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Celebrate the Freedom to Read

(Woodland, CA) – Join the Yolo County Library in celebrating Banned Books Week (September 26-October 3) on September 28, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the Winters Community Library. Banned Books Week is an annual event celebrating the freedom to read and the importance of the First Amendment. It highlights the benefits of free and open access to information while drawing attention to the harmfulness of censorship by spotlighting actual or attempted banning of books across the United States.

The Yolo County Library will celebrate Banned Books Week with this special event at the Winters Community Library on September 28. Karen Street, retired Davis Senior High School English teacher, will provide insight into teaching banned books to high school students, and their reactions to these books. Several of the books from the “100 Most Frequently Challenged Books Between 1990-2007” list were classic novels taught in Mrs. Street’s class, such as *Catcher in the Rye* by J.D. Salinger, *Of Mice and Men* by John Steinbeck and *Lord of the Flies* by William Golding.

“Intellectual freedom – the freedom to access information and express ideas, even if the information and ideas might be considered unpopular or unorthodox – provides the foundation for Banned Books Week,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chair, Helen M. Thomson. “Banned Books Week stresses the importance of ensuring the availability of unpopular or divergent viewpoints for all who wish to read and have access to them.”

Event: Don’t Read This! Banned Books in High School
Date: September 28, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Margaret Parson Room of the Winters Community Library
708 Railroad Ave. Winters, CA 95694
Cost: Free. All community members are invited to attend.
Information: www.yololibrary.org or (530)795-4955
American Libraries Association: www.ala.org/bbooks

“If you are unable to attend this special Banned Books Week event, but would like to celebrate your freedom to read, please visit our banned books displays at your local branch library or visit the American Libraries Association website: www.ala.org/bbooks,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong.

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