

# Yolo Reads Newsletter

Winter 2019/2020



“The meaning of life is to find  
your gift. The purpose of  
life is to give it away.”  
— William Shakespeare

Happy New Year! Yolo Reads is delighted to start 2020 by welcoming our tutors and learners back to our tri-monthly newsletter. Here we will keep you informed about what is happening within the Yolo County Library Adult and Family Literacy program.

We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season. As we enter a new month and a whole new year, it seems fitting that we highlight our adult learners and tutors. All of you—tutors, learners, and supporters—play a huge role in highlighting literacy as a vital issue in our communities. The dedication and effort you put forth this past year have translated into 2,500+ hours of free literacy instruction to 70+ Yolo County adults. We look forward to working with you to grow Yolo Reads and cultivate opportunities for people to reach their goals.

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# COORDINATOR'S CORNER

Nancy Pacheco

Hello Everyone,

As we begin a new year, I would like to emphasize the importance of the Roles and Goals and how this agreement contributes to the sustainability of the program. Roles and Goals are how we keep track of our learner's progress throughout their time here at Yolo Reads.

Are they achieving what they want? Have their goals and priorities shifted over time? What new material and resources can we acquire to help our learners meet these goals?

Every three months, the Roles and Goals sheet is required to be turned in by our tutors. Make sure your learner's goals are up to date!

The Roles & Goals form is due **THREE months** after you begin tutoring sessions and due again at the **Six-month mark**.

## New Tutors

With Yolo Reads continuing to grow, we wanted to make sure to recognize our newest additions to our team of tutors. We are excited to work with each and every one of you!

John P.

India F.F.

Carrie P.

Jean S.

John S.

Elizabeth M.

Lisa S.

Loera G.H.

Suzanne H.

Kathryn S.

## Writing Prompt

Begin writing a story by starting each sentence with a different letter of the alphabet. You must use all 26 letters from A to Z to begin the first word in each of the first 26 sentences.

This writing exercise is great because it will challenge you to think of rare words you don't use very often, look up words in a thesaurus or dictionary, and find a way to start a sentence with uncommon letters like X and Z.



## YOLO READS 11TH ANNUAL CELEBRATION RE-CAP!

Yolo Reads celebrated its 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration on Saturday, October 12. The event honored the accomplishments of adult learners who have reached their literacy goals or improved skills through the assistance of volunteer tutors.

The festivities began by welcoming everyone to the event and introducing Mark Fink, County Librarian and Chief Archivist and Don Saylor, Yolo County Supervisor, District 2.

Attendees gathered and mingled while playing our annual “Get to Know Your Neighbor Bingo”. Delicious snacks and drinks were provided by our fantastic network of Yolo County Friends of the Library groups,

We had several speakers - tutors and learners included - who spoke about the importance of literacy programs and how Yolo Reads has personally touched and enhanced their lives.

### ***Events Calendar***

#### **Tutor Support Network (TSN) meeting times:**

**All TSN meeting are held at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Library branch in the Blanchard room.**

Tuesday, Jan 14<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm—Davis Library

Tuesday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup> 12-1pm—Davis Library

#### **Yolo Reads Tutor Orientation:**

Interested in becoming a Yolo Reads tutor? All are welcome to attend our YR orientation to learn how to become a literacy champion.

Our best tutors come from in-program referrals.

#### **Yolo Reads Orientation times:**

Monday, Jan 13<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm—Davis Library

Monday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm—Davis Library

Monday, Mar 30<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm—Davis Library

Monday, Apr 27<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm—Davis Library

**\*If you are unable to attend please contact [nancy.pacheco@yolocounty.org](mailto:nancy.pacheco@yolocounty.org) to set up a 1-on-1 orientation.**

All orientations are held at the Stephens-Davis Branch in the Children’s Activity room from 6-8pm.







# Winter Reading Program

The Winter Reading Program is an online reading challenge that adults and teens can participate in during January 2020 to earn online badges and rewards. Join the Yolo County Library in the Winter Reading Challenge, January 1-31. Track your reading time and participate in fun activities to earn rewards, and discover great books along the way! Get started at [yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org](http://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org) or download the beanstack tracker app.

## On the Website

### Registering

Head to [yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org](http://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org)  
Click on **Register an Individual or Family**  
Complete the form  
Register for the **Winter Reading Challenge**

### Adding Additional Readers

Click on your name at the top left of the screen  
Click **Add a Reader**

### Logging Reading Activities

Click on **Log Reading and Activities**  
Click on **Minutes** to log reading  
Click on **Activities** to log library activities

### Checking Progress

View your log, reviews, and recommendations using the buttons on the top right  
Use the tabs below the header to see badges you have earned  
Click on the **Rewards** tab to see if you've earned any rewards!

## Using the App

### Registering

Download and open **beanstack Tracker**  
Tap **Find Your School or Library**  
Search for **Yolo County Library**  
Tap **Don't Have an Account? Sign up!**  
Select the **Winter Reading Challenge**

### Adding Additional

Tap the gear icon at the top right  
Tap **Readers**  
Tap **Add a Reader**

### Logging Reading and Activities

Tap the **+** button in the bottom center to log books  
You can time your reading sessions or add minutes after you're done  
Tap on **Activities** to log activities

### Checking Progress

Tap on **Log** to see the books and time you have logged  
Tap on **Highlights** to see graphs and statistics about your reading.

**Need help? Have questions? Call or visit your local library!**

The Yolo County Library and the California State Library would like to assist your learner in finishing their high school education through Career Online School. The program is completely online and a limited number of scholarships are available to learners who pass their first prerequisites.

Contact the Literacy Coordinator to sign up your learner today!



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## ENGLISH CONVERSATION GROUPS

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Join one of our English Conversation Groups to practice English in a casual setting. All languages and all levels of learners are welcome.

Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library:

Mondays: 2pm, Tuesdays: 1:30pm, Wednesdays: 10:30am, Thursdays: 1:30pm, Friday: 2pm

Arthur F. Turner Community Library:

Wednesdays: 4pm, Fridays: 10am

Esparto Regional Library:

Tuesdays: 1:15pm

Knights Landing Library:

Tuesdays: 6pm

Winters Community Library:

Thursdays: 6:00pm

**Submit your writing to the Yolo Reads Newsletter:**

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## LIBRARY LOCATIONS

### Central Services

226 Buckeye Street  
Woodland, CA 95695  
(530) 666-8005

### Mary L. Stephens

**Davis Branch Library**  
315 E 14th Street  
Davis, CA 95616  
(530) 757-5593

### Arthur F. Turner

**Community Library**  
1212 Merkley Avenue  
West Sacramento, CA 95691  
(916) 375-6465

### Clarksburg Branch Library

52915 Netherlands Rd.  
Clarksburg, CA 95612  
(916) 744-1755

### Esparto Regional Library

17065 Yolo Avenue  
Esparto, CA 95627  
(530) 787-3426

### Winters Community Library

708 Railroad Avenue  
Winters, CA 95694  
(530) 795-4955

### Knights Landing Branch Library

42351 3rd Street  
Knights Landing, CA 95645  
(530) 735-6593

### Yolo Branch Library

37750 Sacramento Street  
Yolo, CA 95697  
(530) 662-2363