



COUNTY OF YOLO

Office of the County Administrator

Sharon Jensen
County Administrator

Beth Gabor
Public Information Officer

625 Court Street, Room 202 • Woodland, CA 95695
(530) 666-8150 • FAX (530) 668-4029
www.yolocounty.org

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 11, 2007

Contact: Beth Gabor, Public Information Officer
(530) 666-8042 [w] • (530) 219-8464 [c]

Yolo Library Wireless (WiFi) Internet Access Project

(Woodland, CA) – Thanks to a joint venture among the Yolo County departments of the Sheriff-Coroner, Information Technology and the Library, today all Yolo County libraries now have wireless (WiFi) internet access which is extended, free of charge, to all who visit a Yolo County library branch.

Prompted by a request from the Sheriff-Coroner to have wireless internet access for his deputies that work in remote areas of the county, a project was put into motion to outfit all the county libraries in the unincorporated areas with a wireless access point. With the exception of the Davis and West Sacramento branches, which provided funding for access points in their own facilities, and Winters which was provided by the Yolo County Health Department, the Sheriff's department purchased wireless access points for approximately \$500 per unit for the remaining four Yolo County library branches.

“Our Sheriff's deputies often need access to the internet while on patrol,” said Yolo County Sheriff-Coroner Ed Prieto. “As a majority of our county is remote, providing this wireless access in the library branches was a logical choice for this enhancement to our law enforcement system.”

Yolo County library branches can be found in the communities of Clarksburg, Davis, Esparto, Knights Landing, West Sacramento, Winters and Yolo. Each of these branches now has wireless access for use by both Sheriff deputies and the public at large.

“This project has broader uses beyond those required by our Sheriff's department,” said Kevin Yarris, Director of the Yolo County Information Technology Department. “Any visitor to a Yolo County library branch, possessing wireless technology on their laptop, will now have this additional resource.”

“The mission of the Yolo County Library system is ‘to provide access for all to books, information technology, and other media, to inform, entertain and inspire’,” notes Interim Yolo County Librarian Roger Pearson. “We were pleased to bring this additional tool for accessing information to our Sheriff's deputies and to the residents of Yolo County.”

To locate Yolo County library branches or for instructions on accessing the wireless network call (530) 666-8005 or visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.

###