

FRIENDS OF THE YOLO BRANCH LIBRARY

Our Mission, History, Accomplishments & Leadership

Our Mission

The Friends of the Yolo Branch Library support the Yolo Branch Library in its service to the communities of Dunnigan, Yolo, Zamora and the surrounding rural areas. We work in concert with Yolo County Library staff to understand community needs, develop services to meet those needs, and build community engagement.

Our History

For more than 100 years the Yolo Branch Library has served the rural communities of Dunnigan, Yolo and Zamora, as well as the surrounding rural area. It was the only library in Yolo County without a community support group until early 2013 when Sara Andrade of Yolo brought a small group of dedicated community members together to form the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library. A year later the organization fully incorporated as a non-profit 501 (c) (3) corporation.

Our Accomplishments

From the beginning, the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library ha worked with Yolo County Library staff to enhance library services. Efforts have included jointly discussing community needs, advising on strategies to meet those needs, raising funds to expand services, and working together to implement these services. Since 2014 our specific accomplishments include:

- Supported Yolo Branch Library programs & activities
- Co-sponsored annual Spring Celebration
- Maintained Little Lending Libraries in each community
- Held Community Yard Sales
- Sponsored holiday gifts and wrapping program
- Helped to design our New Yolo Branch
- Held annual Cruisin' into the Next Chapter Classic Car & Truck Show

Our Leadership

Members of the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library Board have come from all of the communities served by the Yolo Branch Library. Under their guidance, the Friends has grown into a strong organization that is working hard to fulfill its mission.

Current Board Members

Meg Sheldon (Yolo) – President
Sue Alves (Zamora) – Vice President
Lynnel Pollock (Rural Yolo) – Secretary
Kathy Boehm (Rural Yolo) – Treasurer
Kathy Hernandez (Yolo) – Member
Rosie Ledesma (Yolo) – Member
Jan Murillo (Yolo) – Member
Esther Vasquez (Yolo) – Member
Roy Wilson (Yolo) – Member

Past Board Members

Jim Adan (Yolo)
Sara Andrade (Yolo)
George Anaya (Yolo)
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Larry Joe Cruz (Yolo)
Tina Day (Yolo)
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Bill Hatcher (Rural Yolo)
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