June 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!

Library Services

Please visit our website for the latest information about our hours of service.

- Library services in Yolo are now offered at Cache Creek High School
- Reservations for library meeting rooms resumed on May 2. Visit your branch webpage and view the "Meeting Rooms" section for more information.

Archives Services

The Yolo County Archives is open to the public by appointment, on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. and Thursdays from 12 p.m. – 4 p.m. Contact staff to make an appointment: archives@yolocounty.org or 530-666-8010.

Library Programs

Check out our calendar of programs.

Human Resources Updates

We are recruiting for a full-time Adult Services Librarian at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library in West Sacramento.
Hundreds Attend Early Juneteenth Holiday Celebration on Sunday, June 5th

Yolo County Library co-sponsored the 2022 Juneteenth Holiday Celebration, which was held on Sunday, June 5th, at the UC Davis Conference Center and the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art. Library staff members Scott, Katrina, Ruby, Lana, Joan, Stepheaney, and Huda did a fantastic job representing the Library, and Yolo County, at the event.

Juneteenth is the oldest nationally celebrated commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. From its Galveston, Texas, origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the United States and beyond. In 2021, it became the 11th holiday recognized by the federal government.

The Juneteenth theme for 2022 was “The Road to Freedom Day” and honored Black artists and artisans, performers, elders, and musicians. The family-friendly celebration included live entertainment, educational presentations, art displays, activities for youth, giveaways, artisan vendors, food trucks, sponsor tables, and more. Residents can learn more by visiting: https://www.yolojuneteenth.org.

There were a variety of performances, including music, drumming, spoken word, and dance performances, including M’Ster Lewis, a JTL Production fashion show, the Grant High School Drumline, and renowned artist TheArthur Wright.

Additionally, Master Quilter Khristel Johnson displayed her history quilts at the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art. Johnson’s quilts are visually stunning and meticulously designed using African fabrics, beads, and textures that create a unique 3D effect illustrating African American history through personal stories and significant events.

The celebration included guest speakers: Lucas Frerichs, Vice Mayor of Davis; Renetta Garrison Tull, UC Davis Vice Chancellor of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion; and Vickie Gomez, UC Davis Director of Campus and Regional Community Engagement.
The Juneteenth Holiday Celebration was made possible with the generous support of the Yolo County Library, City of Davis Human Relations Commission and Arts & Cultural Affairs Program, Culture C.O.-O. P., NJ Mvondo and Multiculturalism Rocks, Friends of the Davis Public Library, Yolo County Office of Education, Travis Credit Union, Yolo Federal Credit Union, Davis Media Access, CommuniCare, UC Davis Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and the Manetti Shrem Museum of Art.

Davis Media Access recorded the event and will post the Celebration on YouTube on June 19th.

Our Summer Reading Program Has Started - Register Today!

Register online at yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org

Check out the website for more information, https://yolocountylibrary.org/summer/ or contact the Library at 530-666-8005 for assistance.
Beginning June 1, patrons can come to the branches to register and/or to pick up their sign-up book and welcome bag. Welcome bags are themed by age: 0-5, 6-12, Teen, and Adult.

**Welcome bag contents**

- Beanstack instructions in English and Spanish
- Age-specific bibliographies in English and Spanish
- Paper gameboard/reading logs in English and Spanish
- Nature Walk Scavenger Hunt
- Crayons (for ages 0-5)
- Colored Pencils (for ages 6-12)
- Minute-to-Win-It games (for teens)
- Summer Badge Books (for ages 6-12) *These are a fun way for participants to track reading and engage with the challenge.*
- Summer Fun Books in English and Spanish (for ages 0-5) *These are a fun way for participants to track reading and engage with the challenge.*

Branches have a paper registration form for patrons who are not able to or do not wish to sign up online.

Participants choose whether to log their reading by books or by hours.

- Reading 1 book OR reading for 60 minutes = 100 points
- Completing 1 activity = 10 points
- 1000 points = Finisher prize + free book

**Prizes/incentives**

- **Sign-up:** Free book + welcome bag
- **Weekly:** Every participant gets entered in a weekly drawing for a $10 gift card. 2 gift cards given out weekly per age group. If a participant from your branch is a winner, a SRP team member will contact you and send you the gift card, then you can contact the participant to let them know when they can pick it up
- **Finishers:**
  - Ages 0-3 get a free book and a beach ball
  - Ages 4+ get a free book and a keychain flashlight
  - ANYONE can opt to have up to $10 in old overdue fines removed from their account in place of their prize (they still get the book)
  - *If a kid over 3 want a beachball instead of a flashlight, it’s ok. We have some extras. Just not enough to advertise that they can choose between one or the other*
  - EVERYONE who finishes the program gets entered into the Grand Prize Drawing for their branch. Prizes vary and are determined by the branch leads. The
drawing is weighted so those who complete additional reading have a better chance of winning.

Programs and Activities

Each branch has scheduled their own programs. Systemwide, every branch will have monthly Take-&-Make kits for all ages, available to Summer Reading Program participants while supplies last.

Happy Reading! From the 2022 Summer Reading Program Team: Margaret, Ashleigh, Toni, Megan, Miguel, Steve, Kate, Anna, Maria, Michelle, Lana, Ruby, and Crista.

Yolo Branch Library Construction Updates
These spaces will be enclosed study rooms

The front entrance of the Library is to the right of the large window

This will become the Children’s area of the Library
Celebrate Pride Month with Yolo County Library

Get Outside!
Borrow a California State Library State Parks Pass for free. Ask at your local branch for more information or to reserve one.

Use your library card to borrow a free vehicle day-use pass for over 200 California State Parks!

Thanks to a collaboration between the California State Library and California State Parks, library cardholders can freely access many of the beautiful beaches, forests, deserts, monuments, lakes, and rivers that make up our State Parks system.

How it works:

1. **Borrow or request a pass.**
   - All Yolo County Library locations have at least one **Lucky Day Parks Pass**. Lucky Day passes can be borrowed for a period of 3 weeks and are not holdable or renewable. Ask at the service desk of your [local library branch](#) for a pass. If one’s available, it’s your lucky day!
The Library also has a limited quantity of parks passes that can be reserved through the library catalog or at your local branch. These can be borrowed for a period of 3 weeks, no renewals.
- Cardholders may borrow one pass at a time.

2. **Plan your adventure.**
   - The pass is valid at over 200 California State Parks. View an interactive map of the participating state parks. Find out which ones are NOT eligible.
   - The pass entitles the user to a free vehicle day-use entry for one passenger vehicle with capacity of nine people or less or one highway licensed motorcycle.

3. **Park for free at a participating California State Park.**
   - Show the pass to a uniformed state park employee, scan the barcode on the front of the pass at the reader, or display the pass from your vehicle’s rearview mirror.

4. **Fill out the survey.**
   - Scan the QR code on the back of the pass to access the survey and be eligible to win a prize.

5. **Return the pass for others to enjoy.**
   - Passes that are not returned by the due date will be deactivated and no longer usable.

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The Zip Books program is temporarily suspended.

Zip Books is a California State Library-funded program. We have used all the grant funds for this fiscal year. We expect to receive grant funds again. Please look for Zip Books to start up again in August.