

Yolo County Library

“We connect people and ideas”



A Narrative for the Community
Top Stories from 2013 - 2015





A Note from the County Librarian

Welcome, everyone! This narrative is a glimpse into the many programs and services the library is offering and how we are engaging in the community's needs, bringing opportunities for you to read, grow, learn, discover, play and interact with one another.

This year alone, we helped bridge services and communities through new programs and better access. With a grant from the CA State Library and support from our Board of Supervisors and Friends organizations, we installed 1 GB of broadband internet access in Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo and 10 GB of service in Davis, West Sacramento and Winters. We developed a business plan for the County Archives and Records Center that includes a digitization program. In introducing LINK+, all library card holders can now access more than 11 million items from CA and Nevada libraries, free of charge and with fast delivery. We also created a stronger organization, capitalizing on employee strengths and increasing opportunities for leadership and engagement. Additionally, we embarked on assisting adults who did not graduate from high school to attain their degree and we are working with probationers and their children to build a culture of reading as a family.

The Library continues to collaborate with the many Friends of the Library that support dozens of programs including plans for a new Yolo Branch Library. Our grants pursuits are at an all-time high ranging from early literacy and parent education in four languages to adult literacy, mobile outreach and self-directed learning for first time college goers. So far in our current and previous two fiscal years, we have received \$358,081 in grant funds! Additionally we have more volunteers than ever and offer internships in collaboration with partners.

This next year is about building the infrastructure to enable our library to go from good to great through fostering a spirit of collaboration, courage and collegiality and aligning our values towards building community. As you read about our new and improving services, please let us know how we are doing and how we can be of greater service to meet your needs. Our mission to provide access for all to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire is about inclusion and connection and creating a culture of yes.

Thank you to the Yolo County community for investment in your public library! It continues to be an honor and a privilege to work with you all!

A Tribute to Our Volunteers

Volunteers have an immeasurable impact on the health and well-being of the communities they serve and are critical partners and participants in the Library's culture and organizational strength. Volunteers are an integral part of the Library and not a day goes by without input or effort from multiple volunteers. A heartfelt thank you goes out to all of our Library volunteers who have given their time and energy, sweat and strength, into making the Library a place of access, innovation, knowledge, and thought. As the saying goes, you may know a person by the company they keep and here at the Library, we are in the best of hands.

Here are some of the ways that volunteers assist the Library:

- Are Ambassadors for the Library
- Assist with projects and host programs at the library
- Facilitate English Conversation Groups
- Provide 1-on-1 tutoring services for Yolo Reads
- Assist teens and children with homework help
- Index and donate materials in Archives
- Process books in and out of the system
- Pull requested items for patron holds
- Repair torn or damaged items
- Sort mail and collate papers
- Shelve books and materials
- Prepare materials for programs
- Receive training and attend workshops
- Help keep a clean environment

Yolo County Library Locations

Central Services / Archives Records Center

226 Buckeye Street - Woodland, CA 95695

P: 530-666-8005 F: 530-666-8006

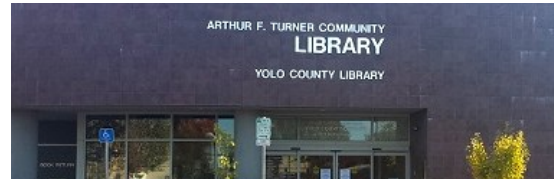
Hours: M - F: 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.



Arthur F. Turner Community Library

1212 Merkley Avenue - West Sacramento, CA 95691

P: 916-375-6465 F: 916-371-5612



Clarksburg Branch Library

52915 Netherlands Avenue - Clarksburg, CA 95612

P: 916-744-1755 F: 916-744-1072



Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Avenue - Esparto, CA 95627

P: 530-787-3426 F: 530-787-4874



Knights Landing Branch Library

42351 Third Street - Knights Landing, CA 95645

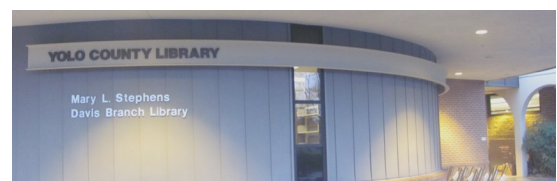
P: 530-735-6593 F: 530-735-6726



Mary L Stephens - Davis Branch Library

315 E. 14th Street - Davis, CA 95616

P: 530-757-5593 F: 530-757-5590



South Davis Montgomery Library

1441 Danbury Street - Davis, CA 95618

P: 530-759-2100 ext. 8 F: 530-759-2103



Winters Community Library

708 Railroad Avenue - Winters, CA 95694

P: 530-795-4955 F: 530-795-3132



Yolo Branch Library

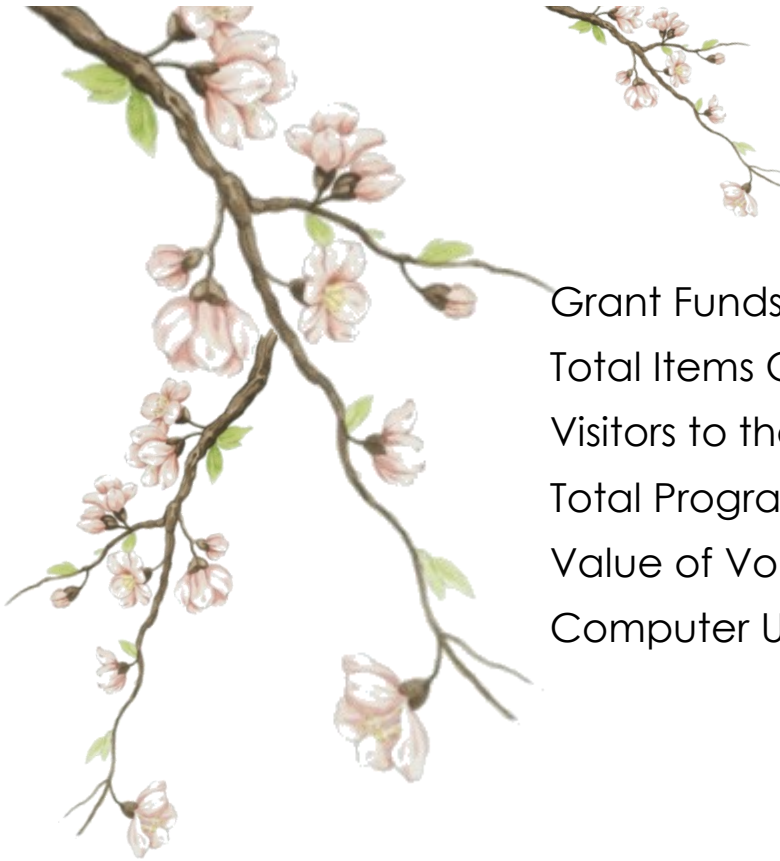
37750 Sacramento Street - Yolo, CA 95697

P: 530-662-2363 F: 530-662-1424



For branch hours visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org

Almond trees are an agricultural staple to the county with almonds being the third largest crop grown.



2013

Grant Funds (FY 13-14):	\$138,535
Total Items Circulated:	1,115,451
Visitors to the Branches:	722,512
Total Program Attendance:	66,891
Value of Volunteer Hours Donated:	\$123,820
Computer Usage:	165,579



Exciting Stories from the Year

Friends of the Yolo Library of Yolo - In early 2013 the communities from Yolo and the surrounding areas met to discuss the future of the Yolo Branch Library, which resulted in overwhelming support to continue library services and maintain the building's facilities. A group of Yolo Branch Library users and community members formed the new Friends of the Yolo Library of Yolo to specifically raise awareness and funds for a new building and stronger library services, becoming the eighth Friends group in the Yolo County Library system in April 2013.

In 2015, the Board of Supervisors gave the green light to renovate the Yolo Branch Library and the Yolo Friends and community are providing key input on design and service priorities.

Nonprofit Leaders Alliance (NPLA) - Library staff with the community created the Nonprofit Leaders Alliance to successfully identify nonprofits in the region while building partnerships between programs and facilities. Working in direct alignment with Yolo County's Tactical Plan of Collaborating to Maximize Success, NPLA partnered with a Collaboration Team of various county departments to identify existing collaborative programs, services and policies, create a database of information and encourage collaboration to broaden and expand service impacts and outcomes to the greater County community.

NPLA and the Collaboration Team successfully surveyed more than 30 nonprofits in the county that not only better informed the Board of Supervisors but also provided information about the culture of collaboration and the motivations to work within and across departments.



Summer Reading Program
Winters Community Library



Movie Night
Clarksburg Branch Library



Children's Area
Knights Landing Branch Library



Juneteenth
Mary L. Stephens - Davis Branch Library

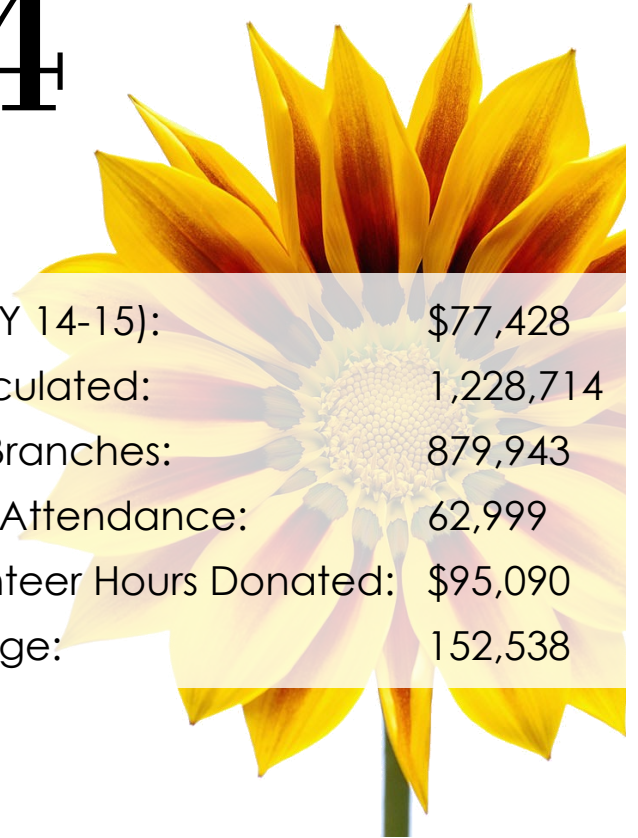
Discover & Go - Yolo County Library was one of ten Northern California libraries chosen to participate in the award-winning Discover & Go program in 2013 which offers card holders free and low-cost passes to museums, science centers, zoos and cultural venues throughout Northern California and the San Francisco Bay Area. This unique partnership between cultural venues and libraries was launched to provide library cardholders with discounted admission to cultural institutions in their own backyard. This program is still active with the Yolo County Library and within Sacramento and Yolo County, the Gibson House Museum, the Sacramento Children's Museum and the Crocker Art Museum are available through this program. Visit: <https://yolocountylibrary.discoverandgo.net/> to enter your Yolo County Library card number and pin to access these amazing deals.



Juneteenth - In remembrance of the abolition of slavery and the Emancipation Proclamation, the Yolo County Library has co-organized this bi-annual event that brings communities and residents together to celebrate bonds being officially broken for more than 3.5 million people. The 2015 event kicked off on June 14 and was the landmark 150th Anniversary of the Juneteenth celebration. "A Time to Reflect, Heal and Act," was the year's theme to inspire members of the community to think critically, encourage one another and to ultimately come together to heal wounds both ancient and fresh, moving forward in solidarity. There was a potluck of traditional soul food, a special Hip-Hop history and dance program from Catch-A-Beat, arts-and-crafts stations, children's educational activities and more. Activities were spread between the Veterans Memorial Center and the Mary L. Stephens - Davis Branch Library.

Sunflower seeds are one of Yolo County's top grossing agricultural commodities. In 2014 more than 17,000 acres of sunflowers were planted.

2014



Grant Funds (FY 14-15):	\$77,428
Total Items Circulated:	1,228,714
Visitors to the Branches:	879,943
Total Program Attendance:	62,999
Value of Volunteer Hours Donated:	\$95,090
Computer Usage:	152,538

Exciting Stories from the Year

Little Free Libraries - To promote literacy and the love of reading, the Yolo County Library with assistance from Northern California Construction Training crafted 10 free book exchanges called 'Little Free Libraries' in 2014, to be located in Davis, Zamora, Dunnigan, Yolo and Winters. Customers can easily borrow or donate a book without a library card or account. Donations from the Woodland Senior Center and each of the Friends of the Library groups helped to provide the materials. In 2015 two more Little Free Libraries were added.



Interlibrary Loan and ZipBooks - In an effort to provide cardholders with additional access to materials, the Library added ZipBooks to their Interlibrary Loan collection (ILL). ILL is a service that allows cardholders to request materials, such as books published more than six months ago, magazine articles and microfilm from other libraries that the Yolo County Library currently does not have in their collection.

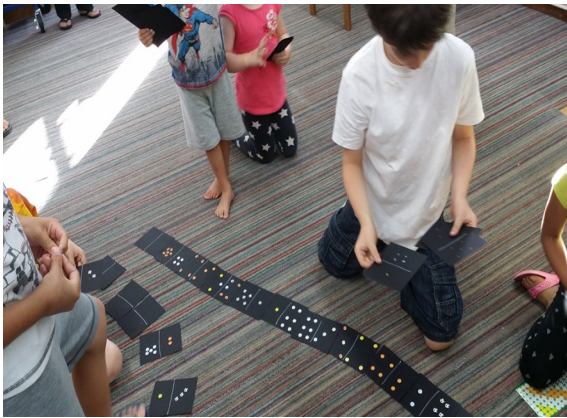
The Library received funding through a Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant from the California State Library in 2014 for ZipBooks, which provides augmented ILL services. When cardholders request materials through ILL, certain items may be eligible for library staff to buy and add to the existing collection, instead of borrowing from other systems. If the item is eligible to buy, that item can be sent directly to the home of the cardholder.



Latin American Chess Board
Arthur F. Turner Community Library



Making Pinatas
Yolo Branch Library



Dominoes
Clarksburg Branch Library



Dia de los Ninos
South Davis Montgomery Library

Digitizing the Yolo County Archives Collection -

To preserve and safeguard items housed at the Archives and Records Center, library staff, with the assistance of community members and the Archives Friends, began to digitize materials, such as photos, letters and other items. Library staff began with focusing on the creation of guidelines for the management, retention and preservation of electronic records.

This project continues today through the Do-It-Yourself Project, funded by a Staff Innovation Pitch Grant, that digitizes and uploads materials to a cloud-based database for community indexing and transcription. The State Library has authorized Yolo County to be one of several digitization hubs within the State and approved a long term loan of critical digitization equipment.

Spanish Language Book Fair -

In collaboration with the California Gold chapter of REFORMA - the National Association to Promote library and Information Services to Latinos and the Spanish Speaking, the library has hosted this amazing book fair in 2013, 2014 and 2015, featuring vendors of books and materials from around the county. The book fair is designed to be a resource service that brings Spanish language materials to communities throughout Northern California, including the best Spanish language materials for adults, teens and children, fiction and nonfiction, picture books, biographies and more. The fair continually draws delegates from multiple counties, who are selecting and ordering materials for their respective Spanish speaking families and learning how to use those materials effectively from vendor advisors and attending colleagues.

Tomatoes are the highest valued crop grown in Yolo County. California produces 96% of all the tomatoes grown and processed in the United States and Yolo County is the third largest producer in California.



2015



Grant Funds (FY 15-16 so far):	\$142,118
Total Items Circulated:	1,270,722
Visitors to the Branches:	764,608
Total Program Attendance:	52,865
Value of Volunteer Hours Donated:	\$98,510
Computer Usage:	126,602

Exciting Stories from the Year

One - Stop Career Center - This collaboration between the Yolo County Library and the Health and Human Services Agency first opened in May 2015 at the Mary L. Stephens - Davis Branch Library. Less than 1% of Davis residents who are eligible for benefits participate in HHSA supported programs. With more than 400,000 annual visitors to the library, this service offers resident greater access to information.

Employment specialists who are bilingual in English and Spanish assist residents at the library with job search tips, resume assistance and subsidized job assessment and placement. This service also promotes online and library resources and provides eligibility services for assistance such as CalFresh, CalWORKs, and Medi-Cal. All services are provided free of charge. More than 400 people visited the One - Stop Career Center in 2015.

Big Day of Giving (DOG) - On May 5, 2015 the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, the Friends of the Davis Public Library and the Winters Friends of the Library participated in the Big Day of Giving, a 24 hour event giving local nonprofits the opportunity to increase donations with potential prize money and donor matches. At the end of the day the three Friends groups raised more than **\$31,000!** The Friends of the Esparto Regional Library raised \$1,400, the Friends of the Davis Public Library raised \$3,359 and the Winters Friends of the Library raised an amazing \$27,645. Donations will go towards supporting library programs and services in the local communities.

Other Friends groups are strongly encouraged to participate in future Big Days of Giving, where 500 nonprofits agencies participate with more than 25,000 donors.



Great Stuffed Animal Sleep Over
Esparto Regional Library



Patty Wong and Mr. Toad
Davis 5th Renovation Anniversary



Ice Breaker
All Staff Day Meeting



Bubble Lady
Knights Landing Branch Library

Families Together - The Yolo County Library joined forces with the Probation Department to give probationers the opportunity to reinvest in being their child's first teacher through story times, teachings and shared interactions. The first group of probationers finished in December 2015 after attending a 10 week program at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. Probationers and their families visited the library once a week for lessons from library staff demonstrating how positive interactions can strengthen the natural development of language and literacy skills in children. After meetings, families were encouraged to browse the library to find materials to read at home together. Whole families are positively impacted through the program as probationers build their confidence and improve their reading skills while children develop closer ties with their parents and receive positive reinforcement in their early literacy skills. This program is supported by the West Sacramento Friends of the Library.

Lucky Day Collection - The Yolo County Library launched their 'Lucky Day' collection in September 2015 at all of their branches, allowing library card holders to check out popular titles that often had a long wait list on a first come, first served basis. Initial titles included *Go Set a Watchman* by Harper Lee and *Paper Towns* by John Green. This collection was made possible through funding from the Winters Friends of the Library, Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, West Sacramento Friends of the Library and Friends of the Davis Public Library. So far in 2016 there are 90 titles and 366 items in this collection. The Yolo County Library continues to support literacy and reading through providing new services and programs for customers to learn and grow.



With Thanks

A special thank you to the Board of Supervisors for their continued care and funding of Library endeavors that help bring our diverse communities together and keep our branches open and staffed.

A heartfelt acknowledgement to all the library staff and volunteers who have created the wonderful environment that our residents and communities enjoy and thrive in at the library branches.

Much gratitude and appreciation to all of the Friends of the Library groups for their hard work and dedication in supporting programs and services at the branches as well as being actively involved in their community.

Lastly, thank you to the Library Advisory Board for their continued encouragement and guidance in all things related to the Yolo County Library.

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- Friends of the Clarksburg Library
- Friends of the Davis Public Library
- Friends of the Esparto Regional Library
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- Friends of the Yolo Library of Yolo
- Friends of the Yolo County Archives
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