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Free Russian Story Time for Pre-Schoolers at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library

(Woodland, CA) – For the first time, beginning on July 23, the Yolo County Library will be offering a summer, bi-lingual story time for pre-schoolers, in both Russian and English, on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. at the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library located at 840 Jefferson Blvd in West Sacramento.

The Yolo County Library invites children, ages 3 through 5, and their families to come and enjoy a lively afternoon of stories read in Russian and in English. All are also invited to participate in learning finger-plays, songs and craft activities. Those who intend to bring a group of five or more are encouraged to contact the library prior to the story time. Children under the age of 3 are welcome if accompanied by an adult.

“Russian story time is one of two bilingual programs which provide family literacy services in West Sacramento,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Both First 5 Yolo and the Institute of Museum and Library Services have been very generous in their support of our focus to better serve our diverse communities.”

“The library is a free resource to all and we welcome all community members to participate in its many programs and services,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. “Russian story time offers our youngest customers and their families an opportunity to hear stories in their own language, building their literacy skills and encouraging a love of reading and lifelong learning.”

The Russian story time program is being offered through a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to serve the literacy needs of the Russian-speaking community in West Sacramento. The library also provides a Spanish story time. For more information, contact Reema Rajbanshi, IMLS assistant coordinator or Toni Mendieta, IMLS coordinator (916) 373-3143, the Arthur F. Turner Branch Library (916) 375-6465, or access the website at www.yolocountylibrary.org.

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