

Yolo County Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes
Day and Time: Wednesday, October 8, 2025, 6:00 pm
Meeting Location: Knights Landing Branch Library; 42351 3rd St, Knights Landing, CA 95645

Minutes

Land Acknowledgement

Call to Order: 6:00pm

Library Advisory Board Roll Call and Introductions

- District 1: Christine Roloff (absent)
- 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
- Diana Lopez, County Librarian
- Victoria Findlay, Library Regional Supervisor
- Ines Ruiz, Library Associate Knights Landing

Welcome:

Diana Lopez, County Librarian and Kristin Peacock, LAB Chair

1. Public Comment – None.

ACTION ITEM: Review and vote to approve the minutes from August 13, 2025. Moved by Bishop and seconded by Hallberg at 6:01pm.

2. Staff Reports

- Ines Ruiz, Library Associate provided an update on the Knights Landing Branch Library, including a facilities report and events happening at the library. Ruiz gave a tour of the branch.
 - i) Friends of the Library are planning landscaping projects for the area in front of the library.
 - ii) Hours:
 - Tuesday 11:00am – 1:00pm, 2:00pm – 7:00pm
 - Wednesdays and Saturdays 10:00am – 12:00pm, 1:00pm – 5:30pm
 - iii) Current programs include weekly class visits, Arts & Crafts Wednesdays, ESL classes, and more.

3. County Librarian's Report

- a) The County Librarian's report was emailed to LAB members on October 6, 2025. A copy of the report and related documents are attached.
- b) Lopez received an email from the Foundation – she will follow up. Sandra, executive director, provided the date of April 16, 2026 for Mary's Supper for Stories fundraiser.
- c) Peacock asked about the Walnut Park Library – if it was on schedule. Lopez reported that it was about 2 weeks behind due to rain.
 - 1) Every week there is an owner/architecture meeting (every other week it is on site).
 - 2) At the OAC meeting on 10/8, Lopez learned the architect was on site with the artist commissioned for the public art on site.

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

5. Old Business

- a) None.

6. New Business

- a) LAB work plan, guidelines, and historical documents from Hallberg, Adams and Brazil.
- b) Adams – Confirmed with County that LAB does not need to retain copies of the meeting minutes. Purged items from Lopez's office.
- c) Brazil – Had information about Walnut Park from the year 2000 until Measure T. Some information about Yolo Branch, the design and creation of the library. Some items to go to Archives. Lopez will take items to Heather, Archives and Records Center Coordinator, to digitize.
- d) Adams – Last meeting Adams and Brazil presented a draft of the LAB member description. Hallberg suggested attendance requirements be added. No Zoom link or call in is allowed – more information to come.
- e) Brazil – Mission and Vision statement is outstanding – tabled this discussion until December meeting. In the meantime, members will evaluate the mission and vision statement as well as goals for 2026.
- f) Talked about the potential of adding a ninth member – needs further discussion with County Counsel and Lopez.
- g) Members talked about the potential of Board of Supervisor representatives at meetings. Lopez sends the agenda and meeting minutes to the clerk of the board. Lopez will invite Oscar Villegas, Lucas Frerichs, and the Supervisor representatives.

7. Library Advisory Board Member Reports

- a) Bishop – Davis Friends book sale and Logos. On October 25, the Davis Co-Op is having a block party, the Davis Friends will have a booth. The library will have a booth next to Logos, where they will be giving out free books. Logos hosts Art About, where local artist displays artwork at Logos. Lopez asked if Davis Friends give books to the jail. Bishop said they did in the past and have also given books to Paul's Place.
- b) Brazil – Scott Love reported that the Davis Library will have the restrooms closed for 3-4 days for a renovation, but no date is set. An event is happening on Sunday November 16 from 12pm-5pm, A Day in the Life of a Buffalo Soldier. Brazil noted that with school back in session, the library is full.
- c) Adams – Working on the historical document. Nothing to report from the Friends of the Archives. Archives Crawl was October 4, Heather and Rachel tabled at the event. Talked about targeted newsletters for Archives with a blurb to renew memberships. Membership is a calendar year.
- d) TenPas – Winters Friends had their annual Summer Concerts at the Gazebo and Shakespeare on the City Park Playground Stage. Coming up next month is their annual meeting and author talk with Georgeanne Brennan. There will be an election of officers for 2025. TenPas is slated to be the new Chair for next year.

- e) Vasquez – Yolo has a dead Desert Willow tree, they hope to get it replaced. FOL found out funding for the bookmobile was running short before the end of the year, so they made a contribution. They felt strongly about this because the bookmobile has made a big impact in Dunnigan. Campers Inn was added to the route. Members doing office cleaning, reviewed annual ethics and conflict of interest form, reviewed the donations. Car show is over, next month they will receive the final report. Annual Meeting was September 17th, officers were elected and Vasquez is the new president.
- f) Kristen – Annual meeting is on October 25th. Peacock is remaining Secretary. They received a grant from Rotary Club for more Discovery Kits. WSFOL are applying for the West Sacramento Foundation Grant for the Library's Native American story time next year.

8. County and City Officials/Staff Reports and Comments – NONE

9. ACTION ITEMS

- a) Lopez will make a Google doc for people to sign-up for the potluck at the December meeting.
- b) Adjourn the meeting at 7:23pm, Bishop moved and Vazquez seconded.

Next (in-person) Meeting:

Wednesday, December 10, 2025, at the Gibson House, located at 512 Gibson Rd, Woodland, CA 95695.

Please note that there will be an end-of-year gathering at 5:30 pm prior to the beginning of the official LAB meeting at 6 pm at the Gibson House.

Standing items for next agenda:

- Walnut Park Library updates
- Event Calendar overview
- Facilities report for the branch meeting location
- Review of the branch infrastructure for the meeting location
- Services levels (operating hours, staffing, any plans to increase or decrease hours or services) for the branch meeting location

Change in Naming Conventions for Branch and County Librarian's Reports

Monthly branch reports will now be named using a two-letter branch name abbreviation and the month that the report covers. For example, a Winters report prepared in August but reporting on July would be *WI Branch Report 2025-07*. County Librarian updates will follow the same method. This report titled YCL Foundation, LAB, and FYCA County Librarian's Update 2025-09-30 is the report out for the month of September. This change will help with organizing digital files. Please note that this report does have information from August and September since the August report was missed due to capacity issues.

Summer Reading Program 2025

We had 5,543 participants in this year's Summer Reading Program. The theme was "Color Our World". Participants read 44,081 books with a total of 11,305 hours read. With support from our Friends groups and the Yolo County Library Foundation, 9,510 books were given away to build home libraries. The library offered 435 programs throughout the branches. Participants in the SRP reported that 63% of them read more often, and 50% of them used the library more often. More information can be obtained on our [infographic](#).

Archives, Records Center, and Yolo County History Collection

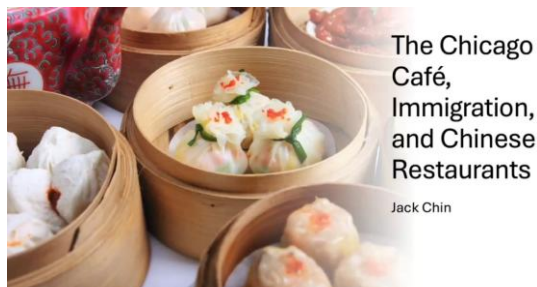
1882 Foundation's "From Invisible to Visible" Event

On Saturday, August 9th, Museum Curator Sarah Bartlett was invited to attend the 1882 Foundation's "From Invisible to Visible" event. The event was held to celebrate the opening of their new Sacramento office and honor the legacy of Chinese railroad workers. Sarah spoke to more than 70 people about the resources in the Yolo County Historical Collection and Yolo County Archives, and shared about the newest Gibson House exhibition, Give Face 给面子 (Gěimiànzi), which honors the Chinese community in Yolo County. The exhibition is on display until May 26th, 2026. Click this link to learn more about the exhibition, open hours, and upcoming programs <https://yolocountylibrary.org/yolo-county-historical-collection/exhibitions/>



Professor Chin Gives Talk at Gibson House

On August 16, 2025, Professor Gabriel "Jack" Chin, Distinguished Professor of Law and Director of Clinical Legal Education, UC Davis, gave a talk at the Gibson House on his Chinese Restaurant Project. Professor Chin spoke about his research, through which it was discovered that the longest continually operated Chinese restaurant in California may have been in Woodland. This talk was presented as part of the programming for the Yolo County Historical Collection's exhibition Give Face 给面子 (Gěimiànzi). You can view the presentation on the Library's YouTube page: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XFQnPV7r8Do>



The Chicago
Café,
Immigration,
and Chinese
Restaurants

Jack Chin

Yolo County Archives provides resources for UC Davis researchers on history of Woodland's Black Community

[A recent article published online by UC Davis](#) shows how our Yolo County Archives is a valuable resource for understanding our local history.

The article discusses the Archives' collections - how they were utilized by a group of UC Davis undergraduate and graduate students to develop a display at the [Woodland Opera House](#) and curriculum about the Black community in Woodland. The article also discusses how their project fostered community connections. To learn more about the larger Archives and UCD collaborative project, [Uncovering Diverse Histories of Yolo County](#), click this link: <https://uchri.org/awards/uncovering-diverse-histories-of-yolo-county/>



California and Yolo County 175 Years

California became the 31st state 175 years ago on September 9, 1850! Did you know, that during California's first legislative meeting the state was divided into 27 counties? Yolo County was one of those original counties. Making our county 175 years old as well!

The Yolo County Archives is celebrating the 175th birthdays of California and Yolo by highlighting some of our collection items from the 1850s in a series on the Yolo County Library's Facebook and Instagram pages.



The posts provide information and images related to [the first Court of Sessions meeting on June 6, 1850](#), [the Patwin people who have inhabited this land for thousands of years](#), [the work of grain and cattle raising by early settlers](#), and [the story of Carmel Arcia Knight a Mexican woman who settled in Yolo County in 1843 with her husband William Knight and who ended up laying out the plat of the town of Knights Landing](#).

You can learn more about CA175 here: <https://www.celebrate.ca.gov/>

Visit this link for more information about the Yolo County Archives' Collections and its resources: <https://yolocountylibrary.org/archives/>

You can also contact the Archives directly at archives@yolocounty.gov or 530-666-8010.

Sacramento Archives Crawl Saturday Oct. 4th!

The Yolo County Archives (YCA) participated in the 15th Annual Sacramento Archives Crawl. The YCA was stationed at the Center for Sacramento History (551 Sequoia Pacific Blvd, Sacramento) and shared materials that highlighted the contributions that individuals and groups have made to the agricultural prosperity of Yolo County. Staff spoke with 165 people, many of whom were first time attendees.

For more information about the event:

<https://www.sacramentoarchivescrawl.com/>



JEDI Committee and YCHC Hosted Staff at Gibson House

On Monday September 8th Yolo County Library's Justice Equity Diversity and Inclusion (JEDI) Committee hosted a group tour and discussion of the Yolo County Historical Collection's new exhibition, GIVE FACE 给面子 (Gěimiànzi), at the Gibson House Museum (512 Gibson Road, Woodland).



The visit began with a tour of the exhibition by Sarah Bartlett, Museum Curator. and concluded with a group discussion about impressions, questions, and reactions to the exhibition. Attendees also brainstormed ideas for how the Library, Historical Collection, and Archives could work together to better amplify the stories and histories of Yolo County's underrepresented communities.

Yolo Reads/Literacy/ESL

Family Literacy Posts Bring the Community Together

Every month, the Yolo County Library Family Literacy services shares bilingual (English and Spanish) posts designed to support families, caregivers, early childhood educators, and anyone working with young children. These monthly messages highlight the essential role caregivers play in helping children thrive and emphasize the importance of early literacy in setting a strong foundation for school success. By equipping families with skills and practices to build healthy bonds and habits, we strengthen our community through a shared commitment to all children's well-being.

The posts are created by Letty Flores, Family Literacy Coordinator, who holds a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and brings both expertise and heart to this work. This September, our post highlights the power of building a family routine around books—how reading together not only fosters a love of language, but also creates lasting moments of comfort, joy, and connection. You'll find a few timeless favorites among the recommended titles to help get your family routine started. Find this month's post and previous posts at [Explore Family Literacy/Explora Literacia Familiar](#), part of the [Yolo County Library website](#). You'll enjoy the reading list and probably see some books that you recognize!



Walnut Park Library

Construction is moving along. This picture is from Wednesday, September 24.


Sacramento Latino Book & Family Festival, Saturday, September 13

A seven-member team of YCL staff participated in the Sacramento Latino Book & Family Festival. We had several crafts for kids of all ages and the young at heart that several Central Services staff members prepared, including Rubi, Liz, and Michelle. We were in charge of hosting the children's author readings in the Valley High School's library.

Schylar, one of our Library Assistants who works at Clarksburg and West Sac. Did a wonderful program they created called "Journey to Colombia," which featured fun and engaging books, songs, and activities. Diana read some books in Spanish.

The team got to meet civil rights icon, Dolores Huerta.


Cruisin' Into the Next Chapter Classic Car & Truck Show: Yolo Branch Library Friends' Event

Despite the heat, the car show had great attendance. Meg Sheldon, who leads the coordination of the annual event and the many volunteers worked hard to plan the car show and run it. Proceeds go to the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library. You can see pictures and videos on their website:

<https://www.friendsofyololibrary.org/home>. The *Daily Democrat* also posted pictures with their article: <https://www.dailydemocrat.com/2025/08/24/yolo-welcomes-back-cruisin-into-next-chapter-classic-car-and-truck-show/>

Wines of Clarksburg

On September 21st, 2025, the Friends of the Clarksburg Library hosted their 35th annual Wines of Clarksburg – a wine tasting & art auction event that benefits the Clarksburg Library. This year marks 60 years since they established the Clarksburg branch.

Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month

We are celebrating Hispanic and Latinx Heritage Month, from September 15th through October 15th, 2025. This year, each library branch will have a reading list and a craft-to-go kit. There are also programs throughout the month, including one with Davis Poet Laureate Mercedes Ibáñez at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library on Sunday, October 19 from 3:30 pm to 4:30 pm. You can obtain a reading list here:

<https://yclca.patronpoint.com/asset/72:latinx-2025-reading-listpdf>

Board of Supervisors Resolution for National Literacy Month

Board Chair Mary Vixie Sandy (District 3) and Supervisor Angel Barajas (District 5) invited Diana and our literacy team to the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, September 9, to accept a [Resolution](#) recognizing September 2025 as National Literacy Month. Elizabeth Gray, Central Services Manager; Nancy Pacheco, Yolo Reads Program Coordinator; Areli Duran, ESL Coordinator; Letty Flores, Family Literacy Coordinator, and Diana were there. They were joined by Greta Galindo, Director, Woodland Public Library; Sandra Rodriguez, County Administrative Office Administrative Services Manager; and Noel Rodriguez, Woodland Joint Unified School District Trustee and former Library Board of Trustees member for Woodland Public Library.

You can view the Resolution presentation and Diana's remarks here:

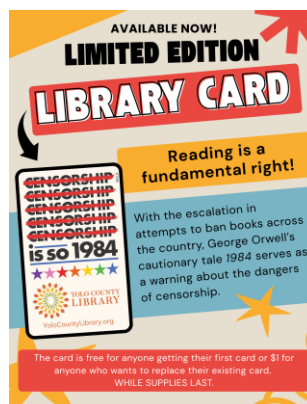
<https://yolocountyca.new.swagit.com/videos/354829?ts=1660>

Banned Books Week

Banned Books Week 2025 is October 5–11. In his email to all YCL staff, Scott Love, our Library Regional Manager for West Yolo wrote: "This year's national theme, "Censorship Is So 1984. Read for Your Rights," draws on George Orwell's enduring warning about the dangers of state control over knowledge and truth. That warning feels increasingly relevant: censorship is not a historical concern, but a present-day reality, affecting libraries across the country at an alarming pace."

To recognize Banned Books Week, YCL activities include:

- Displays of banned and challenged books with accompanying informational signage
- Providing a [reading list](#)
- Having bookmarks and madlibs activity sheets for patrons
- Offering a limited-edition library card available for \$1 during Banned Books Week, representing our Library's public commitment to protecting the freedom to read
- ALA has a [Banned Book FAQ](#) if you would like to learn more



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.)

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

Winters

Faith Ambrosini was selected as our new Library Branch Manager MLS at the Winters Community Library. Faith earned a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Maryland. Most recently, she worked for the Monroe County Public Library, managing the Big Pine Key Library since July 2023, where she added a number of new programs, including Library Scouts, Teen Dungeons & Dragons, Homeschooler Meet-Up, and Tech Tutoring. Prior to that, she was a Children's Librarian at the Key West Library, also part of Monroe County Public Library. Faith grew up in Monterey and is excited to return to California.

She is scheduled to start on October 6, 2025.

Assistant County Librarian

First-round interviews for the Assistant County Librarian position take place the week of October 6, 2025.

Yolo County Library Foundation (YCLF) Updates

No updates were submitted from the Foundation for this report.