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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

THE UMATILLA COUNTY SPECIAL LIBRARY DISTRICT ANNOUNCES NEW LANGUAGE LEARNING DATA BASE

Have you dreamed of traveling through Europe, Asia, or the Middle-East; however you're apprehensive about going because you don't speak the language? Or maybe you want to better communicate with your neighbors by learning their language? You will soon have the opportunity to learn a foreign language via your computer or at your local library. All you need is a library card!

The Umatilla County Special Library District (UCSLD) is making Livemocha, the world's largest online language learning community, available through the 12 city libraries in Umatilla County. Each of the library's card holders will have free access to the online languages courses in 38 languages including Spanish, German, Farsi, and Mandarin. You can either sign up for Livemocha through your library's web site or contact your local library for instructions on signing up for your new language learning adventure.

Livemocha delivers an unparalleled learning experience that promises conversational fluency. Since launching in 2007, the Livemocha community has grown to over 14 million members from over 195 countries, highlighting the international demand for an engaging collaborative approach to language.

Livemocha offers many learning styles, including video, photographs, flashcards, and audio feedback. Social media features, including live chat with a native speaker, provide various ways to interact. The service allows the user to determine the language to be learned and the current proficiency at that language – beginner through native.

UCSLD's mission is to support the development of public libraries in Umatilla County to provide services, programs, and continuing educational opportunities to individuals of all ages, thereby strengthening their communities through individual, family, economic, and community development.

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