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Davis Library Temporarily Moving to Second Street

(Woodland, CA) – On Tuesday, June 30, the Yolo County Board of Supervisors will consider an agreement with the Davis Indoor Sports Center, LLC (DISC) to lease its property at 2801 Second Street in Davis for purposes of accommodating the library program while the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library is being remodeled. The renovation of the library will be paid for by Measure P funds – overwhelmingly passed by Davis voters in 2007 – which increased the parcel tax that funds expanded library services, programs and facilities in Davis.

Upgrades in the Davis public library building will include all things promised in Measure P, including enhanced services, furniture, technology and staffing. The renovation will feature an expanded children's space, an additional meeting room, four new self-check machines, more materials, new furnishings, better use of day lighting and other green efforts, and an automated return handling system which will process the 1 million circulating and returned items that staff now process by hand. Improvements in technology and additional new and replacement computers will mean faster response times and shorter waits.

As a result of the above mentioned plans to renovate, refurbish and redefine public library service in Davis, which will take approximately 12 months, the library will need to move to a temporary facility for several months during construction. During the month of July the DISC space will be prepared for the library with plans for the physical transition of materials to take place in mid-August. There will likely be a three week closure, yet to be announced, for the shift of materials and shelving to the new location with plans to re-open the Davis branch library in the new location in mid-September. Library hours will remain the same, the Friends of the Davis Library sale area will be consolidated along with workstations and computers and ample parking will be provided, including bike racks. Children's story time activities will be generously hosted by the Davis Fencing Academy located at 2121 Second Street.

“We are grateful to the Harrison family, owners of DISC, for providing us this temporary space at a discounted rate,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. “They have been an outstanding partner and their actions are commendable in these tough fiscal times.”

“I want to thank the Davis community for all their support of library services and for their patience during this time of transition,” said Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong. “We look forward to re-opening a feature-rich, newly renovated public library during the second half of 2010.”

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