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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Alice Schnaidt

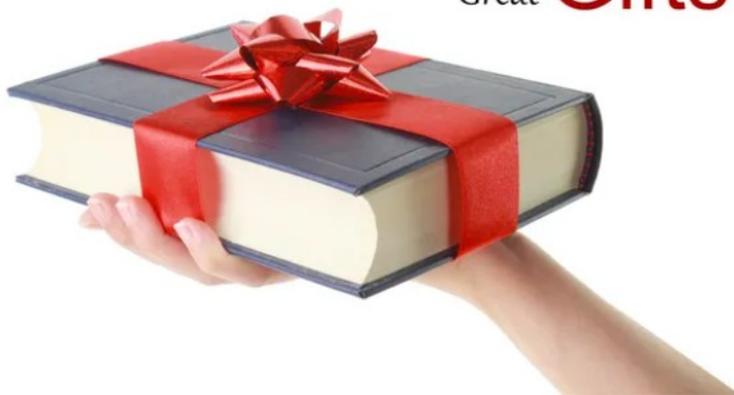
As we come to the end of another year, I look back at all the progress we have made at McClatchy Library. Our **Sunroom Bookstore** and semi-annual book sales have been great successes, thanks to incredible patron donations, Patti's leadership and the active McClatchy Friends board participation. With the proceeds from the sales, we have been able to continue our support of the Library to better serve you, our patrons and Friends.

We will be having our **Winter book sale on Saturday, December 6th** from **11 am to 3 pm** upstairs in the Community Room. There will be books that will be put out especially for the sale, as well as many more books in your favorite genres. You will see me roaming around, greeting people and inviting you to join the **Friends of McClatchy**. Please feel free to share what programs you would like to see at our library, how we can better serve you, and of course what we are doing well.

At my recent book group gathering, we read and discussed **Fledgling** by Octavia Butler. It is a science fiction novel about vampires – but not like what you see as portrayed in the movies. This book explores racism, class, slavery and community among other social interactions. For a step out of your comfort zone and into another society, cuddle up with this good read and make sure you have some hot chocolate to keep you warm.

See you **December 6th**!

Books are
Great Gifts



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Friends of the Sacramento Public Library Raises \$120,000 During 2025 Big Day of Giving



Members of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library presented a check to the Library at the Sacramento Joint Powers Authority Board Meeting on September 25, 2025

Thanks to your generosity during the **2025 Big Day of Giving**, the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library was able to write a check to the Sacramento Public Library for \$120,000 for its **Book First** and **Summer Reading** programs. Each year, the Library and the Friends team up to visit classrooms and put books in the hands of first graders in Sacramento County's highest-need schools. For many students, the books they take home are their very first books, and it helps to spark their joy of reading. These funds will make it possible to reach more than 13,000 Sacramento County first graders with two new books and a gift packet, as well as extend this early-literacy effort into a robust Summer Reading Program.

In addition, free books are donated at community outreach events as well as to local health care and juvenile justice facilities through the **Friends' Book Den**, providing gently used books to our neighbors and friends.



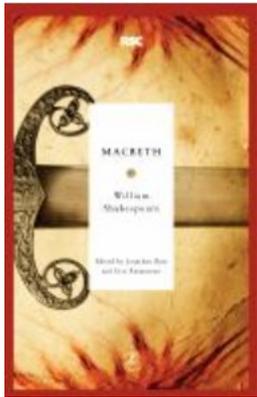
Book Clubs, and More!

Jane Austen at the Book Den

As part of the **December 14th** (noon to 3 p.m.) **Jane Austen birthday tea**, the **Book Den** ([8250 Belvedere Ave, Sacramento](#)) is hosting a special guest, Cassie Sassarego, talking about how Christmas was celebrated during Miss Jane's time. We will also have teapots of all kinds for sale, ending the year on a very high note, if not high tea.



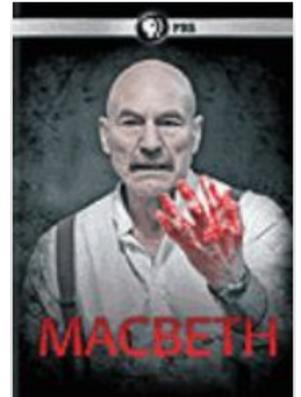
MacBeth at the McClatchy Library



[The Tragedy of Macbeth](#) was originally performed in 1606 and is Shakespeare's shortest tragedy. Due to superstition, many consider it bad luck to say the title within a theatre, so it is often referred to as "The Scottish Play."

Your assignment is to [read](#) and/or watch the play, then meet to discuss it on **December 13** (10:30 a.m. to noon). You can either attend a live performance or watch a recording via [Alexander Street](#), [Kanopy](#), or [DVD](#).

This is a "hybrid" program that meets both in-person at the **McClatchy Library** and virtually on **Zoom**. Registration is not required to attend in person; [but is required for Zoom](#).



McKinley Library is Sharing Recommendations of Quick Reads for 2026

Quick Reads are books of less than 200 pages. Join us each month on the second **Saturday at 11:30 a.m. (next on 12/13)** for lively discussions about diverse titles, authors, topics, and content.

This month, we will be sharing recommendations of books less than 200 pages long (or any length books or audiobooks). No prior reading necessary if you want to join for the recommendations. New participants are always welcome!

Between the Covers: Romance Book Group

BYOB: 2025 Rants and Raves

The "Between the Covers" romance book group invites romance readers to join us virtually to discuss a delightfully diverse collection of romance novels on the second Saturday of the month. This month (**12/13 1-2:15 p.m.**) we're talking about the best and worst reads of the year. Attendees are encouraged to bring a favorite title to share with the group, the one that you raved about to everyone after you read it, and a title that you ranted about after you read it. If there's time we'll talk about what we're looking forward to reading next. This is a meeting guaranteed to fill up your TBR for the new year!

Register here: [Between the Covers: Romance Book Group - Sacramento Public Library](#)



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY?



By Cara Latham, Library Manager

The holidays are upon us, and that brings change. One big change will be a new branch manager at Ella K. McClatchy in 2026. I have loved my time here, but now need to focus on some family matters closer to home. Another change will be the absence of long time library assistant Jose at the front desk. He retired on October 31st. We wish him the best and hope to see him around every now and then. You will continue to see me, as McClatchy is my designated home branch!

Working here at the McClatchy house has been a highlight of my career — see you all at the library!

But first, patrons are looking forward to the **December Booksale** (12/6/25, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., upstairs at the McClatchy Library) and are excited to donate and attend.

We will all miss Cara, our current library manager



Friends Winter Book Sale

Saturday, December 6

11 am – 3 pm

Ella K. McClatchy Library

Books, Books, Lotsa Books!

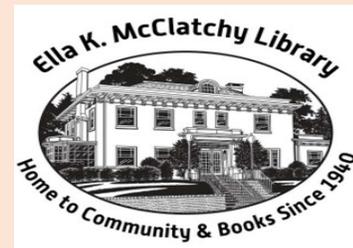
Great Costume Jewelry

Games, Puzzles, CDs, DVDs, and more!

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