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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Alice Schnaidt

Greetings from your Friend's of McClatchy Board president. I want to welcome **Chris Curran**, our new branch manager. It's been a month since he joined us, and Chris is a great fit for McClatchy Library. I know that we will work well together, bringing you great service, programs and access to library services. I also welcome **Anita Davies**, our new librarian, who brings wonderful energy and knowledge to the whole team.

Thank you to all the patrons who have donated books, audio material and puzzles, supporting the sales of the Sunroom and our Amazon site. We accept old books, new books, red books and blue books, to paraphrase Dr. Seuss. Our **Sunroom team**, lead by Patti and supported by Alex and Kelly, come into the library every week to keep your Sunroom stocked with a potpourri of offerings. Thank you all for your hard and dedicated work!

Another team on our board who works hard is our **Communications team**.

Linda, our tech guru, designed and maintains our [Friends of Ella K. McClatchy website](#), as well as our email list, which is used to send out our newsletter and special announcements. Ginny maintains our [Facebook](#) posts with announcements and other McClatchy news.

It's a rainy and cold day, just right for snuggling up in a warm blanket and enjoying my current book group offering. Right now, I am reading [Remarkably Bright Creatures](#) by Shelby Van Pelt. It is a wonderful, positive and uplifting read which takes us on a journey with a truly remarkable bright creature. (I don't want to spoil it for you.)

The **Friends of McClatchy Library's** next board meeting is being held on **Saturday, May 2nd from 9:30 – 11:30 am**. You are welcome to join us to see the scope of our work, and maybe it will interest you enough to volunteer at McClatchy.

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SUNROOM SELECTIONS

By Alex Ives

Here's the deal: The Friends will highlight a small number of books we think are interesting, and they will be on a special shelf in the **Sunroom Bookstore** at the **McClatchy Library**. We won't put them out until the day the newsletter (which you are reading now) has been sent. When they're gone, they're gone. Here are the selections:

[The Forgers - Bradford Morrow:](#) A thriller starting with the murder of a collector of books and manuscripts.

[The Soloist - Steve Lopez:](#) The story of a talented musician, struggling with homelessness and mental issues, and the reporter who tried to help him.

[Men Women and Dogs - James Thurber:](#) Thurber's cartoons, mostly from the *New Yorker*, with a charming introduction by Dorothy Parker.

[The Last Stand of Fox Company-Bob Drury and Bill Clavin:](#) True story from the Korean War detailing the defense of Toktong pass by 234 Marines in November of 1950 against Chinese forces.

[Yoga for a Healthy Body - Imelda McGuire:](#) The author combines yoga with meditation in 20-minute workouts that promise to be easy to follow for beginners as well as experts.

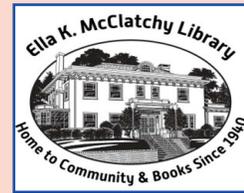
[Glamping with Mary Jane - Mary Jane Butters:](#) Ideas to glamorize your lodgings (RV, tent) and also how to start a fire or change a flat tire.

[Ghost Hunters in Montana - Barnaby Conrad:](#) The ghosts in this book are characters from the past, like Charles Russell, Calamity Jane, Butch Cassidy, and General Custer. He also documents fly fishermen, New Age religious groups, and mountain men. Pretty much something for everyone.

[Songs of Wild Birds - Lang Elliott:](#) Unique introduction to the voices of more than fifty native birds. Includes a CD as well.

[Best American Poetry 1997 - Tate and Lehman:](#) Anthology of 75 poems selected from 30 magazines, including poets' comments on their work.

[Nutrition Almanac - Lavon Dunn:](#) Information (as of 2007) on the latest scientific discoveries about food, with emphasis on vitamins and minerals.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?



By Chris Curran, Library Supervisor

Howdy, folks. My name is Chris, and I have recently taken the Branch Supervisor position here at the Ella K. McClatchy branch. I have been with Sacramento Public Library for ten years now, and most of that time was spent away from the urban core. I'm excited to join such a dynamic and integral part of Midtown Sacramento. With my background in history, this house holds a special interest for me, and I love the idea of continuing its life into the next part of the 21st Century.

Let's see what the future holds!

Need a Good Mystery Novel?

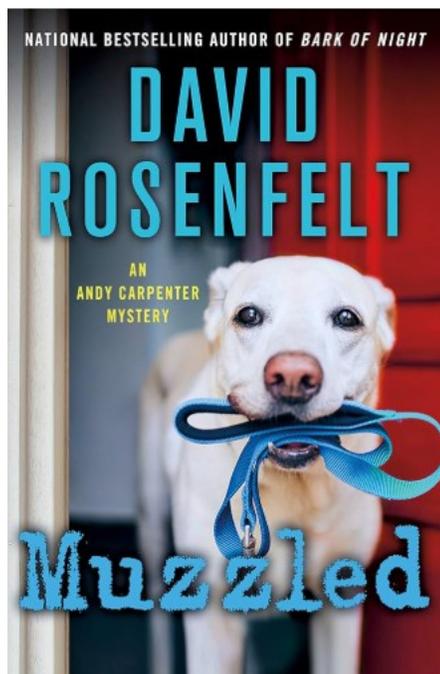
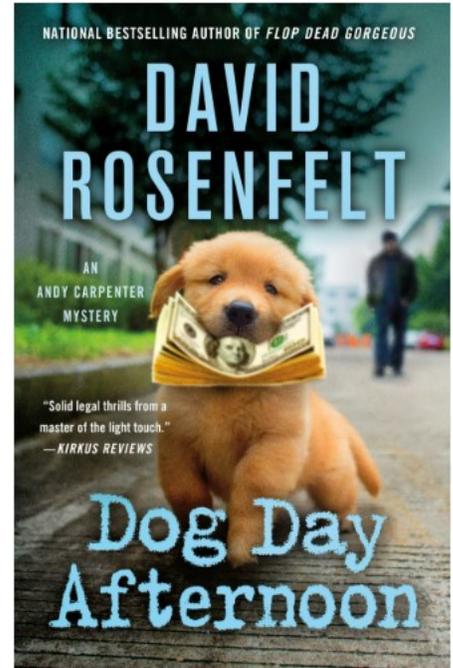
By Ginny Kidd

Oh, no! It's happened. You know who killed Roger Ackroyd. You know why Nero Wolfe went to Montenegro. You've travelled on the Orient Express and helped Emerson and Peabody dig up Egypt searching for a killer. Lord Peter Wimsey is your personal friend. And don't even bring up that scrawny hound of the Baskervilles or that prissy Miss Fisher. You love mysteries, but you've read them. What now?

Allow me to introduce you to **Andy Carpenter**, a defense attorney devised by author David Rosenfelt and described in a series of books (33 so far) with titles that imply dogs: *Hounded*, *The More the Terrier*, *Dogged Pursuit*, *Play Dead*, *Dog Tags*, *Unleashed*. The tone of the writing is light like the titles.

Andy tells the story in the first person, using the present tense. Here's an example: "Sam's calling at 10:45 p.m. He doesn't wake us. I'm in bed watching a football game with the sound off, and Laurie is reading a new book by her favorite author, David Rosenfelt. I don't get it. I tried reading one, and it was like sucking sawdust through a straw."

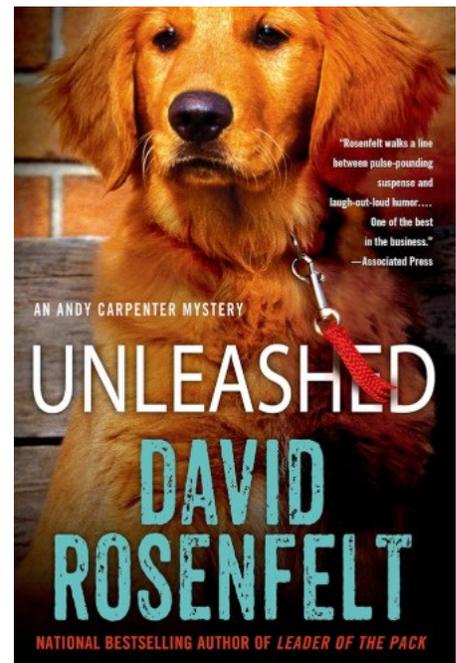
Frankly, I'm with Laurie. What other author would ridicule himself?



Periodically, Rosenfelt writes in the third person using the past tense, the typical style of novels. In those cases, you are reading the experience of the villain or of a very negative force in the book. The reader's knowledge that the negative force is out there and that Andy doesn't know it adds to the tension.

Rosenfelt has a second series about the K-Team, with the same characters, but written from the viewpoint of a retired police officer and his police dog, Simon Garfunkel, who works for Andy.

Don't give up the search for justice found in good mysteries. Just check out whatever Rosenfelt book is on the shelf.



Around the Neighborhood

By Dianne Gregory

Owned and operated by the **Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation**, this new midtown Sacramento café and tasting room showcases the agricultural bounty of the tribe's **Capay Valley** homeland and is a destination for delicious, locally sourced fare that now includes olive oils, wines, honey, beef jerky and seasoned nuts. Plus the luncheon items are terrific! The kitchen offers a changing selection of made-to-order hot and cold small plates that reflect each season's best for visitors to enjoy. The in-house chef and culinary team have developed wine-friendly menus that highlight **Séka Hills extra virgin olive oils**, **Yocha Dehe ranch-raised beef** and farm fresh produce.



A selection of pantry staples, cookbooks and gifts for the home and kitchen add to the reasons the **Séka Hills Midtown Tasting Room (1733 S Street in Sacramento)** is a destination for Sacramento visitors and residents alike. Hours are 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. daily, except Tuesdays when the café/tasting room is closed. You can take a look at their menu here: [Fall+2025+Midtown+Menu.pdf](#)



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