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## **West Sacramento Library Seeking Input for Parenting Workshops**

**(Woodland, CA)** – In early 2010, the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento, a Yolo County Library, will begin offering free workshops for parents seeking to improve their family’s literacy, relationships with their children, and the health and stability of their family in these difficult economic times. In order to best serve the community of West Sacramento, the library is asking those interested to fill out a short survey letting the library know which topics they would like to see covered, as well as days and times workshops should be offered.

“It is our intent to enlist experts from local community organizations, as well as our own library staff, to lead a variety of parenting workshops,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Possible topics may include early literacy strategies with your baby or toddler, family mental health, or writing a resume and job searching online. According to a 2003 Kent State University study, family literacy programs, such as these, improve not only the knowledge of parents, but also the academic achievement, health and development of the entire family.”

“Please take a few moments to let us know what parenting workshop topics might be of interest to you,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. “Stable, healthy families are a critical component of the fabric of our community. We want your input and encourage you to participate once the workshops are scheduled.”

To provide input on parenting workshops to be offered at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento, complete the survey provided at the circulation or reference desks at the library located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento, or complete the survey online: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) (go to Featured Information on library homepage).

More information on Arthur F. Turner Community Library parenting workshops will follow in early 2010.

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