



## County Librarian's Report

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### Yolo County Library Upcoming Closures

- Sunday, December 24, 2017 closed for Christmas Eve
- Monday, December 25, 2017 closed for Christmas Day
- Monday, January 1, 2018 closed for New Year's Day
- Monday, January 15, 2018 for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, January 22, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. for Staff Training. Branches will be open 2:00-6:00 p.m.

### Yolo County Library Hosts Workshop on Childhood Creativity and Exploratory Learning

The California Library Association (CLA) is working with Lisa Regalla, of the Center for Childhood Creativity, to present a half-day, hands-on workshop focused on exploratory learning. The workshop will provide library staff with a variety of exploratory learning approaches/techniques when facilitating Summer at Your Library activities and programs, in order to maximize creativity and learning during their programming.

Yolo County Library will welcome staff from libraries across Northern California when it hosts this workshop on February 26<sup>th</sup> at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library.

### Yolo County Library Awarded *Libraries Illuminated* Grant for \$15,000

Congratulations to Dave Tavarez and Sylvia Moreno!

The *Libraries Illuminated* project helps California public libraries make software and hardware improvements to maximize benefits to patrons.

The grant will provide West Sacramento, Davis, and Winters with:

- Two (2) iPad Pro 12.9 inch display
- Two (2) Samsung Galaxy Tab 53
- Two (2) Dell Inspiron laptop computers
- Subscriptions to Deep Freeze to restore software to ensure privacy of customers using the laptops.
- One (1) GoPro HERO5 Black Camera

When asked about the grant, Dave noted:

“The latest iOS and Android devices were something most of our patrons would like to gain experience

with so they can use the tablets on their own and take classes arranged at the library on how to use the state of the art devices.”

“The GoPro cameras provide patrons with the opportunity to make and edit videos. We will have information sessions on how to use the cameras properly and will have film festivals at the three branches so people can show off their creations.”

“To edit these videos, we need laptops. The laptops to be purchased can also be used by patrons in a more private setting, like a study room, in case they have a job interview or need to research sensitive material that they might not feel comfortable doing at the regular public PC area.”

### Yolo County Library Technology Inventory

Speaking of technology, what do Yolo County Libraries offer?

#### Computer/Server Inventory by function and branch location (as of 8/2016)

Function	Davis	AFT	Winters	Esparto	Clarksburg	KL	Yolo	MME	CS	Total
Public PC	47	36	16	9	5	4	3	0	1	121
OPAC	13	10	3	2	1	1	1	0	0	31
AWE	4	3	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	14
PC Res/Mgmt	3	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	9
Public Laptop	0	4	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Staff Laptop	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	11	16
Microfilm PC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Staff Backroom	19	12	2	1	0	0	0	0	22	56
Service Desk	9	5	2	2	1	1	1	0	0	21
Self-Check	4	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>98</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>302</b>

There are a total number of 199 computers and laptops for public use which includes public Internet desktops, computer for accessing the library catalog, laptops, AWE computers, self-check PCs, microform computer, computer reservation and print release computers.

### Food for Fines @ Yolo County Library



- Join the Yolo County Library in its annual “Food for Fines” program that allows library cardholders who donate one food item to clear \$1 from their Yolo County Library overdue fines and also feed the hungry this holiday season.
- All Yolo County Library cardholders can donate food from November 20 through December 31 at the circulation desk of any Yolo County Library location. There is no limit to the number of donations and no limit to the reduction in overdue fines cardholders can receive.
- Library cardholders are welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.
- Items will be donated to the Yolo Food Bank.



### **Yolo County Library Now Offers Enki Library Ebook Platform**

- [enkilibrary.org](http://enkilibrary.org) is the first statewide eBook platform created by libraries for libraries
- There are over 60,000 eBook titles in the shared collection
- Enki offers popular fiction and nonfiction genres including romance, mysteries, travel, technical, crafts, cooking and more

Enki Library’s collections include:

- Library Journal SELF-e Select - unlimited downloadable collection of self-published SELF-e titles, curated by Library Journal staff
- Short Stories & Essays - unlimited downloadable shorts and essay singles
- Recovered Classics - unlimited downloadable collection of recovered classic literature.
- Encyclopedias - unlimited downloadable reference encyclopedias
- 900 Graphic Novels from Dark Horse Press and Rosarium



### **Yolo County Library Joins the Student Success Initiative**

The goal of the Student Success Initiative is for libraries to work with local school districts to give students public library cards.

- Yolo County Library is working on two pilot projects as part of this Initiative: Esparto Unified School District and Delta Charter in Clarksburg.
- The goal of the initiative is to provide every student with a Yolo County Library card

- YCL staff will work with school administrators, teachers, school librarians and parents to teach them about the many resources available from the Yolo County Library.
- Students will have full access to the library's collection and resources, yet they will not be charged late fees for overdue materials. Students will only be responsible for lost or damaged materials.

Yolo County Library has chosen the following benchmarks for evaluating the success this initiative:

- Increasing the number of agreements with school districts to issue students public library cards
- Increasing the number of children ages 5-18 who obtain public library cards
- Increasing the number of juvenile and young-adult materials that students borrow annually
- Increasing the number of children who participate in library's summer reading program annually