

**Yolo County
Board of Supervisors**

Resolution No. 25-142

Proclaiming November 2025 as Family Literacy Awareness Month

WHEREAS, Yolo County has a tradition of commitment to literacy and lifelong learning; Yolo County Library invites you to celebrate National Family Literacy Awareness Month; and

WHEREAS, literacy is a set of skills that includes speaking, listening, reading, writing, and critical thinking, whose mastery enables individuals to contribute to our economy, democracy, and community; and

WHEREAS, adult learners are our co-workers, neighbors, friends, and family members; and

WHEREAS, over 35,000 of our Yolo County residents, or one in six adults, cannot read or write sufficiently to carry out everyday activities; and

WHEREAS, Yolo Reads, the Yolo County Library adult literacy program, offers free one-on-one tutoring and ESL classes for local residents. This year, Yolo Reads volunteer tutors provided 3,568 hours of free literacy instruction to 244 Yolo County adult learners; and

WHEREAS, Library life-skills ESL (English as a Second Language) classes for rural residents served 140 individuals at public libraries in Knights Landing, Winters, and Esparto; and

WHEREAS, Yolo Reads adult learners completed over 813 goals they set, including preparing for their citizenship test, gaining full-time employment, becoming CPR certified, and enrolling in community college; and

WHEREAS, a Family Literacy student noted, "*... thank you for the classes and helpful information you gave us. The workshop really helped our family. We always wanted to read more at home, but we didn't have a routine. Now, we see how much it helps just to talk about a book or ask questions while reading together. Reading is something families can enjoy and grow together. It helps children use their imagination and learn how to share their thoughts and feelings. Thank you again for the support, tools, and care you've given us through the Yolo County Library*"; and

WHEREAS, Yolo Reads is a community of lifelong learners who, along with their families and tutors, are building a better future and coming together to celebrate their achievements each November.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Yolo County Board of Supervisors hereby proclaims November 2025 as Family Literacy Awareness Month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18th day of November 2025 by the following vote:

AYES: Allen, Barajas, Villegas, Frerichs, Vixie Sandy.

Mary Vixie Sandy, Chair
Yolo County Board of Supervisors