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Local Author Dorothy O'Neil to Speak Monday at Winters Library

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library invites residents to meet local author Dorothy O'Neil on Monday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m. at the Winters Community Library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue in Winters.

Ms. O'Neil, author of *Images of America: Winters*, published in 2009 by Arcadia Books, will share her experiences and many of the images she collected while researching this pictorial history of the community of Winters. This will be the fourth and final talk in the series "Meet the Authors of Winters History Books" that is co-sponsored by the Winters History Project Committee, the Winters Friends of the Library, the Winters Community Library and the Yolo County Historical Society.

In 1987, Dorothy O'Neil and her late husband James moved to Winters from a small farm in Los Molinos to be near family, which includes members of the local Hemenway family. She subsequently became interested in genealogy and volunteered to do a photo history book of Winters because, as she says, "I thought that this was something I could do for my community that I have grown to love so much."

The Winters History Project Committee is also preparing for a photographic exhibit on the early town of Buckeye in southwestern Yolo County. Buckeye became a ghost town after 1875 when the new town of Winters was founded on the north bank of Putah Creek by developers of the Vaca Valley Railroad Company. Photographs and artifacts that relate to the Buckeye settlement of 1855-1875 are being sought from descendants of pioneer families. Those with something to share or loan may contact Evelyne Rominger (530) 795-2171 or Shirlee Griffin (530) 795-2300

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