

# WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY

# ANNUAL REPORT

## FY2016



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR

In the past twenty years public libraries have undergone huge changes. There is no doubt that the advancements in technology and information access have changed how people perceive the library and how it is used. It is no different here in Woodland. Program attendance in 2011/2012 was 5,393, and this year attendance inside the library and outside our walls was 27,619. And people are still reading books! Of the 298,789 books and library materials checked out last year, 142,918 were for children. The community of Woodland is dedicated to having a thriving library that serves the needs of everyone. The Woodland Public Library has a long and proud history stemming from its first building of the 1905 Carnegie Library to the most recent addition in 1989.

The Library is 23,000 square feet of community space dedicated to serving the community of Woodland. In the past 4 years, since I have been here, community engagement in the Library has seen tremendous growth. In this next year the Library will be creating a new Facility Master Plan. The last update to the facility was 30 years ago, and with the increase in library usage the needs of the facility must be addressed. As we move forward, there will be community meetings to discuss the future of the library facility and how it impacts our ability to best serve the community. All Woodland residents are encouraged to participate in the process as we decide how best to move into the next phase for the library. -Greta Galindo

## BIKE

### BOOKS INSPIRING KIDS EVERYWHERE

The Woodland Public Library and Yolo County Library, Davis Branch, collaborated to purchase a custom bike and trailer and 2 custom tricycles to bring library services to customers who might not otherwise be able to access a library. Woodland purchased two 3-speed tricycles with large expandable storage and shelving units on the front of the trikes that were customized with library branding. These trikes were stocked with bulk-purchased books to distribute throughout town, customized for each location. Both Davis and Woodland staff have taken their mobile libraries to housing communities, community events, and schools that either do not know about library services or do not have access to the library because of geography or personal circumstances.

Regular, ongoing activities have been planned as a regular part of each library's services, and the mobile libraries have been well received by every audience they've encountered. This project has truly delivered Books to Inspire Kids Everywhere.

## COMMIT2FIT WELLNESS

The Library offered a three-month educational component of the City Community Service Department's Commit2Fit program with a \$6100 grant from the State Library. From January through March, the library hosted weekly speakers and walks (208 attendees) to provide our community access to information on a wide range of health issues to better allow them to make informed decisions about their personal lifestyle. The doctors, nutritionists, and master gardener who participated in the Commit2Fit: Wellness program shared information on topics such as nutrition, diabetes, heart disease, cancer, chronic diseases, weight loss, digestion, and growing edibles in your garden. Participants enjoyed healthy snacks while the speakers discussed how lifestyle choices, including a healthy diet and regular exercise, can be powerful in preventing – and even reversing – diseases. The community room was packed each week and many of the 1175 participants told staff how much the program was changing their lives (lower cholesterol, weight loss, feeling better in general).



## Adult Crafternoon

With the dramatic increase in children's programming, staff heard lots of requests for adult craft activities. We kicked off our Adult Crafternoons on the first Saturday of the month to give a brief lesson on a craft and add books to the collection. Up to a dozen adults have gathered every month to work on adult coloring books, practice origami, decorate eggs, make gift bags, pumpkins out of books, marbled mugs, and more.

This program allows people to learn new crafts, try different arts and crafts techniques, and participate in community at the Library.

## STeP

Woodland Public Library partnered with local organizations to host a series of "Skills for Teen Parents [STeP]" workshops for young moms and pregnant teens, age 20 and younger. The goal of STeP was to provide services and resources for moms to continue their education, find employment, manage their finances, take care of their health and that of their children and develop skills to build healthy family relationships.

The library hosted 10 workshops designed to achieve these goals. twelve teen moms participated in these valuable workshops.

## Statistics

	FY 15/16	FY 14/15	FY 13/14
<b>Circulation</b>			
Materials Checked Out or Renewed	298789	308480	308236
<b>Patron Usage</b>			
Number of Library Visitors	181882	179433	173961
New Cards (all ZIPs)	2504	2424	2600
Juvenile Library Card Holders	7880	8528	8347
Total Library Card Holders	26415	27579	28581
<b>Program Attendance</b>			
Storytimes (ages 0-5)	6599	5425	5139
School Age/Family Programs	7825	4453	4027
Tours/Group Visits	419	722	666
Programs (ages 13-18)	2452	548	180
Adult Programming & Outreach	2090	1439	856
Outreach (ages 0-5)	631	--	--
Outreach (ages 6-12)	5947	6516	456
Outreach (ages 13-18)	1442	1574	--
Books for the Homebound Delivered	45	40	27

## Children's Librarian Report

The 2015-2016 year was a busy one for children's services at the library! More than 6,700 children and adults attended our nine weekly English, Spanish, and bilingual storytimes. When the Farmer's Market moved in front of the library in the spring, we hosted our Saturday storytime outside which was a great success, drawing in families who were shopping at the market. This was combined with crafts and a monthly Children's Market to make Saturdays an extra special time to visit the market and the Library. We continued our Growing Readers outreach to local elementary schools, focusing efforts on first graders rather than third graders to better support early literacy. We gave free books to all the children we visited and gave out 440 new library cards!

Our program offerings for elementary-aged children expanded this year and we served 6,675 children and parents. The Afterschool Program continued, and we added a Minecraft Club and 6 Scratch Coding Classes taught in collaboration with students from UC Davis' Computer Science Department. Community partners are also offering Art for Small Hands, a bilingual art and literacy program led by staff from the Yolo County Children's Alliance, and a monthly chance for struggling readers to read to educator Theresa Gallagher's therapy dog, Faith. Children's Services hosted many fun events this year, adding in some new ones that will become perennial favorites. We brought back the library's Pet Show in September and again hosted our popular annual Halloween and Holiday parties. We also started a Peeps Diorama Contest,

where children and families could create literary scenes using marshmallow Peeps as characters. The TAB students judged the works and winners were awarded books. Another exciting event we added in April was Touch-a-Truck, which at least 1000 people attended. This unique community collaboration brought approximately 15 vehicles and their operators to share a crane, fire truck, police car, Yolo Bus, school bus, nut shaker, cement mixer, and a tomato truck. Everyone had a great time, including the vehicle operators. The year ended with our summer program, renamed the Summer of Learning based upon our interest in expanding the summer offerings for children. Summer slide is about reading, but also about the lack of enrichment activities for children in the summer when schools are closed. We partnered with many local organizations and businesses to offer information and resources for families to take advantages of fun opportunities in the summer. We also encouraged families to try these offerings by adding in new ways to earn tickets for the Summer Learning Program.

We had weekly events including 3 performers, an Hour of Code, thematic arts and crafts events, and free classes by Kuk Sool Won and were able to give families many discount passes to local museums like the Heidrick Ag Museum and the Crocker Art Museum. This was another great community collaboration, and we were glad to connect parents to other fun resources for summer learning in the area.



## Teen Librarian Report

2015-2016 has been an exciting, healthy and informative year for our Woodland Library Teen Advisory Board (TAB) and local teens. In the fall of 2015, TAB hosted its first Teen Halloween Party with over 270 teens in attendance. Teens decorated the library into a Haunted House and played laser tag games, decorated pumpkins and danced to a live DJ. The following Spring, we had "Meet the Pros" monthly sessions in collaboration with UC Davis Early Academic Outreach Program where over 100 students learned about careers such as nursing, teaching and law enforcement. TAB helped promote and participate in our first "Peace of Art" event with Yolo Conflict Resolution Center where 15 teens created art based on solving conflicts within communities. The Woodland Community And Senior Center hosted a special gallery of the teen art to the public where over 45 people attended. TAB also worked with local television station, WAVE Channel 21, and produced an anti-bullying video. TAB members wrote the script, hosted auditions, learned to use the camera equipment and directed the production under the supervision of WAVE. TAB presented the video at the Woodland Joint Unified School District Board Meeting and accepted the Anti-Bullying Resolution in Honor of Anti-Bullying Month. During the summer, teens volunteered over 200 service hours during the summer reading program. TAB also hosted 2 Teen pool parties in collaboration with Community Services Department. TAB ended the Summer Learning Program with Woodland's first Teen Health Festival, featuring Zumba, kickboxing and yoga demonstrations and motivational speaker Katie Willcox from "Healthy is the New Skinny." All in all, Teens learned about health, active lifestyles, different careers, organizing library events, anti-bullying, how to produce television shows, solving conflicts and most importantly how to be a leader in their community. We have 20 fabulous, dedicated TAB members who are actively promoting all these great library events with their peers!

### EAOP PRESENTS

**Date**  
February 25, 2016

**Time**  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

**Location**  
Woodland Public Library  
Lobby Room  
250 1st St, Woodland, CA

**EAOP**

We will give out **RAFFLE TICKETS** at each event. The more events you attend, the greater your chance of winning some of the awesome prizes we have for you!

# MEET THE PROS

### Law Enforcement Edition

Come join us for a great evening at Woodland Public Library for a panel of different **law enforcement careers** to answer all your questions about their careers.

**FOOD AND DRINKS** will be provided at this session. This is the first of several sessions EAOP will be doing throughout the year. These sessions are open to all students.

# 745.5 SQUARE ONE

MAKER SPACE + LEARNING LAB



## What:

This kind of facility, often generically referred to as a “makerspace” or “community of makers,” offers a technology-based, mentor-led learning environment.

Maker Media (makerspace.com) defines as : Learning environments rich with possibilities, Makerspaces serve as gathering points where communities of new and experienced makers connect to work on real and personally meaningful projects, informed by helpful mentors and expertise, using new technologies and traditional tools.

Square One will be a place where people come together to create and share resources, knowledge, and tools.

## Why:

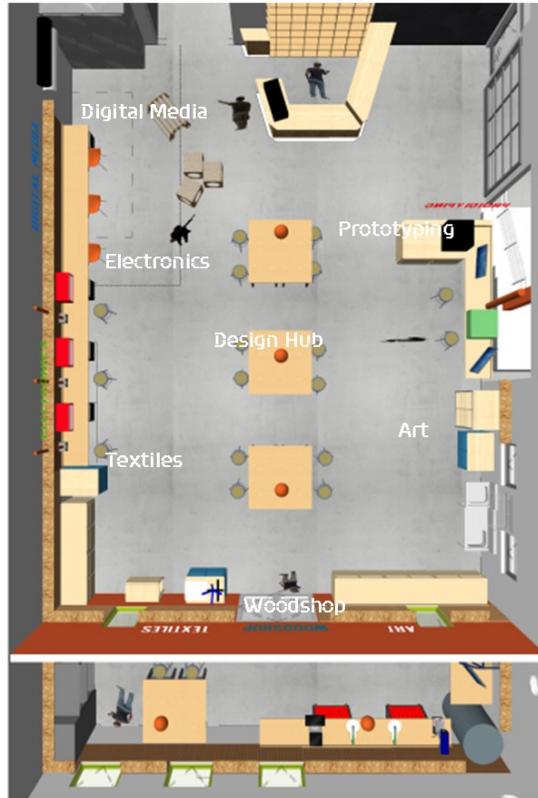
Square One is literacy; the definition of literacy today has expanded to include the ability to understand many subjects, for example, media literacy, information literacy, as well as the attainment of soft skills.

Square One is about providing our community with a repertoire of ways for accessing, acquiring, constructing, expressing, sharing, and using knowledge, as a well as developing a series of ways to collaborate with others for mutual benefit and collective good.

Square One will foster the development of skill-sets needed for the 21st-century workforce: creativity, innovation, transmedia navigation, visual literacy, and computational thinking.

Square One will encourage true lifelong learning and a more complete sense of literacy.

- Digital Media
  - graphic arts and design
  - photography
  - videography
- Electronics
  - robotics
  - coding
  - programming
- Textiles
  - sewing
  - screen printing
  - vinyl cutter
  - fabric arts

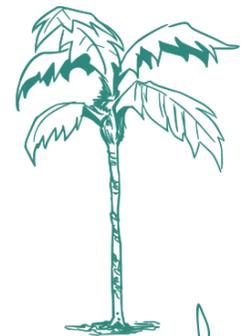


- Prototyping
  - 3-d printing
  - laser cutter

- Art
  - painting
  - sculpture
  - drawing
  - jewelry making

### Woodshop

- CNC Mill
- drill press
- panel saw
- drill press
- circular sander
- hand tools



growing readers

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