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WHAT: Fresno County Public Library Celebrates Grand Opening of the Early Learning Center at Mendota Branch Library

WHEN: Wednesday, November 5, 2014
10:00-11:00 am

WHERE: Mendota Branch Library, 1246 Belmont Avenue, Mendota, CA

DETAILS: Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) is pleased to announce the opening of an Early Learning Center for children ages 0-5 and their parents at the Mendota Branch Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony will take place on Wednesday, November 5. This center gives parents and caregivers an opportunity to engage and play with their children to encourage discovery and learning in the important years before they enter kindergarten. Studies show that children who have an early bonding experience with family members are more likely to experience school success.

The Foundation for Fresno County Public Library has generously provided funding for this Early Learning Center in Mendota through a grant from The Whitney Foundation.

“The Library is thrilled to add Mendota to the list of FCPL branches having Early Learning Centers,” said Fresno County Librarian, Laurel Prysiazny. “These centers provide an opportunity to use play to foster parent/child relationships, support early learning, and increase chances of future success in school. Parents can also take advantage of other valuable resources available at our libraries.”

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