

Friends of the Yolo Branch Library
Membership Talking Points

Who are we?

The Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving the surrounding area by supporting library programs and facilities. The Friends will be instrumental in raising monies to build a new Yolo Branch Library and support programs at the library. Please visit our website at <http://www.friendsofyololibrary.org/> for additional information and documentation of the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo.

What are we doing?

Summer science program

World of Wonder (WOW) Science Museum

Nature's Critters

Science Wizard

Teen program

Monthly "Teen Takeover" nights

Community events

Easter Carnival in partnership with Cache Creek High School

Planning a movie night

Installing Little Lending Libraries

Forming partnerships to enhance our library's service

Union Church of Dunnigan

Cache Creek High School

And others interested in library and literacy services

What are our dreams for the future?

More hours including weekends

Bigger meeting room

Better meet the needs of our communities to the north – Dunnigan, Zamora and the surrounding area

Good electrical outlets

More computers

More community learning programs

Improve literacy

Expand the Family Place Area

More programs for children

WiFi strong enough to reach all Yolo residents to use in their homes

How do you join?

Sign up for a membership

\$1 for children through 6th grade

\$5 for youth 7th – 12th grad

\$5 for Senior Adults

\$10 for Individuals

Or as much as you like

Join us – Y.O.L.O – You Only Live Once

What else can you do to help out?

Share your ideas with us

Attend our meetings – first Tuesday of each month at 6:15 in the Yolo Branch Library

Volunteer to help out with one of our events

Participate in upcoming events

Donate children's books – especially books in Spanish

Check our website frequently for news of upcoming events

<http://www.friendsofyololibrary.org/>

Frequently Asked Questions

Current Hours

Branch hours

Tuesdays

1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Thursdays

10:00 am – 12:00 noon

1:00 pm – 5:30 pm

WiFi

Every day – all day

Service Area

Northeastern Yolo County up the I-5 corridor including rural Woodland up to Knights Landing, Yolo, Dunnigan, and Zamora

Population Served

3,300

31% 0-14 years old

7% teenagers (15-19)

15% 62 years old or older

Approximately 20% of families living below poverty levels

Median Income – approximately \$50,000

42% Hispanic

Acres in Service Area

Approximately 140,000 acres (Yolo County has 653,549 acres)

Current Services

Summer Reading program
Educational Programs for Children
Teen night
Family movie time
Preschool play area
Bilingual story time (part of bilingual reading program funded Tobacco Tax grant through First 5 Yolo)
Crafts with children
Board games
Activities for parents to do with their children
In-n-Out Burger's Cover to Cover reading program
60 – 150 reference questions answered each month
First 5 Literacy for children 0-5 years old
Job Search help (using information from TURK, Jobs Count and Calif Con)
Yolo Reads Adult Literacy
Many other activities throughout the year

Number of Books

6,000 including books, CDs and videos
Plus access to thousands more from other libraries in the region with a simple request including materials for those with sight problems
Circulation - 8,000

Library Users

400 – 600 per month come into the library
60 – 100 sign up to use a computer each month during library hours
Countless more use the WiFi any time of day or night sitting outside on the porch

Volunteer Support

15 – 30 hours contributed by both youth & adults each month

Our Building

Carnegie Library built in 1917 – almost 100 years old

One of only two wood frame Carnegie Libraries in California

1,000 square feet

Deteriorating

Lacks handicap access

Too small for our communities needs

No hot water or kitchen

Who is on our Board?

Meg Sheldon, President

Sara Andrade, Vice President

Mary Jo Hoes, Secretary

Bonnie Weiss, Treasurer

Jim Adan, Member at Large

George Anaya, Member at Large

Larry (Joe) Cruz, Member at Large

Pricilla Bolinder, Member at Large – Woodland

Yolanda Sue Gruwell, Member at Large -- Dunnigan

TESTIMONIALS

Jim Adan

My parents and I moved to Yolo in 1944. My sister, Suzanne, was born in 1946, and as soon as we were old enough, we started using the Yolo Public Library. In the 50's and into the 60's, the Yolo Library was our ticket to the "outside world". Miss Clara Voissard, the librarian, was wonderful. She could get us whatever books we wanted or needed. I learned the Dewey Decimal System and how to use the "card catalog" from her, and carried it with me to the Woodland High School.

The "high tech" California of today is a different world from the old, rural Yolo of the 50's and 60's, but the free Yolo Public Library is still, for some of us, our only connection to the "outside world". When I moved back to Yolo five years ago, the first thing I did was get a new library card. As a result, I read books from across the state (library loans), have been able to access blogs with the library computers, and can choose from a wide range of DVD offerings.

The free Public Library system is and remains a cornerstone of knowledge and an inherent element of democracy.

George Anaya

Seeing all the kids at the Yolo Library participating on storytelling, puppet shows and show and tell is heartwarming! Kids have something to look forward too. They are inspired by the adults of this community, in showing that they care about them! Something good is happening in this town of Yolo! We all care and look forward to the future of our new generation!

Sara Andrade

As a longtime resident of Yolo I have always encouraged my children and grandchildren to use the library. To use the library as a resource in their learning to read, use of the technology and programs it offer. The more you learn the better you will be at everything you do in life. The library is the heart of this town. It provides a service that we need here in Yolo. Join us in keeping our library, meeting the needs of our children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends. Support our library.

Priscilla Bolinder

Growing up in very small communities usually there were no libraries. I remember how exciting it was to have a bookmobile come to the school periodically once we moved to an area where that was available.

When we moved to the Woodland area we had two small children and we visited the Yolo Library at least once a week. How lucky I felt we were to have such a facility near our home with a great librarian to assist us in our reading endeavors.

Larry Jo Cruz

The Yolo County Library Fundraiser means a lot to me because I have used the library for many years. I used to bring my son when he was a little boy. Now I bring my grandkid's here, Joseph Jr. and Hailey. They both enjoy the library even my great nephews come here. They all enjoy the library and all it has to offer to them. I sincerely hope that the Yolo County Library will always be here for the many generations of kids in and about Yolo for years to come.

Yolanda Sue Gruwell

When I was young (about 8 years old), I had vision problems and after getting my first pair of glasses, I was voracious about reading books – I would walk up to the local public library in Florissant, Mo, and read there for hours (with my parents' permission, of course!).

My parents had started me reading books at a very young age. Every month when we went shopping in Wellston, Mo., my Mom bought a Bobbsey Twin book for me and she would read it to me (until I was old enough to read them myself) --- to this day, I still have them at my home! GREAT MEMORIES!!!

Also....As I do not care too much for television, as a rule, I try to read every evening from my Kindle – fantastic thing to have for a reader like me.

I have always felt that if a person can read well, they can do ANYTHING IN LIFE, as most things are written down "somewhere" and you only have to find them and read them to be successful in anything you try.

Mary Jo Hoes

When I was young my grandmother took me to the local Carnegie library. Reading was important to her. It is important to me also. Andrew Carnegie said "The best means of benefiting the community is to place within its reach the ladders upon which the aspiring can rise." I use the Yolo Library and see how much it is used in this community. I believe that it is important for people to have the resources available to better themselves and to broaden their view of the world.

Meg Sheldon

One of the first things I noticed when my family moved to Yolo 20 years ago was the charming library. I have always wanted to find a way to help with library services. I am proud to be a member of the newly formed Friends group. I look forward to working everyone in this wonderful community to preserve this important treasure and make it an even better place for gathering, learning and growing,

Bonnie Weiss

As an avid reader, this project is of utmost importance-

The Yolo Branch (Library) is the only cultural, educational, and literary core of this small town- a spark in a rural setting. It has promoted community interest and encouraged involvement in its activities and usage of the facilities- especially for children.