

Monthly Report November 2018

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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 or 530.666.8002. Visit YCL online at <http://yolocountylibrary.org> and find us on Facebook.



Library Holiday Closures

November 12, 2018	Closed for Veterans Day
November 21, 2018	All branches close at 6 p.m.
November 22, 2018	Closed for Thanksgiving
November 23, 2018	Closed for Thanksgiving

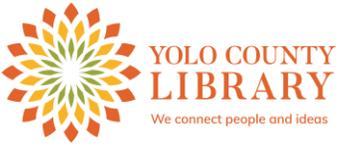
Personnel Updates

We welcomed our new Assistant County Librarian, **Sharon Tani**, to Yolo County Library on October 29th. Sharon has extensive experience working in both academic and public libraries. She was the Director of Library Services for Bridgepoint Education and before that served for six years as the Regional Librarian for the 14 nationwide campuses of Le Cordon Bleu College of Culinary Arts. Sharon earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from San Francisco State University, a Master of Library and Information Science degree from San Jose State University, and a Master of Fine Arts degree in Digital Media from the ArtCenter College of Design in Pasadena, California.

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month with Yolo County Library

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





Support the Yolo Food Bank by Participating in “Food for Fines” Beginning November 13th

Our annual “Food for Fines” program allows library cardholders who donate one food item to clear \$1 from their Yolo County Library overdue fines and also feed the hungry this holiday season.

All Yolo County Library cardholders can donate food from November 13th through December 31st at the circulation desk of any Yolo County Library location. There is no limit to the number of donations and no limit to the reduction in fines cardholders can receive. Everyone is welcome to donate even if they do not have any overdue fines.



The 2018 Friends, Foundation, Library Advisory Board Forum a Success!



The Library’s annual Forum was held on Saturday, October 27th from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library.

From 9 a.m. – 12 p.m., Becky Lunders from teamWorks facilitated a workshop for 24 participants on volunteer recruitment, engagement, retention and succession planning.

From 12 p.m. – 1 p.m., the Library Advisory Board hosted a networking/information gathering luncheon for members of the various groups in attendance.

Thank you to **Sally Brown** and **Anastasia Panagakos** for organizing and hosting the workshop, which was very well received. I would like to thank the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library staff for hosting, and the Library Advisory Board for providing lunch.



The Archives renovation is underway!

Yolo County Archives and Records Center

CLOSED FOR RENOVATIONS

October 1, 2018 - May 1, 2019

For more information please contact
archives@yolocounty.org or 530-666-8010



Congratulations Maria!

**Maria Sandoval, Library Associate
2018 Yolo County S.P.I.R.I.T. Award Winner
Core Value Demonstrated: Responsibility**

“Maria has progressed in her career with the County and the Library, and local residents view her as a role model for other young women working in public service. Staff and local residents who have interacted with Maria find her to be responsible, accountable and friendly. Moreover, Maria's top priorities are making library resources more accessible to under-served communities and providing both the public and her co-workers with excellent customer service.”



**New Yolo Branch Library
Project EIR Certified by
Yolo County Board of Supervisors**

The Yolo County Board of Supervisors certified the New Yolo Branch Library Project Environmental Impact Report (EIR) on Tuesday, November 6th. The EIR considers the environmental effects of the Yolo County Library developing, constructing and operating a proposed new 3,800 square foot building.

Project objectives include:

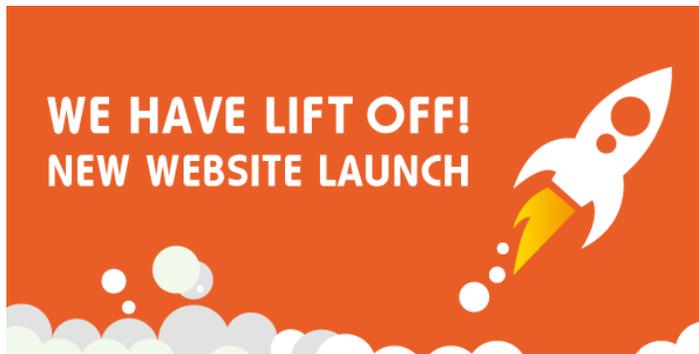
- Eliminating the structural, safety, disability access, and other issues identified at the existing Yolo Branch Library building;
- Constructing a new, larger building that incorporates the look, feel, character and history of the existing Yolo Branch Library building;
- Providing programming flexibility and that can be operated by a limited number of YCL staff;
- Upgrading and improving Yolo Branch Library services to meet County Library operating goals;
- Expanding the Yolo Branch Library’s total book and media collections; and
- Providing a dedicated meeting room and/or other space that supports the concept of a library as a community gathering place.



Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Awards \$36,108 Community Fund Grant to the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library

In September 2018, the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library (FERL) were awarded a grant for \$36,108 from the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation Community Fund for enhancements to the Esparto Regional Library. FERL provided an additional \$4,012 in matching funds, for a total donation of \$40,120 to benefit the Esparto Regional Library.

Funds will be used to purchase digital signage in the lobby, along with enhancements to the Wintun Room including the purchase of stackable chairs, Chromebooks, and an upgraded audio-video system. The audio-video system will be built into the room and will allow for separate use when the room is divided for two simultaneous programs. The stackable chairs will free up floor-space when not in use, and the Chromebooks will allow the public to participate in technology classes.



**Look for Our
New Website on
November 16th:
www.yolocountylibrary.org**



***The library provides a good value
for the tax dollars invested.***

**96% of adults surveyed
strongly agreed or agreed**

**Sample size: 413 adults attending
Yolo County Library programs in 2018**