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WEST SACRAMENTO'S TURNER COMMUNITY LIBRARY NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

West Sacramento, Calif. – Construction has begun on a key component of West Sacramento's new Civic Center—the Arthur F. Turner Community Library—inside West Capitol and Merkley Avenues. The 18,000 square foot Yolo County branch library will complement the Civic Center, which will include a satellite campus of Los Rios Community College, the city's Community Center, a transit center and streetscape improvements. The Arthur F. Turner Community Library is expected to open in late 2009, prior to the opening of the Los Rios campus in the spring of 2010. The other Civic Center additions will also be completed in 2010.

Construction of the Arthur F. Turner Community Library replaces the original Turner Library. That facility first opened in May 1976, at 1212 Merkley Ave., a site donated by the family of the late Arthur Franklin Turner, a longtime West Sacramento library advocate.

Designed by ANOVA Architects, Inc., the new, single-story Turner Community Library is approximately twice the size of the former site. The building also reflects sustainable design and construction standards, with LEED silver equivalent features.

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The new library will offer twice the number of computer workstations as the original site. There will also be four self-check out stations. The reader seating area will accommodate 67 adults, 18 teens and 24 children. A 1,200 foot community room will hold 100 seats.

The new Turner Community Library is a joint project of the County of Yolo, the City of West Sacramento, and the West Sacramento Friends of the Library. Funding for the library comes from County impact fees, West Sacramento Measure K and Redevelopment funds, and donations from the West Sacramento Friends of the Library. The combined resources have assembled \$9,143,000 for land and construction costs.

An interim Turner Library is currently open Mondays through Saturdays at 840 Jefferson Blvd. When completed, the new library at 1212 Merkley Ave. will be in operation seven days a week.

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