

Monthly Report

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This month I have highlighted a few noteworthy items occurring at Yolo County Library. If you have questions, or want to learn more about Yolo County Library, please contact me at mark.fink@yolocounty.org or 530.666.8002. Visit the library online at <http://yolocountylibrary.org> and find us on Facebook.

Reading Takes You Everywhere



From May 20th – August 18th, explore, learn, and discover with our Summer Reading Program!

Participants of all ages can enjoy fun events, activities, and prizes all summer long!

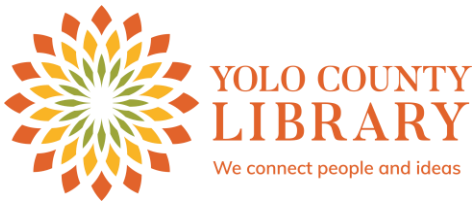
Register online or in person at your local library.

Library Goals and Strategies - Fiscal Year 2018-19

The goals and strategies listed below are aligned with the County's Strategic Plan (Strategic Planning, Thriving Residents, Safe Communities, and Flourishing Agriculture).

Goal 1: Strategic Planning Strategies for 2018-19

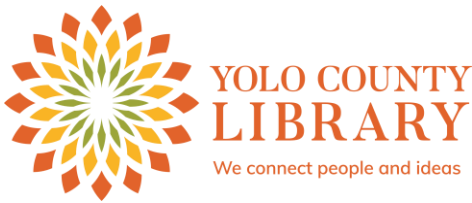
1. **FACILITIES:** Complete the facilities renovation project for Library Central Services, Yolo County Archives and the Records Center (**Priority Focus Area**).
2. **OUTREACH:** Records Center will strengthen relationships with County agencies by educating them about services offered and updating records retention schedules as needed.



3. FACILITIES: Library will collaborate with County agencies, City of Davis, Davis Joint Unified School District, and community stakeholders to explore the viability of funding, building and operating a South Davis library facility.
4. STAFF TRAINING: Library will provide inclusion and diversity training for staff and stakeholders (Priority Focus Area).
5. STAFF TRAINING: Library will develop strategies to enhance its succession planning efforts.
6. OUTREACH: Library will expand its work to ensure that “Everyone is Welcome at the Library” by using data analytics and targeted outreach strategies to identify services and resources that meet the needs of our diverse communities (Priority Focus Area).

Goal 2: Thriving Residents Strategies for 2018-19

1. PATRON ACCESS: Library will increase access to its services by eliminating late fines for cardholders under 18 years of age (Priority Focus Area).
2. CHILDREN’S SERVICES: Library will expand its use of the Brazelton TouchPoints methodology to ensure that parents and caregivers feel confident in their roles as caregivers and form strong, resilient attachments with their children (Priority Focus Area).
3. CHILDREN’S SERVICES: Library will offer resources and programs reducing Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) to build resilience by educating parents and caregivers about the importance of quality early childhood education (Priority Focus Area).
4. ADULT SERVICES: Library will offer bilingual programs and resources for parents, caregivers and families to promote school readiness (Priority Focus Area).
5. PATRON ACCESS: Library will increase access to its services by adding open hours at the Esparto Regional Library (Priority Focus Area).
6. PATRON ACCESS: Library will increase access to its services by implementing the Student Success Initiative in Esparto and Clarksburg to issue library cards to all K-12 students.
7. PATRON ACCESS: Library will increase access to its services with a new web site (Priority Focus Area).
8. PATRON ACCESS: Library will increase access to its services by implementing a self-service online library account registration and management system.

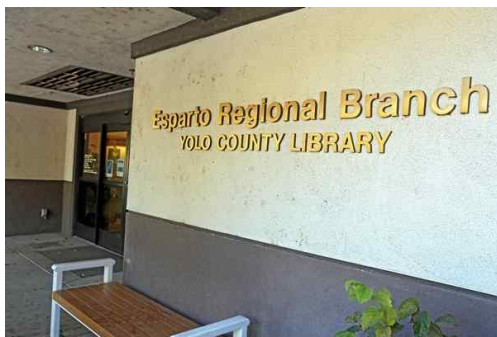


Goal 3: Safe Communities Strategies for 2018-19

1. FACILITIES: Library will complete CEQA study, receive EIR approval, and begin construction of a new Yolo Branch Library (Priority Focus Area).
2. PATRON ACCESS: Library will implement a one gigabyte broadband connection at the Clarksburg Library (Priority Focus Area).

Goal 4: Flourishing Agriculture Strategies for 2018-19

1. ADULT SERVICES: Library will offer an ESL class at the Esparto Regional Library that supports local agricultural workers and offers education and/or career exploration pathways at Woodland Community College (Priority Focus Area).
2. ADULT SERVICES: Library will offer English conversation groups at rural branches to support the workforce development needs of local agricultural workers and their families (Priority Focus Area).



Expanded Hours in Esparto

Effective July 1, 2018, the Esparto Regional Library will be open five additional hours each week.

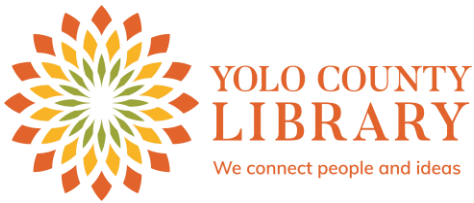
Here is the Library’s new schedule:

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Closed	12 – 8	8:30 – 8	8:30 – 8	10 – 8	12 – 5	10 – 2

Yolo County Grand Jury Investigates Yolo County Library, the County Archives and Woodland Public Library

The Yolo County Grand Jury is made up of 19 citizens selected by the Yolo County Superior Court. Jurors serve one-year terms that conclude on June 30 each year. The Grand Jury studies the workings of city and county governments including special districts, groups and/or organizations that receive public funds. The Grand Jury is an investigative body; it has the power to subpoena and indict, but does not have the power to prosecute.

At the completion of the one-year term, the Grand Jury submits a final report that details its investigations. Reports contain findings and recommendations, and lists those who are expected to respond to each of the recommendations. Elected officials must respond within 60 days; all other boards and officials must respond within 90 days. The report and its distribution serve to inform the community about Grand Jury activities and findings.



Yolo County Grand Jury Report - “Improving the Yolo County Libraries and Archives”

This year Yolo County Library, the County Archives and Woodland Public Library were the subject of a Grand Jury investigation. The Grand Jury report was recently made public, and you can find the complete report here:

<http://www.yolocounty.org/home/showdocument?id=50361>

Report Summary

In an era when digital media are rapidly expanding and traditional functions of libraries are changing, the Yolo County Grand Jury (hereafter Grand Jury) decided to examine how public libraries in Yolo County are adapting. Are they addressing the new challenges of the digital age while continuing to address their primary goals of supporting literacy and helping citizens access needed and desired information?

The Grand Jury interviewed county librarians, the librarian of the Woodland Public Library, and a member of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors. The Grand Jury also visited all eight branches of the Yolo County Library and the city-supported Woodland Public Library. And it examined the Yolo County Library Facilities Master Plan 2018-2035 and other documents.

Overall, the Grand Jury found that the libraries and their staffs are meeting the needs of their communities impressively well, but identified five issues that should be addressed:

- *Libraries are frequently unable to provide adequate help to a subset of library patrons who need additional services because of mental health problems or homelessness.*
- *The county Library Code of Behavior for patrons is not generally displayed prominently and is not easy for library staff to enforce effectively.*
- *The Mary L. Stephens Library in Davis has a serious shortage of parking for library staff and patrons.*
- *In West Sacramento, residents of the Southport area do not have easy access to the West Sacramento Library.*
- *The Yolo County Archives has inadequate facilities and staff to preserve and ensure wide use of the county’s historical records.*

The Grand Jury recommends that the libraries work with county social service departments to address the non-library needs of residents who have special psychological or economic problems; post the Code of Behavior more prominently in multiple languages and train staff on enforcement methods; increase parking for the Davis library; and speed up construction of a planned Southport library branch. In addition, the Grand Jury recommends that the Yolo County Archives increase its staff, increase hours of service to the public, and acquire a large-document digital scanner and a digital asset management system.

Yolo County Library, in collaboration with County Counsel and the County Administrator’s office, will respond to the Grand Jury’s findings and recommendations in the next few weeks.