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## **Groundbreaking Ceremony Kicks Off Construction of the New Yolo Branch Library on September 14, 2021**

(Woodland, CA) – In a socially distanced, outdoor event on September 14, 2021, Yolo County celebrated the groundbreaking for the new Yolo Branch Library in the town of Yolo, California.

The ceremony included a Land Acknowledgement by Mr. Laverne Bill, Director of Cultural Resources, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and speeches from Ms. Cecilia Aguiar Curry, California State Assembly, District 4; Mr. Jim Provenza, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 4; Mr. Angel Barajas, Yolo County Board of Supervisors, District 5; Ms. Rebecca Wendt, Deputy State Librarian, California State Library; Ms. Sue Alves, President, Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo; and Mark Fink, Yolo County Librarian and Chief Archivist.

The new Yolo Branch Library, a 4,000 square foot facility, will offer:

- Welcoming, dedicated spaces for children, teens, and adults
- A large community meeting room for local gatherings and special programs
- Quiet spaces and study rooms
- Free Wi-Fi, more public use computers, as well as a networked copier and printer
- An updated collection of library materials in English and Spanish
- Easier access to library services in an ADA accessible building
- A covered outdoor activity area, seating, picnic areas and activity lawn

“The new Yolo Branch Library is a reflection of the community,” said Mark Fink, Yolo County Librarian. “Thanks to the amazing work by the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library, Yolo County Library staff, and residents from Yolo, Zamora and Dunnigan, we are celebrating this milestone today.

Fink noted, “residents frequently refer to the Yolo Branch Library as the living room of the community. It has been paramount for us to maintain this quality in the library’s design, while incorporating new and innovative ways to deliver services that are responsive to community interests and needs.”

The new Yolo Branch Library was designed, with extensive involvement from local residents and library staff, by Doug Davis, a Principal Architect with WMB Architects, located in Sacramento, California. After a competitive solicitation process, Broward Builders, Inc., based in Woodland, California, was selected as the general contractor for the project. Construction is expected to last one year.

The former Yolo Branch Library served the community for more than a century. A new facility was deemed necessary to address substantial structural and safety issues, make the building ADA accessible, expand library services, and provide a large meeting room for library and community events. Funding sources for the project include the County of Yolo, Yolo County Library, the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo (\$40,000), and donors from Dunnigan, Yolo, Zamora and the surrounding communities (\$110,000).

Individuals can view the groundbreaking ceremony on Yolo County Library's [YouTube Channel](#).

For more information about the Yolo County Library, visit [www.yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.yolocountylibrary.org) or connect with the Library on Facebook at: [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](https://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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