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## National Library Week in Yolo County

(Woodland, CA) – National Library Week (April 13-19) celebrations have already begun with presentation of a resolution at the April 1 Yolo County Board of Supervisors meeting recognizing the vital role libraries play in helping people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work. The festivities will continue during the week of April 13 with library book displays, free bookmarks and launch of the first annual “Read Off Your Fines” program throughout the seven Yolo County branch libraries.

“Libraries are places where everyone can go to discover the world,” notes Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “People of all ages visit the library for entertainment, self-help or to find their place in the community. With free resources like books, magazines, DVDs, computer and wifi access, libraries help people find new jobs, do better in school, tackle projects and learn new ways to improve their health.”

This year the first annual “Read Off Your Fines” program will be held during National Library Week at each of the seven branch libraries. The campaign will target children and young adult library card holders, five to 18 years of age, who are able to read by themselves and who owe overdue fines. Youth will earn a \$1.00 fine credit for each 15 minutes spent reading a book of their choice.

Also during National Library week parents are invited to introduce their young children to the library by attending special programs at any of the branch libraries. On April 15 there will be a sign language interpreter on hand for parents of babies and toddlers ages birth to 36 months at the Mary L. Stephens Branch Library in Davis. Also on April 15, the Davis branch will feature the Explorit Science Cafe and Lecture Series: *What Made Us Human? Comparing the Human and Chimp Genome*. And on April 16 at 7:00 p.m. and April 17 at 10:30 a.m. story time programs will be held for children age three to five.

The Arthur F. Turner Branch Library in West Sacramento will present the “Mother Goose on the Loose” program for ages birth to 36 months on April 16 at 2:00 p.m. and on April 19 at 10:30 a.m. Preschool story times will take place at the Winters Branch Library on April 17 at 10:30 a.m. and at the Esparto Branch Library on April 15 at 10:30 a.m.

For more information, visit or call any of the Yolo County branch libraries: 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 or visit: <http://www.yolocountylibrary.org>.

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