

Monthly Report August 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 or 530.666.8002. Visit us online at yolocountylibrary.org and find us on Facebook.

Personnel Updates

- Vacant - Library Associate, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Vacant - Librarian, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, **recruitment in progress**
- Vacant – Library Associate, Shipley Walters Center for Yolo County Archives and Library Services
- Vacant – Librarian, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Hired - Outreach Specialist II, Shipley Walters Center for Yolo County Archives and Library Services



Library Makes Notable Gains in 2019

On January 1, 2019, the Library eliminated late fees for patrons under 18 years old.

For the first six months of 2019, the **Library registered 1,519 children and young adults** for new library cards, a **55% increase** compared to the same period last year.

For the first six months of 2019, the Library experienced an **18% increase in the number of items borrowed by children and young adults** compared to the same period in 2018.

Additional notable trends:

- The number of **adults registering for library accounts increased by almost 7%** for the first half of 2019 compared to the same period last year.
- Our **homebound patrons borrowed 36% more items** for first six months of 2019 compared to the same period last year.

Join our 2019 Summer Reading Program, “It’s Showtime at Your Library!”



So far, 5,913 people have registered for our Summer Reading Program! This is a 23% increase from this time last year!

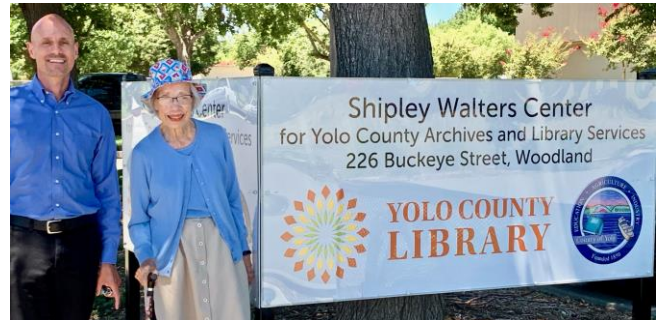
Sign up [online](#) or at the Library.

You will receive a free book when you register.

Dedication Celebration Planned

Save the date! Plan to celebrate the renovation and dedication of the Shipley Walters Center for Yolo County Archives and Library Services on **Friday, September 27th at 10 a.m.**

For more information, please contact the staff at 530-666-8010 or archives@yolocounty.org.



Yolo County Library – By the Numbers

	FY16-17	FY 17-18	FY 18-19	
Total items borrowed:	1,198,000	1,279,674	1,465,838	↑
Total library visits	784,032	737,389	673,118	↓
Total programs offered	3,026	3,038	3,033	↓
Total program attendance	66,649	69,586	73,823	↑
Total digital Items borrowed	78,869	111,303	146,845	↑
Total meeting room use	4,348	4,371	4,444	↑