This month I have highlighted a few noteworthy items occurring at Yolo County Library. If you have questions, or want to learn more about Yolo County Library, please contact me at mark.fink@yolocounty.org or 530.666.8002.

Visit the library online at http://yolocountylibrary.org and find us on Facebook.

WHEREAS, the Yolo County Library Advisory Board adopted an “All Are Welcome at the Library” statement recognizing, valuing, and affirming that our rich diversity contributes to the excellence of Yolo County and enhances our quality of community life; and

WHEREAS, Yolo County Library has done progressive work to support diverse communities, including people of color, immigrants and people with disabilities, providing equitable access to information, services and resources that open minds and promote inclusion and diversity;

WHEREAS, in 2017, residents engaged with Yolo County Library over two million times by visiting our local libraries and web site; attending free programs; and borrowing books, DVDs, audiobooks, early literacy kits, and items written in several languages; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors, Davis City Council, West Sacramento City Council and Winters City Council proclaim National Library Week, April 8-14, 2018 and encourage all residents to visit their local libraries to explore what’s new and to engage with your friendly and knowledgeable library staff.
FREE Yolo County Library Storytelling Workshops:

THEME: Rural life in California

LOCATION: Yolo Branch Library, 37750 Sacramento Street, Yolo

DATES: Friday, July 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (lunch included)
       Friday, July 20, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (lunch included)
       (YOU MUST ATTEND BOTH DAYS)

LEARN: How to make a great story
       Hands-on video editing
       Production support

ASSISTANCE: Will be provided by StoryCenter staff and U.C. Davis students

Space is limited, so apply today at any branch.

Human Resources Updates

- YCL is in the middle of its recruitment process for a full-time Library Associate.
- YCL is in the middle of the selection process for its Assistant County Librarian.
- YCL is recruiting for a full-time Library Circulation Supervisor (Vicki Klein is retiring after 24 years of Library service in May).
- YCL will soon be recruiting for a full-time Administrative Services Analyst.

Library Holiday Closures

All Yolo County Library facilities will be closed in the morning on Monday, April 16, 2018 for staff training. All branches with Monday hours will open in the afternoon from 2-6 p.m.
Yolo County Library Celebrates Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros

Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros is a nationwide celebration of children, families and reading held annually in April. Día brings families together and emphasizes the importance of literacy for every child regardless of linguistic or cultural background.

This year all eight Yolo County Library branches will be celebrating Día de los Niños/Día de los Libros. Most programs will have STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, & Math) activities, a special performance and more. Children who attend will receive a free book.

Thank you to all of our Friends of the Library organizations for their generous support for these events.

Yolo Branch Library
at Cache Creek High School, 14320 2nd St, Yolo
Friday, March 30th
1:30 pm to 2:30 pm

South Davis Montgomery Library
1441 Danbury Street, Davis
Tuesday, April 10th
5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Mary L. Stephens - Davis Branch Library
315 East 14th Steet, Davis
Saturday, April 14th
11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Knights Landing Branch Library
4231 Third Street, Knights Landing
Tuesday, April 17th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Clarksburg Branch Library
52915 Netherlands Road, Clarksburg
Wednesday, April 18th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Esparto Regional Library
17065 Yolo Avenue, Esparto
Thursday, April 19th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Winters Community Library
708 Railroad Avenue, Winters
Thursday, April 26th
6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Arthur F. Turner Community Library
1212 Merkley Avenue, West Sacramento
Saturday, April 28th
2:00 pm to 3:30 pm
On March 20, 2018, Arthur F. Turner Community Library staff welcomed San Francisco 49ers defensive end Arik Armstead for a special story time in West Sacramento. Arik is a Sacramento native and has made it his mission to support and impact change for Education Equality.

Armstead used this event to encourage parents to read with their children. You can watch Arik in action here: https://goo.gl/8Gaxxi

**Yolo County Library Tackles Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity**

On Monday, April 16th staff will convene for *Cracking the Codes: The System of Racial Inequity*, a four hour film screening and facilitated dialogue event, that will be run by trained staff from Solano and Alameda County Libraries.

According to World Trust, this training “introduces a simple frame for understanding the system of inequity, then braids segments of the film with facilitated audience dialogue. This event is both challenging and uplifting, and is suitable for racial equity advocates as well as those who are new to the topic.”

This methodology has been used by over 600 institutions and *YES! Magazine* calls *Cracking the Codes* “the most dignified and evidenced response possible to the blithe assertion that we now live in a ‘post-racial’ America.”

The Inclusion and Diversity Team organized this training and established the following objectives for staff:

- Staff will gain increased understanding of the topics of culture, identity, bias, privilege, and internalized racism and their effect on interpersonal, institutional and structural relationships.

- Staff will feel empowered to discuss and address these issues.