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## Army of free tutors ready for duty

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The Chalkboard Project has provided a grant to the Libraries of Eastern Oregon for a free online tutoring service available from any location. Administered by Tutor.com, Live Homework Help connects students to expert tutors in math, science, social studies and English.

To bolster the success of the free tutor service, LEO and Tutor.com are co-sponsoring a contest in April, May and June for public libraries in the 15 counties LEO serves. The contest includes \$100 to the library that has the highest usage of Live Homework Help by community residents during those three months, \$75 to the library with the most creative marketing effort for the program and \$25 to the library where patrons have used the tutoring service for the widest range of subjects. Awards will be made during the first week of July.

Students from K-12, those in introductory-level college courses, and adult learners can visit one of 51 Eastern Oregon libraries or their Web sites or LEO's Web site ([www.librariesofeasternoregon.org](http://www.librariesofeasternoregon.org)) to get on-demand, free help from qualified tutors. All that's needed is a library card for service available seven days a week from 2-9 p.m.

Students and tutors can review specific homework questions, as well as subject-specific concepts using features such as controlled chat, an interactive white board and shared Web browsing in the Online Classroom. All tutors are certified teachers, college professors, professional tutors, graduate or undergraduate school students from across the country. Tutor.com has more than 1,800 tutors who are certified by Tutor.com and has passed a third party background check.

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