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### **Yolo County Library and Yolo Reads Celebrate Literacy Month in September**

(Woodland, CA) – September is literacy month! Yolo County Library and the Yolo Reads Adult and Family Literacy program invite residents to celebrate learning in September. Adults who struggle with reading and writing are encouraged to contact Yolo Reads to get free assistance achieving their future learning goals.

More than 43 million adults in the United States cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out everyday activities. “In our own community, one in six adults struggles with reading and writing,” said Mark Fink, Yolo County Librarian and Chief Archivist. “Literacy empowers families so they can make informed choices that lead to safer and healthier lives. Learning to read, speak and write in English also provides opportunities for adults to support themselves through work, contributing ultimately to the economic growth of our region and our country.”

Since 2008, Yolo Reads, a service of Yolo County Library, has connected adults who wish to improve their reading and writing skills with adult volunteer tutors. More recently, families learning together has become a cornerstone of Yolo Reads. Yolo Reads provides parents and caregivers with the tools they need to help their children succeed in school.

Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, Yolo Reads has continued to make learning opportunities available to adult learners using online tutoring sessions, virtual Library events, and Zoom English conversation groups. Participants with families receive books and learning games through the mail and share their progress with Yolo Reads staff by phone and email.

If you can read this, take the time to encourage your family and friends to visit the library, read a good book, play a game together, learn a new language, and challenge themselves to become more literate. Want to do more? Become a volunteer tutor with Yolo Reads.

Learn more about the Yolo Reads program by contacting Nancy Pacheco:

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- Visit: <https://yolocountylibrary.org/yolo-reads>

For more information about library programs and resources, visit any of the Yolo County Library branches or the library webpage at [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org). Individuals can also connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](https://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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