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## **Local Author Dale Stephens to visit the Winters Community Library March 28**

(Woodland, CA) – Local author, Dale Stephens, of the recently published *Hacking Your Education: Ditch the Lectures, Save Tens of Thousands, and Learn More Than Your Peers Ever Will* will speak about his book on Thursday, March 28, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Yolo County’s Winters Community Library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue in Winters.

Dale Stephens got his start in writing while attending public elementary school in Winters. He ultimately completed his education through homeschooling. Along with his writing, Stephens has provided his webmaster skills to the Winters Friends of the Library and is a recipient of the Yolo Youth Services Award from the Yolo Community Foundation.

At age 21, Stephens founded UnCollege.org because he believes students are paying too much for college and learning too little. In *Hacking Your Education*, Stephens speaks to a new culture of “hackademics” who think college diplomas are antiquated. Hackademics abandon society’s linear path to success and bend institutions to fit their own reality. Stephens will talk about how he and dozens of others have hacked their education, and proposes how others can too.

Stephens has appeared on major news networks including CNN, ABC, NPR, CBS, FOX and TechCrunch. His work has been covered by the New York Times, New York Magazine, Fast Company and Forbes. He has spoken around the world at high-profile events, including debating Vivek Wadhwa onstage at TED 2012, lecturing at the New York Times and speaking to executives at NBC Universal. He works frequently with universities who realize their model of education must change to survive in the 21st century.

In May 2011, Stephens was selected out of hundreds of individuals around the world as a Thiel Fellow, a program recognizing the top 24 entrepreneurs around the world under the age of 20. In addition to leading UnCollege, Stephens advises education and technology companies.

“Please join us for this out of the box discussion from a local author” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “The library supports diverse opinions and views college as one of several options for success.”

For more information, visit or call any branch of the Yolo County Library, visit [www.yolocounty.org](http://www.yolocounty.org) or like us on Facebook [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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