

# Five things to know today, and what Sacramentans are reading

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You survived January, Sacramento. Forget those failed resolutions and enter February with some pep in your step. Expect a variety of new business openings this month, ranging from a downtown wine bar to a new Elks Tower eatery. Nationally, people are psyched about today's Iowa caucuses. Do we have any predictions? Nah. We'll stay impartial and change the subject by casually directing you to today's headlines.

## What you're reading

The Sacramento Public Library has released its list of the most circulated books of 2015, and the No. 1 title doesn't involve any shades of grey. Paula Hawkins' mystery, "The Girl on the Train," topped the fiction category. Comedienne Amy Poehler's "Yes, Please" was most popular in the nonfiction category. The latter list contains some business-related titles, including "The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do in Life and Business" and "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World That Can't Stop Talking."



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## Three groups, one roof?

Before you head to your local library, stick with us for some cohabitation news. Sacramento's largest ethnic chambers are thinking of moving in together— but it's not a done deal. Those groups are the Sacramento Asian Pacific Chamber of Commerce, Sacramento Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Sacramento Black Chamber of Commerce. The concept of co-location among the ethnic chambers has been discussed for years. In recent weeks, representatives have had more detailed conversations about how such a move could work. The three organizations would retain full autonomy and staff. But they would share office and event space, and possibly some administrative functions.

## Big news for midtown building

Speaking of changes, here's another one to put on your radar. A midtown office building partially occupied by the Lionakis architecture firm has sold and will be converted to include retail space over the next year. The building at 1900-1914 S St. sold for \$3.5 million to Potter-Taylor & Co., a Sacramento commercial development firm. By year's end, one or more retailers could open in the building.

## Local coffee shop closing

But it's tough out there for some retailers, especially those who fill the region's crowded coffee scene. Just ask Java Mama Folsom, the Broadstone Marketplace coffee shop that will close at the end of the month. In a Facebook post, one of the owners attributed the closure to a rent increase. The cafe opened two years ago and offered indoor play areas for

children. So watch out, Starbucks patrons. You might see more young guests convinced your laptop table is a jungle gym.

### **One final Bacon Fest shout-out**

Sacramento Bacon Fest is officially over. How's your cholesterol? The festivities wrapped up on Sunday with a chefs' competition, where Jason Azevedo of Hock Farm Craft & Provisions took the top honor. Get mouth-watering details with these tweets, then go back to eating your hummus sandwich.

Despite a lack of sanctioned bacon activities, we think February will still be awesome. Go conquer the day.

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