

Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting Agenda
Day and Time: Wednesday, August 13, 2025, 6:00pm
Meeting Location: Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library; 315 E. 14th Street; Davis, CA 95616

Minutes

Land Acknowledgement

Called to order at 6:08 PM

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

- District 1: Christine Roloff (attending via Zoom)
- 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 (arrived at 6:24)
- City of Winters: Jeff TenPas (absent)
- Scott Love, Library Regional Manager
- Joan Tuss, Adult Services Librarian

Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian

1. **Public Comment** - none.
2. **ACTION ITEM:** Reviewed and voted to approve the minutes as amended from June 11, 2025. Moved by Vasquez and seconded by Bishop.
3. **Staff Reports:**
 - a. Joan Tuss presented on the events of the new yololab at Davis. She spoke about the large variety of hands-on maker programs and their popularity.
 - b. Scott Love
 - i. Facility: talked about the project to refurbish the public restrooms with new stalls; working with Tree Davis to get more specifics on their proposal for re-landscaping sections of the property.
 - ii. Hours: hours have been unchanged since 2021
 - Monday 12pm-8pm
 - Tues/Thursday 9:30am-8pm

- Fri/Saturday 9:30am-5:30pm
 - Sunday 1-5:30pm
- iii. Calendar of Events – there were questions about how to locate the calendar, which Scott spoke to. Diane Adams noted the name of Arthur F Turner Community Library does not have West Sacramento in it, which may be confusing. Nora Brazil asked if staff could give a demonstration on the calendar at the next meeting.

4. County Librarian's Report

- a. The County Librarian's report was emailed to the LAB on August 5, 2025. A copy of the report and related documents are attached.
- b. Second round of interviews were conducted for Assistant County Librarian, and an offer was made, but they had to decline for personal reasons. The library has reopened the recruitment. Board members brought up concern about library salaries not being competitive in the region, and they discussed attending a future Board of Supervisors Meeting and making public comment about it. Concern that unless the positions pay better, in particular the Asst. County Librarian, it will be difficult to recruit qualified candidates.
- c. Moms for Liberty have an event at the library on August 30. Diana and Scott contacted local elected officials, police to make them aware.
- d. Diana showed impressive book bag that was designed by Areli Duran, ESL Coordinator. The bag has a custom logo designed by Areli, and the bag will be given to ESL students with school supplies in them. YCLF funded the purchase of the bags.
- e. Sandra Clark will make a presentation to 100 Women Who Care at Sudwerk.

5. Yolo County Library Foundation Report – included in County Librarian's report.

6. Old Business – none

7. New Business

- a. Bylaws subcommittee – Diane Adams and Nora Brazil.
 - i. LAB guidelines and goal setting – Diane Adams and Nora Brazil. Presented a draft of "board member job description and guidelines" for future board members. Any changes to formal Bylaws would need to go before the Board of Supervisors. Hallberg asked that something be added that mentions responsibilities of attending meetings as support. Discussion about keeping information more generalized. As a new member, Christine will review it and see what suggestions or questions she has. A mission and vision statement were drafted added and are tabled for now.
 - ii. At-large member discussion Adams and Brazil will discuss later.

8. Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a. Adams – Working on guidelines and goal setting document. Looking for a board member for the Friends of the Archives.
- b. Brazil - Working on guidelines and goal setting document. SRP is wrapping up; she attended the animal program which had many great animals and was well attended. Kudos for Steve Klein (Mr. Steve), Sue Billing (Ms. Sue), and Lana Harman.
- c. Vazquez – Yolo and Dunnigan are booming, well attended SRP programs. 70 kids are participating in the reading program. Car Show is Saturday, August 23. There will be food trucks, and 2 antique special tractors. People are registering their cars; last year 110 cars registered.
- d. Holly – Talked about a graph showing how much income is coming into Logos. She took some books to St. Pauls.
- e. Hallberg – working with the preparing for the Car Show, has cookies waiting in her freezer.

- f. Peacock – recruiting volunteers to help sorting and stocking the alcove. Only one volunteer is currently doing it. Asked members to help her get the word out that they need volunteers. Government officials will be holding office hours at the West Sacramento Library on September 4.
- g. Roloff – No report.

9. **County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments** – none

10. **ACTION ITEMS**

Adjourn the meeting 8:02 Bishop moved and Vazquez & Hallberg seconded.

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at the Knights Landing Branch Library, 42351 3rd St, Knights Landing, CA 95645

Summer Reading Program 2025

As of July 15, 2025, there were 4,672 people signed up for the Summer Reading Program and 1,043 people had already completed the challenge. As of that date, participants had completed 528 activities and read 14,594 books and for 5,671 hours. Close to 6,000 books had been distributed. Participants commented on the variety, quality, and diversity of our free book selections.

Over 100 people attended the Clarksburg Branch Library's SRP kickoff program, and Trucktopia, the kick-off program at the Arthur F. Turner Branch in West Sacramento, brought in over 400 attendees. The most popular staff-led program has been making Mini Piñatas.

Michelle Vidana, Library Associate, who does acquisitions and processing at Central Services and teaches Library 101 at the Yolo County Day Reporting Center as well, enjoys doing programs in the branches. With support from her colleague Liz Converse, our Library Assistant II who manages our Zip Books program and more, the rural branches had a fun and creative summer. Michelle created a report showcasing some of the Summer Reading Program events in our rural branches that she coordinated and Liz helped with. We really appreciate the approval from Elizabeth Gray, Central Services Manager, who made room for Michelle's work in the branches. You can access Michelle's report here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1a-w14e2F09EiRI-ljgipRjKOCOziMFrP/view?usp=drive_link

Archives, Records Center, and Yolo County History Collection

New Exhibition Open at the Gibson House



The Yolo County Historical Collection has a new exhibition up at the Gibson House. [GIVE FACE 给面子 \(Gěimianzi\)](#) is an interdisciplinary exhibition unearthing and regrounding past, present, and future narratives of Chinese diaspora in the Sacramento Valley. Historical 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 dialog 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.

Exhibition Open Hours

Tuesdays and Thursdays | 12:00pm-4:00pm | June 26, 2025 - May 16, 2026

Select Saturdays | 8:00am – 4:00pm | 6/28, 7/19, 8/16, 9/27 (check the website for future dates)

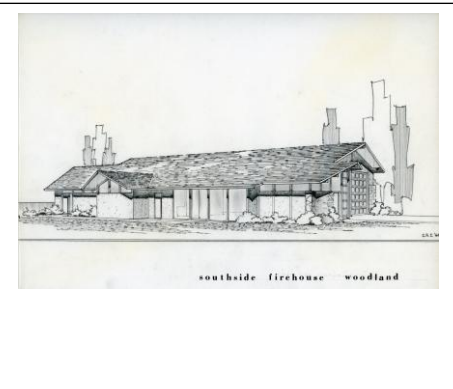
Archives Tables at Yolo County Office of Education



On Thursday, July 10th, Rachel and Heather tabled at the Yolo County Office of Education (YCOE) for the [Yolo County Youth Civics Initiative Summit](#). The program was put on by YCOE, the California History-Social Science Project, the California Reading and Literature Project, and the Area 3 Writing Project. The goal of the summit was to provide teachers with the most up-to-date resources and information about civics education in California. The Archives tabled with other community groups and shared information about our resources and

how they could be helpful to teachers of TK-6th grade. We spoke to 23 attendees, who were interested to learn more about the Yolo County Archives and how our staff and resources might help them with their curriculum.

Robert E. Crippen Collection Available Now!



The Robert E. Crippen Collection is a half manuscript box of photographs and 8 ½ by 11 copies of blueprints and architectural drawings. Robert Earl Crippen was born in Burbank, California on July 3, 1922, but soon moved to Chico where he spent much of his childhood. He eventually moved to Woodland and graduated from Woodland High School in 1940. Crippen served in the army for three years during World War II and married Nancy Merritt in February 1946, one month after being discharged. In 1951, he completed a degree in architecture at University of Oregon before returning to Woodland to begin his work as an architect. Crippen moved to Nevada in the 1970s and passed away December 27, 2004. Archives staff rehoused,

catalogued, and digitized the collection. You can explore the collection online or make an appointment to view it at the Archives: <https://yc-ais.axiellhosting.com/Details/archive/110108414>

Friends of the Yolo County Archives Newsletter

The Summer Friends of the Yolo County Archives newsletter can be accessed here:

<https://www.friendsyca.org/news/newsletter>

Celebrating Disability Pride Month at YCL

We had Disability Storytimes in several of the branches, including Esparto, Winters, Yolo, and West Sac. The Yolo Branch Library and the Davis Branch Library had screenings of the film *Stronger* about a man who embarks on a journey to physical rehabilitation after losing both legs during Boston Marathon bombings. Library staff created a Disability Pride Month reading list: <https://yclca.patronpoint.com/asset/71:2025-disability-pride-month-reading-listpdf>

Yolo Reads/Literacy/ESL

You can read the Every Child Ready to Read Workshop Series Final Report prepared by Nancy Pacheco, Yolo Reads Program Coordinator, here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1IITvPXgAejrB-Mv356YXfRuOB6doliS/view?usp=sharing>

You can read the ESL program update from ESL Coordinator, Areli Duran here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/19Kj5u3QKHDYkNNkyZLJ8URBIG3G561B1/view?usp=drive_link

Walnut Park Library

On Tuesday, July 8th, the Board of Supervisors approved the public art proposal recommended by the Art Advisory Committee for Walnut Park Library and delegated authority to Ryan Pistochini, the Director of General Services, to sign and execute contracts to move forward with the artist. You can read the agenda item here: <https://bit.ly/3GNhNsA>

The first concrete pour for the building foundation was on morning of Wednesday, July 9! General Services will be installing a time lapse camera at the construction site soon. Meredith Beales, our Fiscal Administrative Officer, prepared a budget update for the last Walnut Park Library Ad Hoc Committee meeting. You can view it here: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1wu1ikdAG81Kg9O3EPHV-KOufHh3fY10P/edit?usp=drive_link&oid=102594754971845819332&rtpof=true&sd=true

Esparto

As you are likely aware, a fireworks storage facility explosion and fire (Now known as the Oakdale Fire.) occurred on the evening of July 1, 2025. From the County's social media, Diana learned that there was an evacuation center at the County's Health and Human Services Agency's Gonzales Building, just north of YCL's Central Services. Dr. Tico Zendejas, Branch Director for HHSA's Service Centers had worked with Ian Evans, Executive Director of Yolo County Housing/New Hope CDC to open a community room there. She emailed the members of the Yolo County Library Foundation Board members to ask if it was possible to get some emergency funding to buy coloring books, crayons, snacks, and waters to distribute in the coming days since what she had on hand would only help for the night. A few of the Board members generously offered to contribute personally. Diana had giveaway books, coloring books, crayons, coloring pencils, and bookmarks that she packed up and took to the center along with some Uno games from Yolo Reads and her giant Jenga.

The community room at HHSA was packed with families who had been evacuated from the Madison Migrant Center. The children were thrilled to have something to do. [Supervisor Barajas](#), [Woodland Councilmember David Moreno](#), and Executive Director of [RISE, Inc.](#), Laura Guevera brought pizza and drinks. The evacuation order was lifted for some of the area at approximately 9:30 pm, and the Migrant Center residents returned to their homes.

Other than a ceiling light being knocked out of its socket and the emergency doors blown open, the branch was not affected. However, as Toni Mendieta, Library Branch Supervisor, Non-MLS, indicated, the library had families in it at the time of the blast, and understandably, our patrons were upset. The Yolo County Library team opened the Esparto Regional Library's community room to serve as a safe and welcoming space for residents to come get snacks, water, free books, coloring books and crayons, connect to resources, and charge their devices. Gino, from the Friends of the Davis Library, had put boxes of children's books to include in our giveaways, and the water, snacks, coloring books, and crayons were purchased with the donations from the Library Foundation Board members.

As we learned in the following days, sadly, there were seven people who died. The Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation of a local emergency, which you can read here: <https://bit.ly/46Q3Ep4> The County has created a dedicated Oakdale Fire Resource Center page on its website: <https://www.yolocounty.gov/government/general-government-departments/office-of-emergency-services/oakdale-fire-resources>

Cruisin' Into the Next Chapter Classic Car & Truck Show



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Saturday, August 23, 2025

10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m.

37750 Sacramento Street in Yolo, California

The Friends of the Yolo Branch Library in partnership with the Yolo County Library will sponsor the annual Cruisin' Into the Next Chapter Classic Car and Truck Show in the town of Yolo on August 23, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us for this fun family event, benefiting the Yolo Branch Library. Once again, we expect more than 100 classic cars and trucks plus antique tractors, gas engines and fire trucks, in addition to our Youth Lowrider Bike Show—all centered around the Yolo Branch Library. The event will kick-off

with the National Anthem sung by Allison Poggetti, followed by the American Legion Honor Guard presenting the American flag. Walking around Yolo, you will find a big raffle, a variety of yummy food, event T-shirts, Yolo souvenirs, vendors and information booths while enjoying the classic rock tunes played by our own DJ Chris Rockwell. In addition, there will be free things for children including activities, family movies, face painting and books. You can access flyers here: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1p0_C9YYlnzbW1uxZm-VQ7aCsEheyyaly?usp=drive_link

Sacramento Latino Book & Family Festival

Yolo County Library will be at the Sacramento Latino Book & Family Festival on Saturday, September 13. This is the 77th Latino Book & Family Festival around the USA, and the third in Sacramento. The main keynote speaker will be Dolores Huerta, renowned American labor leader and civil rights activist and the co-founder the United Farm Workers union alongside Cesar Chavez. You'll be inspired by Graciela Tiscareño-Soto, also known as [Captain Mama](#), a USAF Veteran and the author of the Captain Mama picture book series. Get ready to meet TV writer and producer, David Aguilar, whose work has been featured on the CBS legal drama *Matlock*, the crime drama *SWAT*, and the History Channel.

The Library will be offering information about its resources and services as well as providing fun crafts for children. This event is FREE for everyone and includes author meet and greets, inspiring keynotes, workshops, book readings, dance performances, activities for kids, free health services and exhibitors, and much more. It's a wonderful celebration of literacy, family, and culture that all are welcome to attend! For more information, please visit <https://lbff.us/>

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_3QRUEb9BvJDKq6ia32V0pJhO?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>

YCL Staffing News Highlights

As mentioned previously, Dana Christy, Assistant County Librarian, is retiring from Yolo County Library after 15 incredible years of service on August 8, 2025. First round interviews for the new Assistant County Librarian took place via Zoom on Tuesday, July 22, 2025.

The recruitment for the Library Branch Supervisor (MLS) at the Winters Community Library closed on July 15, 2025. There were 11 applicants.

Jillian Hinchliffe, Collection Development Librarian, has accepted a similar position with Sacramento Public Library. Her last day is August 6, 2025. We are excited to be welcoming Diana Thurm, Adult Services Librarian at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, to the role as a lateral transfer. She has been with YCL since January of 2023.

Yolo County Library Foundation (YCLF) Updates

The first-annual community gathering, Mary's Supper for Stories, raised over \$20,000 from donors and businesses. Big Day of Giving donations totaled \$12,500! YCLF raised more in the first five months of 2025 than in all of 2024!