



# ELLA K. McCLATCHY FRIENDS

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## Upstairs Room Closed

We all treasure the joys of our lovely, historic library. It's about to turn 80 as a library, and the building itself is almost 30 years older. Any edifice this old can expect an occasional ache or pain. This time the problems closed the small-group meeting room on the second floor.

"The damage occurred last fall, when a pipe in the ceiling sprang a small leak," said Branch Manager Sheri Garcia. "The leak was stopped as soon as we spotted it, but the plaster was not repaired. The City [which owns the building] is aware of the damage but hasn't given us a repair timeline."



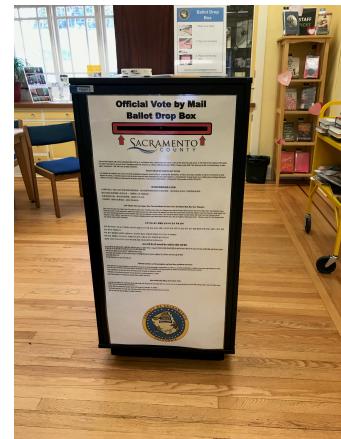
Northeast corner of ceiling

In the meantime, those who would use the room are routed to whatever space is available, usually in the large storage room across from the Community Room. The patio may become an appealing alternative as the weather warms.

## Bring Your Ballot to the Library

In an era when news reports describe states where voting is a challenge, being able to stroll to the library, slide your ballot into a safe depository, pick up the book you ordered online, and peek into the Sunroom Shop, is a real treat.

For Election Day, McClatchy Library will open at **7:00 a.m.** **Tuesday, March 3**, and will remain open until polls **close at 8:00 p.m.** Most voters fill out ballots before coming to the branch but you are welcome to use our tables to write if you prefer. And yes, you can simply mail your ballot in via U.S. mail, and just drop by the Branch to find that Lucky Day book you want.



2020 marks 100 years of women's right to vote in national elections. California gave women the right to vote in state elections in 1911, when the McClatchy home, which became our library, was under construction.

## Renaissance Society Comes to McClatchy

First Wednesday of the month, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

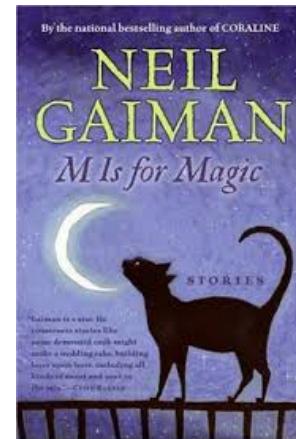
The public is invited to join the CSUS Renaissance Society as its speakers appear at McClatchy the first Wednesday of each month this spring. Speeches will begin at 6:00.

- **March 4:** William Burg: "Stan Lunetta, the Maestro of Poverty Ridge." Our neighbor, a musical force in Sacramento and long-time participant in the Music Circus, is the focus of historian Burg's talk.
- **April 1:** Kelsey Maher: "The Food Traditions of Georgia" (the Republic of Georgia, that is).
- **May 6:** Dolores Eitel: "Medical Aid in Dying." Join a discussion of options for terminal end-of-life care.

## Neil Gaiman Arbuthnot Lecture and Activities

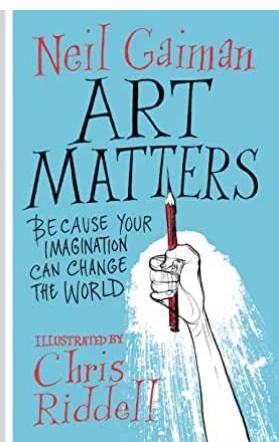
Sacramento Public Library was chosen out of numerous applicants as the site for the 2020 May Hill Arbuthnot Lecture, an annual event sponsored by the Association for Library Service to Children, a branch of the American Library Association. This year's award honors Neil Gaiman. SPI's website describes him as an "author of short fiction, novels, comic books, graphic novels, nonfiction, audio theatre, and films." He has won numerous awards, including the Newbery and Carnegie medals.

A number of activities here at McClatchy will lead up to his lecture at Central Library May 8.



### Community Art Showcase

Teen/Adult. Gaiman-inspired art from community members is solicited to be showcased at McClatchy. Submit your fantastical, spooky, and magical art pieces to the McClatchy Library by **Friday, February 21**. See the show at an Art Reception **Saturday, February 29, at 2:00 p.m.**



### Fairy Tale Engineering

**Saturday, March 7, 2:00 p.m.** School age (6-12)

In honor of Neil Gaiman's fairy tale-inspired works, help us solve storybook problems by building and testing hands-on solutions. Rescue Rapunzel from the tower or get the Three Billy Goats Gruff across their bridge.

### Imagination City

**Saturday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.** Family/all ages

Create with everyday materials. Enjoy process-based art, engineering, design, and drama.

### Tech Exploration for Kids

**Saturday, May 16, 2:00 p.m.** School age (6-12)

Robots and circuits and colors, oh my! Join us for this fun, beginner-friendly exploration of various technologies and toys.

Learn more about Neil Gaiman at

[www.saclibrary.org/Event/Special-Events/Neil-Gaiman-for-the-Arbuthnot-Lecture](http://www.saclibrary.org/Event/Special-Events/Neil-Gaiman-for-the-Arbuthnot-Lecture).

The Neil Gaiman activities are a perfect place to wear your new McClatchy T-shirts. Only \$15 for kids' shirts, they are just the thing for creating, making art, solving storybook problems, exploring technology, or even, just plain reading.





## Book Notes

*The Rosie Project*  
by Graeme Simsion

Geneticist Don Tillman does not handle new situations well, so most social interactions, especially with women, end poorly. That is why he lives alone, schedules his life to the minute, and will not deviate from his routine.

Then he meets Rosie, a fun-loving, freewheeling student and part-time bartender who thrives on chaos. Rosie has reason to believe that the man who raised her is not her genetic father. She wants to find out who is.

Rosie needs Don's help to find the truth. But will he break his routine, laboratory ethics, rigid schedule—and his own rule against engaging in a romantic relationship?

This is a clever novel with lots of plot twists. Request it through the online library catalog.

—Karen Thalhammer

### 2020 McClatchy Friends Board

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2020 Board meetings: April 25, July 25, Oct 24,  
9:00 a.m. in the Community Room.

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### Neighborhood Food Review

#### Mulvaney's

1215 19th Street

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by Nancy Gotthart

It had been a while since we dined at Mulvaney's. Chef/Owner Patrick Mulvaney, a founder of the "farm to fork" movement in Sacramento, has now been a leading light in the Sacramento restaurant scene for lo these many years. And still, the food, the service & warm ambience continue to excel, all players always at the top of their game.

We were out to celebrate a birthday. We started with cocktails, a negroni for me, a scotch and soda for the birthday girl. Settling on an appetizer of house made paté, accompanied by a light assortment of greens (arugula, watercress, purslane) & bruschetta, we then took our time deciding on the next course while enjoying the cozy atmosphere of this once-upon-a-time firehouse.

When our server reappeared, we ordered, respectively, the calf's liver smothered in caramelized onions on a toasted slice of baguette, and the evening special: papparedelle dressed in a ragu of beef osso buco. Additionally, we each ordered a green salad, delightfully largely composed of beet greens. To drink, we ordered a nebbiolo from Giornata vineyard in Paso Robles... *squisito!*

Next time you find yourselves wondering where go for dinner (or lunch), give a thought to Mulvaney's: there are private rooms for special occasions, including a large space next door to the restaurant for clubs or organizations; special diets are accommodated & veg-friendly &/or vegan options, as well as gluten free dishes. In general entrées run \$31-\$35; small plates & appetizers are excellent light dining.

*Buon appetito, amici!*



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### Mark Your Calendar

**Saturday, May 2**

**Spring sale**

11:00 to 3:00

Books, jewelry, art and more

**Thursday, May 7**

**Big Day of Giving**

Donate to the Friends' Book

First program

**TBA Jewelry Sale**

**Spring 2020**

**Ella K. McClatchy Library, 2112 22nd St. (between U and V), Sacramento**

## The Millennium Sunroom

In the late 1990s, the Friends of McClatchy Library met around the big table in what was then the Mystery Room, the room to your right as you enter. The second floor was closed, the patio unpainted, and the sunroom unusable, its glass ceiling leaking with every rain. Staff (which at that time was one person, Shari Nichelini) and Friends yearned for repairs and growth. One standard dream was that we would make the sunroom into a shop, but repairing the Sunroom was low on the priorities. When would it open? "In the next millennium," people sighed.

And then a worker repairing the roof (which also leaked) dropped his tools. They crashed through a pane in the glass ceiling of the Sunroom. As long as the City was replacing the broken pane, it went ahead and replaced them all. We were stunned. We had a Sunroom Shop and it wasn't even the new millennium yet!

We began selling books. Barbara Schell, a longtime manager, suggested Treasure Island, the table with small donated items. It was popular immediately.

Sometimes, however, a book or item didn't sell. Current manager Alice Schnaitd added a new dimension to the process this year when she established a link with the Sacramento Boys and Girls Club. The were delighted to receive puzzles that didn't sell in the Sunroom for use by the children, ages 5 to 18, who attend the Club. Books that don't sell go to the Book Den where they reach patrons from other branches.

Today, the Sunroom Shop brings in about \$400 monthly. We function only because of generous patrons who provide outstanding donations. The money goes for Lucky Day books, children's programs, and occasional special purchases such as the bike repair station.