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Formed in 1850, Yolo County boasted a population of 200,849 people as of 2010. In addition to having several historic preservation organizations, Yolo is also home to the University of California, Davis, and a thriving agricultural sector. If you are looking for exciting local history resources in the [California History Section's](#) rich collections, then check out what we have for this county!

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ENJOY YOUR RESEARCH!

DIGITIZED RESOURCES

Can't come to the library just yet? No worries! There are a number of online resources you can explore related to Yolo County!



[Digitized Publications](#)

A few years ago we digitized some of our more fragile publications. You can now see documents related to Yolo County on Internet Archive!



URL: <https://archive.org/>

Type in Search Box: (Yolo) AND collection: (californiastatelibrary)

Select Option: "Search Full Text of Books"



[Digitized Images](#)

We have scanned and digitized a portion of our extensive photograph collection, including images related to Yolo County. You can see them on Calisphere!



URL: <https://calisphere.org/institution/51/items/>

Type in Search Box: ("Yolo County")

DIGITIZED RESOURCES



[California State Association of Counties](#)

Like Wikipedia but locally grown, this government website will provide basic information about Yolo County.



URL: <http://www.counties.org/county-websites-profile-information>



[County Website](#)

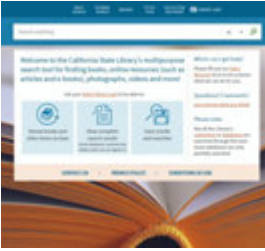
Want to learn about what Yolo County residents have to say for themselves? Check out the county government's website!



URL: <https://www.yolocounty.org/>

GENERAL RESEARCH TIPS

While many of our materials are online, even more are only in hard-copy. You can use the following resources to learn about our Yolo County resources.



[Catalog](#)

If you are looking for Yolo County materials your best source is our [catalog](#). You can do a general search on the catalog but also be sure to check out our specialized resources on page 8 of this research guide!



URL: https://csl.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/search?vid=01CSL_INST:CSL&lang=en&sortby=rank

Type in Subject Box: (Yolo)



[California Information File II](#)

Sometimes the catalog doesn't provide as much detail as you might like. This is why we created the California Information File II, successor to the analog California Information File I. In this resource, you can find indexing to individual articles, as well as Yolo County menus, deeds, pamphlets and more!



URL: http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCalinfo.htm

Type in Search Box:

1. Yolo
2. Name of a city in Yolo County

GENERAL RESEARCH TIPS



City Directories

Looking for a person? How about the history of a location? You can trace this information and more via our city directories! See what we have by checking our specialized database.



URL: http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryCityDir.htm

Type in Search Box:

1. Yolo
2. Name of a city in Yolo County



Telephone Books

Are you not finding what you need in our city directory collection? No worries, you might find it in our telephone book collection. See what we have by checking our phone book database.



URL: http://dbs.library.ca.gov/dbtext_html/QueryPhonebk.htm

Type in Search Box:

1. Yolo
2. Name of a city in Yolo County

SPECIFIC RESOURCES IN OUR CATALOG

Yolo County has a long and distinguished history! Check out our resources by type and by subject to learn more about this county's complex past!

Type

[Maps](#)

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ON-SITE RESEARCH RESOURCES

Our collection predates computers and so do some of our access points! If you are in the library, be sure to check the following analog files for leads on more resources.



California Information File

In the library? Check the California Information File before you do anything else! This file indexes over 130 years of California articles, books, and manuscript collections from a variety of counties.



Subject Headings: Counties: Yolo



Map File

Looking for an Yolo county map? Our map file is a great place to start. We have a wide variety of maps, including Sanborns, some of which cover settlement patterns and even natural history



Subject Headings: Counties: Yolo



Photographic File

Sometimes a picture is worth a 1000 words, and not all of our pictures are online. To check the rest of the collection search our picture file.



Subject Headings: Counties: Yolo

OTHER ON-SITE RESOURCES

Despite our best efforts, some of our resources defy complete description. We suggest that you ask a librarian about Yolo county information contained in the following resources.



Vertical Files

Our massive collection of vertical files covers a wide variety of topics including individual counties. You can check them for pamphlets, certificates and even posters related to organizations, individuals, and area histories.



Subject Headings: Check with librarians



Postcard Files

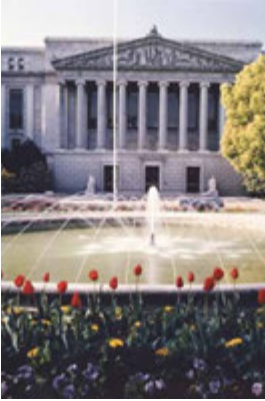
Separate from our photo collection, our postcard collection contains a number of images related to Yolo County. Most are not online.



Subject Headings: Check with librarians

OTHER PLACES TO LOOK

Of course the California History Section doesn't have everything, so we suggest that in addition to looking at our collections, you contact the following organizations



Other California State Library Sections

[Government Publications Section](#)

[Witkin Law Library](#)

[Sutro Library](#)

[General Information](#)



URLs:

- <http://www.library.ca.gov/government-publications/>
- <http://www.library.ca.gov/law/>
- <http://www.library.ca.gov/sutro/>
- <http://www.library.ca.gov/services>



Other Organizations

[California State Archives](#)

[Yolo County Historical Society](#)

[Yolo County Historical Museum](#)

[Yolo County Library](#)



URLs:

- <http://www.sos.ca.gov/archives/>
- <http://www.yolo.net/ychs/>
- <http://www.gibsonhouse.org/>
- <https://yolocountylibrary.org/>



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