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Promote Literacy in West Sacramento

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, is looking for volunteers to provide instruction to English-speaking adult learners in West Sacramento. 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.

"Adult learners in the Yolo Reads program work toward accomplishing personal goals including learning basic computer skills, improving reading and writing, taking the citizenship test, or passing the GED exam," said Yolo County Supervisor Mike McGowan. "Please consider volunteering for this important program and tell a friend about it."

For those interested in tutoring, no experience is necessary, the hours are flexible and Yolo Reads provides all the necessary training and materials. Tutoring space is available at each of the seven county library branches. Yolo Reads, however, is especially in need of volunteers able to tutor adults at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento.

"Our Yolo Reads tutors truly make a difference," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "We need volunteers but we also need help in spreading the word about the program to those who will benefit from the support."

To learn more about the program, call Yolo Reads at (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail <u>heather.bratt@yolocounty.org</u>.

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