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Davis Branch Library Dedicated and Re-Opens December 7 Community Celebration December 12

(Woodland, CA) – On Tuesday, December 7, the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 East 14th Street in Davis, will re-open at 10:00 a.m., following a dedication by the Yolo County Board of Supervisors starting at 9:30 a.m. The public is invited to attend the dedication ceremony on December 7, as well as a free community celebration on Sunday, December 12, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.

For much of the past 15 months, the Davis branch of the Yolo County Library has been in a temporary location while the Davis branch library facility on E. 14th Street was being renovated and expanded. Renovations were made possible through funds resulting from Measure P, passed by Davis residents in 2007, which increased the parcel tax that funds library services, programs and facilities in Davis.

The Davis branch library has been closed since the beginning of October to move library materials and associated furniture back into the renovated facility, and to incorporate almost 7,000 brand new items into the collections, thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Davis Public Library. When the library re-opens on December, 7, library patrons will be delighted to see the following improvements:

- To accommodate expanded library services, the building has increased in size from 29,975 square feet to 34,075 square feet.
- The expanded library has a second public meeting space – a conference room that can seat up to ten people. The other public meeting space – the Blanchard meeting room – has been refurbished with new lightweight tables and chairs, new audio visual equipment and an upgraded kitchen.
- Smaller groups will also be well served with four tutoring rooms for up to two persons and two group study rooms for up to five.
- The children's services area, named after Yolo County Supervisor Helen M. Thomson, has been enlarged to allow for an expanded collection and also houses a new separate activities room that can be divided into two smaller rooms. This space will be used for library-sponsored story times and activities for children and families, as well as an after-school quiet study area.
- A separate area for teens houses the Young Adult collection, and a room with six computers, with Internet access, in addition to a counter with stools for laptop users.
- The library as a whole, now has seating for 280 people, as compared to 218 seats previously.

- Computer users will enjoy 41 computers with Internet access, as opposed to the previous 16 computers. Internet service is now faster, and wireless Internet access is available throughout the building. Electric outlets are located on study tables and at bar style counters for laptop users.
- Another area of building expansion is the Friends Book Sale Alcove, inside the building just beyond the new book displays. The Friends of the Davis Public Library will now have items for sale in this bright, pleasant area which will have comfortable lounge furniture, a beverage vending machine, tall stools and tables for study or a quick break, and a full wall of windows for lots of natural light.
- The main entrance to the library includes a new way for patrons to return items they have borrowed. An automated materials handling system will receive items, read the barcode and immediately issue a receipt for returned items. As items are put onto an automated conveyer, a large machine on the other side of the wall will separate items by where they go in the library, thus assisting staff in quickly returning materials back on the shelves. An old fashioned “book drop” will also be available to accept returned items 24 hours a day, or if there is a line at the two automated returns.

“Besides all the features mentioned, our renovated library building includes new furniture, public artwork and architectural features that have been coordinated for the best use of the available space,” said Yolo County Supervisor Helen M. Thomson. “This would not be possible were it not for the ever-present support in Davis of our library programs and services. Thank you, Davis, for your generosity and your patience during this time of transition. Please join us on December 7 and December 12 to celebrate this remarkable achievement.”

The community is invited to attend the re-dedication ceremony, December 7 at 9:30 a.m. and the community celebration on December 12, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. More information to follow on the December 12 community celebration.

For more information on the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, or any other Yolo County branch library locations, please call Yolo County Library at (530) 666-8002 or visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.

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