

Monthly Report December 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

December 24, 2018	All branches close at 6 p.m.
December 25, 2018	Closed for Christmas
December 31, 2018	All branches close at 6 p.m.
January 1, 2019	Closed for New Year's Day

Personnel Updates

Retirements

Please join me in congratulating four of our veteran employees who have announced their retirements. **Rosie Rodriguez**, Office Support Specialist, and **Jennifer Morrissey-Myatt**, Library Assistant, Technical Services are retiring on December 28th. **Gail Stovall**, Library Associate, Arthur F. Turner Community Library, is retiring on December 22nd. **Shari Cearley**, Library Assistant, Technical Services, retired on November 16th.

Rosie started with Yolo County at the Jail and Animal Shelter in 1997. She transferred to the Library in 2000 and has not looked back! Rosie has supported payroll, Human Resources function, and front office duties as well as helping out as needed in many other areas.

Jennifer started with the Library in 1996 and worked for three years at the Davis circulation desk before moving over to the Interlibrary Loan department in Tech Services in 1999. Jennifer has been great with customer services for loan requests and has helped the Library expand its reach to local residents with the addition of Zip Books and LINK+. She also maintains statistics for all the various interlibrary loan functions and tracks the Zip Books program.

Gail has been an integral part of the West Sacramento team, providing a reliable and steady presence since December 2012, and has worked every other Saturday in Knights Landing since March 2017. In her role as circulation lead for AFT, Gail oversaw the recruitment, training, and development of the Page staff, several of whom have promoted to higher level positions.

Shari started as an extra-help Library Assistant at the Knights Landing branch in 1997. She transferred to Central Services and filled a variety of Library Assistant roles in Technical Services. Shari handled many of the LINK+, courier, and interlibrary loan tasks, and regularly worked at the Davis circulation desk.

Transfers

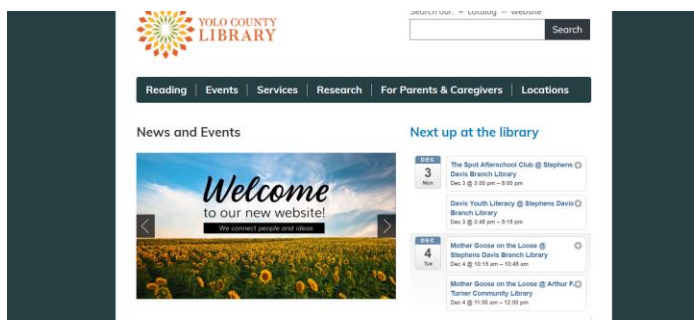
Maria Sandoval has been approved to transfer from a full-time Library Associate position at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library to a full-time Library Associate position at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento. This transfer opportunity became available after Gail Stovall announced her upcoming retirement in mid-December.

Vacancies

- Library Associate – Knights Landing Branch Library
- Library Associate – Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Outreach Librarian – Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Office Support Specialist – Central Services
- Library Assistant – Central Services

Celebrate Kindness Month and *Be The One* with Yolo County Library

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



***Our new website went live
on November 16th:
<https://www.yolocountylibrary.org>***



Support the Yolo Food Bank by Participating in “Food for Fines” Continues Until December 31st

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 feed the hungry this holiday season.

All Yolo County Library cardholders can donate food 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.



English as a Second Language (E.S.L.) Class for Caregivers a Success in Esparto!

Twenty students graduated from Yolo County Library’s ten-week E.S.L. Class for Caregivers on Friday, November 30th. The

special evening included a catered dinner, a mariachi band, a visit from the California State Library, a short ceremony with certificates, and heartfelt speeches from the new graduates. The California State Library and Dollar General provided grant funding to make this opportunity possible. **Nancy Pacheco** and **Elizabeth Gray** spearheaded this project for Yolo County Library.

Nine of our graduates enrolled in an E.S.L. course offered by Woodland Community College at the Esparto Regional Library. The class meets bi-weekly and runs through mid-December. Woodland Community College will be offering another E.S.L. class at the Esparto Regional Library this spring.

Yolo County Library Declares Victory with Ballot Drop Off Service for Local Residents



In partnership with the Yolo County Elections Office, Vote-By-Mail voters were able to drop off their completed ballots at Yolo County branch libraries in Davis, Esparto, West Sacramento and Winters from Friday, October 19th to Monday, November 5th.

For this election cycle, 1,972 ballots were dropped off at the four libraries, a 57% increase compared to the last election.