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Yolo County Library Celebrates Banned Books Week September 30-October 6

Special Event at Davis Branch Library on September 30

(Woodland, CA) – September 30 to October 6, the Yolo County Library will join the American Library Association along with libraries, schools and bookstores coast to coast in celebration of the freedom to read during Banned Books Week, an annual event highlighting the importance of the First Amendment and the freedom of access to information.

Every year, hundreds of books get challenged or banned across the country. A challenge is a formal request to remove a book from a school or public library. A ban is the actual removal of the book. Some of the more frequently challenged and banned books of the past two years include *The Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins, the *Harry Potter* series by J. K. Rowling, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee and *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.

This year marks the 30th anniversary of the annual celebration, and to commemorate this milestone anniversary, the Yolo County Library will host displays of banned and challenged books at all seven branches. In addition, the Mary L. Stephens Branch Library, located at 315 East 14th Street in Davis, will hold a Banned Books PUB* (as in Publication) QUIZ at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 30, in the Blanchard Room. Refreshments will be served.

“If you are unable to attend this special Banned Books Week event at our Davis Branch Library, but would like to celebrate your freedom to read, please visit our banned books displays at your local branch library and check out a book to read,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong.

For more information on Banned Books Week, book challenges and censorship, please visit the American Library Association’s Banned Books website at www.ala.org/bbooks, or stop by any branch of the Yolo County Library. For branch information, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.

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