UNM-Gallup adds online language learning program

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Zollinger Library at The University of New Mexico-Gallup is now offering free access to an online language learning software for the campus community and their loved ones.

The library recently subscribed to Mango Languages, a service that offers lessons in over 70 world languages. The service is now available to use on a computer or mobile device to all UNM-Gallup students, staff and faculty with UNM credentials. It can also be used by up to five family members.

"The library is always about providing new experiences and ways for people to expand their learning on their own terms," Zollinger Library Director Markos Chavez said. "This is definitely something people can use to learn any language on their own terms — not just what's offered by the university."

While UNM-Gallup offers several types of language classes, including Navajo, Spanish and more, Mango Languages will allow the campus community to expand their language learning outside of the classroom at their own pace.

Mango does not offer lessons in Navajo, but other Indigenous languages are available such as Cherokee and Potawatomi. There are even unique language learning opportunities such as Shakespearean English, Russian Slang and Pirate.

The program uses listening and reading activities to help people learn new vocabulary, grammatical structure and pronunciation. Mango also adapts to a person's learning style as they go.

Zollinger Library launched its Mango subscription in December and is now promoting the service to the entire campus community.

To sign up for Mango Languages, visit the Zollinger Library website at gallup.unm.edu/library and select the "NEW Mango Languages" button.

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Users will be redirected to Mango's website, where they can sign up using their UNM email.

After a person creates an account, they can then sign in and create "Family Profiles" for up to five family members to share the service.

