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West Sacramento Library Offers Additional Free Computer Classes

(Woodland, CA) – Beginning in January, the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento, a Yolo County library, will add three new computer skills classes for community members looking to learn more about social networking, online job searching and Microsoft Word. The library will also add an additional basic computer skills class. All classes will be free of charge.

“The Yolo County Library is always looking for new and better ways to serve our community,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “The feedback that we received from our first round of computer classes was that the West Sacramento community wanted more classes, longer classes and more in-depth topics. We heard you and that is what we’re doing. We have increased class length from an hour and a half to two hours, and we’re offering topics that are important to the people in our community, many of whom are looking to increase their marketability in these precarious economic times.”

The social networking class will introduce students to the various ways in which the Internet can be used to network, increase communication, create connections, and even help find a job. Topics covered will include e-mailing, social media, chat groups and blogging. The online job searching class will help job seekers to find online job listings, upload résumés and fill out online job applications. The Microsoft Word class is for beginners and will acquaint students with the basic skills needed to use Microsoft Word as well as some more advanced tips and tricks to help students get the most out of the software. The basic computer skills class covers computer basics, free e-mail services, searching online, Internet service 101, online shopping and Internet safety.

Each computer class held at Arthur F. Turner Community Library, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento, is a stand-alone course. Classes dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, January 19, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Social Networking
Tuesday, February 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Online Job Searching Skills
Tuesday, March 2, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Basic Computer Skills
Tuesday, March 16, 9:00-11:00 a.m.: Microsoft Word for Beginners

Enrollment is limited to 15 people per class. Classes are sponsored by a grant for family literacy from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Note: the library will be closed to the general public when the courses are held so it is important to arrive on time to gain access to the building. To register, or for more information, visit the library at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento, call (916) 375-6465 or e-mail Pablo.villa@yolocounty.org.

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