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Promote Literacy by Signing the Declaration for the Right to Literacy Scroll Sign the scroll on August 27 at the Library Administration Building in Woodland

(Woodland, CA) – The Declaration for the Right to Literacy Scroll, a national effort to promote literacy conducted by Literacy Powerline, is making its way across the United States, ultimately to be presented to President Obama on International Literacy Day, September 8, 2010. The Yolo County Library encourages residents to show their support for literacy in Yolo County by signing the scroll when it comes to Yolo County on August 27. The Declaration for the Right to Literacy Scroll will be available to sign at the Yolo County Library Administration Building, located at 226 Buckeye Street in Woodland, on Friday, August 27, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The U.S. faces a silent yet growing crisis: low literacy. Over 93 million American adults have limited literacy skills which cost the nation \$60 billion a year in lost productivity, which generates \$73 billion in unnecessary health care expenses, and which contributes to a host of other problems ranging from crime and drug abuse to unemployment and homelessness. Fixing the literacy problem is essential for lifting Americans out of poverty and rebuilding a strong economy.

“One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out day-to-day activities at work and at home,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chairwoman Helen M. Thomson. “By signing the Declaration for the Right to Literacy Scroll we show our support for those who need assistance with literacy in Yolo County and across our nation.”

The Declaration for the Right to Literacy Scroll visit is sponsored by Yolo Reads, one of Yolo County Library’s literacy programs which provides free and confidential instruction to English-speaking adult learners. Yolo Reads 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.

To learn more about Literacy Powerline and to read the Declaration for the Right to Literacy visit: www.literacypowerline.com. To learn more about Yolo Reads visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org (select Yolo Reads Adult Literacy), call Yolo Reads at (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail heather.bratt@yolocounty.org.

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