



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

### Juneteenth

Unfortunately, our Juneteenth Celebration was cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic. Mark your calendars for June 6, 2021 for next year's event in Davis, California.

Juneteenth, also known as Emancipation Day, marks the day – June 19, 1865 - when Union soldiers arrived in Galveston, Texas to announce the end of the Civil War and slavery. This year Juneteenth carries deeper meaning in the wake of Black lives lost to police brutality.

Reverend Al Sharpton, a veteran civil rights activist and preacher delivered a speech at a Juneteenth celebration in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He noted, "Juneteenth is both a celebration and a reminder, a commemoration." He continued, "it reminds us that it took almost three years after the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation for people in Texas to even know that slavery was over. So it is only proper for me to be here to show everyone how far we have come and how far we have yet to go. We must understand the litany of pain that Black Americans have suffered."

### Black Lives Matter

If you want to better understand what's happening in our country right now, our librarians have [curated a collection of ebooks and audiobooks for all ages](#) about white supremacy, systemic racism, and the ongoing fight for racial justice in the United States.

As it relates to Yolo County Library specifically, we commit to doing better and to implementing anti-racist practices throughout our organization. We will conduct a comprehensive assessment of our organization through a racial equity lens to align our practices with our beliefs. We commit to providing an update in six months on what we've done so far and what work is still to come. We also condemn the recent attacks on protesters and journalists and reaffirm our commitment to First Amendment rights including freedom of the press and the right of citizens to protest without fear of police violence or escalation.

### Yolo County Library Celebrates Pride Month

June is Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Pride Month. June 2020 marks the 50th anniversary of LGBTQ+ Pride traditions. The first Pride March in New York City was held on June 28, 1970, on the one year anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. Find resources and learn more at [Yolo County Library](#) and the [Library of Congress](#).



### Summer Reading Program Continues

- Register online at <https://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org>
- Read, log your reading, and complete fun activities to earn points to win rewards. Everyone who participates gets a free book.
- Once you've earned a total of 1000 points, come back to the library for your free finisher prize!
- Adult finishers can Read Off Their Fines and have up to \$10 in overdue fines waived from their account in place of their prize.

### Curbside Pickup Now Available

On Monday, June 15, Yolo County Library began offering curbside pickup at all branches. Please [check our website](#) for curbside pickup schedules and more information. To use this service:

- Request items in advance through the library's online catalog.
- Wait for an email or phone notification that the materials are available for pickup.
- For people driving, text "Here" to the phone number posted after parking in the designated curbside pickup area.
- For those on bikes or walking, look for the walk/bike curbside pickup area and text the number on the sign when it is your turn.
- Receive a text reply from staff for reservation name and space number.
- Materials are checked out and delivered for contactless pickup.

### Yes, You Can Return Library Items!

- Library book drops are open for returned materials Monday – Friday, from 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
- Book drops at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library and Arthur F. Turner Community Library are also open Saturday from 9 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
- Book drops at Patwin and South Davis Montgomery remain closed.
- Borrowed items may remain on library accounts for several days while in quarantine.
- All kits (including early learning and discovery) and Read Around Yolo bags may not be returned until library buildings reopen.
- All items borrowed before March 16, 2020 have been renewed until July 15, 2020.
- LINK+ items were unable to be renewed; however, no overdue fees will be charged and amounts accrued will be removed when the items are checked in.
- Book donations are not being accepted at this time.

### What's Next?

The State of California has authorized public libraries to start expanding service offerings. The California State Library noted, "as libraries reopen buildings, their role as a free, welcoming public space is as important as ever. Protecting the health and safety of staff and patrons will require a worksite plan, training, individual control measures, physical distancing guidelines and cleaning and disinfecting protocols."



Here in Yolo County, we are working on a plan to identify services and establish limited schedules for our branch libraries. Given the current increase in COVID-19 cases, we are taking a cautious approach to making these decisions. We will share updates as they become available. In the meantime, attend one of our [virtual programs](#) on Facebook, Instagram and Zoom.