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## **Promote Literacy in Yolo County**

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, is growing throughout Yolo County and therefore is looking for more volunteers to provide instruction to English-speaking adult learners in the communities of Davis, West Sacramento and Winters. 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. Participants in the Yolo Reads adult literacy program 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.

“The adult learners in the Yolo Reads program are working toward accomplishing a variety of important personal goals, such learning basic computer skills, improving reading and writing, taking the citizenship test, and passing their GED exam,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson.

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 branch libraries in Davis, West Sacramento and Winters.

“It is heartening to see this program grow knowing our Yolo Reads tutors are truly making a difference in people’s lives,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Please consider volunteering for this important program and tell a friend about it.”

To learn more about the program, call Yolo Reads at (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail [heather.bratt@yolocounty.org](mailto:heather.bratt@yolocounty.org).

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