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## "Titanic: Ship of Dreams" at Davis & Esparto Branch Libraries

(Woodland, CA) – In commemoration of the 100th anniversary of the sinking of the Titanic, travel back in time with the Yolo County Library on the most fascinating voyage of an era, through a multi-faceted, interactive program – The Titanic: Ship of Dreams – for children age 8 and beyond. The program will be held at the Davis branch on April 18 at 7:00 p.m. and at the Esparto branch on April 26 at 3:00 p.m.

The Titanic: Ship of Dreams begins with a presentation on the building of the Titanic. Participants then receive a boarding pass with the name of an actual passenger and proceed to board the ship, greeted by a crew member. They then move through an interactive display which includes what the ship was like, a near-accident upon leaving the dock at the start, the boarding of lifeboats, and ultimately, the sinking of the ship. The program includes the experience of tapping out the SOS on a telegraph key, standing on a board approximating the slant of the deck, viewing an ice berg and seeing how long participants can stand to have their hands in the 28 degree water.

After learning about the rescue, participants will be able to find their passenger's name on the memorial wall. Displays and websites will also be available to learn about the discovery of the Titanic and current preservation and archaeology efforts.

"Witness the opulence of the world's largest (at the time) ocean liner to ever sail," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "Come with us and board the Titanic on her maiden voyage from Southampton England to New York, see the grandeur of the ship, feel the icy cold water and experience her fate as she sinks to the bottom of the sea."

The Titanic: Ship of Dreams program will be presented as follows:

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 p.m. Mary L. Stephens Branch Library Blanchard Room (Note: also see the Titanic display in the Children's Library at the Davis Branch April 1-30)

Thursday, April 26 at 3:00 p.m. Esparto Regional Library 17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto

For more information, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.