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Lives Change @ Your library: Celebrate National Library Week April 13-19

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library joins libraries in schools, campuses and communities nationwide in celebrating National Library Week, April 13-19, a time to highlight the value of libraries, librarians and library workers. Community members are invited to celebrate by participating in a number of programs and events in April featured at all branches of the Yolo County Library system:

- There is still time to register for the “Cover to Cover” reading club at all branch libraries. Children, between the ages of 4 and 12, who read five books by April 12, can win a coupon for a free hamburger or cheeseburger, donated by In-n-Out Burger. Stop by any branch to learn more.
- During National Library Week, all branches will host the annual Read-Off-Your Fines program for independent readers up to the age of 18. Children and young adults can read one dollar off existing overdue fines for every 15 minutes of reading in the library. Register for this program at the service desk in any of the branch libraries.
- April is also National Poetry Month and the Yolo County Library is hosting a teen poetry contest. Submit an original poem at any Yolo County branch library or via e-mail (carly.brotherton@yolocounty.org) any time in April. The winner will be announced on May 9.

“Libraries are often the heart of their communities, campuses or schools, deeply committed to the places where their patrons live, work and study,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “Libraries are trusted places where everyone in the community can gather to reconnect and reengage with each other to enrich and shape the community and address local issues.”

“Libraries are a lot more than books,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Don Saylor. “They are active information resource centers. 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, materials for English-language learners, programs for job seekers or those that support early literacy, librarians listen to the communities they serve, and they respond.”

“Service to the community has always been the focus of the library,” said Wong. “While this aspect has never changed, libraries have grown and evolved in how they provide for the needs of every member of their community.”

For more information about the Yolo County Library and its services, visit www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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