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## Yolo County Library Begins its First Yearlong Reading Program in 2022

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library has a New Year's resolution for you: Read more in 2022. Beginning January 1, the Library will start its first reading program that spans the entire calendar year entitled, 52: a yearlong reading journey. Taking inspiration from popular online community reading challenges such as Goodreads yearly challenge and Book Riot's "Read Harder Challenge," the library decided it was time to try their hand at delivering a program where the incentive is the act of reading itself.

Yolo County Library is challenging everyone to read as many books as they can in 2022, either using our weekly prompts or by choosing their own books. Margaret Pelrine, Adult Services Librarian, explains, "We intentionally designed 52 as a program whose focus is on the yearlong reading journey instead of one where participants check off boxes to get a prize. Every week, we'll give you an idea for a book to read in the form of a prompt. If the prompt doesn't appeal, no worries; pick whatever you want to read. At its heart, 52 is about reading for the joy of reading."

Pick up a 52 reading journal at your local library branch or sign up on Beanstack to join the program digitally. Beanstack is available on mobile devices through the Apple App Store or Google Play Store or can be accessed by web browser at <a href="https://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org/reader365">https://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org/reader365</a>.

*52: a yearlong reading journey* is free and sponsored by the Yolo County Library Foundation and the various Friends of the Library groups. For more information or to sign up, visit your local Yolo County Library branch or: <a href="https://yolocountylibrary.org/ycl52">https://yolocountylibrary.org/ycl52</a>. Connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook at <a href="https://yolocountylibrary.org">www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org</a> and Instagram at <a href="https://yolocountylibrary.org">@yolocountylibrary.org</a> and Instagram at <a href="https://yolocountylibrary.org">@yolocountylibrary.org</a>

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