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## **Yolo County Receives Library Services and Technology Act Funds**

**(Woodland, CA)** – The California State Library and the Institute of Museum and Library Services have awarded federal Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) funds to Yolo County in the amount of \$28,890. LSTA funds awarded in 2009/10 are for projects that stimulate excellence in library services and promote widespread access to learning and information resources for all Californians. Yolo County projects that have received LSTA funds include:

- \$5,000 for the California of the Past Digital Storytelling Program – this multi-cultural and intergenerational program provides the ability for local residents to record digital stories about their community or about California of the past
- \$15,000 for the California’s Family Place Library Program – California has established a training center for this model of family-centered library services. Thirteen public libraries attended a three-day Family Place Training Institute and were awarded grant funds to create a center in their libraries with toys and manipulatives that encourage interaction between parents/caregivers and young children.
- \$500 for Día del los Niños/Día del los Libros – a statewide program to assist public libraries with annual celebrations of Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros (Day of the Child/Day of the Book)
- \$5,000 Eureka! Leadership Grant – this program supports the development of participants of the 2009 California Eureka! Leadership Institute to implement a library project that benefits the growth of their library and community
- \$3,390 for the Public Library Staff Education Program – partial tuition reimbursement is provided for California public library and county law library staff to pursue a master’s degree in library and information studies.

“With our residents relying more on Yolo County’s public libraries for assistance with resume writing, job hunting, re-training and access to general employment information, and with the lack of adequate funding for local government programs, we are stepping up our efforts in pursuing grants,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson. “We are so grateful to have received these funds as they are sorely needed in these difficult economic times.”

“These grants offer the Yolo County Library an opportunity to partner with the California State Library to build and grow our communities and strengthen library services for Yolo County residents,” said Yolo County Library Patty Wong.

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