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**A Night at the State Library presents:  
*Spirited Tales from the Old City Cemetery***

SACRAMENTO – **A Night at the State Library** presents an evening with the Sacramento City Cemetery on Wednesday, October 17. As Halloween approaches, what better time to hear the stories of Sacramento's long-departed pioneers and early citizens? This free evening program begins with light refreshments when doors open at 5 p.m. The program begins at 6 p.m.

Judy Eitzen of the Old City Cemetery Committee will be dressed in Victorian-era mourning clothes as she entertains listeners with tales of murder, espionage, and highly dysfunctional families of Sacramento's past.

The City Cemetery is Sacramento's oldest, established in 1849 when Captain John Sutter donated 10 acres to the city. More than 25,000 pioneers, immigrants, their families and descendants are buried there, including such notable figures as Sacramento city founder Captain John A. Sutter, Jr., lawyer and art collector E.B. Crocker, and railroad mogul Mark Hopkins. Also buried there is Donner Party survivor Phillipine Keseberg, wife of that ill-fated group's most infamous survivor, Louis Keseberg, who once boasted that human liver was the best meat he ever ate.

The City Cemetery was designed in the Victorian Garden style, which was popular in the mid to late 1800s. Through neglect and vandalism, the cemetery grounds eventually fell into disrepair. The Old City Cemetery Committee was organized in 1986 to preserve the cemetery's gravestones and restore the gardens to their original beauty.

**WHERE:** 900 N Street in Sacramento

**WHEN:** Wednesday, October 17. Doors open at 5:00 pm. Presentation begins at 6:00 pm.  
**The event is free with RSVP.**

**RSVP:** [rfontaine@library.ca.gov](mailto:rfontaine@library.ca.gov) or 916.653.9942

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