Use Your Brain Virtual Treasure Hunt

One of our favorite activities during Use Your Brain has been the treasure hunt. During these events we have a mystery in which a series of puzzles lead our detectives around the library to find clues that in turn give them the information they need to find the solution. It's lots of fun. But with the library closed how can when possibly have this kind of activity? If we can't hunt through the library, we'll hunt through the library's website!

1. Find the description of the program you are working on right now on the children's page. Write down the first word of the first question in that description. *HINT: Look under the programs section. If you can't remember the program's name, read the description of this activity again.*
2. Search the blog to find a post about a deadly piece of food. Find the picture with Susan, the Library Director. Look at the sentence above that picture and write down the thirteenth word. *HINT: It's on the second page of blog posts.*
3. Find the page for the group of kids that vote for the best book every year. Look at the seventh question in the FAQ. Write down the fourth word of the **answer**. *Hint: This is a book club, so look for the word "club".*
4. Find the digital library section and look for something that might help you learn spanish. Click on it. Write down the fourth word in the sidebar on the right side of the page. *Hint: You just need to hover over the Digit Library button, don't click it. The name is a fruit.*
5. Find the place where teens can volunteer. Look at the last bullet on how to join. Write down the second word. *Hint: Check the teen area. The name should be a giveaway.*
6. Find the page for the program that wants parents and children to read lots of books together before they even start school. Find the second sentence of the first paragraph and write down the fourteenth word. *Hint: There's a big number in the name.*

These words will form a question. What's your answer?

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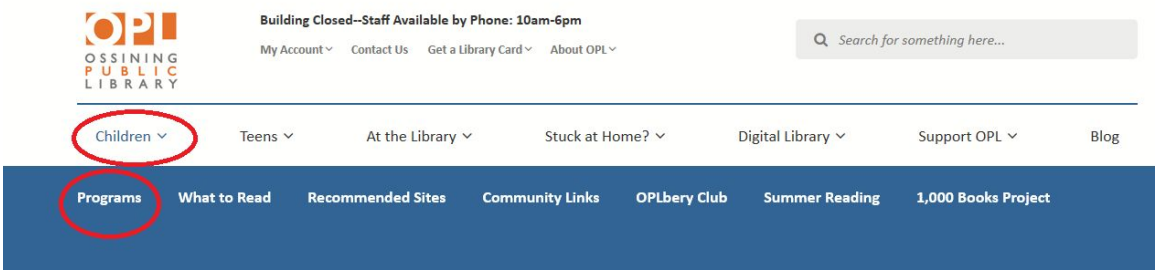
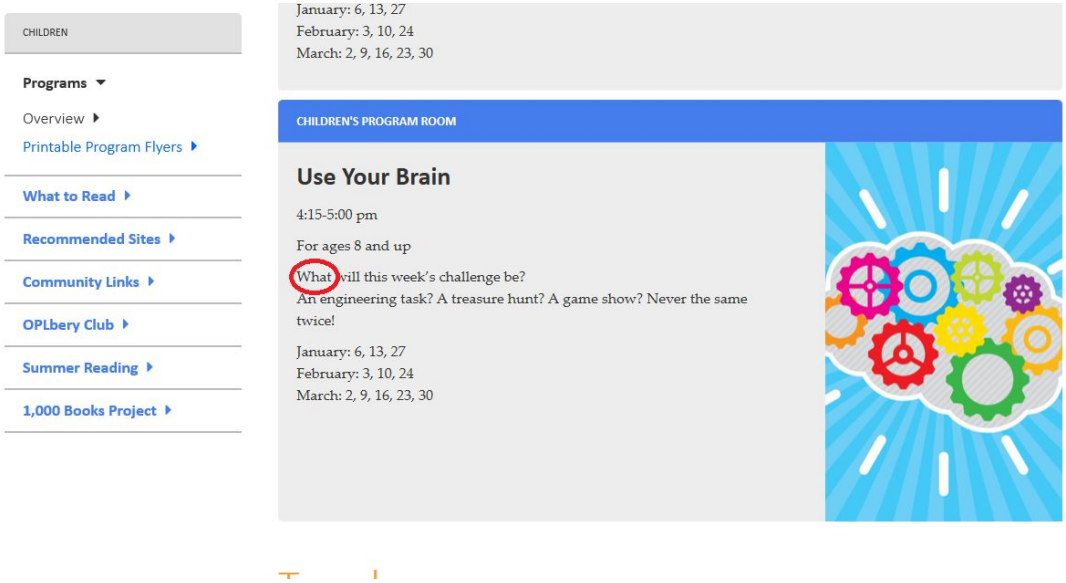
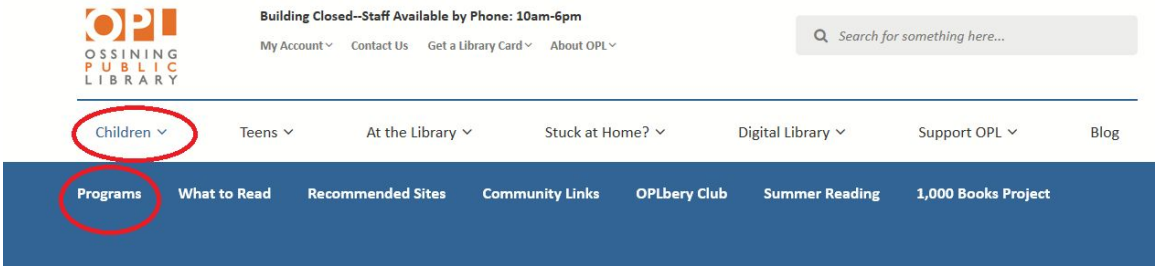
Looking back at the title of this project, we know we're working on "Use Your Brain". Click the children's section, then programs. Use Your Brain is the fourth program down. The first word of the first question is "what".





2. Go to the blog and skip ahead to the second page. Here you'll find an entry for "The Case of the Death Dealing Donut". Click on it and scroll down to a row of pictures. You'll see Susan on the left. Looking up and counting carefully, you'll find the word is "room".



Splitting into teams, the detectives only had 45 minutes to solve it. They traveled through the children's room and teen room to interview the suspects. Questions were asked, accusations were levied, lies were told, and alibis were checked. The suspects sweated under the relentless interrogations while the detectives struggled to put together the puzzle of what happened that afternoon. Each of the teams wrote their solution before reconvening in the program room for the finale.

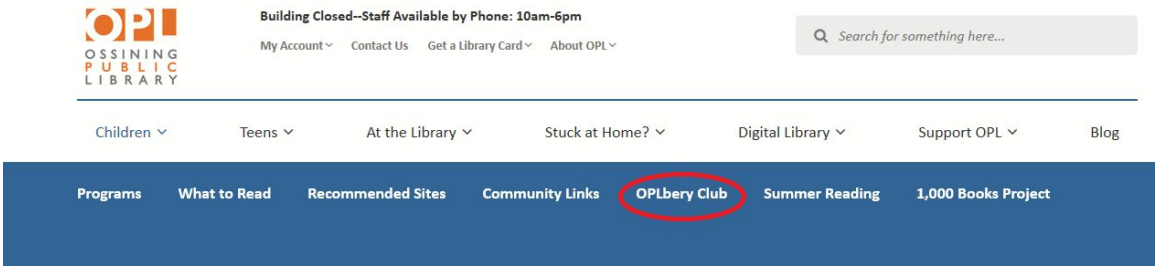
Junior Detectives interviewing Susan the library director

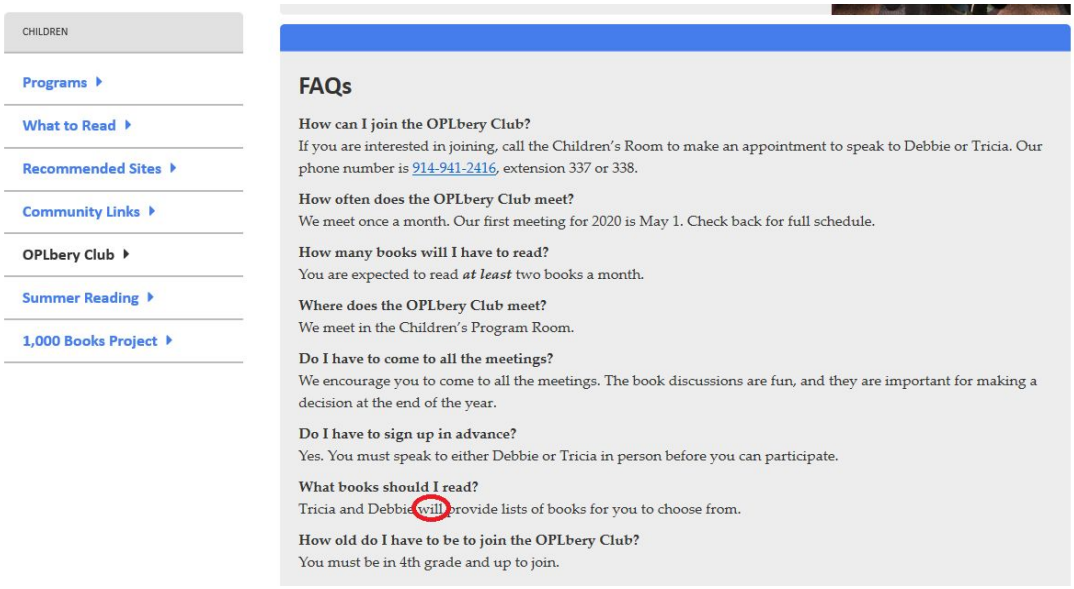
Junior Detectives interview unhappy library patron

Junior Detectives interviewing Dolores the librarian

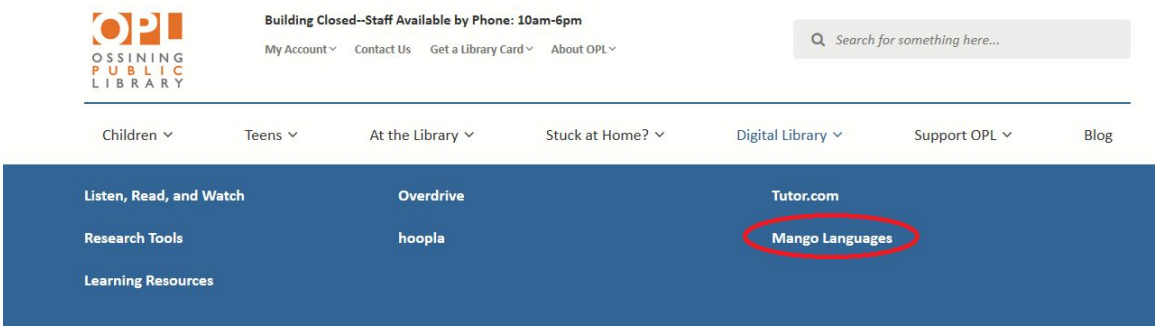
The winners of Mystery Night!

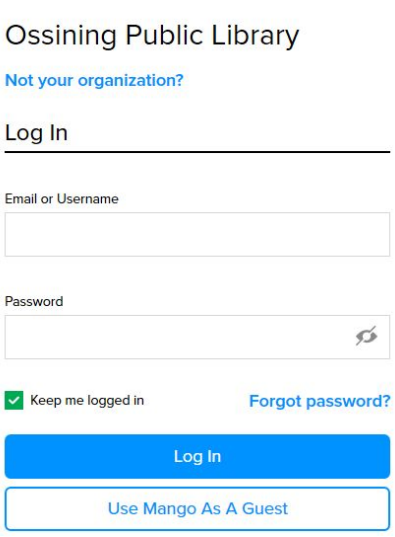
3. Look at the options in the children's tab. The only club on the list is the OPLbery club. Click it and scroll until you find the FAQ. You'll find the word you are looking for is "will".

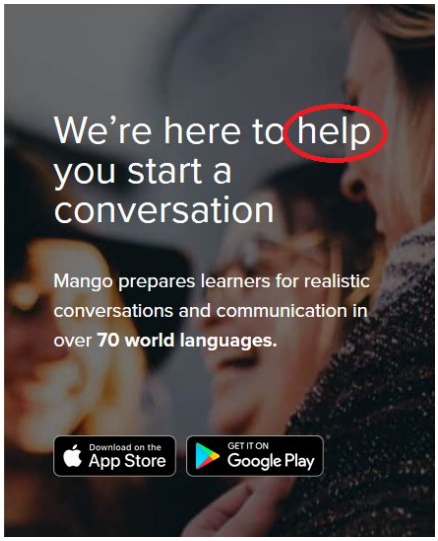




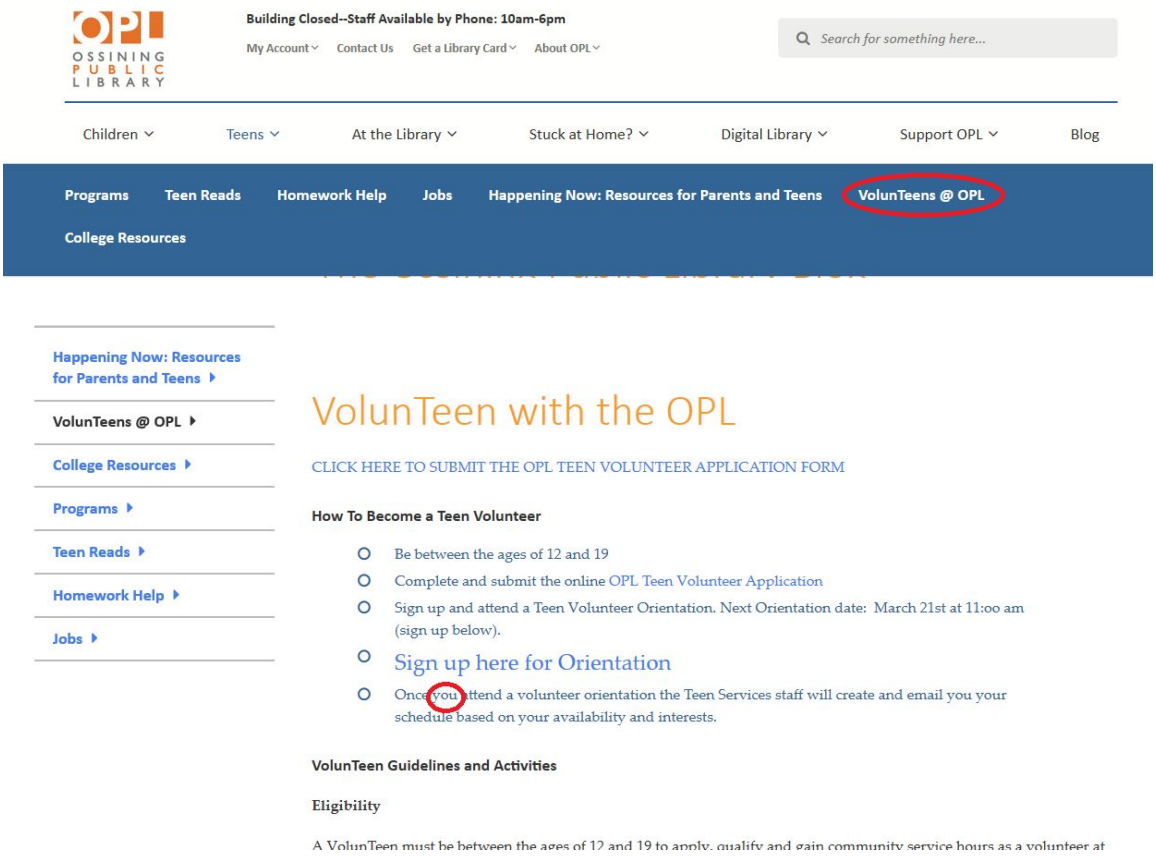
4. Look at the Digital Library tab. You'll see "Mango Languages" there which can definitely help you learn another language. Click on it. The fourth word in the sidebar is "help".



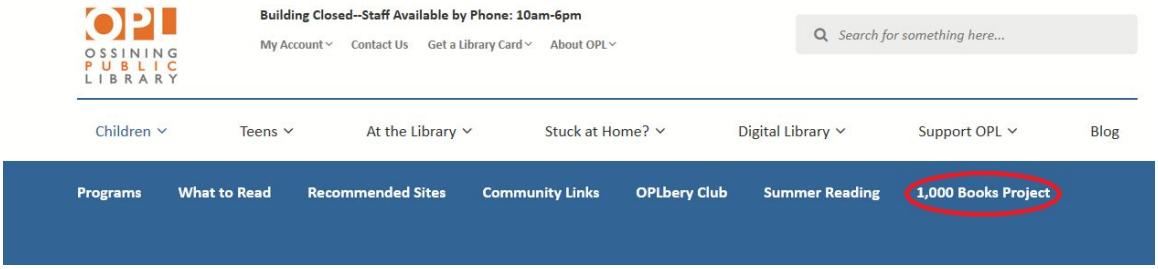


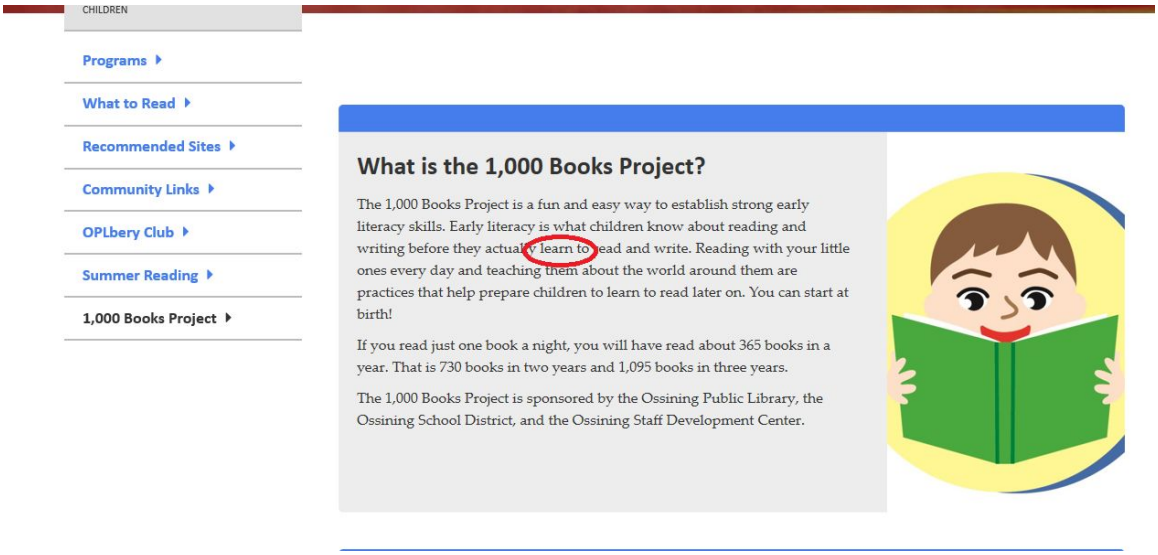


5. Go to the teens tab. You'll see something called "VolunTeens @ OPL". Click it. Look down for the section "How to become a Teen Volunteer". Count carefully. The word you are looking for is "you".



6. Go back to the children's tab. You'll see something called "The 1,000 Books Project" which is definitely a big number. Click it and carefully count the first section. The word you are looking for is "learn".





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