



Monthly Report

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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.

Upcoming Library Closures

- The Clarksburg Branch Library will be closed for renovation from June 12-29.
- All Libraries will be closed on Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.
- Libraries will have a limited schedule on Monday, July 15. Branches will be open from 2–6 p.m. to accommodate a morning of strategic planning for all staff.

Personnel Updates

- Vacant - Library Associate, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
- Vacant - Librarian, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library, [recruitment in progress](#)
- Vacant - Outreach Specialist, Central Services, [recruitment in progress](#)
- Filled - Librarian, Arthur F. Turner Community Library
- Filled - Account Clerk (part-time), Central Services

Welcome Taylor Cecil

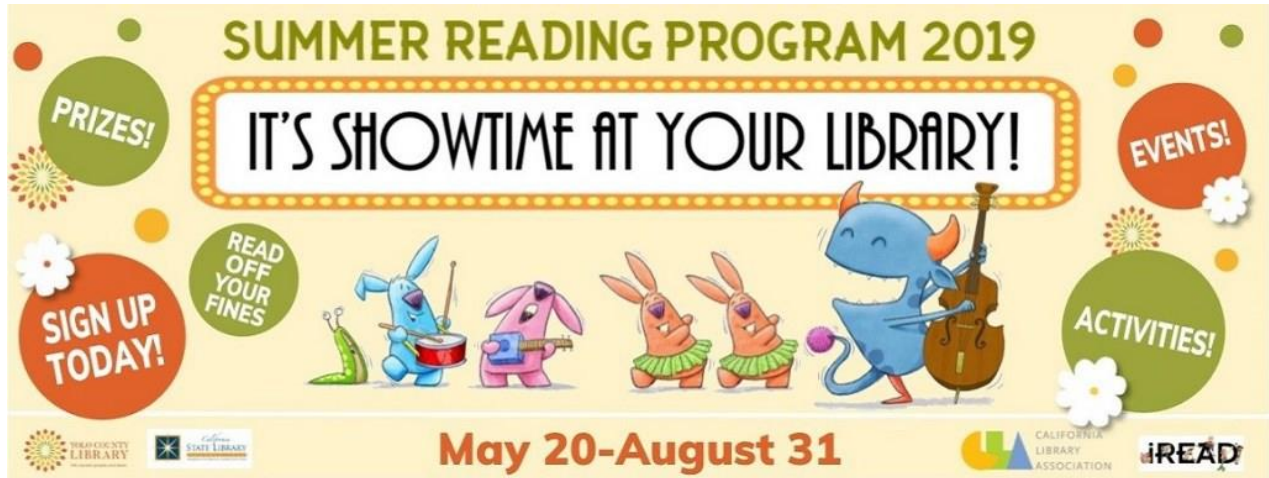
Taylor will be joining our team as a **full-time Librarian II**, working as our Youth Services Librarian at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento. Some of her duties will include developing and overseeing programs for children and teens, doing extensive community outreach; and working with other County agencies and organizations on behalf of the Library.

While earning her Master's degree in Library and Information Science, Taylor worked part-time as a Social Media Student Assistant for San Jose State University and as a Library Aide for Foster City Library.

Soon after graduating, she became a Collections Specialist Intern at the Computer History Museum in Mountain View and then a full-time Librarian II in July 2015 at the Berryessa Branch, one of the busiest branches of the San Jose Public Library system. In this role, Taylor created original library programming, conducted class visits, and coordinated a team of student volunteers.

Taylor has been part of Yolo County Library as an Extra Help Librarian at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library since September 2018. Her first day of work in her new position was Monday, April 29, 2019.

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

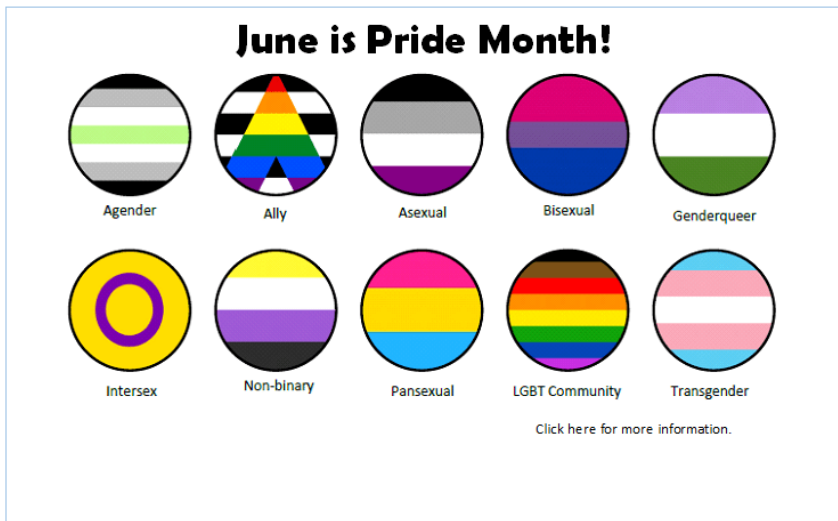


Participating is simple! Follow these steps:

- Sign up [online](#) or at the Library. You will receive a free book when you register.
- Choose How You Play!
 - Read 10 books: Mark off one space for every book you finish or
 - Read on 10 days: Mark off one space on each day you spend some time reading or
 - Read for 10 hours: Mark off one space for every hour you read. You do not have to read the whole hour in one sitting; if you read 15 minutes a day for four days, you have read 1 hour.
- Fill all ten spaces and return your game board to the library to claim your prizes, enter your name in the Grand Prize Drawing, and get your bonus reading log. Finish by August 31st to be entered in the Grand Prize drawing.
- Read Off Your Fines for Adults!
 - Adults who complete the Summer Reading Program may choose to have up to \$10.00 in late fees waived from their library account as their prize.

Special thanks to the [Friends of the Yolo County Libraries](#) and the following other organizations for their sponsorship:





Look for inviting and informative themed displays at branch libraries.

Find relevant reading recommendations on our website.

Yolo County Library Sponsors Annual Juneteenth Celebration

On Sunday, June 2, approximately 600 people attended the Juneteenth Celebration of “Beautiful – Strong – United” at the Veterans Memorial Center in Davis.

Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day, marks the day in which the Emancipation Proclamation, which was passed in January of 1863, was finally enforced in Texas on June 19, 1865, freeing enslaved African Americans in that state. This year’s theme of “Beautiful – Strong – United” was selected to inspire the community to think critically about the world we live in and to understand that we can make a difference.



Yolo County Library and the Friends of the Davis Public Library were sponsors of this annual festival that celebrates the Emancipation Proclamation and the end of slavery in the United States.

This free, family-friendly event featured the recognition of the Tuskegee Airmen, descendants of the Buffalo Soldiers, a display of quilts by Master Quilter Khristel Johnson, and a Famous Figures Fashion Show by JTL Productions. Sandy Holman was the principal organizer and spokeswoman for this year’s event. Ms. Holman is the founder of the Culture C.O.-O.P., located in Davis, California. This is an organization she developed to assist people and organizations working with equity/diversity in education, businesses, and the community.

“I SEE YOU” Art Exhibited at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library



“I SEE YOU” is an arts engagement project for people experiencing homelessness. The project was sponsored by the County of Yolo, YoloArts and Yolo County Library and funded by the James Irvine Foundation.

Artwork created over the last eight weeks was highlighted during the exhibition and included pastel drawings, prints, watercolor, and painting.

“Everyone can create, everyone has something to say visually, and there is something magical about being the person who lets others see that,” said Melissa Uroff, teaching artist for the program. “I have seen people come in without jobs or homes and feeling rather hopeless, and then leave the program with work, housing, and a new found confidence and artistic talent.”

All of the artwork on display was for sale, and proceeds went directly to the artists and to support the program. The program’s arts engagement workshops move to Davis and Woodland in the coming months with exhibitions scheduled for August 9 and December 6 in Davis and Woodland, respectively.



LIBRARY GOALS & STRATEGIES for 2019-20

Yolo County Library established the following goals and strategies for FY 2019-20 that are aligned with the County’s strategic priorities. These items were presented to the Board of Supervisors and included in the County’s FY 2019-20 Recommended Budget document.

Archives

Ongoing Collection Preservation (Thriving Residents)

- Complete the rehousing of 540 boxes of the Board of Supervisors materials.
- Review and process the backlog of collections stored in the Archives Work Room.



Ongoing Collection Development (Thriving Residents)

- Develop and implement an Oral History program to create a collection that better represents the community.
- Make significant progress on the transfer and processing of government documents from Central Services and Library Branch Collections.

Yolo County Historical Collection

Complete Collection Review Process (Thriving Residents)

- Make significant progress with the evaluation, accession and deaccession of the Yolo County Historical Collection.
- Recruit and train volunteers to assist with the Yolo County Historical Collection review and preservation process.

Provide Outreach and Education (Thriving Residents)

- Update the agriculture and dairy displays at the Gibson House for school tours in 2019 and 2020.

Achieve Financial Sustainability (Thriving Residents)

- Secure grant funding to supplement budget for the collection review process and to conduct outreach and community education.

Records Center

Collaborate with County Agencies (Safe Communities)

- Strengthen relationships with County agencies by promoting services and updating records retention schedules for the Library, Human Resources Department, County Administrator's Office, Elections and other departments as needed.

Library

Identify and Meet Community Needs (Thriving Residents)

- Collaborate with County agencies, City of Davis, Davis Joint Unified School District, and community stakeholders to explore the viability of funding, building and operating the Davis Education and Community Center.
- Construct a new Yolo Branch Library.
- Use data analytics and targeted outreach strategies to identify services and resources that meet the needs of our diverse communities.
- Expand the number of residents served by the Yolo Reads adult and family literacy programs.



Foster Staff Development (Thriving Residents)

- Provide inclusion and diversity training.
- Develop and implement strategies to enhance its succession planning efforts.
- Train staff to ensure that parents and caregivers feel confident in their roles as caregivers and form strong, resilient attachments with their children.

Provide Early Childhood Education (Thriving Residents)

- Map pathways highlighting Library resources and programs for children that enhance their ability to read at grade level by 3rd grade.
- Offer resources and programs to build resilience by educating parents and caregivers about the importance of quality early childhood education.
- Offer bilingual programs and resources for parents, caregivers and families to promote school readiness.

Increase Access to Library Resources (Thriving Residents)

- Implement the Student Success Initiative in the Winters Joint Unified School District, evaluate ongoing results of the Student Success Initiative in the Esparto Unified School District, and expand this Initiative to other school districts in Yolo County.
- Offer programs and resources at rural branch libraries that are aligned with community needs.
- Implement a one gigabyte fiber broadband connection at the Clarksburg Branch Library.