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Simoons Donation Benefits Davis Branch Library

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library is honored to accept a generous \$40,000 donation from Frederick J. Simoons in memory of his wife, and former Yolo County Library branch manager and assistance county librarian, Elizabeth Stadler Simoons. The donation will be used to enhance the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library’s history, geography and related biography collections.

Mrs. Simoons served as the branch manager and assistant county librarian at the Mary L. Stephens Branch Library. She began her career at the Yolo County Library in January 1970 and retired in 1981. Throughout her career, Mrs. Simoons also worked at a variety of libraries from Madison, Wisconsin to Austin, Texas. She was a dedicated traveler, much of it abroad in Africa, Asia and Western Europe.

The materials purchased from the donation will commemorate Mrs. Simoons, her love of libraries, and in particular, the Davis branch with a bookplate inside each book.

Mr. Simoons writes of his wife’s intentions, “If she had known that the Davis branch of her day would become the Mary L. Stephens Library, Liz would have wanted the books to go there, a library dedicated to someone she greatly admired.”

The Yolo County Library will organize a small dedication ceremony to acknowledge the donation.

“This gift means a great deal to us,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “The thoughtful gift of the Simoons family will enhance our Davis branch library for present and future generations and will remind readers of Elizabeth and her role as a library leader in Yolo County.”

Information about books on history, geography and biography in the Yolo County Library collection can be found at: www.yolocountylibrary.org (go to the catalog search page).

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