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Open at Last!



Meet **Cara Latham**, our new Branch Supervisor. She lives near the Branch, close enough to walk when weather allows. With an MFA in costume design, Cara is a fan of theater productions. “I go to everything,” she says. Not only has she designed costumes, she taught the skills at UC Santa Cruz and was for a time on the staff at Sacramento City College. She comes to us from North Sacramento - Hagginwood Library.

Her goal for the Branch now that it is open is to “see McClatchy revive itself to the dynamic Branch it used to be.”

Finally! The last library in Sacramento Public Library’s 28-branch system is open. Please spread the word to anyone who may not know.

McClatchy Library opened on a symbolically appropriate date: Valentine’s Day! Branch Friends arrived with flowers and balloons, only to find library supporters already waiting. **Richard Camp**, shown on page 4, arrived in time to be the first person entering after the three-year Covid closure. Entering the dearly loved building seemed to feel like magic to patrons who bypassed Prince Harry’s sought-after *Spare* to look around.

Then came one of those moments that make it all worth while: the squeal of a young voice and small footsteps running across the hardwood floor directly to the children’s section.

The Branch was last open to patrons in early March 2020. Voters who brought in their ballots for that year’s primary election on March 3 were welcomed by Friends wearing yellow-ribbon roses symbolizing the 100th anniversary of women’s right to vote. The Friends were ready for voting celebrations during the fall’s presidential election with ballots turned in at the Branch.

It was also the year of McClatchy’s 80th anniversary as a library. The building closets already held new T-shirts to celebrate at a big party planned for the fall.

It was to be a great year for McClatchy Library. Sixteen days later, March 19, 2020, libraries closed. This Branch remained closed almost three full years until it reopened February 14, 2023.

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Look for McClatchy under E

Finding our Branch Library online can be a challenge. You enter “McClatchy” and Google takes you to multiple sites of C.K. McClatchy High. Or you might get McClatchy press sites. Less frequently you see a lovely view of James McClatchy Park.

You might arrive at the *Friends* of McClatchy Library. That’s not the same as the Library itself. It also is not the same as Friends of the Sacramento Public Library, known as Systemwide Friends or informally as the “Big Friends.” On the SPL Friends site, you can click on Branch Friends, then find us under M. If you click on our photo there, you go to our section of the Sacramento Library web site; if you click on our name, you go to a brief statement about our Branch.

Confused? Here’s the official link. If you want to find the Branch on the home page of Sacramento Public Library, click on Locations, then scroll to E. **Yes, E for Ella.** This placement springs from a decision made well over a decade ago to help distinguish us from McKinley.

As far as social media goes, you run into the same E-versus-M issue. Best advice? Just use the list in the box to the left.

Mobile Charging Station

Don’t let your phone lose power buried in a dark pocket while you’re lost in *Murder in Mesopotamia*. Instead, charge your phone in the Branch’s new mobile charging station while you read. It works with both iPhones and Android, tablets, and laptops.

A word of warning, however: **don’t walk off and forget your equipment!** That has been the major problem faced by other libraries that got a charging station earlier.

If you to the Branch on your bike, check out the bike repair station our on the patio, available whenever the Branch is open, currently 10:00 to 6:00 Tuesday through Saturday

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Meet the Friends Board



The Friends of McClatchy Library work to support our branch. This is the first in a series of stories that tell you who Board members are. The women in the image to your left keep the Sunroom Shop running.

The Shop manager (in the red sweater) is **Alice Schnaidt**. Growing up in NYC, Alice has deep love for the arts. She has an MA in dance and worked for Sutter 23 years as a dance therapist and education coordinator. For eight years Alice worked as a breast cancer patient advocate and educator. Her love for books (especially WWII women code breaker books) led her to volunteer at McClatchy and eventually oversee Ella's beautiful Sunroom and serve on its Board. Alice used to take her children to McClatchy to sit and read there as though they were at grandma's home. When Alice is not volunteering at the library, you can find her lifting weights or working out at the gym as well as spending quality time with her husband, children and their families.

Patti Teale (in black) is the Friends Board vice-president. She grew up in Sacramento and says she has had "McClatchy in her life" for many years, having graduated from McClatchy High School. She has an MA in Special Education and was a Resource Teacher for 32 years. In her spare time she takes daily walks with her four-footed companion, Charley, as well as plays golf and cycles. Her favorite book genres are historical fiction and murder mysteries. Patti enjoys being part of the Ella K. McClatchy Library community as her mother spent time in McClatchy Library in the 1940s when she was a young girl. "Volunteering in this historic building and serving on the board is an honor," she says.

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Discover & Go

Discover & Go is a Sacramento Public Library program that offers free and low-cost passes for museums, science centers, zoos, theaters, and other cultural destinations. You can have two active reservations per library card.

How do you get a Pass?

Log in with your library card credentials and browse for passes by date or attractions. Make your reservation and print or download your pass shortly before your visit. Remember that once you print or download your pass you cannot cancel your reservation. Pass is non-transferable. Valid ID is required. Details at saclibrary.org.

2023 McClatchy Friends Board

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*Dear Friends and Supporters
of Ella K. McClatchy Branch Library,*

*The Board of the Friends of Ella K.
McClatchy Library thanks you for your
enthusiastic support which has culminated
in the full reopening of the Branch as of
February 14th.*

Your voices were heard! *When the
public speaks up, it **does** make a difference
in the quality of life in our community.*

Thank you again. See you at the Library!

*The Board of Friends of Ella K.
McClatchy Branch Library*

