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Free Homework Help Center for Grades 3-8 at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library

(Woodland, CA) – Thanks to a generous grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento, a branch of the Yolo County Library, will begin offering free, on-site, after school homework assistance services to students, grades 3 through 8, beginning October 13. The goal of the Homework Help Center is to provide an appropriate learning environment with caring volunteers to assist children in attaining basic skills in reading and arithmetic, and completion of homework assignments.

"The Homework Help program is one of the many ways we can assist young people with their literacy and educational goals," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "The library is working in partnership with the schools and community organizations to offer West Sacramento youth greater after school opportunities to engage in positive enrichment activities and to obtain homework help from adults and peer volunteers."

Through the Homework Help Center, volunteer tutors from the Yolo County area will help students build confidence in their academic abilities and improve their grades. Students in the West Sacramento area can receive free homework help every Tuesday and Thursday, 3:00 to 6:00 p.m., beginning October 13.

"I encourage our young West Sacramento residents and their parents to consider taking advantage of the Homework Help Center at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. "We are pleased to be able to provide this opportunity, courtesy of Congressman Mike Thompson and Senator Barbara Boxer's advocacy for the Institute of Museum and Library Services grant award that funds this program."

Those interested in registering a child for the Homework Help program, or volunteering to be a tutor, should visit the Arthur F. Turner Community Library (currently located at 840 Jefferson Boulevard in West Sacramento) or call (916) 375-6465. Note: the Arthur F. Turner Community Library will be closing the temporary Jefferson Boulevard location on September 26 to move to its new building located at 1212 Merkley Avenue. Stop by the Homework Help Center's table at the grand opening of the new Arthur F. Turner Community Library on October 10 at 11:00 a.m. More information to follow.