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Juneteenth Holiday Celebration Offers Free, Family-Friendly Entertainment on June 5th at UC Davis

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library invites residents to attend its free Juneteenth Holiday Celebration on Sunday, June 5th, from 11 am to 5 pm at the UC Davis Conference Center and the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas, origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. In 2021, it became the 11th holiday recognized by the federal government.

The Juneteenth theme for 2022 is “The Road to Freedom Day” and will honor Black artists and artisans, performers, elders, and musicians. The family-friendly celebration will include live entertainment, educational presentations, art displays, activities for youth, giveaways, artisan vendors, food trucks, sponsor tables, and more. Residents can learn more by visiting: <https://www.yolojuneteenth.org>.

There will be a variety of performances, including music, drumming, spoken word, and dance performances, including M’Ster Lewis, a JTL Production fashion show, the Grant High School Drumline, and renowned artist TheArthur Wright. Additionally, Master Quilter Khristel Johnson will display her history quilts at the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art. Johnson’s quilts are visually stunning and meticulously designed using African fabrics, beads, and textures that create a unique 3D effect illustrating African American history through personal stories and significant events. The celebration will include guest speakers: Lucas Frerichs, Vice Mayor of Davis; Renetta Garrison Tull, UC Davis Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and Vickie Gomez, UC Davis Director of Campus and Regional Community Engagement.

“We are very excited to offer a community youth art project for the celebration,” notes Youth Services Librarian Katrina Laws-Ewald. Children and teens 18 and under of any cultural background are invited to create an art piece exploring the Black/African diaspora. The “Make Black Art” project is a new experimental community learning experience that asks youth to research and discover Black art subject of interest, then create or replicate that subject in any art form that their ability allows as a show of appreciation for the culture.

The Juneteenth Holiday Celebration is made possible with the generous support of the Yolo County Library, City of Davis Human Relations Commission and Arts & Cultural Affairs Program, Culture C.O.-O. P., NJ Mvondo and Multiculturalism Rocks, Friends of the Davis Public Library, Yolo County

Office of Education, Travis Credit Union, Yolo Federal Credit Union, Davis Media Access, CommuniCare, UC Davis Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.

Davis Media Access will record and post the Celebration on YouTube on June 19th.

The UC Davis Conference Center is located at 550 Alumni Lane, Davis 95616. The Manetti Shrem Museum of Art is located across the street at 254 Old Davis Road, Davis 95616. There is free parking on Sundays in the garage and surrounding lot next to the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.

There are still spaces available for vendors, and volunteers are needed. Please visit yolojuneteenth.org for more information. If you have questions about participating in the event, contact Sandy Holman at (530) 902-4534 or sandy@thecultureco-op.com.

Tax-deductible donations can be made at tinyurl.com/YoloJuneteenth or by sending a check to the Friends of the Davis Public Library, P.O. Box 91, Davis, CA 95617

For more information about Yolo County Library's programs and resources, residents can visit their local library, or the Library's website, <https://yolocountylibrary.org>, or connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook at www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org and Instagram at [@yolocountylibrary](https://www.instagram.com/yolocountylibrary).

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