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Valentine's Update, Love Letters,
Content Creator Guideline Changes, and more.

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From the Editor

Happy March! I hope all of you had a fun February, whether you spent Valentine's Day with a significant other, practiced self-care, or enjoyed spending your time on the Mineplex Network with your fellow Mineplexians. With February being the shortest month of the year, I'm sure it blew by quickly for many of you! With that being said, I hope you all took advantage of the updates that came to Mineplex, whether you played Rose Rush with some friends, opened up some of the seasonal chests, or obtained any new cosmetics!

Two years ago, most of us experienced a 'lockdown' when the pandemic hit. Over the past couple of years, Mineplex has seen so many veteran players return to both the community and staff team, and with that, it is nice to reminisce on those times. It's quite baffling to think that this all began about two years ago. Time truly does fly!

With that, I want to offer some words of encouragement for you all. If this year didn't start too well, don't fret! For those of you in school, you're almost halfway to summer break, so that's something to look forward to. For others, I'd recommend stepping away from your responsibilities now and then to take some time to yourself and your hobbies. It's always important to prioritize your mental health!

Lastly, I'd like to congratulate our new Newsletter members on their acceptance! Please welcome [maevestarbaby](#) and [WinteryOsprey38](#) to NL!

If you have any specific inquiries in which you would like to speak with me privately about the Newsletter, the team, an article, or any other concern, you're more than welcome to and can do so through messaging me on the forums. Otherwise, as mentioned, you can always submit comments or feedback through our [official form](#) or on the thread. I hope you enjoy this month's edition of the Mineplex Newsletter!

Have a delightful March!

- Arjun, Newsletter Program Manager

Valentine's Update

By aiirr

Love is in the air this time of year, and with that, Mineplex brought back some of their classics! With flowers surrounding the lobby and blushes of pink and red spread throughout the area – our Valentine's Update has been brought to life! Though the 2022 update kept the tradition to the previous years, it still allowed for the community to enjoy one of Mineplex's limited-time games as well as challenging them to gain some amazing new rewards! With that said, let's take a look at what this update has to offer:



Rose Rush

An old-time classic, Rose Rush has been a repeating addition to our Valentine's Update. The objective of the game is for you and your team to collect roses from your team's garden and bring them back to Polly at your base. The first team to collect 20 roses is the winner, but be sure to watch out for the garden protector, Martin the Mooshroom, and protect your base from the opposing teams!

With the re-addition of Rose Rush this year, there has been another big mission to challenge the community members! Sam the Slime has a mission called "Rose Rush Winner" which requires you to win 10 games of Rose Rush to win these incredible prizes: A Rose Guardian Title, 15,000 XP, as well as 17,500 Treasure Shards!

Love and Valentine's Treasures

As with every update, there are endless rewards that can be won! Once again, Mineplex has brought back their Love Treasure/Valentine's Treasure this year where you can collect festive cosmetics such as Valentine-themed Arrow Trails, Death Effects, Particle sets, Gadgets, or even a Cupid Pet! Both Treasures are purchasable in-game or in our forum store, both being worth 20,000 treasure shards in-game. With Valentine's Treasures being worth \$2.99 and the Love Treasure being \$1.99 in the store.

Polly The Sheep

Our old friend has visited us yet again this year for Valentine's Day! Polly is located outside her lovely cabin which can be found somewhere within the main lobby. This year Polly is giving away an exclusive Diamond Sword name: Love is War. The way to her heart is by giving her gifts with the "Valentine's Gift" gadget, which can be achieved through playing Rose Rush! The more games you play, the more roses you can achieve which can be given to Polly in order to further your chances of winning this exclusive sword name!

Hopefully, you've enjoyed the 2022 Valentine's Update! If you'd like to see the changelog for this update or give Mineplex some feedback, you can do so here:

<https://www.mineplex.com/threads/valentines-update-2-13-2022.224817>

Love Letters

By Looof

The first thing that comes to most people's minds when February is mentioned is Valentine's Day, and on this day, it is more important than ever to express your gratitude to the people who have impacted your life and made your year better. What better way to do that than writing a letter to that special person? In this month's edition, we decided to highlight some of the thoughtful letters that you wrote to your peers.

To: skarm

From: reybot

"HEY SKARMIES i'd like to thank you for being such a great friend and active community member, esp in the MPD. skarm diff best content creator (:"

To: Mappable

From: lan923

"Carter, I write this letter to tell you how much I love you. You are the best person I have ever met and I would truly spend the rest of my life with you. But please don't leave me on Delivered anymore."

To: HarryCARD

From: Egsa

"i love you carry me to level 100"

To: scarlet

From: anonymous

"In case you don't live forever, let me tell you now

I love you more than you'll ever wrap your head around

In case you don't live forever, let me tell you the truth

I'm everything that I am because of you"

To: xKen

From: JN_PlayzMC

"Kenny, I just want to say how fun it has been hanging out with you and our buddy Mason. Especially on the Plex, we play a lot of SSM and it's always so much fun. Mason plays pig while we rotate cow and creeper. The other day Mason introduced us to his new friend DT on Discord and we all just hit it off. All of our senses of humour are so complementary and these last few weeks have been the best of my life. I love you bro , SIIIIIIIIUUUUU."

What wonderful letters written in the spirit of love! Thank you for all your submissions and we hope that your Valentine's Day was spent with someone or something special.

Content Creator Requirements & Application Process Update

By Marzie

We hope everyone has had a wonderful year so far! With a new year starting, the Content Creator Council team has new CCC Leads, Arjun and Marzie! Changes have been made with the requirements for becoming a Content Creator (CC), the post-acceptance process has changed along with numerous other changes. To help with this, a new thread for questions & answers has been created. There was also a secondary update in February with new updates and clarifications to the STREAM rank requirements.

The main changes to the Content Creator requirements.

- For all CC ranks, they no longer need specifically Mineplex content in order to apply. They now, instead, require Minecraft content.
- With the above requirement changed, every content creator must go through a trial phase where they are required to upload Mineplex content for the trial period.
- The age to be able to apply for Content Creator was lowered to 13.
- For YT/YOUTUBE rank videos must be 5+ minutes long.
- Java + Bedrock STREAM rank requirements have been updated for those that stream on YouTube and those that stream on Twitch along with the overall STREAM rank requirements being more specific.
- Clarifications for consistent streaming/uploading and a note for new creators.
- A “Bonus Points” section was added.

While you no longer need Mineplex content to apply for content creator, those that are accepted will need to go through the “CC Trial” which is a quota over a 2 month period for the new CCs to upload/stream Mineplex content.

What exactly is the CC Trial? Why is this a thing?.

“The CC Trial is a period of time where an accepted/invite content creator will be closely watched over the period of 2 months. In this time they are given a small quota to complete; 3 MP videos for YT, 2 MP videos for YOUTUBE, and 3 MP streams for STREAM. If after the 2 months we see improvements with whatever was originally holding them back from being accepted as a CC and/or no issues with their trial (and some other internal things), then that CC will pass their trial and they are free to do whatever they want video/streamwise and we will not constrict them to our server.

The reason we have this trial in place is to see what the specific CC will do on our server, how they would handle themselves around Mineplex, to see if they will improve upon what they were lacking (if anything) from their application(s), and some other small

internal things. We also made the small quota specifically Mineplex videos as our rank requirements no longer require Mineplex videos and only require general Minecraft content.”

Java + Bedrock STREAM rank requirements were updated to better suit those that stream on YouTube or Twitch.

Content Creator Council only accepts people that stream or upload content either on YouTube or Twitch for the time being. With that, the STREAM rank has become quite a grey area for whether or not you would be applying for YT/YOUTUBE or STREAM if you streamed on YouTube. This change was also brought about due to YT/YOUTUBE rank having more specific requirements than STREAM, making it much easier to get and much more lenient when applications were checked as there was never a set “guideline”. There are now separate requirements for those who stream on YouTube and those that stream on Twitch, which are as follows:

Java Specific

YouTube Streamer - 1.5k Subs

Twitch Streamer - 400 Followers

Bedrock Specific

YouTube Streamer - 1k Subs

Twitch Streamer - 250 Followers

Java + Bedrock STREAM Requirements

Twitch Streamer

- Have an established channel with a minimum of 5 Streams uploaded/available to view.
- Have a minimum of 3 Minecraft streams with good quality and moral standards within the last 14 Days.

YouTube Streamer

- Have an established channel with a minimum of 10 Streams uploaded/available to view.
- Have a minimum of 5 Minecraft streams with good quality and moral standards within the last 2 Months.

New Clarifications

A few clarifications were added to the Content Creator Requirements thread to make it more clear as to what exactly a creator needs or shouldn't have when applying and also useful information. These changes are as follows:

- Added a note at the bottom saying that each application is case-by-case and reviewed by CCC members.
- Added information that clarified that you cannot apply with Tik Tok/YT Shorts.

- Added information about how long an application can take.

- Made 3 "hidden requirements" visible:
 - Consistently upload/stream [aka be active on the platform you are applying for].
 - New Content Creators of Twitch or YouTube are not accepted unless they have 3-4+ months on the platform they are applying for.
 - Channel must be 3-4+ months old.

Bonus Points

This section is to give creators bonus points with their application. If they have any of these (or all of these), their application will be looked upon favorably. Although, they still must meet all other requirements. The "bonus points" are as follows:

- A majority of your content is Mineplex-related (or just having Mineplex content mixed in a fair amount).
- No inappropriate/non-kid/family-friendly content at all. (Too much of this can result in a denial normally, there is no "set guideline" and is typically case-by-case).
- Swearing in videos/streams is kept minimal [or if done is spread apart]

throughout the stream/video] or have none at all. Toxic usage of swearing can result in a denial, but "sentence enhancers" are typically fine. Slurs will not be tolerated.

-There may be more bonus points to come in the future, but for now, it's just these.

Miscellaneous changes:

- A Q&A thread was added to further help future (or wannabe) Content Creators and also help those that asked common questions repeatedly. You can find that Q&A thread [here](#).

- 2 new acknowledgments were added to the Content Creator Application. You cannot submit your application without having these checked and agreed to. They are as follows:

- I will not ask a staff member/Content Creator Council member to review my CC application. Doing so can result in my application being denied.

- I acknowledge that, if I am accepted, I have to meet the CC Trial quota (3 Mineplex videos for YT, 3 Mineplex streams for STREAM, 2 Mineplex videos for YOUTUBE over a 2 month period) in order to keep my rank after the trial period is over.

- As of January 1st, 2022 CCC will now be looking to invite Content Creators, but this will stay in a more familiar/smaller area as this is a very new thing for the team. They will only invite those that do Mineplex content and will specifically look at YouTube, Twitch, Mineplex Forums, Content Creator Events, etc. This will hopefully change in the future to go onto those that don't do Mineplex content.

- Swearing has become much more lenient. However, toxicity swearing [aiming it at people] will not be tolerated. Of course, slurs are not allowed as well.

There have been quite a lot of changes, clarifications, and information additions/removals/changes. Since these changes are fairly new, the Content Creator Council Leads (Arjun & Marzie) are open to feedback on these changes or possible tweaks. You can message them on the forums or reply to one of the two threads that have these new changes. The first batch of changes (new year changes) can be found [here](#) and the second batch of changes (February changes) can be found [here](#). Go get your content flowing, future creators!

Guess the Staff Member

By ddgolfer

It's that time again! Are you ready to investigate these puzzling clues? In this very perplexing game, every month one staff member is chosen to give clues about themselves and you have to guess who it is. There will be a short list of clues and a description for you to conjecture upon. When you think you have discovered who this month's staff member is, send in your speculation through the google form provided! To start you all off, you can find a full list of the staff members [here](#).

Description of the Staff Member: This staff member is a six-foot college freshman with a love for the yo-yo, puzzles, mountain dew, and virtual reality. Their in-game name contains their first name initial, but most people call them by their real name. If you try to message them, they probably will not respond because they will be asleep.

Hint #1

They are only on one subteam.

Hint #2

They drink bagged milk.

Hint #3

私はアニメが大好きです

Does this staff member sound familiar to you? Take a guess here:

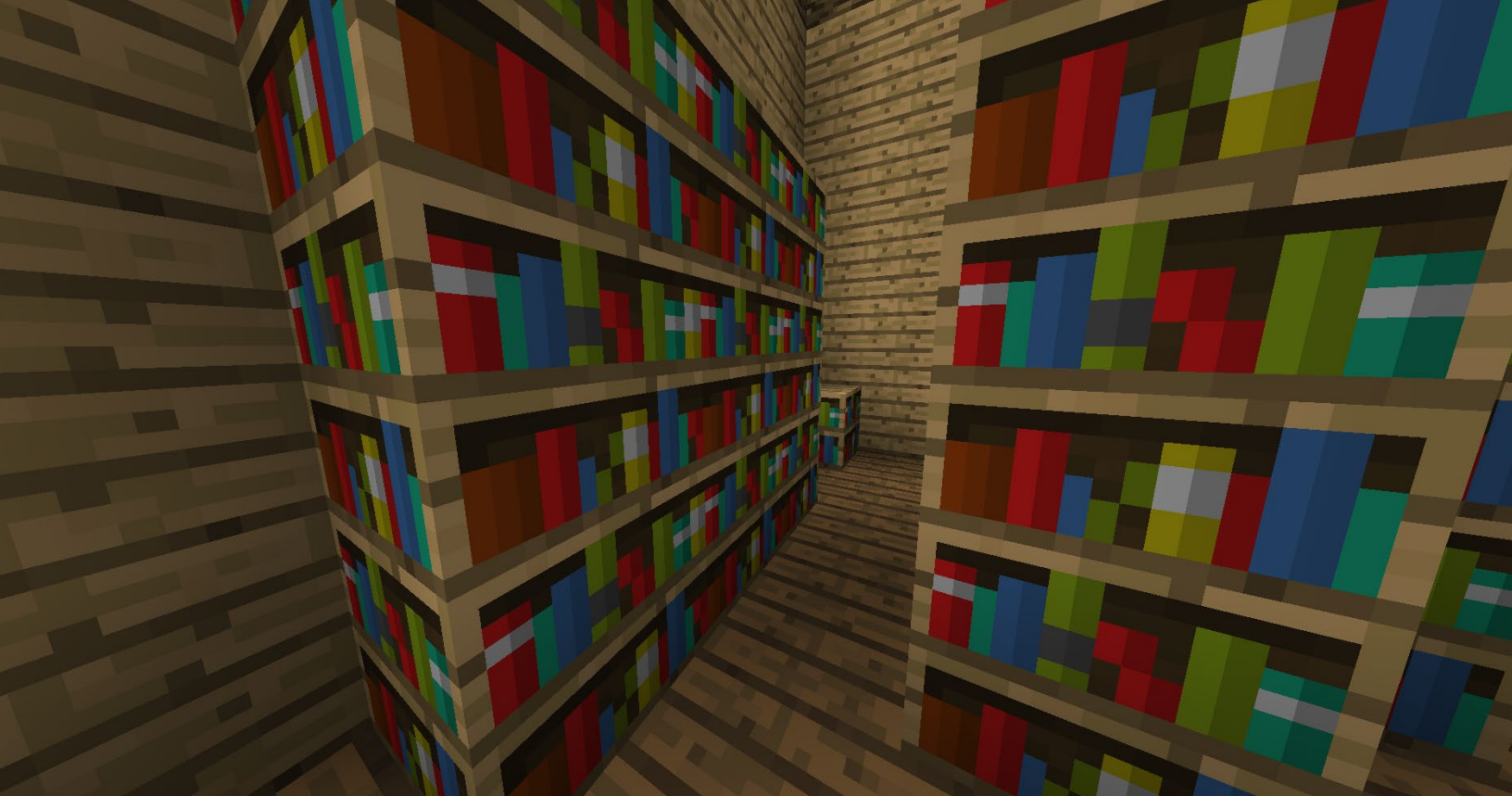
<https://forms.gle/ztxVz883ZDUvE9oE8>

Last month's staff member was Hvbble! These winners were randomly selected from a wheel, but congratulations to everyone else who guessed it right, too!

thejoshxgames1

zchris

MachoPiggies



Guess The Location

By EmmaLie

The season of celebrating love has now passed and with that, we say goodbye to our Valentine's Day lobby. We hope to see Polly again next year but until then, we have locations to guess! This month's location is in our classic lobby and since spring is just around the corner, we've picked an image that showcases grass growing and flowers blooming! Spring is the season of celebrating growth and life coming back to everything after the harsh winter months. Thankfully, our lobby remains colorful all year round! Spring into action by taking your guess at this month's location! Good luck!

Where was this photo taken?
Submit your guesses [here](#).

Last month's image was taken inside the last room of the ruins parkour. For those wondering, the coordinates were X: 121, Y: 66, Z: 4. Congratulations to the following for guessing it correctly! All of the winners will receive two mythical chests each.

MachoPiggies
Ian923
VillagerMC
Technical

February Staff Statistics

By Arjun

This month, we wanted to issue a huge welcome to all the new staff members who joined us and say thank you to all of the staff members who have sadly resigned for all of their hard work for the network.

Java Trainee

February 5: Mappable

Bedrock Trainee

February 25: dolphinsweat761 (Cross-Platform)

February 26: brooklynxiq

Java Moderator

February 15: ModCloudy (Cross-Platform)

February 26: Egsa

February 27: Ian923

Bedrock Moderator

February 7: Kiptastical (Cross-Platform),
coinrug3708 (Cross-Platform)

Senior Moderator

February 21: Baloo, BloodOfTheKings,
Exclipse, ReyBot (Clans Management)

Resignations

February 5: BadgerInASuit

February 6: Dulciloquy (Staff Management)

February 15: Amg_ (Forum Management)

February 17: iKassy (Clans Management)

February 18: maiaki

February 20: FernOfVoid, ItsMqrk

February 21: Jhazu (Clans Management),
oCassi (Forum Management)

1 Year Milestones

February 6, 2021: CloudyDay1234

February 6, 2021: ReyBot

2 Year Milestones

February 22, 2020: SpamL

3 Year Milestones

February 2, 2019: Nolawn

February 13, 2019: Ocelotguyy

4 Year Milestones

February 24, 2018: Arjun

5 Year Milestones

February 10, 2017: rosmeme

Meet the Team



Arjun: Hey there! I'm the Newsletter Lead. I'm also a Sr. Recruiter/Manager on the Recruitment team, a Rules Committee member, and I work on a couple of other sub-teams. Hope you enjoyed this month's issue of the Newsletter!



Tortelett: Six years of making the pdf!



Sophie_OGrady: Hi, I edit the newsletter.



Marzie: For your safety, this product has been carefully removed from shelves and will be carefully disposed of.

Meet the Team



EmmaLie: Hiya! I'm Emily and I'm that one weirdo who loves lollipops and doing stuff for the community. I'm currently the admin of Community Management & the Event Squad, so you'll see me a lot in-game, especially in EVENT-1. Outside of Mineplex, a lot of my time goes toward family, friends, Netflix, and Overwatch.



chhase: goose admin



aiirr: Hey guys! My name is Alyssa, though most people call me aiirr! I am an editor and writer for the Newsletter team! On Mineplex, you can see me playing either Champions Domination or Turf Wars. If I am not on Minecraft, I'm more than likely working or playing Overwatch with friends!

Meet the Team



ddglfer: Hey y'all, I am ddgolfer and I am a writer for the Newsletter as well as a Scout on the Translations Team!



Looof: yea yea yea yea yea we paid



joshuart_: Your friendly neighborhood Build Lead & Sr.Mod