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## **Stephens-Davis Library to Host Gynecologos Performance by Davis Repertory Theatre on March 18**

(Woodland, CA) – As part of Women’s History Month, Yolo County Library is partnering with Davis Repertory Theatre to present Gynecologos, their first event in their 2023 Saturday series. Gynecologos will be presented on Saturday, March 18 at 1pm in the Blanchard Room at the Stephens-Davis Branch Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis CA. All library programs are free and open to the public. ASL interpretation will be provided for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Conceived and directed by co-Artistic Director Dr. Oona Hatton, Gynecologos is an interview-based, community created performance about women’s reproductive health. Says Hatton, “as the title suggests, this project champions the physical and emotional knowledge that women possess. By sharing just a small sample of that knowledge, we hope to destigmatize public conversations about our gender, our sexuality, and our health. Best of all, we are drawing on the interests and experiences of our own community.”

Dr. Oona Hatton, a professor in Performance Studies at San José State University, created a set of interview questions and went out to get them answered by friends, relatives, and colleagues. “One of the powerful things about this project is that the vast majority of the participants are not theatre artists,” notes Hatton. “They are people who want to affirm women’s experiences in doctor’s offices, in the bedroom, and at the dinner table. It is their investment in listening and learning from each other that makes this project possible.” The final product, which will be composed of monologues drawn directly from interview transcripts, will run roughly one hour, including time for audience feedback and reflection.

The Stephens-Davis Branch Library also has two additional events in March for Women’s History Month. The Blanchard Room is hosting an art installation titled Fearless, by artist Ana Lazaro. The rooms to the Blanchard Room will be left open so the public can view it during open hours. Lazaro has postcards of some of the artwork, and they will be for sale at the Friends of the Davis Public Library book sale the weekend of March 3. See [www.davislibraryfriends.org](http://www.davislibraryfriends.org) for more information on the book sales. On March 23 at 11 a.m., Dr Chang C Chen will discuss her books, Herstory 1 & 2: the Legal History of Chinese American Women. There will be month long displays about Herstory at each of the Yolo County libraries.

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](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org) and Instagram at @yolocountylibrary. For more information about Davis Repertory Theatre and the program, you can contact them at [davisrepertory@gmail.com](mailto:davisrepertory@gmail.com) or [www.davisrep.org](http://www.davisrep.org).

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