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Virtual Reality Comes to West Sacramento Branch Library

(Woodland, CA) – A new collaboration between the California State Library and Oculus VR, a division of Facebook Inc., has brought virtual reality technology to patrons at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento.

Yolo County Library has been awarded one Oculus and one Rift/Oculus Ready PC from Facebook that has allowed the West Sacramento branch to now offer virtual reality programs.

“Virtual Reality is a generational leap in the services that our libraries provide,” said California State Librarian Greg Lucas. “Just as computers have become a critical part of our libraries, this generous gift from Facebook and Oculus will bring new technology to libraries from Redding to San Diego.”

This project is managed by Califa, a nonprofit cooperative serving libraries and information organizations in California, and is supported in part by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act. Project coordination, implementation of software and on-site staff training was supplied courtesy of VARLibraries.

“Oculus is proud of our work with the California State Library and Califa to make virtual reality technology available through local libraries,” said Cindy Ball, program manager for Oculus Education. “Californians will gain access to a wide range of enhanced services, from curriculum that takes students into outer space to providing hands-on training in skills like engine repair and beyond.”

For further information regarding the new virtual reality programs at the West Sacramento branch library, please call 916-375-6465. The Yolo County Library supports self-directed learning and the importance of new technologies to our communities and residents. To learn more about the Yolo County Library visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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