

Monthly Report August 2018

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This month I have highlighted a few noteworthy items occurring at Yolo County Library. If you have questions, or want to learn more about Yolo County Library, please contact me at mark.fink@yolocounty.org or 530.666.8002. Visit the library online at <http://yolocountylibrary.org> and find us on Facebook.

Summer Reading Program Winds Down in Mid-August *Reading Takes You Everywhere*

From May 20th – August 18th, explore, learn, and discover with our Summer Reading Program!

Participants of all ages can enjoy fun events, activities, and prizes all summer long!

Register online or in person at your local library.



Check out the Yolo County Library's collection on OverDrive!



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California Listens is a statewide Digital Storytelling project sponsored by the California State Library, and run by StoryCenter. Yolo County Library was one of a handful of libraries statewide selected to participate in this project. Workshops were held at the Yolo Branch Library on Friday, July 13th and Friday, July 20th.

Sue Billing and **Dana Christy** worked diligently to recruit participants and ensured the branch was well equipped for our nine storytellers; Andrea Spagat, West Coast Region Director for the StoryCenter and members of her staff; Dr. Milmon F. Harrison, Associate Professor, U.C. Davis African American and African Studies Department and a few of his students who assisted with the project.

Working both individually and collaboratively, the storytellers created nine outstanding and personal 2-4 minute digital stories. The workshop focused on writing and recording a short narration script, and then creating a basic visual treatment in an easy to use video editor. With each storyteller's consent, these stories will become part of the California State Library's collection.

Yolo County Library Annual Statistics *SNAPSHOT*



	<u>FY 2017-18</u>	<u>FY 2016-17</u>
Items Borrowed	1,273,000	1,198,000
Registered Cardholders	91,909	89,701
Reference Questions	109,724	89,777
Library Visits	737,389	784,032
Volunteer Hours	15,324	17,830
Meeting Room Use	4,371	4,348
Programs Offered	3,038	3,026
Program Attendance	69,586	66,649
E-Resource Sessions	438,568	441,968

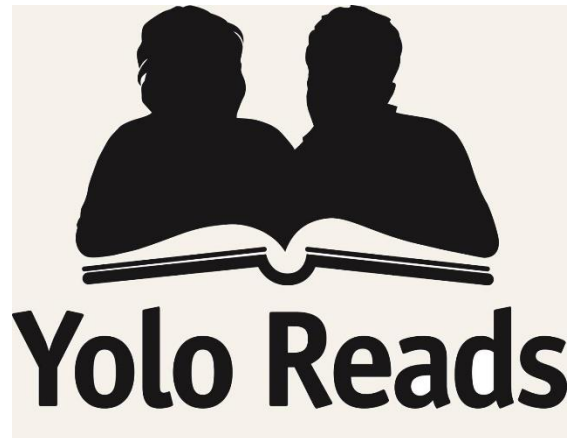
A Yolo Reads learner testimonial:

Yolo Reads helped me and my family in a new country, the United States, to adapt to and enjoy the new life even though the difficulty of communication.

In addition to learning English with my tutor every week, I also received lots of advice and help on usual life or trips or language learning and school life of my children.

My tutor encouraged to starting a book club with my friends and supported me by reading the same books and discussing them together.

Yolo Reads was the biggest support in my American life.



Yolo Reads is committed to providing quality literacy support for English speaking adults in Yolo County.

The mission of Yolo Reads is to enable Yolo County community members of all ages to reach their literacy goals and use library services effectively.

Our adult learners have goals associated with reading and writing, such as creating a resume, sharing a book with children, or learning new computer skills.

Recently, Yolo Reads received two grants that will support an *ESL for Caregivers* class at the Esparto Regional Library. **Nancy Pacheco** and **Elizabeth Gray** are overseeing this innovative project.

Yolo Reads transforms lives.