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Promote Literacy in Your Community

Refer an Adult Learner to Yolo Reads or Volunteer at the Yolo County Library

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, has English-speaking adult learners waiting for a tutor to help them improve their reading and writing skills. Yolo Reads is looking for volunteers to provide instruction to adults that want to improve their daily life and long-term goals. Yolo Reads is also seeking assistance with spreading the word about the program to those in need of assistance.

One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out day-to-day activities at work and at home. In an effort to address this issue, the Yolo County Library has developed Yolo Reads, a literacy program which provides free and confidential instruction to English-speaking adult learners. 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.

For those interested in tutoring, no experience is necessary, the hours are flexible and Yolo Reads provides all necessary training and materials. Tutoring space is available at each of the seven county library branches located in the communities of Davis, West Sacramento, Clarksburg, Winters, Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo.

"Most would be surprised to learn they know at least one person who has difficulty reading and writing," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Matt Rexroad. "You can help by sharing the value of our adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, with your friends, family and colleagues, and by considering volunteering to help an adult learner improve their skills."

"Volunteering to help adult learners with reading and writing truly can make a difference and we are here to give you all the tools you need to change someone's life," said Patty Wong, Yolo County Librarian.

Yolo Reads is especially in need of volunteers able to tutor adults in Davis, Winters and West Sacramento. To learn more about the program, call Yolo Reads at (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail <u>libraryvolunteer@yolocounty.org</u>.