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Yolo County Library Invites Residents to Grand Opening Ceremony for the Yolo Branch Library on December 17th

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library will celebrate the grand opening of the new Yolo Branch Library on Saturday, December 17, 2022, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the town of Yolo, California.

The grand opening ceremony will include a Land Acknowledgement by Mr. Laverne Bill, Director of Cultural Resources, Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, and a Flag Ceremony by the American Legion Yolo Post 77. Supervisor Barajas, Chair of the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, will serve as Master of Ceremonies to introduce Congressperson Mike Thompson, United States House of Representatives, District 5; Senator Dodd, California State Senate, District 3, Assemblywoman Aguiar-Curry, California State Assembly, District 4; Ms. Sue Alves, President, Friends of the Yolo Branch Library; and Melinda Cervantes, Interim Yolo County Librarian.

Yolo County Library has planned free, family-friendly activities during the grand opening from 11:30 am – 2:30 pm, which include:

- Face painting
- Balloon twists
- DJ and music
- Crafts and coloring

The new Yolo Branch Library, a 4,000-square-foot facility, offers:

- 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 Library will provide the educational resources and tools needed to build a stronger and healthier community while preserving the history and traditions of the one before it, which operated for more than a century. This unique rural library was carefully planned and constructed to ensure that it will once more be a staple of the community,” said Supervisor Angel Barajas.

The new Yolo Branch Library was designed, with extensive involvement from residents and library staff, by Doug Davis, a Principal Architect with WMB Architects, located in Sacramento, California. Broward Builders, Inc., based in Woodland, California, was selected as the general contractor for the project. Construction commenced in September 2021 and was completed in November 2022. Kitchell Corporation, based in Sacramento, was hired by Yolo County to provide construction management services for the project.

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 American Rescue Plan Act, the California State Library, the County of Yolo, Yolo County Library, the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library, and donors from Dunnigan, Yolo, Zamora, and the surrounding communities.

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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