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Celebrate Literacy in Yolo County on September 21

(Woodland, CA) – On Saturday, September 21 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Yolo County Library’s adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, will hold its 5th Annual Literacy Celebration at the Winters Community Library, located at 708 Railroad Avenue in Winters. This event will honor the adults who have worked to improve their reading and writing skills through Yolo Reads, and the dedication of the volunteers who assist them in making that possible. All are invited to attend this celebration, aptly scheduled to occur in September, National Literacy Month.

“One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out day-to-day activities at work and at home,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “In an effort to address this issue, we developed the Yolo Reads program to provide free and confidential instruction to English-speaking adult learners. The program continues thanks to the currently 42 volunteers who donate their time and talent to work one-on-one with adults and families to help them meet their literacy goals.”

Speakers during the celebration will include tutors and learners who have benefitted from the program, Assistant County Librarian Elizabeth Gray and Program Assistant Alicia Zuniga. Yolo County Supervisor Jim Provenza and representatives from Senator Lois Wolk’s and Assemblymember Mariko Yamada’s offices will also be in attendance to recognize the participants and volunteers in this valuable program and the importance of literacy in our community.

The Yolo County Office of Education’s Regional Occupational Program at Winters High School will cater the event. Raley’s Corporation, Nugget Market, Friends of the Davis Public Library, Winters Friends of the Library and West Sacramento Friends of the Library have generously donated to make this celebration possible.

To learn more about the Yolo Reads adult literacy program and opportunities to volunteer or make a monetary or in-kind donation to the program, call (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail alicia.zuniga@yolocounty.org.

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