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Slavic Cultural Celebration at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library

(Woodland, CA) – The Arthur F. Turner Community Library, a branch of the Yolo County Library, is planning a Slavic Cultural Celebration on Saturday, November 13, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the library located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. The Slavic Cultural Celebration will feature literacy-based and culturally-relevant activities for old and young alike, including storytelling, arts and crafts, Russian songs performed by a children’s choir and chess games.

“West Sacramento is one of the most diverse communities in Yolo County,” said Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan. “The Slavic Cultural Celebration is a great way to learn about one another’s cultural traditions, break bread together and build community.”

In April 2010, the Arthur F. Turner Community Library also held a Día de los Niños event, a Latino cultural celebration of children’s literacy. The event was a success, bringing in over 400 attendees, including some new customers. The November 13th event, celebrating Slavic community and culture, is a direct result of requests from attendees at the Día de los Niños event for a similar program for Russian, Ukrainian and other Slavic language speakers.

“We are thrilled to apply the successful model of the Día de los Niños event to provide outreach to the Slavic community,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Russian and other Slavic language speakers are the second largest English-as-a-second-language speaking population in West Sacramento and this is a great opportunity for the entire community to celebrate and learn about that heritage.”

The Slavic Cultural Celebration program is supported by grants from the Institute for Museum and Library Services, First 5 Yolo and the West Sacramento Friends of the Library. Refreshments will be provided by local businesses, including Raley’s, Nugget and La Bou. The library is looking for Russian-speaking volunteers to help during the event. To volunteer, contact Svetlana Harman at ana.harman@yolocounty.org.

To find out more about the Slavic Cultural Celebration, contact the Arthur F. Turner Community Library at (916) 375-6465 or stop by the information desk.

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