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Promote Literacy in Your Community

Refer an Adult Learner to Yolo Reads or Volunteer at the Yolo County Library

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, is looking for volunteers to provide instruction to English-speaking adult learners. Yolo Reads is also seeking assistance with spreading the word about the program to those in need of assistance.

One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out day-to-day activities at work and at home. In an effort to address this issue, the Yolo County Library has developed Yolo Reads, a literacy program which provides free and confidential instruction to English-speaking adult learners. Learners receive one-on-one support from volunteer tutors, free materials to cover a six month period, free computer use, and access to the Yolo County Library collections.

For those interested in tutoring, no experience is necessary, the hours are flexible and Yolo Reads provides all necessary training and materials. Tutoring space is available at each of the seven county library branches located in the communities of Davis, West Sacramento, Clarksburg, Winters, Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo.

"Chances are you know at least one person who has difficulty reading and writing," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen Thomson. "Please share with them the value of our adult literacy program, Yolo Reads by inciting them to participate."

"We hope those who can, will consider volunteering to help adult learners improve their skills," said Patty Wong, Yolo County Librarian. "You truly can make a difference."

Yolo Reads is especially in need of volunteers able to tutor adults in Winters and West Sacramento. To learn more about the program, call Yolo Reads at (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail heather.bratt@yolocounty.org.

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