



# County of Yolo LIBRARY

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## COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

**November-December**

December 16, 2009

### **Acknowledgements and Recognition:**

**Budget Update:** The County expects a more severe budget impact from the State than ever before. Most counties experience a 10% impact and at an estimated \$21 million State deficit, the impact on Yolo County could be as high as \$2.1 million. The future looks hard for the total impact on Yolo County, but the diversification of funding from various city/property tax, pass throughs, sales tax and bond measures with limited general fund impact will probably see us through without too much lingering damage.

### **Key Activities:**

American Library Association Annual Conference – Presidential Initiative: Libraries:  
The Heart of **All** Communities  
California Library Association – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and Recruitment of Assistant  
County Librarian  
Classification Study discussion – meeting with each staff member  
Winters Community Library opening  
California State Library – Consumer Health Initiative  
California State Library - Family Place Learning Grant

## Broadband Summit

211 readiness with Kaiser Permanente grant

Meeting of Karen Ziebron, new First 5 Yolo Commissioner

Youth Services Team focus on new goals and priorities

1. New County Administrative Officer Patrick Blacklock begins January 4, 2010. First Library appearance at upcoming Staff Meeting on January 11, 8:30 a.m.

### 2. Building Updates:

West Sacramento: Punch list, parking, collaborative services with Los Rios Community College

Winters: November 12 Preview Night; November 13, Dedication; November 14 Community Open House, punch list

*Winters Capital Campaign:* Large infusion of funding through donor wall and end of year solicitation through Winters Friends of the Library and Capital Campaign Team.

Davis: Pena building – some renovations underway to enhance lighting and limit noise from fans with intermittent and regular reduction of use.

Construction: well underway, some demolition, electrical channeling in process

MME: some bookdrop check in problems will be rectified with clarification of Probation Delivery process

West Davis: still to be determined

### 3. Grants Update:

***Opportunity Online:*** CSL – working with the Gates Foundation in 9 states, CA public libraries with less than 1.5 Mbps of Internet connectivity are invited to apply for a matching grant to increase bandwidth. The Gates Foundation will match connectivity charges for two years if the library provides sustainable support. Yolo and Knights Landing branches are eligible (pending January 2010) – Broadband Summit drew more than 300 directors and community influencers to Sacramento to discuss next steps of creating a statewide broadband/fiber network. – **application to be issued 1/10**

***Eureka Leadership Institute*** – CSL – Branch Manager Crista Cannariato plans on focusing on Floating Collections integration as part of coordinated collection development. **Application for \$5,000 in matching funds due 12/21.**

***Family Place Learning Center*** – CSL – Librarian Sara Ferguson and Patty Wong traveled to Southern CA for a four day training hosted by Family Place originators from Middle Country Day Public Library (Long Island), the California State Library and the first CA Family Place models at Los Angeles County Library System. Family Place requires two components: 1. Establishment of a physical place for children 0-3 and their families to learn and play together in the children's area with colorful manipulatives, a defined place with rugs and mats, and a set of developmentally appropriate toys and books and parenting resources nearby and 2: Parent –Child

workshops: a four to six series of workshops designed for once a week organized plan with a set of stations and activities set up in a meeting room. The workshop is facilitated by the Library. The additional staff/volunteer includes a different community specialist (speech pathologist, nutritionist, child psychologist, health practitioner, child development specialist) each week who provides confidential consulting in a natural conversation with each participant while the child and the parent play together.

**Grant for \$15,000 in materials for Winters Community Library due 1/6/10.**

**211 Grant Kaiser Permanente Northern CA:** \$50,000 awarded to YCL to convert YoloLINK to Information and Referral product through application of IRIS software and establish connectivity through telecom providers to initiate pilot (6 months or less) of 211 call center service with 211 Sacramento (Community Planning Council). Tours of facility available. **Awarded 11/09 for implementation 12/1/09-11/30/10**

**Broadband Technology Online Program** (BTOP) through ARRA Stimulus funding – IT lead – will bring increased bandwidth capacity and cabling to Knights Landing, West Sacramento and Winters (\$500,000) - **pending**

**Broadband Technology Online Program** (BTOP) through ARRA Stimulus – Computer “Service Station” Centers at Winters and West Sacramento through California State Library coordinated grant in all 58 counties (\$60,000 each - \$120,000) – **pending**

**First 5 grant** – Meeting with Karen Ziebron newest Commissioner representing West Sacramento community. Leverage of First 5 funds and forthcoming Family Place grant (Winters) to establish Family Place models including Parent-Child workshop in all library locations over two year period. Interest in sharing Family Place training with First 5 Yolo staff as potential model for integration possibilities.

**IMLS** – Staffing changes due in 1/10 with Amanda Sharpe returning to UCLA MLIS program and Reema Rajbanshi focusing on Yolo Reads. WS Literacy Coalition established with regular meetings. Year two of three in process.

**Digital Storytelling Grant** – CSL- Grant of additional \$5000 (Esparto) to fund additional storytelling digital recordings will **end in December 2009** and 2 new stories will be featured at 10 year Esparto anniversary party in late January.

**Adult Literacy Grant** – CSL – funded at same formula level as 2008-2009, Yolo Reads celebrated the first annual tutor/learner celebration in October and featured Yolo Reads participants in recent online CSL publications.

**Get Involved Grant** – CSL – Yolo County Library one of five second phase pilot programs to receive technical assistance to implement a richer volunteer recruitment plan and heighten use of Volunteermatch.org as a key tool. Jenny Brown is County HR representative on team.

4. Advocacy – ALA Presidential Initiative – Libraries: The Heart of All Communities focuses on training of frontline staff to advocate the value of their work, libraries and librarians with a series of easily replicable online trainings and on ground workshops.

The Initiative will also feature five replicable models of cultural and ethnically specific family literacy programs, in the spirit of El Dia de los Ninos.

6. HR Update:

Classification Study: All staff individual review of classifications as they pertain to their area.

Recruitment: Library Circulation Supervisor (interviews held); Library Assistant (selections made); Librarian – Archives (recruitment completed and now under review) – interviews pending

Training: Coordinated LA and other training in process with Nora Gortze, Dale Gilliard , Crista Cannariato and Jay Johnstone.

7. 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Mary Stephens DeWall taking lead on this effort.

Save the Date: August 1, 2010, Sunday – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary party celebrating all branches, all services, all Friends, LAB and other advocacy groups – to be held in courtyard in between 625 Court Street and Courthouse in Woodland and Atrium.

Plans include 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary rotating historical display, potential bus tour of branches (perhaps in collaboration with other partners), potential Big Read effort, branding and logo design, each branch support a 100<sup>th</sup> ‘anniversary local program.

Other members of the team include Rebecca Fridae, Rie Surad, Roberta Stevenson, Andrea Jones, Mel Russell, Marilyn Corcoran, Flora Tanji Peggy Epstein and AGS Consulting (business fraternity from UC Davis). State Library Archives lead Gary Kurutz has been invited. Former State Librarian Gary Strong is interested in lending his support.

8. Giving Thanks: We need to take the opportunity to thank all of you for the great work that you do and for making the Yolo County Library a welcoming place for all.

## LIBRARY IN THE NEWS

It continues to be an exciting and creative time for the Yolo County Library, and a pleasure to work with a great staff and a talented team of community advocates.

Patty Wong, County Librarian

## KEY DATES TO REMEMBER

12/20-1/3/10 Winter Holiday – Branches and Central Services closed for business

1/07/10-2/07/10 – Recruitment for Assistant County Librarian

1/8-1/19/10 – Bryte/Broderick Strategic Planning

1/11/10 – General Staff Meeting at Turner Community Library (WS) from 8:30-12 noon – all sites reopen 2-6 p.m.

1/13/10 – Los Rios Community College WS Campus dedication – 10 a.m.

1/15-1/18/10 - ALA Midwinter Conference in Boston

2/22/10 – ALA President Camila Alire comes to visit Yolo County – Staff Development/leadership training, Advocacy Workshop. Open to library community

3/6/10 – Earned Income Tax Credit – Super Saturday – Turner Community Library – all day

3/22-27/10 – Public Library Association Conference, Portland, OR