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***A Primate's Memoir* Community Book Read Discussions Begin Feb. 26**

(Woodland, CA) – On Tuesday, February 26 at 6:00 p.m., Yolo County's Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis, will host a discussion on the book, *A Primate's Memoir*, authored by Stanford University neurobiologist Robert Sapolsky. The discussion is part of the 2012-13 Open Access Science community book read, a project of the Yolo County Library and the Center for Population Biology at UC Davis whose graduate students will facilitate the discussion.

A Primate's Memoir details the trysts and turmoil of Dr. Sapolsky's chosen baboon troop while weaving in the author's observations of African society and politics following ten years living among and studying wild baboons in Kenya. In a broad comparison between *Homo sapiens* and baboons at the physiological, behavioral and ecological levels, this book and the community discussions, will provoke questions on what makes us human.

"One of the pleasures of reading a book is sharing ideas from it with others," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "*A Primate's Memoir* is full of tantalizing facts and dramatic events that will stimulate vital conversations."

Additional discussions of the book will be held at the following Yolo County Library branches:

Mar. 6, 7:00-8:00 p.m., Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 11212 Merkley Ave. in West Sacramento

Mar. 14, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Esparto Regional Library, 17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto

Other popular books by Dr. Sapolsky include *Why Zebras Don't Get Ulcers*, *The Trouble With Testosterone: And Other Essays on the Biology of the Human Predicament* and *Monkeyluv: And Other Essays on Our Lives as Animals*. Dr. Sapolsky was also featured in the National Geographic special, "Killer Stress" concerning the purpose and effects of stress hormones. Entertaining video clips of his popular lectures will be shown as part of the Open Access Science community book read discussions.

No reservations are required. For more information on the 2012-13 Open Access Science community book read, contact Jay Johnstone at 757-5595 or jay.johnstone@yolocounty.org. 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 or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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