



Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting (In-Person)

Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at 6:00 pm.

Meeting Location: Meeting Location: Winters Community Library; 708 Railroad Avenue; Winters, CA 95694

MINUTES

Land Acknowledgement

Called to order at 6:03 PM

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

Call to Order

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

- District 1: Christine Roloff
- District 2: Nora Brazil
- District 3: Diane Adams, Vice Chair
- District 4: Holly Bishop
- District 5: Esther Vasquez
- City of Davis: Sharon Hallberg
- City of West Sacramento: Kristin Peacock, Chair
- City of Winters: Jeff TenPas
- Victoria Findlay, Library Regional Supervisor, East Yolo
- Eugene Myers, Youth Services Librarian, Davis
- Ashleigh Torres, Branch Supervisor, MLIS
- Scott Love, Library Regional Manager, East Yolo

Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian

Introduction of new LAB member, Christine Roloff, West Sacramento

1. Public Comment:

None.

- 2. ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and voted to approve the minutes from April 9, 2025. Moved by Diane Adams and seconded by Esther Vasquez.

3. Staff Reports

- a) Ashleigh Torres, Library Branch Supervisor, MLIS provided:
 - i) A presentation on activities and facilities at the Winters Community Library
 - ii) A tour of the branch
 - iii) Dana Christy provided:

- (1) A review of the branch furniture replacement plan.
- (2) Staff identified furniture to be replaced and possible replacement options to best serve both the student population and surrounding community. Focus is on modular, moveable pieces that can be rearranged as needed, while being functional and comfortable.
- (3) Service levels (operating hours, staffing, any plans to increase hours or services)
Existing hours are:

School not in session hours:
Mon/Wednesday 10am - 6pm
Tue/Thursday 12pm - 8pm
Friday: 1pm - 5pm
Saturday 1pm - 5pm

School in session hours:
Mon/Wednesday 8am - 6pm
Tue/Thursday 8am - 8pm
Friday 8am - 5pm
Saturday 1 - 5pm

4. County Librarian's Report

- a) Walnut Park Library update
 - 1) The public art committee decided on an artist.
- b) Staffing Update – Dana
 - 1) New Hires: Eugene, Vicky, Extra Help
 - 2) Assistant County Librarian recruitment opened today.
 - 3) Branch Supervisor, MLIS
- c) Program and Bibliobus updates – Dana
- d) Grants
 - 1) Literacy team's Save the Children last event is in Davis this weekend (Save the Children).
- e) **See attached report ([link](#))**

5. Yolo County Library Foundation Report

- a) \$20,000 was raised at the Stories for Supper fundraising event.

6. Old Business

- a) Nora made a Google drive and Kristen added member contact information. Please add your appointment dates.

7. New Business

- a) Bylaws subcommittee reported the advisory committee guidelines from the County are now on the Google drive. Most questions they had for County Counsel were answered. The City appointees do not have term limits. It is recommended that the Library Advisory Board add an at-large member so there is an odd number for voting purposes. This would require a change to the by-laws approved by the County Board of Supervisors. It was suggested that the at-large member be a volunteer from the Yolo County Archives. They discussed the possibility of creating goals for the coming year.
- b) The bylaws subcommittee created an internal document that includes the roles and responsibilities of the members and other information that will be helpful for onboarding new members. Adjunct duties will be suggested at the next meeting.

- c) Elections: Holly Bishop moved that Kristen Peacock remain Chair for another year. Esther Vasquez seconded.

8. Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a) Holly Bishop reported Logos grossed over \$15,000 per month the last two months. On Monday the Friends of the Davis Public Library are having an event at Hunan's to thank volunteers for their hard work.
- b) Jeff Ten-Pas reported the Winters Friends raised over \$21,000 during Big Day of Giving. They continue to have book sales, and during July they sponsor a series of four music concerts in the gazebo in the park.
- c) Sharon Hallberg attended the Foundation fundraiser and shared an infographic showing all that the Foundation funded over the year.
- d) Esther Vasquez reported the Yolo Friends are working on the Yolo Car Show. Summer Reading Program and other programs are keeping community members of all ages coming to the library. They are collaborating with the Friends of Mary's Cemetery to build community.
- e) Diane Adams also attending the Foundation dinner. She is working on the LAB bylaws, was elected to the Friends of the Archives for another three-year term serving as the membership coordinator.
- f) Nora Brazil reported she is also working on the LAB bylaws. On May 29 author Manvir Singh talked about shamanism at an event was attended by 77 people. Nora is working on public art for the new Walnut Park Library. She asked what preparations the library has for ICE raids. Diana will send out guidelines prepared by County Counsel.
- g) Kristen Peacock reported the WSFOL are working on updating their bylaws, is pleased the Bibliobus is visiting sites in West Sacramento, and shared Sleepaway Storytime is coming up next week, and Trucktopia was a huge success with over 400 in attendance.

9. County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments

10. ACTION ITEMS

Esther Vasquez moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 PM. Seconded by Holly Bishop.

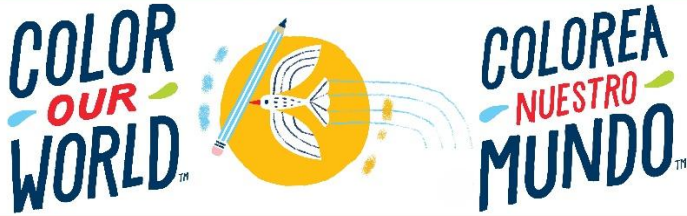
Next (in-person) Meeting:

Wednesday, August 13, 2025, at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library; 315 E. 14th Street; Davis, CA 95616

Items for next agenda: Walnut Park Library updates

Summer Reading Program 2025

2025 SUMMER READING PROGRAM | PROGRAMA DE LECTURA DE VERANO 2025



Yolo County Library's 2025 all-ages Summer Reading Program, Color Our World, is here! The program runs from June 1 - August 15. All community members, including Yolo County employees and their families, are encouraged to sign up to read, log their reading, and complete fun activities to earn prizes.

Free, weekly special events will take place at library branches throughout the program. Participants may sign up online at: <https://yolocountylibrary.beanstack.org/reader365>, then come to their local branch library to complete registration and select a free book. For more information, visit the Library's Summer Reading Program page: <https://yolocountylibrary.org/reading/summer/>.

Summer Reading Program Kick-Off in West Sac: Truck Topia



Over 400 community members attended the fourth annual Truck Topia and Summer Reading Program kick-off event at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library on Saturday, May 31st. Yolo County Library Youth Services Librarian, Hope Saldivar, partnered with multiple organizations such as the Yolo County Library's new Bibliobus, the City of West Sacramento Police Department, Public Works, Waste Management, and Fire Department to ensure that families were able to tour cars and trucks of all sizes. Wonder Grove, a local non-profit children's museum provided enrichment activities for families and the Sacramento River Cat's mascot, Dinger, made a special appearance at the event to take photos as well. In addition to exploring the vehicles, engaging in hands-on activities, and learning about important public services, families also signed up to participate in this year's Summer Reading Program and left with a free book. Yolo County Library staff are eager to prepare for next year's Truck Topia and hope to include more community partners in the future so that children and families continue to have an unforgettable time at the library.

Archives, Records Center, and Yolo County History Collection

YCHC

Give Face 给面子 Exhibition at the Gibson House

Opening Reception:

Thursday, June 26, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Curators' Tour from Sarah Bartlett and Bz Zhang:

Saturday, June 28, 1:00 p.m.

GIVE FACE 给面子 is an interdisciplinary exhibition unearthing and regrounding past, present, and future narratives of the Chinese diaspora in the Sacramento Valley in the sweeping and ever-expanding story of California.

Archival objects trace the impact of Chinese Americans on Yolo County through the things they left behind, while contemporary artworks woven throughout the exhibit call our attention to their lived experiences, intimacies, and complexities.

Using both documentation and speculation, artist Bz Zhang's work creates dialogue between Western ideas and a Chinese-diasporic cultural inheritance and offers ways to "give face" to (that is, to honor or show due respect for) Chinese ancestors in the US West.

The stories of the Chinese diaspora in Yolo County and the US West span oceans and continents, and their contributions transcend our infrastructures (from railways to agriculture) into the social and cultural fabric of our nation. Their stories are ours to carry into the shared futures we must build.

Celebrating Pride Month at YCL

Punks 'n Pronouns:

A Celebration of Queer-Punk Solidarity

Friday, June 27

Winters Community Library

Vendor Fair 3:00 p.m. | Punk Show 6:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand and better than ever: join us for our second annual Punks 'n Pronouns event! On Friday, June 27th, we will celebrate the solidarity and overlap between queer and punk cultures in their riot against oppression in all its forms.

This year we will not only host a FREE punk show, but a vendor fair as well! Beginning at 3:00 p.m., swing by the library to support talented artisans before rocking out to three of our favorite local bands!

Show some love, make some friends, and come experience one unforgettable night at our small-town library! More information on Pride Month events can be found here: <https://yclca.patronpoint.com/asset/70:2025-pride-event-flyer>, and a recommended reading list is here: <https://yclca.patronpoint.com/asset/69:2025-pride-month-bibliography>.

Yolo Reads/Literacy/ESL

Save the Children Grant

Nancy Pacheco, our Yolo Reads Coordinator, applied for and received grant funding from the nonprofit organization Save the Children. She and the rest of the literacy team designed a caregiver learning program to advance kindergarten readiness. They held five workshops for 35 caregivers—twice virtually at the start of the program with the remaining three workshops in person. In addition to the workshops, each program graduate

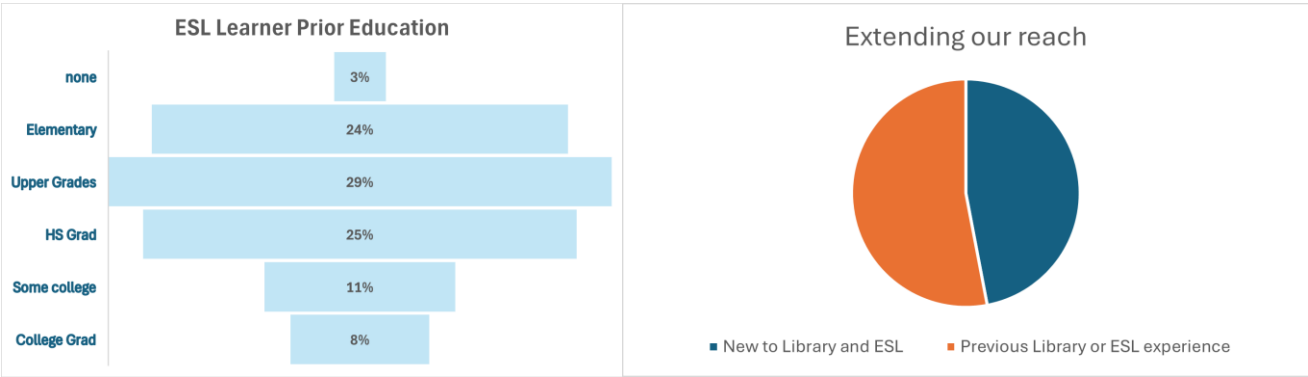
will receive a valuable collection of early learning resources, including books, Montessori materials, puppets, felt storyboards, and much more.



Partnership with YCOE

Yolo County Library, in partnership with the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) and the City of Davis, reached 142 individuals with classes that increased English language skills, provided access to life-changing resources, and built social capital. The grant that supports these programs started in 2022. In the first year, we reached 61 learners. Two years later, we have more than doubled that number. Partnerships are a factor in the ESL program’s success. YCOE supports classes in Esparto as part of its Adult Education program, where students learn about additional education pathways. The City of Davis supports Library ESL classes at the Montgomery Elementary School. As a result, participants are more aware of the City of Davis Parks & Rec programs, scholarships, and other family resources. Introducing hard-to-reach populations to community resources is an important outcome of Library ESL classes. Almost half of the participants have never taken an ESL class or visited a Public Library. Over 30% of participants have only had the opportunity to reach an elementary level of education.

It has been wonderful to witness ESL students build their confidence by attending class. Through their perseverance and dedication, each person has begun a new chapter with multiple, complex, beautiful characters and great dialogue. Students are building relationships and trust with members of their community, and they have support knowing that they are not alone on this journey, which once seemed lonely and difficult, and now seems, although still difficult, exciting and hopeful.



You can read the Spring 2025 ESL report out here:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gtuPQKHUfJB52dv3xW0KUngXXJrdMsLD/view?usp=sharing>

Honoring the Journey Celebration at YCOE

On June 4, Yolo County Office of Education had a program to honor adult education graduates and community partners who provide services to them. Elizabeth Gray, Central Services Manager, who also supervises our Literacy and ESL Coordinators, was invited to address the attendees. Diana Lopez attended.



Juneteenth

African American History Quilt Display

While this year there is no large celebration in Davis, in recognition of the 160th anniversary of Juneteenth, the holiday commemorating the end of slavery in the United States, The Stephens – Davis and West Sacramento branches are hosting an African American History Quilt Display and Presentation program.

Join Master Quilter Khristel Johnson as she shares some of her unique works of art and talks about the history of the story quilt tradition in African American culture. This is sponsored by the Yolo County Office of Education and the Yolo Juneteenth Committee.

Sunday, June 22
Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library
Quilt Exhibit 1:00 p.m.
Presentation 2:00 p.m.

Monday, June 23
Arthur F. Turner Community Library
Quilt Exhibit 2:30 p.m.
Presentation 5:30 p.m.

County Budget Update

The Board of Supervisors budget hearing will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 9 am. The Board is expected to receive the 2024-25 3rd Quarter Budget Monitoring Report, adopt a budget resolution amending the 2024-25 revenues and appropriations, approve amendments to the 2024-25 Authorized Equipment List, and approve the Recommended Budget for fiscal year 2025-26. You can view the agenda item and relevant documents here: <https://bit.ly/4dUVIVI>

Walnut Park Library

The public art advisory committee met on June 9th, 2025, and are moving forward with recommending an artist for commission at the Walnut Park Library.

Branch Reports and News Items About YCL

Available branch reports starting from January 2024 are at this link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/17FSUK1V_3QRUEb9BvJDKg6ia32V0pJhO?usp=sharing

(Please note that this folder needs to be updated. I will have a volunteer over the summer who will be helping me with this. ~ Diana)

A direct link to the folder for news items about YCL is here:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1WPXjdy9blah3rPQOrvm1AhWthVOQ3TnC?usp=sharing>

County Staffing News

Leslie Lindbo, Director of the Community Services Department is retiring on June 10th. Stephanie Cormier has been appointed as the Interim Director. Stephanie has been with the County for 19 years in various roles and has served as the Chief Assistant Director in the Community Services Department since 2024.

Mónica Morales has joined the County as the new director of Health and Human Services Agency (HHS), effective June 4. She will be introduced at the Board of Supervisors (BoS) meeting on Tuesday, 06/10/2025.

For more information, please see the press release:

<https://www.yolocounty.gov/Home/Components/News/News/13935/4918>

YCL Staffing News Highlights

Eugene Myers is our new Youth Services Librarian based at the Mary L. Stephens – Davis Branch Library (replacing Katrina Laws-Ewald). Eugene has a long history working for Yolo County Library, starting in 2015 when he was hired as a Page. In 2021 he became an Extra Help Library Assistant, was cross trained to be a Person in Charge of a building, and in February of last year began working as an Extra Help Librarian. Eugene also served as a Production Manager for the ASUCD Entertainment Council and is a graduate of UC Davis and San Jose State University. Eugene's first day as a permanent employee in his new role was June 1.

Dana Christy, Assistant County Librarian, is retiring from Yolo County Library after 15 incredible years of services on August 8. Read the email announcement here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1_c89QteLg4gKT3d6AXMhHRm0rflgzXfdGR0slwYGhog/edit?usp=sharing

Ashleigh Torres, Branch Supervisor MLIS, at the Winters Community Library has accepted a new position with Butte County Library. YCL Leadership Team sent the email announcement to the staff on 06/05-2025. You can read it here:

https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ILuhq-FzBMgm-Gfx7h2k2G077e_ArOo6TYNwfJUwfgw/edit?usp=sharing

Yolo County Library Foundation (YCLF) Updates

The first annual Mary's Supper for Stories fundraising event on Saturday, May 17th was a great success. More information to come.