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Yolo County Library Collects 5,867 Pounds of Food

(Woodland, CA) – Thanks to the Yolo County Library's Food for Fines program, the Yolo Food Bank received a donation of 5,867 pounds of food over the holiday season! The Food for Fines program ran from November 15 through December 15 allowing library card holders to receive \$1 off an overdue fine for every food item donated.

"This weight total was the third largest food drive we recorded in 2015," said Yolo Food Bank Volunteer Manager and Procurement Specialist Josh Ellis. "The Yolo County Library has always been a tremendous supporter of the Yolo Food Bank and this food drive is yet another example."

All of the Yolo County Library branch locations received donations, with more than 4,500 pounds coming from the Arthur F. Turner Community Library and the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library. Many library card holders donated food items even though they did not have overdue fines. Overall, Yolo County Library card holders donated more than 2.6 tons of food, which is heavier than a Ford F-150 and as much as an African elephant! All of the donations will go towards feeding the hungry this winter.

"The Yolo County Library sends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who donated to this program," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "Many families will be fed this winter through the generosity of the community and its residents."

The Yolo County Library encourages the growth and learning of all families and fosters partnerships that build and support the community. For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org.

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