

# **COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

**March – April**

April 13, 2016

## **Library Budget Update**

The Library provided an update to the Board of Supervisors on April 5. The Board was very supportive of the Library's strategic directions and priorities. Friends of the Esparto Regional Library Board President Trini Campbell shared stories of how the Friends have made a difference through their support of summer reading, various library programs and services, and contributions to bring I GB service to the region. The PPT is attached to this report.

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## **Facility Study and Capital Improvements Update**

1. On April 26, the Board of Supervisors will hear a staff recommendation for a capital improvement program that identifies the Yolo Branch project and the County Archives and Records Center relocation as priorities.
2. Yolo Branch Library – new facility – An engineering study of the flood plain requirements at the branch indicates that the existing elevation levels of the building fall within range. Doug Davis of WMB Architects is leading the Friends and Community Advisory Group through a number of options that incorporate the look and feel of the building while maximizing the available square footage. The team is studying the impact of the historic register, benefits and prohibitive considerations with preservation, and cost factors.
3. Facilities Master Plan – A subcommittee of the Library Advisory Board (Susan Martimo, Holly Bishop, Anthony Wright, Rebecca Fridae) have initiated meeting to review scope of work and needed factors to include in an RFP for a consultant to conduct a 20-30 year Facilities Master Plan. The team has met twice and will finalize RFP language no later than end of May 2016 for release in the summer.
4. Knights Landing roof – The roof replacement and painting projects are now back on the list for General Services. PENDING
5. Davis HVAC and roof - during the remodel, the HVAC and roof were deemed intact; recent inspections during pest control prevention activities indicated some work may be necessary. No date established for work yet. PENDING
6. Solar panel lease/purchase – A final meeting to determine the best outcomes for the solar program through purchasing will take place in late April. PROGRESSING
7. Winters CIP planning – Library leadership met with Superintendent Todd Cutler who will take next steps in working with WJUSD facilities lead Roy Owens to

establish a dialogue about CIP needs. The Winters Friends of the Library are establishing a learning garden in the area adjacent to the building near the children's room.

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## Grants

- First 5 Yolo – The program integrates parent education with the bilingual storytimes. In April Ready For Kindergarten specialists will provide awareness for Child Abuse Prevention at all storytimes as well as conduct assessments. Interviews for additional Spanish and Russian speaking staff to be initiated soon. (Grant support: \$150,000 over three years)
- Career Online High School is in progress with three participants and more pending. Library Lead Scott Love and Joan Tuss continue to work with YCOE and school district leadership throughout the County to sponsor all of the thirty slots with referrals and financial support. The Winters Friends of the Library has generously agreed to sponsor two individuals while YCOE will sponsor ten positions for a total of 12 of the 15 matching slots funded. Thanks to a grant from the CA State Library COHS will match those fifteen sponsored individuals, in pursuit of their high school diploma through an easy to use online program focusing on a combination of successful prior credits, one to one counseling to complete required academic needs and support for vocational training. The match means that YCL can serve thirty individuals during the program. (Grant support: Up to \$16,425 and additional resource funding not to exceed \$5000)
- DIY History – Librarian Jean Lucas is working with Library Assistant Jason Bell to provide support and implement the program. Staff has created an easy to use website and have identified the key documents to upload. A volunteer recruitment has been crafted and released. Volunteers have been recruited to beta test the site and initiate transcription. Grant consultant Linda Stewart will come in mid May to conduct a site visit. (Grant support: \$10,000 – CA State Library)
- Back Prep Program – on target and as scheduled. Touger Vang has created workshops and the content for the backpack distribution of curriculum and materials to encourage and instruct first generation college goers about the college application process. In partnership with Washington Unified School District leadership and local counselors and faculty at River City High School, the workshops have attracted dozens of interested families (Grant support: \$6000 – CA State Library)
- Yolo Reads – A Yolo Reads Newsletter continues to update the community and tutors and learners. Staff is working with Agricultural Commissioner John Young to initiate workforce literacy efforts in support of the strategic plan. Outreach efforts and training at the Woodland and West Sacramento Day Reporting Centers continue to be effective and impactful. (Grant support - \$18,000 – CA State Library)

- The Mobile Online Bike program- All materials have been ordered and the Mi-Fi has been procured. Thanks to support from the Friends of the Davis Public Library, the staff will provide free Wi-Fi access at every outreach opportunity. (Grant support \$5,000 – CA State Library)
- Families Together – In partnership with County Probation, this program graduated a second group of families involving six adults and seven children. Here are some outcomes:
  - A parent who came into the program enrolled her daughter into the Homework Center. Now the daughter comes to the library's buddy reading program on Mondays for additional reading support. The daughter's teacher has met with library staff and has noted the positive and improved influence on the child's reading level – a small but lasting impact.
  - Another couple that resides in Woodland are now taking their two sons and daughter to the Woodland Public Library. The younger son was shy at first but now staff sees him being more active and engaged during story time.
  - This program has allowed a grandmother to bond with her two grandchildren.
 (Grant support - \$15,000 – King-White Family Foundation)
- The Yolo County Library was a recipient of the 2016 Dia Turns 20 mini-grant from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC), a division of the American Library Association, funded by a generous donation from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The Library will use the mini-grant (\$2,000) for supplies and free giveaways at their upcoming Dia de los Ninos/Dia de los Libros celebrations happening at all of the branch locations throughout April. To read more about the Dia celebrations at the Yolo County Library, visit: <http://www.yolocounty.org/Home/Components/News/News/3368/26?backlist=%2fhome>.
- Through the efforts of Elizabeth Gray and the library team, the Yolo County Library's application for the AWE Early Literacy Station through the California State Library was successful! These stations are available in English or Spanish and are designed specifically for ages 2-8, featuring over 4,000 localized learning activities to engage children in fun, interactive and engaging content spanning all seven curricular areas: math, science and nature, social studies and geography, reading, art and music, writing and computer skills and reference. Content is aligned with STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and correlated to Common Core State Standards and state specific academic standards and provides self-contained learning. The Yolo County Library was awarded one English and one bilingual station that will be shipped soon. (Value \$5000)
- The Yolo County Library received \$650 from the California Library Association (CLA) to support Lunch at the Library programming during this year's Summer Reading Program. The funds are provided to the CLA by the David and Lucile Packard Foundation and will go

towards programming at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library and the Clarksburg Branch Library. The Lunch at the Library program is designed to keep California's kids healthy, fed and engaged during summer months when school is out. Last year, 332 free meals were provided to children over a nine week period at the Clarksburg Branch Library.

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## **Partnerships and Programs**

- The Yolo County Library is excited to share their Community Narrative that spans three years from 2013-2015. Readers will learn about top stories from each year, as well as relevant statistical information. We hope with each page there is discovery and delight as it has been an honor to serve and support the Yolo County community.
- More than 25 community members visited the Yolo Branch Library on March 19 to celebrate the start of the branch's new Saturday hours. The Friends of the Yolo Library of Yolo donated books for a raffle and provided refreshments for guests. A Family Fun Time program included stories about color, color experiments with food coloring, an art activity and a parachute game. The movie "The Good Dinosaur" was also playing for children and families to watch.
- On Saturday March 26, a multi-generational family visited the Yolo Branch Library, consisting of a great grandmother, grandmother, mother, and children. As the Yolo branch is now open on Saturdays, the family was able to pop in and reminisce. Some comments included, "I used to spend hours at this library 20 years ago," "It smells just like I remember," and "I remember the librarian, Nora; she was such a special lady." Library staff member, Sue Billing, was on site to talk to the family and see how the community has taken advantage of the new Saturday hours. Additionally at the Yolo Branch Library, one of the local teens has started an art project on the windows, using washable paint to sketch 'Spring into reading' with flowers and stem work, showcasing that teens are actively involved in the welfare and beautification of this branch.
- The opening celebration of the additional Tuesday hours at the Knights Landing Branch Library was a huge success on March 29 with over 75 people in attendance! The library offered a bookmark making station, bird feeder and puzzle making crafts and a shaving cream painting activity. Participants enjoyed cookies, cupcakes and lemonade along with a prize wheel where patrons were able to win Yolo County Library swag items, like tote bags, water bottles, bubble makers and jump ropes. Library staff members, Dolly Antayhua-Heller presented a story time in Spanish and English while Shuqin Jiao took pictures. Manuel and Joe Constancio, from Sabrosito, played Latin music for everyone's enjoyment and the night ended with prize drawings that were given away to 11 very happy recipients. A special thank you goes out to the Friends of the Knights Landing Branch Library for being a great supporter of library efforts and programs as well as a thank you to the community for celebrating the new hours at the library!

- A great example of diversity in learning occurred at the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library during their Pajama Story Time in March. Library Assistant Laura Benn read Julie Flett's *We All Count: A Book of Cree Numbers* where children learned to count 1-10 in Cree (a language spoken by aboriginal Canadians). As an activity to incorporate diversity, Laura asked if children knew how to count from 1-10 in other languages and children were able to count in English, Spanish, Chinese, Tagalog, Swedish, ASL and Swahili!
- The Library's central services location recently started a new student intern from the Cesar Chavez Community School in Woodland. This new intern, who is the second student to start from Cesar Chavez, will be assisting Jenny Tan, the Library's Administrative Analyst, with administrative and clerical duties with opportunities for creative learning and growth in the student's communication skills. This partnership between the Yolo County Library, the Cesar Chavez Community School and the Yolo County Office of Education provides teens and young adults the opportunity to obtain job skills and experiences that may aid them through their future employment endeavors. By building the skills, confidence and knowledge in our youth, the Library continues to develop communities as foundations for future growth and success.
- On March 24, the Arthur F. Turner Community Library collaborated with Yolo County Housing in their Spring Fling project with three simultaneous events held in Winters, West Sacramento and Woodland. Touger Vang, the Programming and Outreach Librarian for the Arthur F. Turner Community Library, tabled at the West Sacramento event, providing outreach and information about the Library and its many free services and programs for all age groups.
- The Library has provided free ZipBooks service to customers since September 2015 and have received great feedback. Some comments include:
  - "Good to receive a book I wanted to read that was not in the library."
  - "This is an excellent service-so impressed! Thank you Yolo County Library!"
  - "Fantastic service. I'm amazed it exists."
  - "Please thank whoever is underwriting the Zip program. It's wonderful!"
  - "An excellent way to obtain a hard to find book in a short amount of time. It seems to be cost effective and very simple."

ZipBooks provides augmented Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services, which allow cardholders to request materials such as books published more than six months ago, and magazine articles and microfilm from other libraries that the Yolo County Library currently does not have for free. When cardholders request materials through ILL, certain items may be eligible for library staff to buy and add to the existing collection, instead of borrowing from other systems. If the item is eligible to buy, that item can be sent directly to the home of the cardholder, becoming a ZipBook. The Library will continue this great service and welcomes all feedback from users of this service.

- Ninety-two library patrons experienced 'Lego Day' at the Arthur F. Turner Community Library. Even before the program started a line had formed outside the door with eager participants ready to use their imagination. To ensure there were enough legos for everyone, the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch Library kindly loaned their supplies to this event. Kids used their imagination to create spaceships, people, buildings and more. For children 0-5, there were larger duplo legos available. The library is featuring many of these creations on display.
  - Jenny Tan and Amy Ponce attended the Yolo Japanese American Community Exhibit focusing on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Day of Remembrance and the internment of Japanese Americans on February 19 at the Woodland Community Center, where Former Assemblywoman Mariko Yamada was the guest speaker. Jenny spoke on behalf of the Yolo County Archives about the importance of Japanese American history in Yolo County. The exhibit displayed pictures from the Archives collection as well as letters to interned Japanese American families donated by Betty Coman.
  - The Esparto Regional Library, located at 17065 Yolo Avenue, held their Family Loteria/Bingo program on March 3 at 3:15 p.m. 15 participants came to play family friendly bingo with colorful cards and prizes, such as bookmarks, book bags and books which were supplied by the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library. The game was played in English and Spanish with everyone having a fun time. The participants enjoyed the program so much they are waiting for the next program date to be announced!
  - The Yolo County Library disseminated to their eight locations the San Francisco Chronicle's Yolo County inserts from their Sunday, September 27, 2016 issue. The inserts highlight Yolo County's unique mix of rustic living, modern innovation and farm to fork revolution. Readers will discover places to stay, local wines to sample, historic attractions to visit and more. This informational guide will have something for everyone, whether you are living or working in the county or a recent transplant. These inserts will be available for the public to read but not to check out.
  - Library staff at the Mary L. Stephens – Davis Branch Library received great feedback from a customer who enjoyed an expected read as part of the Davis Library Book Group. Members were asked to read and discuss Fun Home by Samuel French at their January meeting and this particular customer was not as excited but after reading the book, the customer loved the book and is looking forward to future titles with the Davis Library Book Group.
  - On March 25, the Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo partnered with Cache Creek High school faculty and students to provide the annual Easter festival replete with egg hunting, free books to build home libraries for children, face painting, crafts, games, food and a number of other activities. More than 70 Yolo children and their families participated.
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## Human Resources

### Training and Workforce Development

- Jenny Tan and Lana Harman attended the CA Library Leadership Institute scheduled as a five-day residency program in early March 2016 in San Jose focusing on personal and professional leadership skills and talent development. Patty Wong joined the group as a resident mentor. Jenny and Lana found it to be one of the professional highlights of the year.
  - The Brazelton Institute training in mid-March was a seminal experience for the YCL team and the library will bring this philosophy and incorporate into our organizational culture and values. The focus on exploring the relationship between parents and children through positive observations on the child's milestones in development is another way library staff can foster supportive methods to build community in our county. YCL staff worked with representatives from El Dorado, Contra Costa, San Francisco, and Butte County. Davis was selected for the Train the Trainer five-day residency program that will bring up to 20 librarians from across the state. YCL will participate in Train the Trainer - teams have yet to be selected.
  - Yolo County Library was one of many jurisdictions selected to participate in the Harwood Institute in May 2016. This will provide capstone focus on the library's pursuits to integrate community-based methodology in our work together. Harwood features a framework emphasis on the importance of turning outward towards the audience/community as a basis for service development. The team will feature Crista Cannariato, Margaret Kaplan, Carolyn West (CAO office) and Carol Scianna (City of Winters and Friends President , WFOL)
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## System Positions

IN PROCESS – Selection will begin for bilingual Spanish and Russian part-time library assistants to augment the need for Ready for Kindergarten specialists for the First 5 Yolo grant as well as ongoing bilingual support needed at the branches.

### East Yolo Region

WELCOME – We welcome Kate Bellock to the Turner Community Library.

### 211 Yolo

ON HOLD - 211 Office Support –HHSa authorized a 1.0 FTE position to support 211 efforts. Recruitment and first interviews have been conducted, but selection will remain on hold until HHSa budget is approved and their position freeze has been lifted. 211 Yolo will transfer to HHSa beginning with the fiscal year 2016/17.

### Central Services

OPEN –Jennifer Springfield has been appointed as interim Librarian for the County Archives and Records Center and has provided invaluable service. Recruitment for this position will take place imminently and may coincide with ALA attendance to enhance recruitment opportunities.

OPEN – The Business Services Manager selection is near completion with final interviews and reference checks under way.

### West Yolo Region

WELCOME – We welcome Michelle Titsworth to the Davis Branch Library.

OPEN – Recruitment for the Librarian II Youth Services position will resume in summer 2016 to coincide with ALA. With the resignation of Maria Arcorace there are two Librarian positions open in the West Yolo Region.

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### **Conferences**

Library Associate Sue Billing attended PLA in Denver, CO in April 2016. Sue will team up with colleagues from San Jose Public Library and Rancho Cucamonga to coordinate two Design Thinking workshops, one through a webinar environment. More than 80 participants tuned in virtually and more than 300 attended the on ground interactive session. Many thanks to Derek Wolfram of Redwood City Public Library for his assistance.

Library staff Elizabeth Gray, Hualing Wan, David Tavarez and Vicki Klein attended the Innovative Interfaces Conference scheduled March 16-18 2016 in San Francisco. Staff attended several sessions to improve understanding and knowledge of services and functions and networked with many fellow users.

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### **Library Projects**

- Library leaders are exploring automated handling system for Arthur F. Turner Community Library and potential replacement/upgrading of the Mary L. Stephens Davis Branch sorter – PENDING RESOURCES – anticipated 2017-2018.
  - The fourth annual Spanish Language Book Fair took place at the Davis Branch Library on February 29, from 9 am. – 4 p.m. Six Spanish-language vendors featured thousands of new and classic titles in several formats for children, teens and adults and more than 40 librarians, teachers and parents attended representing more than 12 institutions.
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## Library in the News

- In larger library news, President Obama has nominated Dr. Hayden as the 14th Librarian of Congress. If confirmed, Dr. Hayden will be the first woman and first African American to hold the position. She is currently the lead at Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore and as former ALA President, she was a stalwart supporter of libraries in defending the nation's right to information.
- Univision hosted two live interviews with Spanish speaking staff.
  - On March 29, Elizabeth Perez was interviewed by Maribel Lopez regarding Read Off Your Fines, and the Early Childhood Preschool Fair.  
<http://www.univision.com/sacramento/kuvs/noticias/educacion/la-biblioteca-del-condado-de-yolo-te-invita-a-acercate-a-la-lectura-video>
  - On April 7, Lana Harman and Maria Sandoval spoke about Dia de los Ninos and the Early Childhood Preschool Fair  
<http://www.univision.com/noticias/educacion/asiste-a-la-feria-educativa-de-preescolar-en-davis-video>
- The Daily Democrat featured a full page color photo collage and a detailed description of the March programs at the Esparto Regional Library in their 3/9/16 edition. Trini Campbell, who is the President of the Friends of the Esparto Regional Library, thanked the Branch Manager Malinda Baker for making the library a wonderful center for learning and she will be sending the photographer and editor of The Daily Democrat a thank you letter for their coverage.
- The Yolo County Library was featured in two articles for The Atlantic magazine's March 2016 issue. The first article titled 'The Library Card' showcases how library's function as vibrant centers of America's towns through technology, education and community. The Winters Community Library was mentioned through the Winters Friends of the Library's Books for Babies program, where volunteers and Friends members give free baby supplies, such as shirts and books, to new moms and their young ones. The second article titled "America's Libraries: Old Institutions Becoming Very New Again" featured the Yolo Branch Library as their main image and highlighted the Winters Community Library as being a 'driving player in the social and community life of this agriculture town.' To read this article visit: <http://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2016/02/old-libraries-becoming-new/460494/>. For 'The Library Card' visit: <http://www.theatlantic.com/magazine/archive/2016/03/the-library-card/426888/>.
- Capital Public Radio wrote an article about Yolo County Library's Read Off Your Fines campaign, which runs April 1-16 at the Knights Landing and Yolo branches and from April 10-16 at the remaining six locations. The Library hopes to provide opportunities for children 18 and younger to lower their overdue fines and once again take advantage of the Library's services and materials. For every 15 minutes that a child reads in the library, \$1.00 will be deducted from their overdue fines. Participants can find reading logs and more information at any of the Yolo

County Library branches. To read the article, visit:  
<http://www.capradio.org/articles/2016/03/31/libraries-lower-overdue-fines-in-exchange-for-reading-time/#.Vv1IdyLKlaM.twitter>.

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## **Honors**

- The Yolo County Women's History Month Committee provided a \$2000 donation to the Yolo County Library to purchase materials dedicated to women and girls. Elizabeth Gray coordinated the information table along with Hualing Wan. Crista Cannariato accepted the check on behalf of the Library and acknowledged the good work of the Committee and the impact of the funds to reach hundreds of girls and women through targeted collection development and programs.
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“Yolo County Library provides access for all to ideas that inform, entertain and inspire.”  
*We connect people and ideas.*