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Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros

(Woodland, CA) – This year, Yolo County Library will be celebrating Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros on Apr. 25 at the Esparto Regional Library from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The Esparto Regional Library is located at 17065 Yolo Avenue in Esparto. All are welcome to this free event.

Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros is an annual, nationwide celebration of children, families and reading. The celebration is an enhancement of Children's Day, which began in 1925. Children's Day was designated as a day to bring attention to the importance and well-being of children. In 1996, nationally acclaimed children's book author Pat Mora proposed linking the celebration of childhood and children with literacy. Hundreds of libraries, schools and communities throughout the country are expected to host celebrations and programs that honor multiculturalism and stress the importance of books and literacy.

"Libraries have historically served as our nation's great equalizers of knowledge," said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. "In today's increasingly diverse and complex information environment, their services are needed more than ever. Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros is a fabulous way to celebrate the opportunities our libraries provide to all, especially our children."

Festivities during Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros at the Esparto Regional Library will include bilingual Spanish story time; workshops for parents on choosing age appropriate books for children and the importance of reading with children; arts and crafts; a special dance performance by Ballet Folklorico de Woodland; and free Spanish and bilingual picture books for all families. The program will also feature community information on health, housing, insurance and other resources. Bilingual staff will be on hand to provide tours of the library and to register all participants for library cards.

"Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros brings families together and emphasizes the importance of literacy for every child, regardless of linguistic or cultural background," said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. "Please join us for this free event for children, families and our community."

The Yolo County Library Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros festivities are sponsored by Yolo County and First 5 Yolo, with federal funding administered through the California State Library and the California Dia de los Ninos program.

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