



December 2025

Newsletter



First of all, there is no monthly meeting December and January. The Book group will meet in December on the 11th at the Placerville Main Library from 1-3 PM, but not in January.

We had a wonderful meeting in November and held our Annual Business Meeting.

The results of the Annual Business Meeting:

The Board suggested that the dues be raised to \$30 per year and members in the audience motioned to have the dues at \$40 per year, that was passed overwhelmingly by the membership.

The bylaws were amended to take out the provision that anyone joining after June 1 of the year “may pay half price”. That also passed, and the bylaws are posted on the website under the About section. <https://www.srsedc.org/about/>

The proposed budget passed.

Officers and Board members were voted on: Carol Heape was voted in as Vice President, Linda Westwood as Secretary, and Norm Orrick and Bill Robinson were voted as Members at large. They all were incumbents.

Books for December group discussion

December 11, 2025 will be a review of the books that were read and discussed in 2025. Below is the list of books we read so far in 2025.

January	<i>Long Island</i>	Colin Toibin
February	<i>Endurance</i>	Alfred Lansing
March	<i>Bereaved</i>	Julia Clark Tracy
April	<i>Encounter with the Last Arch Druid</i> (David Bower)	John McPhee
May	<i>House Rules</i>	John Irving
June	Any Banned Book discussion cancelled due to Eldorado County Fair	
July	Any Banned Book	
August	<i>Emerald Mile</i>	Kevin Fedarko
September	<i>The Very Short History of Life on Earth</i>	Henry Gee
October	<i>The Story of Edgar Sawtelle</i>	David Wroblewski
November	Whatever we're reading	

The **book for February** will be announced in the January Newsletter. The book club is still working with the library to secure the same dates and location for next year. That will be announced in the January newsletter also.

Sierra Renaissance Society of El Dorado County Calendar		
2026 Dates	Presentation Subject	Speaker
January No Meeting	No Presentation	
February 20, 2026	Senior Health	Mindy Danavaro & Marshall staff
March 20, 2026	El Dorado Community Foundation, Reflections & Visions	Amy Pooley
April 17, 2026	Historic Hostility Over Healing Herbs: 17th Century Controversy and Culpeper or Historical Medical Alternatives	Roberta Bailey
May 15, 2026	Emergent Behavior and the Nexus with Philanthropy	Bill Roby
June 19, 2026	History of Lincoln Highway	Mike Robert
July 17, 2026	Ice Cream Social	
August 21, 2026	Native Plants of EDC	Kit Veerkamp
September 18, 2026	Eradicating Waterborne Disease in the Developing World	Richard Blodget
All meetings will be held at the Mother Lode Lions Hall 4701 Missouri Flat Rd. Diamond Springs 1-3 PM		

What's Happening this Month and Next

Thursday

December 11th

Book Group meets 1-3 PM

Placerville Main Library

345 Fair Lane, Placerville

No Meetings in January

Thursday

February 12th 2026

Book Group meets 1-3 PM

Location to be announced in January Newsletter

Friday

February 20th 2026

Monthly Meeting

4701 Missouri Flat Rd, Diamond Springs

Mother Lode Lions Hall 1-3 PM

A Link to You Tube videos of previous presentations:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sierrarenaissancesociety6812>

A PDF of the newsletter can be found on the SRSedc.com website at the link below:

[Newsletter in PDF link](#)

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