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A Conversation about Ezra Jack Keats February 19 (Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of *The Snowy Day*)

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library invites parents, caregivers and children throughout the county to a special event at the Mary L. Stephens Branch Library, located at 315 East 14th Street in Davis, on Sunday, February 19, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m., to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the publication of Ezra Jack Keats groundbreaking book, *The Snowy Day*.

Beth Wrenn-Estes will speak about the life and work of Ezra Jack Keats and the social and literary importance of *The Snowy Day* in the world of children's literature. Suggestions on how to select books about diversity as well as how caregivers can use picture books to improve the literacy skills of young children will also be included in the conversation. Wrenn-Estes will read both *The Snowy Day* and *Apt. 3* by Keats. A list of multicultural/diversity picture book titles will be provided to attendees, as well as a fun craft to take home or do at the end of the presentation. Light refreshments will be served.

Ms. Wrenn-Estes is a full-time lecturer in the School of Library and Information Science at San Jose State University and teaches storytelling, programming and services for children, and other related courses. Before Wrenn-Estes started teaching for San Jose State University, she was the children's and youth services librarian at Lone Tree Library in Douglas County Libraries, Colorado. Her responsibilities focused on children and young adult programs and services, including storytelling. She is passionate about reading and storytelling as well being a collection development specialist and a strong advocate for youth.

For more information, contact the Children's Department of the Davis Branch Library at (530) 757-5592, or visit the Yolo County Library's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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