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Yolo Reads Annual Celebration on September 23

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County's Adult & Family Literacy Program, Yolo Reads, is having its annual celebration on Saturday, September 23, from 1 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Children's Activity Room of the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, located at 315 14th Street in Davis.

This event celebrates the accomplishments of adult learners who have reached their literacy goals or improved skills through the assistance of volunteer tutors. All are welcome to attend and learn more about the program, enjoy light refreshments, and hear inspirational stories.

"I am incredibly lucky to have found this free program and be matched so quickly," said Betsabeth, an adult learner. "I will be preparing to take the TOFEL [Test of English as a Foreign Language] exam in the near future. It makes me very proud."

Yolo Reads trains and connects volunteer tutors to adult learners wishing to improve their literacy skills. There are currently 35 pairs of adult learners and volunteer tutors. The program is supported by generous volunteers throughout Yolo County although more volunteer tutors are needed in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Esparto, Knights Landing and Yolo.

The Yolo Reads program is funded by the Yolo County Library, the California State Library Literacy Services, Friends of the Library groups, and private businesses in the community.

No reservations are required and this event is free to attend. The Children's Activity Room of the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library is accessible for persons with disabilities.

For more information about Yolo Reads or to learn about being a volunteer tutor, contact Nancy Pacheco at (530) 666-8019 or libraryvolunteer@yolocounty.org. For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org or connect with the library on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary