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## *From a Friend to a Friend:*

Ella K. McClatchy Library remains the last library in the Sacramento Public Library system to fully reopen. McClatchy is currently open for drop off and pick up only, and rumors are circulating that it might be permanently closed. Please help us return our library to its former role as a center for reading, community activities, and an enhancement of the neighborhood. There is power in numbers, and standing in solidarity benefits us all.

Your support for the full reopening will be greatly appreciated. Please scan the QR code below or visit <https://actionnetwork.org/letters/restore-full-services-to-ella-k-mcclatchy-library/> to see a description of why we feel our library services are worth restoring. Filling out your name, address and email address there will allow you to send a message to city and county leaders, including the board that oversees library services. We have provided a message for you there. You may edit it, write your own, or send it as written.

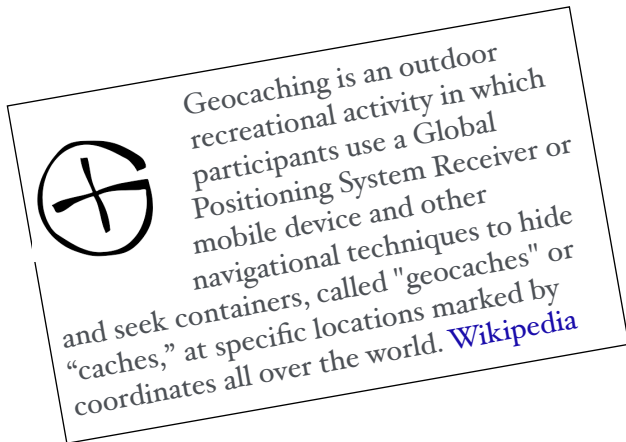
The Friends of McClatchy Library Board is working hard to find out what it will take to fully reopen our library. We believe that a target campaign to our elected representatives is one effective way to do this.

If you have responded to a previous letter from us, thank you for your ongoing support. Please continue to share this letter.

Nancy Gotthart, President  
Friends of McClatchy library



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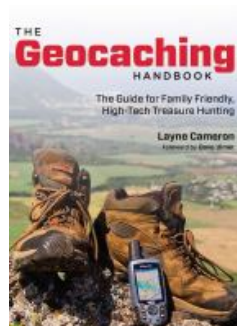
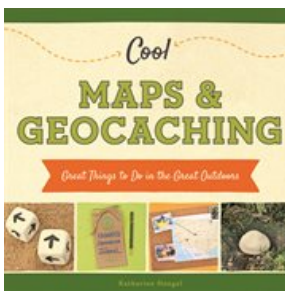
## McClatchy Geocache

by **Linda Sabella**

Did you know that Ella K. McClatchy Library holds an adventure and hidden mystery OUTSIDE its walls? **Yes, our library is home to a geocache.** Geocaching is like a treasure hunt. Someone places a container in a hidden area and posts its GPS coordinates online along with a small description of the location. Players use their phones or other GPS devices to see if they are “hot” or “cold” in their search to find the container.

Even though the inside of the library remains closed to patrons, you can still find adventure at Ella K. McClatchy Library. Visit <http://geocaching.com>.

Check out geocaching books from SPL if you want more information,



## Ride and Read

by Sacramento Regional Transit

The next time you ride SacRT light rail, you may find yourself stepping into a literary adventure. SacRT and the Sacramento Public Library have teamed up to create an immersive introduction to library services in the digital age.

It’s called the Rolling Library Train. When you board the train, you will feel like you’ve walked into a cozy library. The interior walls are decorated with an artistic wrap depicting rows and rows of books on shelves.

The best part? Those “bookshelves” are dotted with hidden QR codes. It’s a bit of a treasure hunt. Find a code, scan it with your smartphone camera, and you can instantly download a free ebook, an audiobook, or even a movie to watch as you ride or save it for later.

You can also read about online classes offered by the library system, including courses for high school diplomas and job training. Or learn how you can actually check out a lawn mower from the library. More importantly, the year-long library train program will showcase the ways in which a venerated public library system has been quietly but dramatically expanding its services in the digital era.

The Library Train will travel on both the Blue and Gold light rail lines. Learn more about the library train at [sacrt.com/rollinglibrary](http://sacrt.com/rollinglibrary).

*When the public has access to its library, every year Nancy Gotthart brings her to-die-for gingerbread to the Library Open House. Sadly, we have no open house this year, but with a little effort you can still have the gingerbread. To the right, Nancy shares her recipe with us.*



## The Very Best Gingerbread by Nancy Gotthart

Preheat the oven to 350 degrees. Butter & dust w/ flour a 9-inch spring-form cake pan.

### INGREDIENTS:

2 cups unbleached all-purpose flour  
 2 tsp baking soda,  
 1 ¼ tsp kosher salt  
 1 tsp each ground cloves, cinnamon & ginger  
 (These spices are best if you grind them yourself in a coffee grinder.)  
 1 cup sugar  
 1 cup dark molasses  
 1 cup canola oil  
 3 large eggs (at room temperature)  
 1 cup boiling water

### DIRECTIONS:

Combine dry ingredients in a bowl & whisk together. In a generous mixing bowl, whisk (or beat) the sugar & wet ingredients until smooth, one or two minutes. Add dry ingredients to the wet & blend, scraping the bowl once or twice. Be gentle. If you over mix the batter it will be too thin & the cake tough.

Pour batter into prepared pan & bake for 55-60 minutes in the center of the oven. You may want to place a tray below to catch any possible drips. Test with a toothpick at 55 minutes (50, if you are very anxious); when it comes out clean, you're good to go. Place cake pan on a wire rack & let cool 15 or 20 minutes before removing the sides from the pan.

I recommend serving the gingerbread while it's still warm (but you knew that!), the only trouble being that it's hard to stop eating (but you knew that, too).

A word to the wise, ALWAYS use the best quality ingredients. Grinding your own spices freshly makes a whale of a difference in flavor. I prefer KING ARTHUR FLOUR, & I like canola oil because there is less oleaginous mouth-feel in the final product. An additional note: using another baking container, glass or ceramic, will change cooking time & the outcome of your effort.

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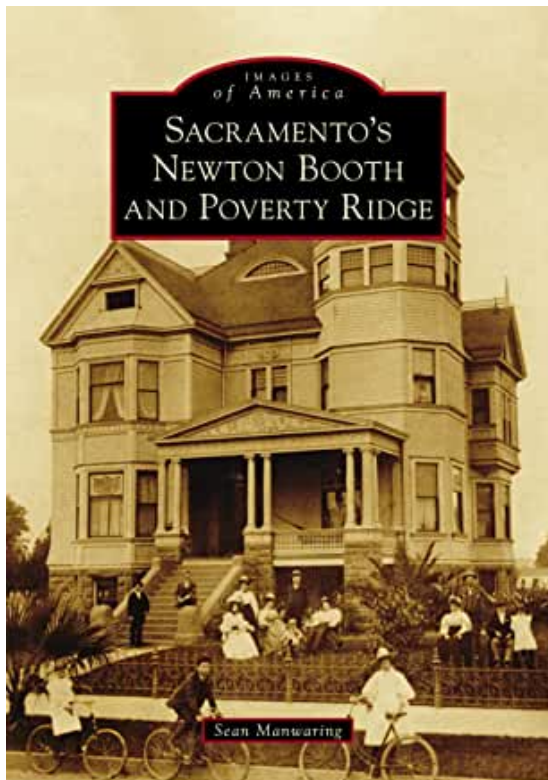
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It's hard to stroll past the lovely historic homes around McClatchy Library without speculating on what life was like a hundred or so years ago. Historian Sean Manwaring's book gives us that history with photos of the buildings and of some of the people who built the area.

See the two-room wooden school that first housed area children. View the people and places from World War II. Note the development of the light rail. Check out the time someone ran a truck in the main door of Round Corner Tavern.

The library has the book you can check out, or you can buy your own from Barnes and Noble.

To view the presentation Sean made about our history, go to SPL's You Tube channel  
[:https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_DU9oiIrEKA&t=144s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_DU9oiIrEKA&t=144s)