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Award Winning Local Author Reyna Grande Visits the Yolo County Library

(Woodland, CA) – Join the Yolo County Library for three special visits by award winning local author Reyna Grande as she discusses her writing and experiences as a Mexican immigrant, woman of color, and Latina writer.

All are welcome to attend the following author visits by Reyna Grande:

- **March 16 at 6:00 p.m.** Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E. 14th Street in Davis
- **April 24 at 1:30 p.m.** Knights Landing Branch Library, 42351 Third Street in Knights Landing
- **May 17 at 9:30 a.m.** Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Avenue in Winters

Reyna is an award-winning novelist and memoirist and has received an American Book Award, the El Premio Aztlán Literary Award and the International Latino Book Award. Her novels, *Across a Hundred Mountains* and *Dancing with Butterflies*, were published to critical acclaim and have been read widely in schools across the country. Her latest book, *The Distance Between Us*, shares the story of Reyna's life before and after immigrating to the US as an inspiring coming-of-age story about the pursuit of a better life.

Born in Iguala, Guerrero, Mexico, Reyna was two when her father left for the U.S. to find work. Her mother followed her father north two years later, leaving Reyna and her siblings behind in Mexico. In 1985, when Reyna was nine, she left Iguala to make her own journey north. She entered the US as an undocumented immigrant and later went on to become the first person in her family to graduate from college.

"I aim to offer my personal story as a bridge between our countries, our cultures and our humanity," said author Reyna Grande. "Now more than ever, we need to tell stories that humanize the issue of immigration and encourages us to celebrate the many cultures in the U.S."

The Yolo County Library promotes enriching and diverse programming and values the diversity in Yolo County and the country. For more information contact Patty Valdovinos: patty.valdovinos@yolocounty.org. For more information on 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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