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## **Yolo County Library Branches Closed March 16 – April 5**

(Woodland, CA) – The health and safety of the community is paramount, and after consulting with Yolo County Public Health, the Yolo County Library is taking the following unprecedented measures to protect library patrons and staff in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic:

- All Yolo County Library branches will be closed March 16th - April 5th.
- The Yolo County Archives and Records Center will remain closed through April 5th.
- Cancellation of all library programs, events classes and community meeting room use has been extended through April 30th.
- All library volunteer opportunities have been suspended until the branches reopen.
- During this time, due dates for borrowed materials will be automatically extended to May 1st, no late fees will be charged, and patrons can wait to return items when libraries reopen.
- Library staff will be supporting a centralized phone line: (530) 757-5593, Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. to assist patrons with their accounts and to access digital materials.

“We are saddened that we have to temporarily close our doors, and we believe that this step will protect those in our community who are the most vulnerable,” said Yolo County Librarian Mark Fink. “Residents can still take advantage of our digital resources by visiting our website, <https://yolocountylibrary.org>, to access thousands of free ebooks, audiobooks, magazines, and more 24/7.”

Residents are encouraged to learn more about the [recommendations issued by Yolo County Public Health](#) regarding social gatherings. The best ways to reduce risk of getting sick, as with seasonal colds or the flu, still applies to prevent COVID-19:

- Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough or sneeze.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Try alternatives to shaking hands, like an elbow bump or wave.
- Vulnerable individuals, which are defined as older than 65 years old or who have health conditions such as heart disease, lung disease, diabetes, kidney disease and weakened immune systems, are recommended to limit outings, avoid large gatherings, telecommute if possible, stay home if they are sick and avoid people who are sick.
- There is no recommendation to wear masks at this time to prevent from getting sick.

Visit Yolo County Library online at <https://yolocountylibrary.org> and connect with us on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org](http://www.facebook.com/yolocountylibrary.org).

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