

A Note from Yolo County Librarian and Archivist, Patty Wong

It takes a village to raise a Library....

Thank you for being a part of Yolo County Library's growth and transformation into the community focused, responsive service it is today. Your participation as a resident, community partner, supporter, consultant, collaborator, and volunteer, is critical to our ongoing communal success.

Community and Celebration come to mind as we continue to build on the good work of the leadership and support of the past, and the vision of our current and future leadership. The events represented in this virtual history of the Yolo County Library capture significant moments in our evolution as a community institution.

In the past three years the Library celebrated our 100th Anniversary. Together we built and renovated three libraries in three years. To address the growing needs of South Davis residents, the Library established a satellite branch at the Marguerite Montgomery Elementary School, where public library services operate out of the school library two days a week. A book drop has been established at Patwin Elementary in West Davis – and we continue to work to meet the needs of all Davis residents.

Our staff and our Friends, with their experiences, ideas, creativity and innovation, have brought many accolades to our community:

More than \$500,000 has been awarded to Yolo County to develop and improve library services;

Yolo County Library was the first library to establish 2-1-1 services in the state of California.

Service to Yolo County residents continues to climb, with record numbers participating in our expanding programs for teens and adults. More than 1.5 million people are expected to enter our doors this year; many more make use of our virtual services, including enhanced Wi-Fi. With your support, we will continue to:

Facilitate community visioning

Increase broadband in rural areas

Strengthen and diversify fiscal resources

Expand services through partnerships

Again, a hearty thank you for your wisdom, your visits, your encouragement and advice and suggestions to improve YOUR library.

Patty Wong
County Librarian

Patty in the Press

2010 Woman of the Year for the 5th Senatorial District. The California Senate Resolution by the Honorable Lois Wolk, reads in part: "... throughout its history, California has been blessed with citizens who possess great public spirit, who in addition to their daily pursuits, have taken a keen interest in local affairs, and Patricia Wong has participated in numerous enterprises with evidence of lasting contributions to her community and state..."

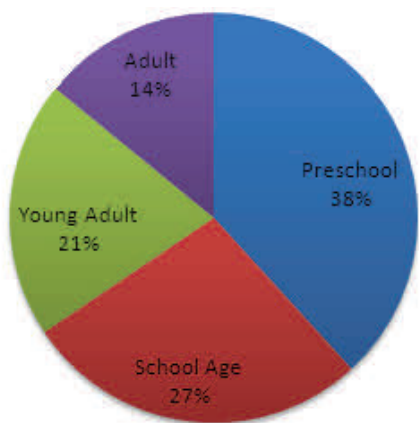
2011 San Jose State University Faculty Award: Outstanding Lecturer

2012 American Libraries Association Equality Award given to an individual or group for outstanding contributions toward promoting equality in the library profession.

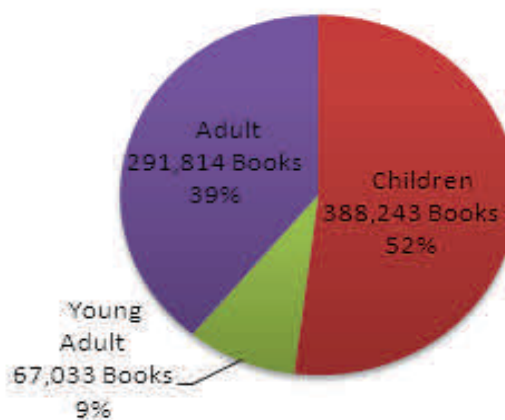
Let us know your dreams for the library.
Call 530-666-8005 or email patty.wong@yolocounty.org

Each year at Yolo County Library...

- More than 690,000 customers come through our doors
- 1.5 million books, DVDs, music CDs and more are checked out to Yolo County residents
- Over 1,000 free programs entertain and inform



**Yolo County Library
Programs
2010-2011**



**Yolo County Library
Books Loaned
2010-2011**

Yolo County Library Early Literacy Story Times

I want to let you know how your program helped my son. He is making progress in Kindergarten. For example, when the teacher reads a book, he understands and remembers the story. The teacher says he is like a sponge and absorbs everything. Now he enjoys reading and I am happy. Thank you for giving your time for the kids.

Letter from a parent whose child attended the Yolo County Library's literacy program.
[Courtesy of First 5 Yolo 2010-2011 Report to the Community]

Three in Three!

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library 2011



- Square feet increased from 29,975 to 34,075
- Self Checkout computers increased from 2 to 4
- Reader Seating increased from 218 to 280
- Public Internet computers increased from 16 to 36
- New Automated Returns system
- New Children's activities room

ALL THREE PROJECTS INCLUDED:

- Improved Internet speed
- Thousands of new books, audiobooks, music of all types and formats for all ages
- Highly energy efficient design with lots of windows and skylights
- Public meeting rooms with electronic projector and new sound system as well as easily movable tables and chairs
- Beautiful public art selected by a committee of library staff and local community representatives

Arthur F. Turner Community Library West Sacramento 2010



- Square feet increased from 8,419 to 18,244
- Public seating increased from 36 to 102
- Public Internet computers increased from 10 to 32
- Four Self Checkout computers
- Built as part of a larger community center with social and educational activities for all ages

Winters Community Library 2009



- Square Feet increased from 3,700 to 10,920
- New library building for the community as well as for the high school
- Reader seating increased from 25 to 67
- Two group study rooms
- A Self Checkout computer
- A Public meeting room that can be divided into two smaller rooms

Yolo County Library Connects People with...

Books, Music, & Media

- Borrow and return items from any branch
- Find books from anywhere in the United States
- Book Club resources
- Find what interests you; suggest new items you'd like to see
- Speak another language? We have Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Vietnamese, Korean, French and German.
- Magazines and Newspapers to browse or bring home
- Explore!



Read Around Yolo provides tote bags that contain 10 paperbacks for the use of Book Clubs.



Technology

- 187 public computers
- 19 Early Literacy computers for pre-school children; 7 are bilingual English/Spanish
- 30 laptops for portable technology labs
- Internet & Wi-Fi access
- Online research technology
- Bookflix, an online K-3 reading program, includes Spanish and other language books
- Downloadable e-books, audio books, music, and video
- Learn how to use new technology
- Classes for seniors on basic computer skills
- Apply for a job online or learn how
- Find YCL online!



www.yolocountylibrary.org

Community Resources

- 2-1-1 Yolo provides information about government agencies, nonprofit organizations, schools, and recreational and cultural programs. Just dial "211" 24 hours a day - 7 days a week.
- Women, Infants, and Children helps low income mothers and their young children eat well and stay healthy. Find WIC at Clarksburg, Esparto, Knights Landing and Winters libraries.
- First 5 Yolo helps all Yolo County Libraries provide families of young children with resources to succeed.
- Summer Reading programs for children, teens, and adults
- Multi-cultural events with community groups
- Book Clubs find ideas and places to meet
- Movie Nights & Afterschool activities
- Language Conversation groups
- Author visits
- Big Read partnership with UC Davis

"Yolo County Library events and facilities are open to all"

Yolo County Library is a Place for ...



Families learn together in the Asian Pacific Heritage Month Celebration

Meeting

- Branch libraries in Clarksburg, Davis, Esparto, Knights Landing, Winters, West Sacramento, and Yolo are a safe place to go for all residents
- New buildings in West Sacramento, Winters, and a remodeled library in Davis provide much needed public space
- Popular public meeting rooms and small group study rooms
- Artists and authors show their creative works at Yolo County libraries
- Community leaders meet with the people
- Students meet at the library to relax, do homework, or pursue their own interests

Families

- Toy Lending Library – Yolo County Child Care Services are at Davis and West Sacramento branches
- Early Literacy story times in many languages
- Mother Goose on the Loose story times just for toddlers
- Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Ilbros – a celebration of literacy in all languages
- Tales for Tales—children of all ages read to a trained therapy dog
- Family Literacy programs



Community Giving Sharing Celebrating Connecting

Remembering

- The Yolo County Archives is a resource for county departments, historians, authors, land owners, schools, and anyone else with a need or desire to learn more about Yolo County's rich history. The Archives consist of a variety of documents dating back to the county's beginnings in February, 1850.
- In 2010, Yolo County Library turned 100 years old. Friends of the Yolo County Archives volunteers made a beautiful display that was featured at the County Fair. A series of celebrations was held at all branch libraries.
- Library staff provide trusted sources of information
- Library resources are easy to find on the catalog and web site
- Yolo Reads volunteer tutors help adults improve their reading and writing for a better life
- English language conversation classes for non-native speakers
- Libraries at Esparto and Clarksburg provide service to local schools
- Joint-use School/public libraries at located at Winters High School and Montgomery Elementary in South Davis
- On-line databases provide free practice tests for advancing in school and career
- Technology classes provide the community with the "how-to" for applying for jobs or downloading books

Yolo County Library Strategic Plan

Yolo County Library held a group discussion with over one hundred key leaders from throughout the county, collected over 300 on-line and written surveys, conducted many personal interviews and designed a streamlined strategy to continue to serve Yolo County residents. Here's a broad outline of the Strategic Plan.

Learning and Personal Development

- Promote reading as a beneficial activity

 - Prepare children aged 0 to 5 for school

 - Offer K-12 students a supportive environment for homework and supplemental study

 - Promote reading to the general public

- Promote Community Memory

 - Collect, preserve, curate, and provide access to the Yolo County Archives

 - Collect, preserve, curate, and provide access to content created by Yolo County residents

 - Provide access to information about all things Yolo County

- Increase literacy

- Provide enriched environment for self-directed learning

Workforce Development

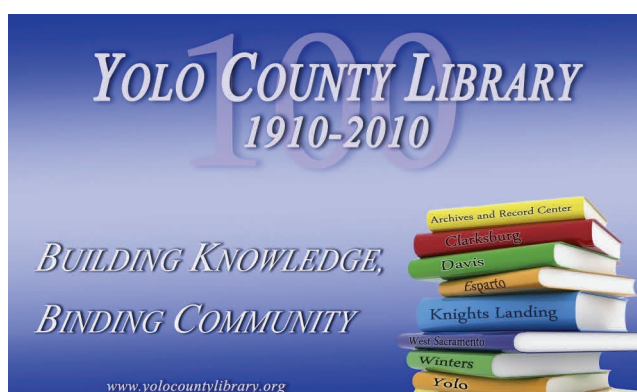
- Support job seekers through submission of job applications

- Support occupational education

Collaboration

- Foster collaboration among non-profit service providers

- Connect community members with each other and with needed services



Library Administrative Offices

226 Buckeye St., Woodland, CA 95695
530-666-8005

Archives and Records Center

226 Buckeye St., Woodland, CA 95695
530-666-8010

Analu Josephides, Librarian—Archives /Record Center

Clarksburg Branch Library

52915 Netherlands Ave., Clarksburg, CA 95612
916-744-1755

Becky Frame, Branch Supervisor (retired 12/2012)

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library

315 E. 14th Street, Davis, CA 95616
530-757-5593

Jay Johnstone, Branch Manager

Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto, CA 95627
530-787-3426

Malinda Baker, Branch Supervisor

Knights Landing Branch Library

42351 Third Street, Knights Landing, CA 95645
530-735-6593

Susan Richter, Branch Supervisor

South Davis Montgomery (satellite)

1441 Danbury Street, Davis, CA 95618
530-759-2100 x5

Jay Johnstone, Branch Manager

Winters Community Library

708 Railroad Avenue, Winters, CA 95694
530-795-4955

Toni Mendieta, Branch Supervisor

Arthur F. Turner Community Library

1212 Merkley Ave., West Sacramento, CA 95691
916-375-6465

Rachel Wolf, Branch Manager

Yolo Branch Library

37750 Sacramento St., Yolo, CA 95697
530-662-2363

Susan Richter, Branch Supervisor

Thank you to all who support Yolo County Library

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Thank you to our community support groups—Friends:

Yolo County Library Friends groups need your support in order to serve effectively as a vital part of each unique community. Please consider becoming a member and support the Library's services in your community.

Clarksburg Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 441, Clarksburg, CA 95612

FOCL1965@gmail.com

<http://www.clarksburglibraryfriends.org/index.html>

Friends of the Davis Public Library, P.O. Box 91, Davis, CA 95617

<http://davislibraryfriends.org/>

Friends of the Yolo County Archives

Contact the Yolo County Archives at 530-666-8010

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, P.O. Box 787, Esparto, CA 95627

www.ferl.org/

Knights Landing Friends of the Library

Contact the Knights Landing branch at 530-735-6593

West Sacramento Friends of the Library

Contact the Turner Community branch at 916-375-6464

Winters Friends of the Library, P.O. Box 963, Winters, CA 95694

information@wfol.org; 530-505-4116 <http://www1.wfol.org/Home>

**Thank you City of Davis, City of West Sacramento, and City of Winters for
supporting library services in your communities.**