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### **Weekly Bilingual Pre-School Program at Winters Library**

**(Woodland, CA)** – The Yolo County Library, in collaboration with First 5 Yolo, is offering Mother Goose on the Loose, a weekly bilingual program on Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. for children age 0-3 at the Winters Community Library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue in Winters.

The Mother Goose on the Loose program, new to the Winters Community Library, combines both English and Spanish reading with music, movement, visual literacy and language development to help children get ready to learn to read. Through fun activities and engagement, the program aims to help children develop physically, emotionally, socially and intellectually. Moreover, the program encourages children, their families and/or their caregivers to experience what it is like to have fun while learning.

“Early literacy skills are important for children’s success in school and beyond,” said Julie Gallelo, Executive Director, First 5 Yolo. “Children who develop pre-reading skills before they start kindergarten can focus on learning to read once they are in school. Those who start school ready to learn to read have more success in school, are more likely to read at or above grade level by the end of the second grade, and are more likely to graduate from high school.”

“The Mother Goose on the Loose program provides children with the early literacy skills that they will need to succeed in school,” said Yolo County Library Patty Wong.

Parents and caregivers can encourage creativity in young children by regularly attending pre-school-aged programs, offered throughout the Yolo County Library system. The Winters Community Library also offers bilingual story times every Thursday, 6:30-7:00 p.m. All Yolo County Library programs are free of charge. For a list of programs offered by the Yolo County Library, and for more information, visit: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org), or like us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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