



**Press Release and Photo Opportunity
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WHAT: Fresno County Public Library (FCPL) Celebrates Grand Opening of the Early Learning Center at Orange Cove Branch Library

WHEN: Saturday, January 10, 2015
11:00am - 1:00 pm

WHERE: Orange Cove Branch Library, 815 Park Blvd, Orange Cove, CA 93646

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 Orange Cove Branch Library. A ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration will take place on Saturday, January 10, 2015, at 11:00am. Bilingual performer Yolanda Lucero will present a family story and song program, and refreshments will be served.

This new 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 delighted to add Orange Cove 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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