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## **Read Off Your Fines**

(Woodland, CA) – Yolo County Library announces the second annual Read Off Your Fines campaign, to be held during the month of January. This campaign will target children and young adult library card holders, ages five to 18 years, who are able to read by themselves and who owe overdue fines on their own library cards for previously returned materials. Youth who "read off" their fines will earn a \$1.00 credit for each 15 minutes spent reading a book of their choice in the library.

The goal of the campaign is to encourage youth who have been blocked from checking out library materials to once again be able to return and take advantage of the many resources available at the library. This program encourages youth to take responsibility for their fines by reading passages from their favorite books, or new ones, in exchange for forgiveness of overdue fines.

"The Read Off Your Fines program is an opportunity for us to encourage young people to return to the library and read for fun to eliminate their fines," says Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "This is your library; don't miss out on any services."

The Yolo County Library is offering the Read Off Your Fines program at each of the seven branch libraries during the month of January. The hours of the program will vary from branch to branch so community members are encouraged to contact their local branch for more information. Libraries are located in the communities of Clarksburg (916-744-1755), Davis (530-757-5593), Esparto (530-787-3426), Knights Landing (530-735-6593), West Sacramento (916-375-6465), Winters (530-795-4955) and Yolo (530-662-2363). For more information on the Yolo County Library system visit: www.yolocountylibrary.org.

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