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## **Celebrate National Library Week and “Read Off Your Fines” at the Yolo County Library, April 13-19**

(Woodland, CA) – April 13-19, 2008 is National Library Week, a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide. There are many ways to celebrate National Library Week at any one of the seven Yolo County branch libraries.

Among the many activities during National Library Week you will find displays of library materials and free bookmarks at Yolo County libraries. Parents and their preschoolers will be invited to introduce their children to the library by attending preschool story times at the branches and teens can join the teen book clubs and teen advisory boards. There will also be book clubs for adults. Check with your local branch library ([www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org)) for dates and times. Additionally, the Explorit Science Café and Lecture Series – “What Made Us Human? Comparing the Human and Chimp Genome” – will be presented at 7:00 p.m. on April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Davis Library.

The main event of the week will be the first annual “Read Off Your Fines” campaign. The goal of this program is to encourage children and young adult library card holders, age five to 18 years, to pay all or part of their fines by reading passages from their favorite book. A \$1.00 credit will be earned for each 15 minutes spent reading. Look for this program at your local branch library.

“Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities,” says Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “At our library branches, people of all backgrounds can come together for community meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional, to get a job or to find homework help.”

First observed in 1958, National Library Week is a national celebration sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit or call any of the branches of the Yolo County Library: Arthur F Turner Branch, West Sacramento (916) 375-6465; Clarksburg Branch (916) 744-1755; Mary L. Stephens Branch, Davis (530) 757-5593; Esparto Branch (530) 787-3426; Knights Landing Branch (530) 735-6593; Winters Branch (530) 795-4955; Yolo Branch (530) 662-2363. Additional information can also be found by visiting the library’s web site: [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org).

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