

Staff Favorites: Lori Recommends



As the weather cools, settle in with a cup of hot tea and travel to the British Isles through two mystery series written by Ann Cleeves. She is the 2017 winner of the coveted CWA Diamond

Dagger award. The **Vera Stanhope series** is set in NE England. Start with *The Crow Trap*—a new quarry project is proposed in a small village and many betrayals are brought to the surface. Inspector Jimmy Perez untangles puzzling crimes in the **Shetland Islands series**. The first book in the series is the award winning *Raven Black*—the body of a teenager is found in the snow and the investigation uncovers secrets from the past. After you've finished the books, watch the TV shows on DVD. Season 4 of Shetland will be released in October and Season 8 of Vera will be released in December.



Kids' Winter Reading Challenge: There's Snow Better Time to Read

Kids in Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to participate in the 2019 Winter Reading Challenge. Following along with a reading guide, participants will build a library snowman. Pick up your reading guide beginning December 17th. The challenge ends on Friday, February 22nd.



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USC Library Book Discussion Groups

Did you know that the library has four book discussion groups? The groups meet at various times and on various days to help meet the interests and schedules of participants. Join in the discussions—read books, meet people, and share your thoughts while enjoying tasty refreshments.

- **Bring Your Own Book.** Drop in each month to chat about what you are currently reading. No special preparation is required. The group meets on the 3rd Friday of the month at 2 pm.
- **Cozy Up With Books.** Join the crew of this Thursday morning book club. Sip tea, snack on goodies and discuss some interesting books. The group meets on the 1st Thursday of the month at 10 am.
- **Let's Talk: A Non-Fiction Book Group.** This exciting non-fiction book group meets on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 pm. Participants discuss all kinds of topics including history, culture, current events, and more!
- **Wow: Women of Words.** Gather with other ladies to talk about various books of interest. This book group meets on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 7 pm.

Book groups meet select months during the year. Please call the library or visit the Events Calendar on the library website for meeting dates and times. All groups meet at the library.

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