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Solar Eclipse Viewing Party, August 21

(Woodland, CA) – Join the Yolo County Library for two special solar eclipse viewing events. A total solar eclipse will be visible exclusively in the continental United States for the first time in almost forty years on a narrow track stretching from Oregon to South Carolina. While Yolo County is not located in the direct path, participants will be able to view the eclipse and learn more about these rare events. All ages are welcome to join these family-friendly events at 9:30 a.m. on August 21st at the Mary L. Stevens Davis Branch Library in Davis and at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento.

August 21 at 9:30 a.m. Mary L. Stevens Davis Branch Library, 315 East 14th Street in Davis

Listen to an introductory discussion on eclipses and how to safely view them, then engage in eclipserelated activities, including an eclipse-themed story time and a variety of hands-on STEAM activities. Participants may view the eclipse through the library's solar telescope and sun spotter. The first 100 attendees will receive a free pair of eclipse viewing glasses, limit one pair per family. This special event will be held outside. The Davis Branch Library will be open regular hours, from 1:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Davis Public Library.

August 21 at 9:30 a.m. Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue in West Sacramento

This exciting, educational, and rare solar event will be viewed outside the library's Community Room. The first 150 people will be given special eclipse glasses for safe viewing. The West Sacramento Branch Library will be open regular hours, from 12:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. This program is co-sponsored by The City of West Sacramento and the West Sacramento Friends of the Library

No reservations are required and all programs are free to attend. The Library is accessible for persons with disabilities. For more information about the Yolo County Library visit: <u>www.yolocountylibrary.org</u> or connect with the Library on Facebook at: <u>www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org</u>.