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Yolo County Library's Summer Reading Program Returns

(Woodland, CA) – Join Yolo County Library's annual Summer Reading Program from June 1 through August 15. Children, teens, and adults are invited to participate and earn prizes by logging their reading and engaging in activities and programs that complement this year's theme – "Adventure Begins at Your Library."

All participants can choose a free book from a selection available at their local branch library upon signing up. Children ages 0-12 who complete the program will receive another free book, a medal, certificates for a free kid's meal at Panda Express and Raising Cane's, and a voucher for a free amusement ride at the Yolo County Fair. Teens ages 13-17 who complete the program will receive another free book, a choice of a medal or tote bag, and a voucher for a free amusement ride at the fair. Adults who complete the program will get a free book and a tote bag. All program finishers can opt to complete a bonus challenge to earn an additional free book. Participants who complete the program will be entered into a grand prize drawing if they return to the library by August 15. More prizes may be offered, check with your local branch for details. Prizes will be available to pick up through the end of August or while supplies last.

Participants are encouraged to track their books, log reading minutes, and complete activities to earn badges online through the Beanstack platform on the web or via the app. Parents or caregivers can sign up and log their own and their children's reading under one main account. Instructions and sign-up information are available at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Summer. Alternatively, paper game boards will be available at the library branches.

Summer reading programs encourage even reluctant readers to explore what interests them. Studies have shown that participation helps children and teens develop a love of reading and retain and improve their skills over the summer. Adult participation promotes a lifelong habit of reading and learning and encourages caregivers to support their child's literacy development by reading with them.

Yolo County Library will also offer fun activities and events, including magic shows, animal encounters, arts and crafts, puppet theater, and musical performances, at library branches throughout the summer. A schedule of Summer Reading Program events can be found on the library's online calendar at www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Events.

The Summer Reading Program is free and sponsored by the Yolo County Library Foundation and various Friends of the Library groups. For more information or to sign up, visit your local Yolo County Library branch or www.YoloCountyLibrary.org/Summer. Connect with Yolo County Library on Facebook, Instagram, and TikTok at @yolocountylibrary.

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