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Yolo County Library to Co-Host Juneteenth Celebration June 22

(Woodland, CA) – The Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch of the Yolo County Library will co-host the celebration of Juneteenth in partnership with the Friends of the Davis Public Library, the City of Davis, Culture Co-op and others. The event will be held on Saturday, June 22, 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Veterans’ Memorial Center, located next door to the library at 14th and B Streets in Davis. This year’s event will feature a hat fashion show. Additional activities will also be held at the library, located at 314 East 14th Street.

Juneteenth is an annual observance to remember when Union soldiers enforced the Emancipation Proclamation in Texas on June 19, 1865. It is sometimes referred to as the second Fourth of July because it was a major step toward full equality for all Americans. Yolo County’s free, family-friendly Juneteenth celebration will feature food, entertainment and educational exhibits. All are invited to this multicultural ceremony and event.

Event coordinators, Jay Johnstone and Sandy Holman, expect a capacity crowd based on the turnout during the 2011 program at the Davis Branch Library. In preparation, they are reaching out to WE People, Blacks for Effective Community Action (BECA), AllStar Action Team and the African American Committee to participate again this year.

“The Yolo County Library is delighted to offer an expanded Juneteenth event this year to celebrate the diversity of Yolo County,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “We thank the City of Davis for providing the Veterans’ Memorial Center Multipurpose Room and the Friends of the Davis Public Library for their financial and technical support.”

Sponsors of the event include the City of Davis, Friends of the Davis Library and individual private donors. Tax-deductible donations can be mailed to Friends of the Davis Public Library, P.O. Box 91, Davis, CA 95627-0091 or made online by visiting www.davislibraryfriends.org and choosing the Juneteenth donation button. For more information, call Jay Johnstone at (530) 757-5595.

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