

Monthly Report December 2020

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I've highlighted a few noteworthy items occurring this month 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!

Yolo County Library Response to Regional Stay Home Order

The Governor announced a new Regional Stay Home Order last week. Yolo County is part of the Greater Sacramento region. The Order will go into effect promptly in regions with less than 15% ICU availability.

We anticipate the Stay Home Order will be activated for the Greater Sacramento Region some time this week. When the Order is declared, we will suspend curbside service for at least 3 weeks.



While the Order is in place, we will continue to have a minimal number of staff in our facilities to empty book drops and perform other necessary functions to maintain our operations. Otherwise, most staff will telework.

We will share new information as it becomes available.

Personnel Updates

- Vacant – Librarian, Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library – recruitment in progress
- Vacant – Librarian, Arthur F. Turner Community Library, West Sacramento - recruitment in progress
- Vacant – Librarian, Shipley Walters Center - recruitment in progress

Transitions at the Esparto Regional Library

It is with a bit of sadness, excitement and gratitude that I inform you about an upcoming transition at the Esparto Regional Library.



Malinda Baker will be retiring in late January 2021. She has served the Esparto community and the residents of Yolo County for almost 15 years. We will be recognizing Malinda at the Library Advisory Board meeting on December 9th, as well as at an upcoming Board of Supervisors meeting in January (details to come).

Malinda Baker was hired to work for Yolo County Library on March 20, 2006 as a full time Library Assistant III to run the Esparto Regional Library. She was promoted on December 8, 2008 to a Librarian I. Her position was reclassified on February 28, 2010 to a Branch Supervisor, MLIS. She has served in this role to the present day. Malinda has done wonderful work bringing a variety of rich and diverse programs to the Esparto community, led our Día de los Niños program, supported our Summer Reading Program, and led the In-and-Out Burger Cover to Cover program. In addition, she has been a member of the Circulation Team for more than ten years. In this role, Malinda helped plan and implement several initiatives aimed at reducing barriers to service, including developing organizational library accounts for nonprofits, organizations, and government agencies within Yolo County and library accounts for people unable to show proof of address.

Malinda is a woman of many talents. In addition to her contributions to Yolo County Library, she raised a family, served as an office manager, school librarian and reference librarian.

Malinda:

- Earned a Bachelor's degree in Secondary Education from New Mexico State University and a Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Denver
- Worked as the Assistant Librarian and then as the Head Librarian at Coronado High School in El Paso, Texas from 1977 - 1985. She served 2,100 high school students and 100 faculty members
- Was an Office Manager for Full Belly Farms from 1995 - 2006
- Worked as a part-time Reference Librarian at the Dixon Public Library from 2004 - 2005

Toni Mendieta will be transferring from the Winters Community Library to serve as the Branch Supervisor at the Esparto Regional Library. Toni has served as the Branch Supervisor at the Winters Community Library for more than a decade. In this role, she has worked tirelessly to foster meaningful relationships with Winters High School students, teachers and staff, members of the Winters Friends of the Library, and residents of the Winters community. She is a champion for our underrepresented communities, ensures their voices are heard, and their needs are acknowledged with her work as co-chair of the JEDI team. Toni was actively involved

with the recent upgrades we made to the Winters Community Library, including new furnishings and layouts for the teen and children's spaces, updating the community room and creating the Teaching Garden.

Beginning this month, Toni will collaborate with Malinda to learn more about her work in Esparto. We will be conducting a recruitment for a full time Branch Supervisor at the Winters Community Library soon.

Congratulations to both Malinda and Toni!

Early Literacy Resources

TumbleBooks

Yolo County Library is now offering Tumblebooks!



Only 42% of children in Yolo County read at grade level by 3rd grade. We are providing all parents, caregivers and children who have library cards with 24/7 access to Tumblebooks, an online tool they can access from their phones, tablets and computers at home. This digital content is age appropriate, interactive, entertaining, bilingual and educational.

TumbleBooks are created by taking existing picture books, adding animation, sound, music, and narration to produce an electronic picture book which children can read, or have read to them. Each story comes with puzzles and games geared to ensure reading comprehension.

Tumblebooks are funded in part by the Yolo County Library Foundation, Hewitt Family Fund, Stallard Family Fund and the Buck Education Grant Program of the Yolo Community Foundation (YCF). The Yolo Community Foundation's mission is "to inspire and support giving and to provide philanthropic leadership in our community".

Ready Rosie

Looking for some fun learning activities to do with your child? Use Ready Rosie's quick two-minute videos in English or Spanish to get you inspired. Book suggestions in English and Spanish are also included!

ReadyRosie is for children birth through 3rd grade. Sign up [here!](#)





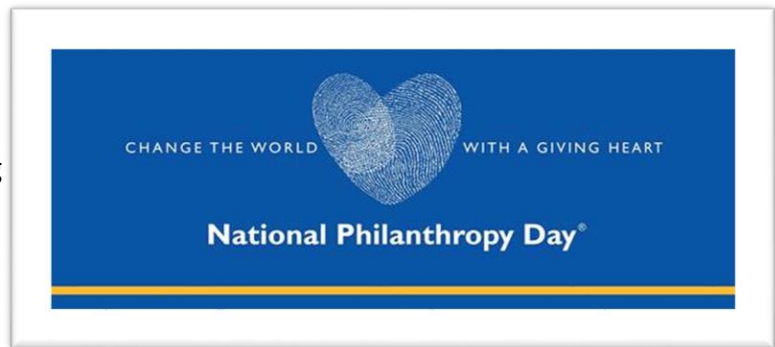
December is Kindness Month at Yolo County Library

Small acts of kindness and generosity can have a big impact. Challenge yourself to “Be the One” for others by smiling, listening, caring, and sharing all month long. For more information on building caring and resilient communities,

visit <http://btocalifornia.org>.

National Philanthropy Day

The Yolo Community Foundation hosted National Philanthropy Day on November 17th honoring local residents who have made outstanding contributions in their communities. Two of the organizations that support Yolo County Library participated in this event.



The **Yolo County Library Foundation** recognized **Sharon Hallberg** for her five decades of advocacy for library services in Yolo County. In addition to serving as the Board Chair of the Yolo County Library Foundation, Sharon represents the City of Davis and currently chairs the Yolo County Library Advisory Board. Sharon served as a teacher-librarian at Davis High School for 35 years, and advocates frequently for the enhancement of library services throughout Yolo County.

The **Friends of the Esparto Regional Library (FERL)** honored the **Volunteer Gardeners** at the Esparto Regional Library. The Gardeners have been taking care of the landscape at the Esparto Regional Library on a weekly basis for the last 16 years. They have donated over 1,000 hours during that time for planting, pruning, watering, and mulching. Thank you to Malinda Baker for assisting FERL with the creation of their nomination video.

We are Grateful for Your Support!

Here in Yolo County, we are fortunate to have the support of nine incredible community organizations.

These groups are member-supported, nonprofit organizations that provide supplemental funding for our programs and collections.

We are grateful for their fundraising and volunteering efforts!

To learn more, visit the websites below:

[Clarksburg Friends of the Library](#)

[Friends of the Davis Public Library](#)

[Friends of the Esparto Regional Library](#)

[Friends of the Knights Landing Library](#)

[Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo](#)

[Friends of the Yolo County Archives](#)

[West Sacramento Friends of the Library](#)

[Winters Friends of the Library](#)

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