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Help Promote Literacy in Your Community

(Woodland, CA) – The Yolo County Library adult literacy program, Yolo Reads, is looking for volunteers to help with community outreach and event planning, August through October. One in six Yolo County residents cannot read and write sufficiently to carry out day-to-day activities at work and home. In an effort to address this issue, the Yolo County Library has developed Yolo Reads, a literacy program which provides free and confidential instruction to English-speaking adult learners.

Outreach volunteers will help publicize Yolo Reads in the community, increasing awareness of and access to the program. Outreach volunteers are needed in Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Esparto to visit businesses, agencies and community centers to distribute flyers about the Yolo Reads program. Volunteers must be 18 years of age, or older, have the ability to communicate clearly and have an interest in community building, outreach and public speaking.

Yolo Reads is also looking for a volunteer, 18 years of age or older, with event planning knowledge and/or experience to help recognize and celebrate the achievements of the Yolo Reads adult learners and the volunteer tutors who participate in the program.

“We need Yolo County residents to help us spread the word about our adult literacy program to those in need of assistance,” said Patty Wong, Yolo County Librarian. “You can make a real difference. No experience is necessary, the hours are flexible and we provide all the training and materials.”

“We need your help,” said Yolo County Board of Supervisors Chair Mike McGowan. “It is so very important to give our community members in need a leg up by helping them to read and write. The time you spend volunteering in helping us spread the word can truly change someone’s life.”

To learn more about the Yolo Reads program, volunteer opportunities, or to sign-up to volunteer, call Yolo Reads at (866) 609-7303 (toll free) or e-mail heather.bratt@yolocounty.org. Training and support will be provided to all volunteers.

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