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A Note from the President of the Board -- Alice Schnaidt

As we begin a new year, the Friends of Ella K. McClatchy board has new leadership. I am honored to serve as our new president alongside a dedicated group of women who love the McClatchy Library like me. I have volunteered here since 2015 and have served as the Sunroom Manager before being elected president.

I used to take my children to McClatchy when the children's room was where the computer room is now, sitting in a big cushy chair reading stories like we were at grandma's house. Though the configuration of books and services have changed since the 1980s, the atmosphere and hominess have not. Services have expanded to reflect technological advances and to meet the needs of the community which the McClatchy board is dedicated to supporting. How do we meet these needs? It's done in several ways.

Our Board works closely with our branch manager, Cara Latham, to create synergy and partnership between the Board and staff. McClatchy also receives generous financial donations for which we are grateful. We also raise money by encouraging people to become a Friend of McClatchy Library (a portion of the membership goes directly to McClatchy) and to visit our Sunroom Bookstore located off the children's room. All the proceeds from the Sunroom go to McClatchy Friends. Where do we get all the items we sell? Through generous donations from our community members like you. We have a team, led by Patti Teale, who sorts through all the donations and when we find a "treasure", it is sent to the Book Den and sold on Amazon. (McClatchy gets a portion of the net sale.) Spring and winter book sales at the branch offer a wider variety of books and audio-visual materials.

Please, McClatchy Friends -- If you haven't visited this branch lately, check out our new Sunroom, walk around the library and imagine the McClatchy family living there and enjoy Sacramento's unique treasure.

2025 McClatchy Friends Board

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 Nancy Gotthart

Sharing Our Stories — Maryellen Burns

Walk through the neighborhoods served by McClatchy Library on any given day and you'll find yourself surrounded by a living tapestry—broad trees overhead, historic homes leaning slightly with age, cats napping on porch steps, and the occasional hawk circling in the blue above. It's not just a place—it's a community in the truest sense of the word, full of people who know the value of where they live and what it means to be a part of something.

And yet, how often do we pause long enough to talk to the people around us—not just a wave or a quick hello, but a conversation that reveals something of ourselves? Sharing our stories with neighbors and listening to theirs is one of the most essential and rewarding acts we can engage in. It builds trust. It strengthens bonds. It reminds us that we are not alone in this fast-spinning world.

Every house here has a past. Some were once boarding houses, others the homes of prominent families or quiet artists. Trees on the block have survived windstorms, drought, and time. Longtime residents can recall the neighborhood when the trolley ran, or when milk was delivered. Newcomers, too, bring stories—of what drew them here, why they stayed, and how they see this place growing. These stories matter. They ground us.

Even the natural world around us whispers stories. The coyote that sometimes darts through an alley. The oak trees that have stood for generations. The scent of camellias in spring. These small wonders connect us to cycles of time and remind us that neighborhoods aren't just collections of houses—they're living ecosystems.

Many of us feel a pull toward community but don't always know how to start. The truth is it begins with something as simple as a conversation. A wave across the street becomes a smile. A shared concern over a lost pet becomes a friendship. Ask your neighbor about their house. Share what brought you here. Sit on your porch for an extra ten minutes and see who passes by.

Places like McClatchy Library make this even easier. It's more than just a library—it's a meeting place, a keeper of neighborhood history, and a quiet stage where local voices can speak. Imagine a neighborhood story night. A walking tour where residents tell the stories of their homes. A bulletin board where neighbors post memories. All of this starts with that first "hello."

As the world seems to move faster and communication becomes more virtual, the value of face-to-face connection becomes even more vital. When we share our stories, we affirm that this place matters. That we matter to each other. And in doing so, we help preserve the spirit of our community for the generations who will walk these sidewalks after us.

So, here's your invitation: Next time you're at the McClatchy Library tell someone your story. Ask to hear theirs. You may be surprised by what you learn—and how deeply it makes you feel at home.

Spring Book Sale
June 7th
11 am - 3 p.m.

Thank you, Nancy

This is a note of thanks to Nancy Gotthart, for all her years of service as an officer of the Friends of Ella K. McClatchy board. Nancy served as President from January 2014 to December 2018 and then again from January 2020 to December 2024. Her leadership kept the McClatchy Friends strong and steady through many changes in the system library's goals and culture. The pandemic brought new challenges and Nancy held steadfast, working in concert with the library manager, to get McClatchy opened, while meeting the stricter COVID safety standards. As an artist, poet,



author, and translator, Nancy's love and respect for McClatchy shined through – she led with calmness, reason, a respect for history and preservation, yet was never afraid to take steps into the future to meet the needs of the community.

Nancy will remain on the board as a member-at-large, so this note is just a big thank you!

Library Happenings: Updates from Cara Latham

There's always something happening at the library, and we're excited to share our upcoming events.

Storytelling Workshops For Job Interviews



Saturday, April 26, from 1- 3 p.m.

Learn to utilize the power of storytelling as a tool in job interviews, focusing on the positive aspects of your lived experience to present yourself as the ideal candidate for the position. In these two-hour workshops, participants will work with staff from **Capital Storytelling** and **Sacramento Public Library** to gain insights into reframing personal and work histories to improve and expand job interview skills.

Registration opens 3 weeks before the event date and is recommended, but not required, to attend.





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Weekly Programs:

Join us every Tuesday at **12 noon** for *Explore and Learn*, a fun and interactive program for children ages 0–5 and their caretakers. It's a great way to encourage early literacy and make new friends!

Book Club:

The *CLASSICS* Book Club meets on the **second and fourth Saturdays** of the month at **10:30 a.m.** Come dive into timeless reads and engaging discussions with fellow book lovers.

Yoga Classes: Unwind with weekly yoga sessions throughout **August**. All levels welcome! **Adult Art Class:** Tap into your creativity this **June** with a hands-on art class designed just for adults. **Sound Bath Meditation:** This **July**, experience the soothing and healing power of sound with a special *Sound Bath Meditation* session presented by *Brown Sugar Bandages*.

Big Day of Giving April 17 to May 1, 2025

Here's your opportunity to support the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library during this year's Big Day of Giving fundraising period, April 17 to May 1. This year the Friends will continue to put books in the hands of young readers through the Library's Book First and Children's Summer Reading programs.

The Library's goal is to support 13,000 students through Book First in 550 classrooms in underserved schools in Sacramento County during the 2025-2026 school year. These first-grade students will receive two books to keep and to help grow their reading skills.

The Library's Summer Reading program helps reach and support 15,000 youth readers to help them build on their learning during the school year and enable them thrive over the summer. Friends provide funds for a free book as a reward for children and teens who read at least five books during the summer break.

With your support on Big Day of Giving, the Friends will raise funds to allow the Library to purchase more than 50,000 books for kids through its Children's Summer Reading and Book First programs.

\$25 = Books to support 5 readers

\$75 = Books to support 15 readers

\$125 = Books for 25 readers (1 classroom)

\$300 = Books for 60 readers

\$500 = Book giveaway for 1 youth outreach event

Donors can write a check to the System Friends anytime from April 17 through May 1 to bypass the five percent processing fee. To access the early-giving site, <https://saclibfriends.org/book-first/>, click on Support Book First and Summer Reading.



Big Day of Giving helps keep the library fun, full of books, and open for everyone.

If you are a night owl, you could help the Friends win an award for the most donations in the first hour of BDOG by donating between 12:01 a.m. and 12:59 a.m. May 1, at the BDOG site, <https://www.bigdayofgiving.org/>

To have your donation matched, the best time slot to donate is 7:00 a.m.

Friends can also help by sharing this information with others, whether or not they are Friends' members, and by volunteering to write thank-you notes.