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Yolo County and Woodland Public Libraries Debut New Book Bikes

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library and the Woodland Public Library unveiled their new bicycle-powered mobile libraries which will deliver library services throughout the community to schools, parks and local events.

The bikes are funded through a California State Library grant, supported by the U.S. Institute of Museum & Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services & Technology Act. The two library systems collaborated on a joint application and were awarded funding in late 2015.

The Yolo County Library's Book Bike is a standard 21-speed bicycle pulling a custom built trailer decorated with a map of Davis and is equipped with free Wi-Fi to allow patrons to sign up for new library cards, check out materials and learn about library resources and services. The Book Bike debuted at Loopalooza on May 1, and since then, has connected with more than 630 residents at 13 different events, signed up 37 new library card holders and has had 175 items checked out by patrons. The Book Bike will make appearances at the Davis Farmers Market, special events and various housing communities in Davis, including:

- Eleanor Roosevelt Circle: Wednesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Cesar Chavez Co-Op: Every other Monday, 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

“The Book Bike is a great addition,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “The library will be able to reach new communities and connect customers with valuable information, programs and services.”

The Woodland Public Library received two custom built 3-speed tricycles that include a storage box which expands for shelving and display to carry books for people to borrow and exchange, and for offering story times and activities. Through their Books Inspiring Kids Everywhere (BIKE) program, the orange and green bicycles will be seen at community events such as the Woodland Farmer's Market in front of the library on Saturday mornings, Food Truck Mania on First Street the first Sunday of the month and the BrewFest on September 3.

“We have focused on making sure all Woodland residents have access to books and information,” said Woodland Public Library's Director Greta Galindo. “The BIKE program will expand library services to residents not currently familiar with the library and its services.”

For more information about the Yolo County Library's Book Bike, contact Dana Christy at: dana.christy@yolocounty.org. For more information about the Woodland Public Library's BIKE program, contact bookbike@cityofwoodland.org.

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