We are pleased to announce that on February 1st we will launch Mango Languages online language-learning system for our patrons. Click the Collections tab on our website.

Mango is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. 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 by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

Mango offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught completely in the user’s native language. In addition to traditional language courses, Mango also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign film with Mango Premiere™ and access to a variety of specialty mini courses, like Pirate, Medical Spanish and romance courses. Mango can be accessed at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone, Android, Kindle and Nook.

To learn more about Mango, stop by the library and ask a librarian for an introduction.

**Horticulture Book Donation**

This past summer the library received over one thousand horticultural books from the estate of Elise Felton, a member of the Garden Club of Mount Desert and a renowned horticulturalist. The books have been catalogued and are now located in the Louisa Conrad Garden Room. We are very grateful to the Felton family for this generous gift, which will provide gardeners on MDI plenty of new material to read over the winter months and in years to come.

**Local History**

**Presentations & Papers**

This fall, the 7th and 8th grades classes at MDES researched projects using primary sources from the library’s archive, special and circulating collections, local historical societies and museums, and online. These posters celebrate their learning and love of the place they call home. Many of the topics researched were in honor of the Acadia National Park Centennial. On display in the fiction stacks

**New Computers**

We now have two new Lenovo PCs and four iMac desktop computers thanks to a very generous gift from the Excess Return Fund of the Maine Community Foundation at the recommendation of Forrest and Marcie Berkley. Just after they were unpacked and set up, the kids jumped in!
February 5th First Friday Coffeehouse
Phil Kell, jazz ensemble
Mellon Room 7-9PM

February 6th Winter Workshop Series
Ventangle Zentangle Workshop
Mellon Room 9AM-12PM

February 6th Tech Help
We will help you conquer your device!
Downstairs Study 10:30-11:30AM

February 10th One Park-One Read
Acadia Centennial Book Discussion Groups
The End of Night: Searching for Natural Darkness in an Age of Artificial Light by Paul Bogard,
Spoonhandle by Ruth Moore, and
Small as an Elephant by Jennifer Richards Jacobson
5:30PM

February 16th Women’s Book Group
Love in the Time of Cholera by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Reading Room 5:30PM

February 17th Local History Film Series
Dead River Rough Cut
Mellon Room 5-7PM

February 24th Visual Storytelling: Shaping Perception
With Khiva Cheleigh
Mellon Room 5:30PM

March 4th First Friday Coffeehouse
MDIHS students jazz combos and vocalists
Mellon Room 7-9PM

March 12th Winter Workshop Series
Bread Baking 201 with Steve Anastasia
Space is limited; call the library to sign up.
Neighborhood House 9AM-12PM

March 16th Local History Film Series
Hermit of Manana
Mellon Room 5-7PM

March 22nd Women’s Book Group
Boys in the Boat by Daniel Brown
Reading Room 5:30PM

March 23rd & 30th, April 20th & 27th
Maine Humanities Council Series:
Let’s Talk About It: After Frost
Facilitated by Candice Stover
Spaces limited to 20. Call the library to sign up.
Frost: Poetry in New England, edited by
Henry Lyman will be provided.
Mellon Room 5-7PM

April 1st First Friday Coffeehouse
Jordan Benissan and Sankosa, African drumming
Mellon Room 7-9PM

April 9th Winter Workshop Series
Origami with Ellie McGee
Mellon Room 9AM-12PM

April 12th Local History Film Series
Gus Skoog, Boatbuilder of Vinalhaven, ME
Discussion with Ralph Stanley
Mellon Room 5PM

April 19th Women’s Book Group
Brave New World by Aldous Huxley
Reading Room 5:30PM

Congratulations to the 2016 Ruth Jordan Award Winner, Kirsten Rounseville. This award was named after Ruth Jordan who died in 1987 leaving a profound personal legacy of dedicated public service as well as funds for a number of local organizations including the Northeast Harbor Library Scholarship Program which she helped create in 1953. The Library established the Ruth Jordan Award to perpetuate and honor Ruth’s dedication to community service.

Kiersten’s educational goal is to obtain a baccalaureate degree in the mental and human services field, where she can find a career that focuses on the accessibility of food, shelter and affordable health care for everyone. Kiersten obtained a high grade point average throughout high school and participated in extracurricular activities.

Since the start of her junior year, Kiersten has been working every day after school at the Neighborhood House Youth Club. Although her day is full of tasks, she still accumulated over sixty hours of community service. She has been welcomed into Kids’ Corner in Bar Harbor to assist with the care of children. At Birdsacre she helped with basic cleanup and preparation for the winter. She has taken up multiple opportunities to help out after school at sporting events, school functions, dances and outings hosted by the high school. Kiersten believes that if you have strong community ties, you build a support system that you can always depend on.
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Thank you for helping us do our job to provide our community with books and programs to delight, instruct, inspire and amuse the people who live here.

If you haven’t been by in a while, stop in. We’re open six days a week and we’re always happy to see you!

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