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National Library Week, April 14-20 - Read Off Fines and Give Us Feedback

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, April 14-20, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. As part of the celebration, each branch will conduct the annual Read Off Your Fines campaign, and a survey seeking community feedback on library programs and services will be posted on www.yolocountylibrary.org.

The Read Off Your Fines campaign targets children and young adult library card holders, age five to 18, who are able to read by themselves and who owe overdue fines. Youth will earn a \$1.00 credit for each 15 minutes spent reading a book of their choice in the library. The goal of the campaign is to encourage youth who have been blocked from checking out library materials to once again be able to return and take advantage of the many resources available at the library.

“The Read Off Your Fines program is an opportunity for the library to encourage young people to return to the library and read for fun to eliminate their fines,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “This is your library; don’t miss out on any of our many services.”

Libraries today are more than repositories for books and other resources. Often they are the heart of their communities, campuses or schools; deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study. Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and re-engage with each other to enrich and shape their community. In 2012, over 75,000 registered patrons visited the eight Yolo County Library branches, borrowed over 1,100,000 books, music, films and other materials, and accessed online resources via the library computers over 90,000 times.

Librarians work with elected officials, small business owners, students and the public at large to discover what their communities needs are, and to meet them. Whether through offering e-books and technology classes for learning and personal development, materials for English-language learners or programs to support early literacy and workforce development such is the case in the Yolo County Library system, librarians listen to the community they serve and they respond.

With that in mind, during National Library Week, the Yolo County Library will also be conducting a survey about the services provided, which can be found on www.yolocountylibrary.org, along with other general information. To receive regular updates on Yolo County Library programs and services, like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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