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## **Snapshot: One Day in the Life of the Yolo County Library**

(Woodland, CA) – This past October, the Yolo County Library joined libraries across the state in participating in the California Library Association's first "Snapshot: One Day in the Life of California Libraries" to highlight the importance of libraries to California. All participating libraries collected usage data, photos and patron testimonials on a given day to help the association capture data to create a compelling picture of library services in California.

"The results of this event provided valuable statistics for furthering library services in California," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Matt Rexroad. "Thanks to all who stopped by their local library on Snapshot Day to share stories and anecdotes about the impact libraries have had on them."

As participants in the Snapshot Day program, all seven Yolo County branch libraries collected and compiled customer comments, photographs and other data to chronicle a typical library day. The results were added to those of other libraries across California to demonstrate how libraries provide invaluable services to California residents. During the Yolo County Library's Snapshot Day, the following occurred:

- 4,555 people visiting the library
- The library's website (www.yolocountylibrary.org) was accessed 796 times
- 6.353 items were checkout or renewed
- 359 reference questions were answered
- 509 people used a library computer
- 244 people attended 13 public programs
- 47 people received tutoring and training

"The library is the one community space that sustains democracy, levels the playing field, values the individual, nourishes creativity, opens young minds, builds community, supports families, builds technology skills and offers sanctuary – all free of charge to the customer," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "Thank you Yolo County, for participating in Snapshot Day and helping us advocate for the continuation of library programs in California."

For more information on Yolo County Library branches, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.