closed
- January 7 – Bird Day
- January 14 – Martin Luther King's Birthday
- January 21 – Sleep-over in the library!! Come in your pj's. Bring your sleep pal!
- January 28 – Puzzle day

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