

## Monthly Report April 2019 Mark Fink County Librarian and Chief Archivist

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](mailto:mark.fink@yolocounty.org) or 530.666.8002. Visit us online at [yolocountylibrary.org](http://yolocountylibrary.org) and find us on Facebook.

### Library Closures

On Monday, April 15, all branches except the Winters Community Library will be open from 2-6 p.m. to accommodate off-site staff training.



After undergoing an extensive renovation, the Yolo County Archives and Records Center will reopen on July 15, 2019

### Personnel Updates

- Vacant - Library Associate, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Vacant - Librarian, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, **recruitment in progress**
- Vacant - Librarian, Arthur F. Turner Community Library, **recruitment in progress**
- Vacant - Account Clerk (part-time), Central Services, **recruitment in progress**
- Vacant - Outreach Specialist, Central Services, **recruitment in progress**
- **FILLED** - Library Assistant, Arthur F. Turner Community Library
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## Welcome Liz Converse

**Liz Converse** has been promoted to a full-time Library Assistant I at Central Services, and started on Monday, March 18th. Among her many duties, Liz is coordinating the routing and processing of Link+ materials and ZIP Books, maintaining library statistics, and assisting with our ILS database (Sierra).

Before joining Yolo County Library, Liz was employed in the Bay Area as a Social Media Manager for three years and as a Brand Ambassador for three years. She earned an Associate's degree in Communications from De Anza Community College in Cupertino.

## Welcome Kate Bellock

**Kate Bellock** has worked for Yolo County Library as a part-time Library Assistant since February 2016. She will be moving into a full-time Library Assistant position at Arthur F. Turner Community Library starting April 14<sup>th</sup>. Kate has several years of previous experience working in bookstores in Southern California and Oregon, and for the State of Oregon's Department of Human Services. Kate earned a Bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies from Oregon State University.

## Welcome Viriana Hernandez-Leon

**Viriana Hernandez-Leon** will be working as a part-time Library Assistant at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, with additional duties at the Winters Community Library and the Esparto Regional Library. Viriana has worked for Yolo County Library as an extra help Page and extra help Library Assistant since July 2017, performing customer service functions at branch libraries, assisting with library programs offered at the Davis Migrant Center and offering storytimes at the Knights Landing Branch Library. In addition, she has one year of experience working as an Office Assistant for the One Stop Employment Center in Woodland, and has several years of experience working for OA Logistics in Woodland. Viriana is pursuing an Associate's degree at Woodland Community College.

## Welcome Eddie Vera

**Eddie Vera** has been promoted and will be working as a part-time Library Assistant at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento, starting April 28<sup>th</sup>. Eddie has almost eight years of experience working for Yolo County Library as an extra help Page and extra help Library Assistant. In addition, Eddie worked as a Library Aide at the Dixon Public Library for more than three years. Eddie is pursuing an Associate's degree at Sacramento City College.



Look for inviting and informative themed displays at branch libraries.

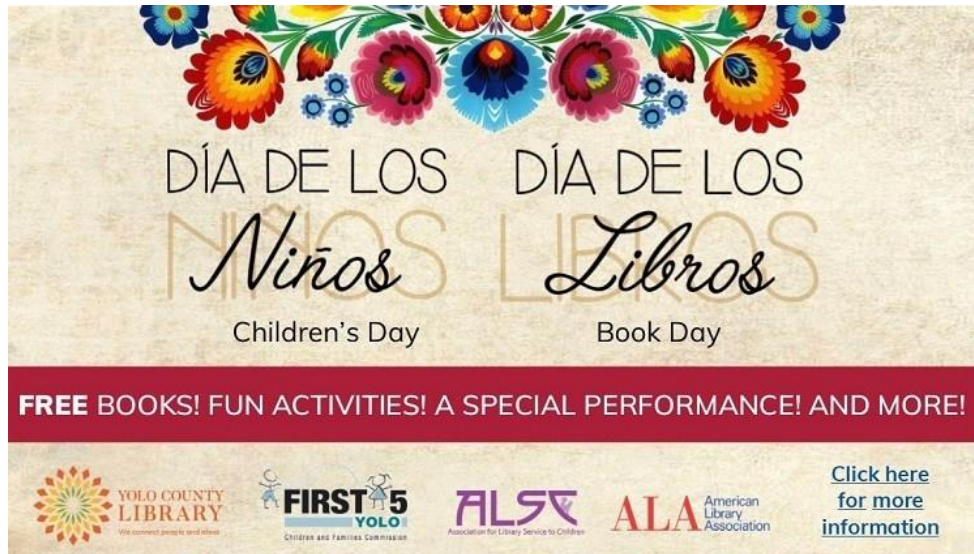
Find relevant reading recommendations on our website.



## Celebrate Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros with Yolo County Library

Children and their families are invited to join the Yolo County Library and celebrate Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros.

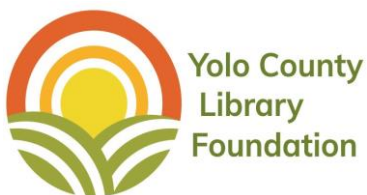
Día de los Niños emphasizes the importance of literacy for children from all backgrounds while encouraging libraries and community organizations to inspire and empower new generations of achievers. The event also connects children and their families to diverse books, languages and cultures.



All are welcome to participate in this FREE, fun and educational celebration on the following days:

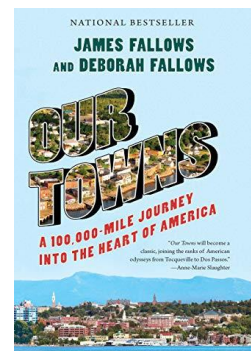
- March 21 at 6:00 p.m. Winters Community Library, 708 Railroad Avenue, Winters
- April 09 at 5:00 p.m. South Davis Montgomery Library, 1441 Danbury Street, Davis
- April 11 at 6:00 p.m. Esparto Regional Library, 17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto
- April 19 at 1:30 p.m. Yolo Branch Library at Cache Creek High School, 14320 2nd Street, Yolo
- April 20 at 10:00 a.m. Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, 315 E. 14th Street, Davis
- April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Clarksburg Branch Library, 52915 Netherlands Avenue, Clarksburg
- April 27 at 11:00 a.m. Arthur F. Turner Community Library, 1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento
- April 30 at 12:00 p.m. Knights Landing Branch Library at Sci-Tech, 9544 Mill Street, Knights Landing

Children who attend these events will receive a free book and can participate in educational activities, watch a special performance, and listen to a story time program. Multiple vendors and organizations will also be present to celebrate with the Yolo County Library.



**Wednesday, May 1, 6-8 p.m.**  
**The Palms Playhouse**  
**13 Main Street, Winters, CA**  
**Tickets: \$20 available now at:**  
<https://yclfoundation.org>

Join us to celebrate the launch of the Yolo County Library Foundation and for a conversation with the authors of *Our Towns*, James and Deborah Fallows.





**Yolo County Board of Supervisors,  
Davis City Council, West Sacramento City Council  
and Winters City Council proclaim  
National Library Week  
April 7-13, 2019**

During the week of April 7-13, Yolo County Library joins libraries in celebrating the many ways libraries build strong communities by providing critical resources, programs and expertise.

National Library Week is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and communities. Libraries are at the heart of their cities, towns, schools and campuses.

Yolo County Library offers programs that encourage community connections. Families can learn about local resources, and strengthen their social and support networks through attending early literacy programs such as storytimes.

Community members can experiment and collaborate using new technologies like 3D printing or learn alongside one another in English Conversation Groups. Library staff also partner with other civic and service organizations to actively engage with the people they serve, always striving to make sure their community's core needs are being met.



***In Remembrance: Barbara Wright***

Barbara Wright, a former library employee passed away on March 20<sup>th</sup>. Barbara worked for Yolo County Library for seventeen years and retired in December 2006. She is remembered for her work as a Library Assistant at the old Winters Library.

“Barbara was a co-founder of the Woodland Parent Nursery School and active in the Beta Sigma Phi sorority and the Woodland Shakespeare Club. A lifelong learner, she enjoyed the intellectual stimulation offered by these organizations. She loved traveling and learning about things and places. She and her husband, Jim, traveled to many places in the world. Some of her other interests included weaving, painting, cooking, and writing about her life. She valued her American heritage and embraced her Scottish heritage. After working as office manager in the family business, R&J Family Pharmacy, Barbara served as a Library Assistant for 17 years for Yolo County Library. An avid reader, this position was a dream come true. But most of all, Barbara enjoyed her family and long line of Siamese cats. She especially loved spending holidays with a house full of relatives. She was proud of her children and grandchildren, and delighted in her five great-grandchildren.” [Excerpt](#) from the *Daily Democrat*, March 30, 2019

A celebration of Barbara's life will be held April 13, at 11 a.m., at the Woodland United Methodist Church, 620 North Street.

Donations in memory of Barbara may be made to the Yolo County Library Foundation, <https://yclfoundation.org> .