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## "California Indian" Showing at the Davis Branch Library January 12

(**Woodland, CA**) – On Saturday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m., Yolo County's Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library will present the film, "California Indian," which was written, produced and directed by California Native American Tim Ramos (Pomo) and filmed in Lake County. Mr. Ramos will be in attendance to present the film.

Featuring professional actors, the film tells a dramatic modern story of a proposed gambling casino on tribal land. Chris Eyre, who produced the popular award-winning film, "Smoke Signals," co-produced "California Indian" with Tim Ramos. Some features of the film include:

- Shot on location in Lakeport, California (Clear Lake), home to the Big Valley Rancheria.
- Pomo tribal members, who had no prior acting experience, were cast in many of the roles in the film, which allowed for greater authenticity of the portrayal of the tribe.
- Contributors to the making of the film include: Big Valley Rancheria, Robinson Rancheria, Konocti Vista Casino Resort and Marina, Robinson Rancheria Resort and Casino, the local Lakeport community.

"As a producer and now director, my goal is to keep telling stories and honor who I am and where I came from," said Tim Ramos. "There are 280,000 'urban Indians' that currently live in Los Angeles, and like me, they are very comfortable balancing both worlds. They successfully transitioned from the 'rez' to the city without losing their cultural ties in the process."

"As part of our ongoing efforts to share and celebrate the cultural diversity of community, the Yolo County Library is pleased to present "California Indian," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong.

"California Indian" will be shown at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis. Yolo County Library facilities are accessible for persons with disabilities. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Davis Library.