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Yolo County Library Celebrates Filipino American History Month with a Free, Family-Friendly Festival on October 29 in Davis

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library’s FAHM - Filipino American History Month Festival is a free family event where all community members are welcome to honor the history, pursuits, accomplishments, and legacy of Filipinos in the United States.

The celebration will take place on Saturday, October 29, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on the grassy lawn adjacent to the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library located at 315 E. 14th Street, Davis 95616. Parking is ample and free.

The celebration will include children’s activity tables, Filipino children’s authors selling their books, and a panel of speakers discussing the importance of storytelling to preserve the Filipino collective memory and to practice collective care. Participants can also enjoy cultural displays and authentic Filipino cuisine from local food trucks.

October was chosen to commemorate the arrival of the first Filipinos in the continental United States, which occurred on October 18, 1587, when “Luzones Indios” came ashore from the Spanish galleon Nuestra Senora de Esperanza and landed at what is now Morro Bay, California.

The Filipino American History Month theme for 2022 is “Past, Present, and Future.” While it is essential to hold events commemorating the contributions of Filipino Americans, not all are visible. Many unspoken contributions have had lasting impacts on families and communities and have greatly enriched our country.

The Library will highlight its collections of books, audiobooks, and films by Filipino Americans this October. “While there’s still much room for improvement, the publishing industry has begun to address the exclusion of Filipino writers,” says Collection Development Librarian Jillian Hinchliffe. As a result of continuing efforts to collect materials celebrating Filipino voices, the Library has more resources to offer the community. Resources like these allow people to build community, deepen connections and create an environment where all are welcome.

Residents can also visit the Library’s social media channels in October to find spotlights on books written by Filipino American authors and notable Filipino American residents of Yolo County past and present, including historical information from the Yolo County Archives and Yolo County Historical Collection.

For more information about Yolo County Library and Archives 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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