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National Night of Readings to Commemorate 80th Anniversary of *It Can't Happen Here*

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library has partnered with the Acme Theatre Company to bring a free public reading of the new stage adaptation based on Sinclair Lewis' *It Can't Happen Here*, on October 24 at 6:30 p.m. in the Blanchard Room of the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 E. 14th Street in Davis.

All are welcome to attend this free public reading that will be directed by Acme Theatre Company's Artistic Director, Emily Henderson, with an intergenerational cast of community performers.

In 1936 Lewis' novel was adapted into a play and theatres across the country had their opening productions on the same night. To commemorate the 80th anniversary of those productions and keep within the same spirit, theatres, universities and communities across the nation, including the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, will read the new adaptation by Berkeley Repertory Theatre's Artistic Director Tony Taccone and Screenwriter Bennett S. Cohen.

“Live theatre allows us to experience works of literature as a community, creating a safe space for us to talk about uncomfortable topics,” says Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “While written in 1935, Lewis' work is startlingly relevant today.”

A nationwide reading is made possible thanks to the generous support of Barbara and Rodgin Cohen and Orin Kramer and is presented in cooperation with the Sinclair Lewis Estate. A special thank you goes to the Berkeley Repertory Theatre for their new adaption and helping to make this reading possible. For more information about the Acme Theatre Company visit: www.acmetheatre.net. 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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