

February 2022 Report

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We acknowledge that we are on the traditional territory and homelands of the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation. For more information, visit: <https://yochadehe.org>.

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!

Holiday Hours

All of our locations will be closed on Monday, February 21st for President's Day.

Please [visit our website](#) for the latest information about our [hours of service](#).

Note: Due to public health mandates, employees and patrons, including children aged 2 and older, must wear face coverings while in the library.

Yolo County Archives

The Yolo County Archives is open to the public by appointment, on:

- Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- Thursdays from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m.

To make an appointment contact us at archives@yolocounty.org or (530) 666-8010.

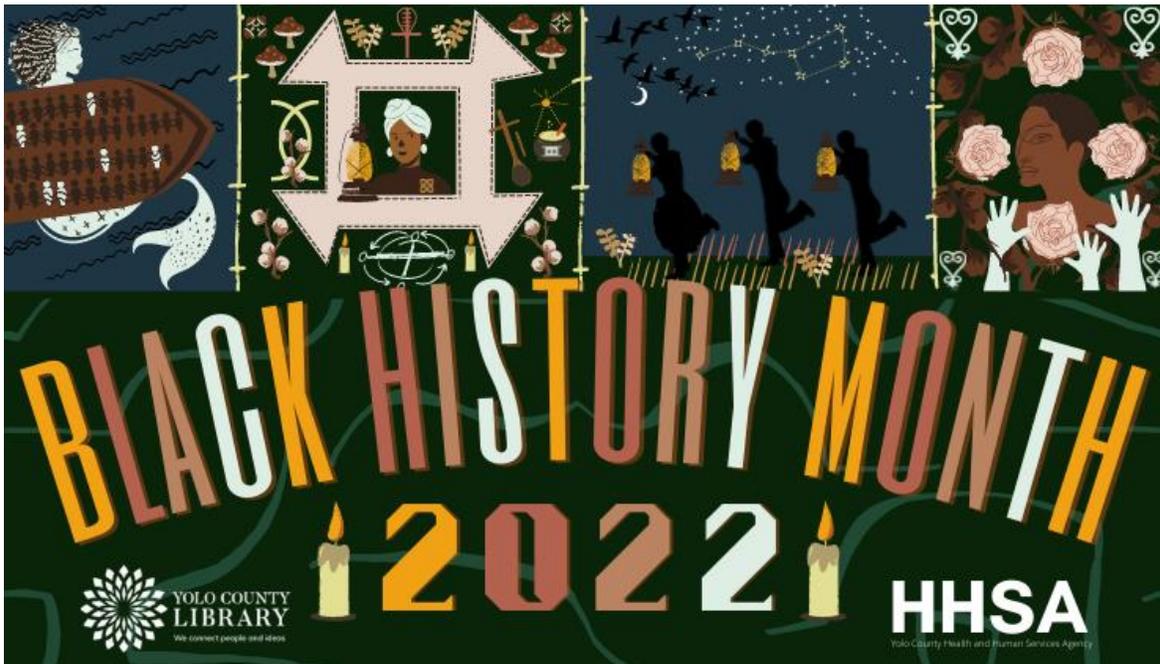
Library Programs

Check out the [February calendar](#) for our programs.



Virtual
Programming

Celebrate Black History Month with Yolo County Library



Yolo County Library is excited to honor Black History Month with a variety of programs and resources for residents of all ages. The national theme for 2022, Black Health and Wellness, aims to uplift the contributions of Black American medical and folk practitioners while addressing systemic health inequities and amplifying opportunities for the holistic betterment of Black wellness.

To pay homage to the connection between this month's observations and the celebration of Emancipation on Juneteenth, the Library's Black History Month banner was created in the form of a traditional story quilt. Each panel of the quilt incorporates iconography important to the historical narrative of captivity and freedom.

"When I reflect on my people's history, I feel like I am handling something biblical. This part of American history is an Exodus story. The use and placement of every symbol could not be arbitrary. I questioned the digital medium I used to create it and I questioned whether it was right to share these symbols because they represent something either spiritual or secretive," says Youth Services Librarian Katrina Laws-Ewald, who designed the story quilt banner.

In alignment with this year's wellness theme, the Library has partnered with the Yolo County's Health and Human Services Agency (HHSA) Cultural Competence Committee to present *The Cost of Darkness*, the acclaimed documentary series by award-winning author and educator Sandy Holman. The film, which outlines the sociopolitical factors contributing to racial inequity and lays foundations for systemic change, will screen on Wednesday evenings in February from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Each screening will be followed by a discussion session with the filmmaker.

Further information, including Zoom links to the free event, is available on the Yolo County Library website.

The Library will also highlight its collections of books, audiobooks, and films by Black creators this February. “While there’s still much room for improvement, the publishing industry has begun to address its historic exclusion of Black writers,” says Collection Development Librarian Jillian Hinchliffe. “As a result, and as a result of continuing efforts to collect materials that uplift and celebrate Black voices, the Library has a wealth of resources to offer the community year-round.” Black History Month reading lists for all age groups can be found in each Library branch, on the Library website, and at <https://yolocounty.overdrive.com>.

Residents can also visit the Library’s social media channels every weekday in February to find spotlights on Black wellness resources, books written by Black authors, and notable Black residents of Yolo County past and present, including historical information from the Yolo County Archives and Yolo County Historical Collection.

Join Us for “The Cost of Darkness” Every Wednesday in February



Yolo County Library, the Yolo County Health and Human Services Agency and the Culture C.O.-O.P. invite you to a four-week community dialog and film showing of “The Cost of Darkness”

Each week covers different socio-political factors that

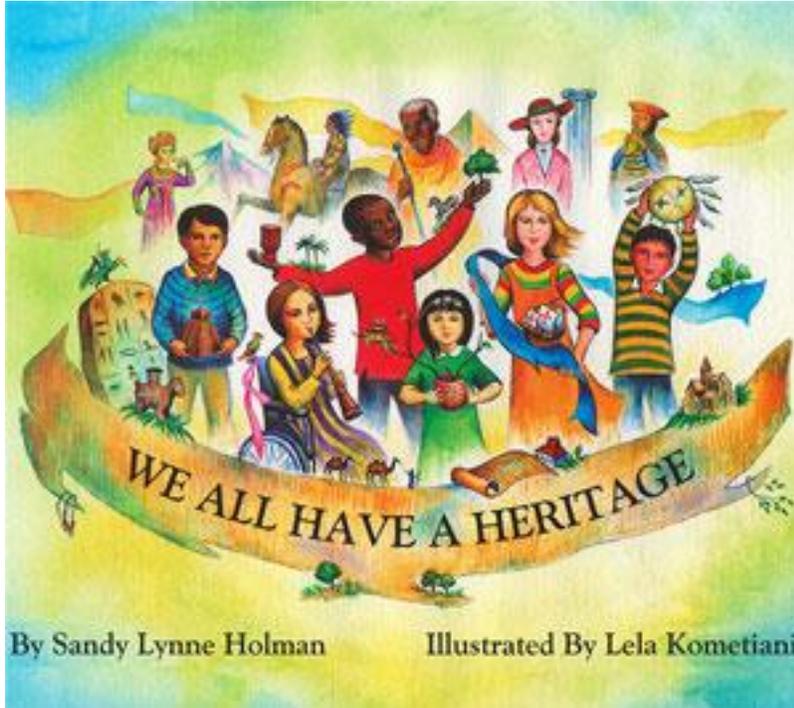
have historically contributed to ongoing problems and root causes of inequity. Organizations and communities will be inspired to develop visions, roadmaps, and interventions with effective holistic solutions.

Presented by Sandy Holman, Director of The Culture C.O.-O.P. For further information on the documentary please contact info@cultureco-op.com or visit www.cultureco-op.com.

02/09: The Media, Economics & Politics
tinyurl.com/feb2022thecost2

02/16: White Supremacy & Criminal Justice
tinyurl.com/feb2022thecost3

Dial-A-Story for February



With Yolo County Library's Dial-A-Story, you can hear a story in English or Spanish anytime you like. Now Playing: "We All Have A Heritage," written by Sandy Lynne Holman.

The book is read in English by H.H.S.A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Tessa Smith and in Spanish by Outreach and Programming Library Ruby Buentello.

"We All Have A Heritage" is a celebration of how every ethnicity carries something unique in their heritage and traditions while also highlighting their commonalities. The book advocates that humans are all the same on the inside and how we can learn from each other.

To listen to the Dial-a-Story, call (530) 298-9990 or visit <https://yolocountylibrary.org/dial-a-story-telecuento>.



Yolo County Library Awarded \$250,000 Mobile Library Services Grant by the California State Library

Through a statewide competitive application process, Yolo County Library was selected by the California State Library as a recipient of the "Stronger Together: Improving Library Access" grant.

This state-funded opportunity will provide a \$250,000 grant to Yolo County Library so it can acquire a community outreach vehicle and offer programs that improve library access and program delivery. Amy McNeely, Ruby Buentello, Lana Harman, Dana Christy and Meredith Beales submitted the successful application.

A mobile library and expanded program delivery will make it possible for more residents in rural and underserved communities to access library services and programs. Specifically, grant funds will be used to purchase an outreach vehicle (likely a sprinter van), a mobile book collection, enhanced Wi-Fi, chromebooks, and maker kits so staff can reach underserved and under-represented communities in Yolo County. Customers will be able to check out materials (books, DVDs, hotspots, Chromebooks, early learning kits/backpacks), use our Wi-Fi, experiment with our maker kits, sign up for library cards or the summer reading program, learn about literacy services, print/copy/scan/fax documents, obtain government information (voter registration, tax forms, DMV handbooks, etc.), obtain assistance with job applications, and participate in children's programs.

The van will make regular stops in rural underserved areas (Rumsey, Guinda, Brooks, Capay, Madison Migrant Center, Yolo County Housing -Winters, Dunnigan, Zamora), senior living communities in Davis and West Sacramento, and areas in those cities that are physically distant from our existing libraries, such as South Davis, Bryte/Broderick, and Southport. Additionally, the van will be used to promote the summer reading program, adult and family literacy services, and other library programs and services at farmers' markets, fairs/parades, schools, nursery schools/daycare facilities, food bank distributions sites, and Friends of the Library events.

City of Davis includes Funding for South Davis Library in DiSC Proposal

The Davis Innovation and Sustainability Campus (DiSC) 2022 is heading back to the voters as the City Council voted 5-0 to put the measure on the ballot for June 7, 2022. If the measure passes, it could include up to \$2 million in funding for the construction of a South Davis Library facility.

The \$2 million Developer contribution to the South Davis Library is subject to successful annexation of the Project into the City of Davis. The contribution is further subject to final agreement by the County to earmark the funds for construction of the South Davis Library facility within a reasonable timeframe or funds will be redirected to other Davis community priorities.

Yolo County American Rescue Plan (ARP) Mini Grants

The purpose of the Mini Grants program is to allow for localized responses to the COVID19 pandemic and economic recovery programs that are nimble and transformative.

Applications will be accepted from Friday, February 4, 2022, to Thursday, March 31, 2022, at 5:00 pm. Funding requests should range from \$1,000 and \$10,000 but requests outside of the range will still receive consideration.

The Mini Grant funding is an investment of \$250,000 split equally between the five Districts (\$50,000 per District).

The Mini Grant Priority Categories are: Housing and Homelessness; Food Security; Child, Youth and Family; Mental Health; and Community Parks and Facilities. Strategic Plan Implementation: Water/Wastewater Infrastructure; Broadband; Climate Action; Economic Development; and Aging Needs.

[Go To Application](#)

If your organization is interested in applying and learning more about the ARP Mini Grants program, please visit the [American Rescue Plan](#) website or contact Eric Will, ARP Project Manager, at eric.will@yolocounty.org.

CLA/CPLA Dual Membership Now Available

Friends of the Library Boards, Library Foundation Boards, and Library Advisory Boards can now join California Library Association (CLA) and the California Public Library Advocates (CPLA) for a promotional price of \$45.

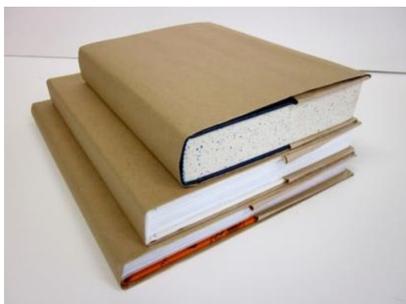
This one year, non-voting, dual CLA/CPLA Institutional membership offers these benefits:

- Eligible to apply for nonprofit liability and property insurance through [R.V. Nuccio & Associates, Inc.](#)
- Access to member communications and mailing lists
- Updates on CLA advocacy efforts
- 1 member pricing to the CLA annual conference
- 1 individual membership to CPLA
- 1 discounted ticket to the CPLA awards event at the CLA conference
- 1 discounted registration for in-person CPLA regional workshops



Our State Librarian, Greg Lucas, notes: “As a library trustee or commission member, a member of a Library Friends group or a library foundation, you’re an important voice that helps influence decision-makers on the value of an investment in California’s libraries. Adding that voice to the California Library Association and collaborating with your colleagues across the state can only benefit libraries as a whole and your library in particular. This dual membership offer makes it easier for that to happen.”

Interested? Your Board can [register here](#).



Blind Date with a Book

Several of our branch libraries are offering “Blind Date with a Book” in February. It’s a no commitment, no drama relationship where your “dream date” could be a thriller, a historical fantasy, a mystery or a sci-fi epic.