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National Library Week 2009 Participate in the “My Six Words” Project

(Woodland, CA) – In Yolo County, National Library Week (April 12-18) is being celebrated the entire month of April. The national observance, held since 1958 and sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries across the country, is a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians and library workers in schools, campuses and communities nationwide. This year’s national theme is “Worlds connect @ your library.”

In honor of both National Library Week and National Poetry Month, the Yolo County library would like to hear the stories of county residents in six words. “My Six Words” is a project inspired by the book *“Not Quite What I Was Planning: Six-Word Memoirs by Writers Famous and Obscure.”* Edited by Rachel Fershleiser and Larry Smith, this collection includes contributions from well-known personalities such as writer Dave Eggers (“Fifteen years since last professional haircut.”), singer Aimee Mann (“Couldn’t cope so I wrote songs.”), and comedian Stephen Colbert (“Well, I thought it was funny.”). The Yolo County Library is encouraging community members to similarly describe their favorite library experience, in six words, and to present it in a handwritten, typed or pictorial manner (six pictures).

“In these challenging economic times, librarians still continue to help people of all ages and backgrounds find and interpret the information they need to live, learn and work,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chair Mike McGowan. “Worlds do connect in our libraries. Those are my six words. What are your six words? What is your favorite library experience, author, book or librarian? What does the library mean to you?”

Yolo County Library staff have already begun working on the “My Six Words” project by capturing library life in six words which include: Movies and music, but mostly books; Come one, come all, free information; Just ask, I’ll try to answer; and My swell career as a librarian. During the month of April community members are encouraged to stop by any Yolo County Library branch and add their six words or photographs to the displays.

“Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, in colleges and universities, and within schools and businesses help transform our communities,” says Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “In Yolo County, people of all backgrounds come together at the library for a variety of programs and services including, pre-school story time, Internet access, exposure to literature through the Read Around Yolo book bags for book clubs, or adult literacy services through the YoloReads program.”

For more information about the Yolo County Library, programs and services, and branch locations, call (530) 666-8055 or visit www.yolocountylibrary.org. Note: some library branch locations will be closed for a short period in April due to Yolo County staff furloughs. Visit www.yolocountylibrary.org for more information.

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