

## Monthly Report January 2019

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This month I have highlighted a few noteworthy items occurring at Yolo County Library. This report is intended for local Friends of the Library groups, Library Foundation and Library Advisory Board members. We are grateful for your time, talent and financial support! To learn more about Yolo County Library programs and resources, please contact me at [mark.fink@yolocounty.org](mailto:mark.fink@yolocounty.org) or 530.666.8002. Visit us online at [yolocountylibrary.org](http://yolocountylibrary.org) and find us on Facebook.



### Library Closures

January 21, 2019  
January 28, 2019

Closed for Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Staff Training, branches close at 6 p.m.

### Personnel Updates

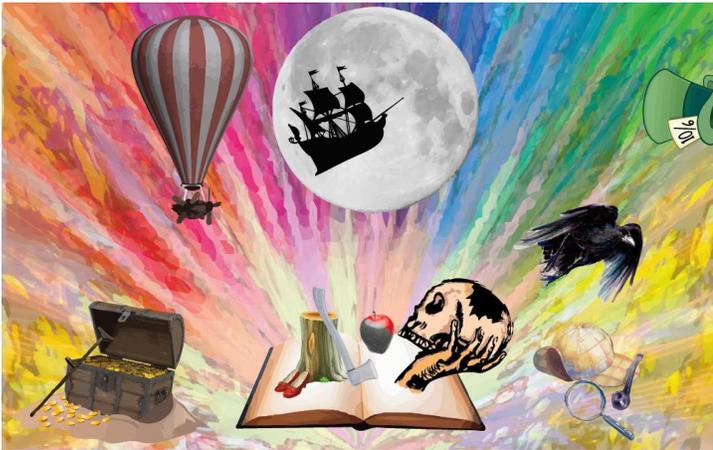
#### Vacancies

- Library Associate – Knights Landing Branch Library
- Library Associate – Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Outreach Librarian – Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Office Support Specialist – Central Services
- Library Assistant – Central Services



### Celebrate Lunar New Year with Yolo County Library

- Look for inviting and informative themed displays at branch libraries.
- Find relevant reading and viewing recommendations on our website.




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## Yolo County Library Launches Student Success Initiative in Esparto Schools

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*Student Success card design by student Tylor Armstrong.*

As part of its ongoing commitment to increase access to free educational resources students can use 24/7, Yolo County Library partnered with the Esparto Unified School District to create a Student Success library card for all students enrolled in the district.

This card provides access to online research databases, including Encyclopedia Britannica, eBooks, eMagazines, eAudiobooks, and all other library materials. Students will use their student ID numbers to access their accounts, making it even easier to use the library.

## Yolo County Library Removes Barriers for Youth to Library Resources

Effective January 1, 2019, the Board of Supervisors approved the Library’s plan to eliminate late fees on items for youth under 18. Elimination of these fees will reduce barriers to access library resources and lead to increased use for our youngest customers.

In addition, the Library discharged all outstanding debt on more than 2,700 accounts belonging to children and youth under age 18 on December 31, 2018. This act will provide a clean slate for youth to borrow library materials.




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## Library Service Started in Yolo County in 1872

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In Davis, a group of women, known as the “Bachelor Girls Club” funded library service by hosting dinners and parties until library service was supported by taxation. This group was later known as the “Davis Library Club”.

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## Yolo Branch Library for Sale

Yolo County is looking for a buyer for the old Yolo Branch Library. The County intends to sell and convey the property by way of grant deed to the highest bidder for the minimum purchase price and requirements listed below:



- 37750 Sacramento Street Yolo, California, located at Assessor's Parcel Number 025-401-0136.
- \$1.00 Bids are for the purchase of the Building only and bidders must cover the cost of permits and moving the Building.
- The successful bidder and the County of Yolo will agree to the final terms of the sale, including the removal, relocation and preservation of the Building.
- A preliminary inspection for bidders is scheduled on Friday, January 11, 2019 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Bid forms may be obtained by contacting Mindi Nunes at 530-666-8150 or [mnunes@yolocounty.org](mailto:mnunes@yolocounty.org)
- Bids will be accepted through Friday, January 18, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.

## California State Library Awards Grant for Clarksburg Branch Library Improvements



Yolo County Library was one of ten libraries in California selected to participate in the 2019 Maximizing Learning Spaces Project.

This \$10,000 grant will provide an opportunity for the Clarksburg Branch Library to re-examine, plan, evaluate, and reimagine library spaces to maximize their potential as a place of learning, literacy, and reading. Clarksburg Branch Library staff will work with a planning consultant to analyze, evaluate, and assess how its spaces can be

improved for greater information access.

In their grant application, **Cristina Ruiz**, Clarksburg Branch Library Supervisor and **Dana Christy**, Regional Manager noted that their vision for the project includes:

- Switching the locations of the adult and children's collections so that adults do not need to walk down stairs to access this collection.
- Purchasing mobile storage units and furniture for the children's area, enabling library staff to create a bigger space for storytimes during class visits.
- Creating a new teen area that will offer more tables and chairs for students.
- Adding vibrant décor, multimedia, and other interactive items to make the patron experience both inviting and engaging.
- Adding universal learning tools, including maker spaces and displays, that provide easy access to important information.