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Digital Storytelling Project

(Woodland, CA) – On Friday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m., the Yolo County Esparto Regional Library Branch, in partnership with RISE, Inc., will be hosting a screening of the California of the Past Digital Storytelling Project. This will be an opportunity to view digital recordings of personal memories and stories, past and present from members of the Esparto, Madison and Capay Valley communities. The screening will be held at the Esparto High School Auditorium located at 17121 Yolo Avenue in Esparto.

This ongoing project has been made possible through a grant provided by the California State Library. The goal of the project is to help residents of the Esparto, Madison and Capay Valley communities tell a story of particular importance from their own life, and to illuminate pieces of California history. The June 19 screening will be screening those stories told to date. Yolo County Library staff is still available to help residents develop their stories and create videos complete with photos, documents, music and credits. Participants in the project will receive a free DVD of their three to five minute (approximately 200 words) story upon completion, and their story will be posted on the California of the Past Web site: www.DigitalStoryStation.com.

“Personal stories can be about an event, a person, a place or a family story,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “This is a fabulous way to keep Yolo County history alive.”

“Yolo County has such a rich history,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisor Chair Mike McGowan. “I hope many of our long-time residents will contribute to the Digital Storytelling Project by sharing their stories with all of us.”

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RISE, Inc., also a partner in this project, is assisting with public outreach and developing community member stories. RISE, Inc. provides social services ranging from English as a Second Language, mental health, child development, parent training, after school and summer programs and more.

To participate in the Digital Storytelling Project call the Esparto Library at (530) 787-3426. Refreshments served at the June 19 screening will be provided by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library.

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