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## **Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros Celebrated on April 16**

(Woodland, CA) – This year’s Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros, a nationwide celebration of children, books and literacy, will be celebrated at two Yolo County Library branches: the Mary L. Stephens Branch Library, located at 315 East 14<sup>th</sup> Street in Davis; and the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, located at 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento. Both events will take place on Saturday, April 16. The celebration in Davis will begin at 10:00 a.m. and end at 2:00 p.m., and the celebration in West Sacramento will begin at 1:00 p.m. and end at 5:00 p.m. Both events are free to the public.

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is the culmination of a whole year worth of work in literacy. Founded in 1996 by the renowned children’s author and bilingual educator Pat Mora, this year marks the event’s 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary with celebrations in libraries throughout the United States. The Yolo County Library held its first Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros celebration in 2009 at the Esparto Regional Library.

“The 2010 celebration at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento was recognized with the Mora Family Award as one of the three best celebrations in the country,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Duane Chamberlain. “We hope to continue this tradition of excellence and to reach out to an even broader cross section of Yolo County residents.”

Establishing a tradition of Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros locally demonstrates the Yolo County Library’s commitment to all children of Yolo County, all home languages, and all ethnic backgrounds. This year’s celebrations will include a presentation by Jorge Argueta, a bilingual children’s author; a group art project facilitated by children’s author and illustrator Maya Christina Gonzalez; bilingual storytimes in Spanish and English; performances by Folklorico Latino and the dance group from the Chinese School of Davis; the mola illustrations project; a library card drive; and a children’s books giveaway.

“Bienvenidos a todos!” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “All are welcome! Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is a perfect family program for all ages to read, play and learn together. Please join us for this free community celebration of literacy.”

For more information on the Yolo County Library, visit: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org).

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