

# TRUE CRIME MINI-CON 2019

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## Schedule

12:00	Opening Sketch and Welcome/Logistics
12:15	Presentation: How DNA Caught the Golden State Killer
1:15	Author Panel
2:15	True Crime Trivia
2:45	Presentation: Murder is Her Beat
4:00	Trivia Winner Announced, Meet and Greet + Book Sales

## Media Links

*Does not include online event calendars*

- [SPL Authors Uncovered Podcast](#)
- [Sacramento Public Library to host conference on city's macabre history of serial killers](#)
- [Symposium of Sin](#)
- [True Crime Mini Con](#)
- [Sacramento Library to Host True Crime Mini-Con!](#)
- SPL Website URL: [www.saclibrary.org/truecrime](http://www.saclibrary.org/truecrime) (no longer an active link)

## Opening Sketch

*Written by Geoffrey Rohde, Librarian, with editor Stuart S., Librarian*

**Stuart:** Hello Everyone! And welcome to the first Annual True Crime Mini Con!

**Geoff:** And if we actually do something right today, we might have another one... Today we gather with a common interest in the deviant mindset of some of the world's most notorious crimes and criminals, of today and yesteryear.

**Stuart:** A crime almost 100 years old is a perfect example: Leopold and Loeb, 2 wealthy, brilliant young men at the University of Chicago in 1924, with a combined IQ of over 500, wanted to prove their intellectual superiority by committing the perfect crime, kidnapping and murdering 14-year-old Bobby Franks. They were however, caught a mere 8 days later when Leopold's glasses were discovered at the crime scene and traced back to him through his eye doctor.

**Geoff:** Ah... CSI at its infancy. The families retained famed defense attorney Clarence Darrow, who successfully defended the boys against the death penalty. When asked why he would stake his esteemed reputation to work with such heinous thrill killers, he replied, "Because I was fascinated that these two men couldn't pull off a simple hit..."

**Stuart:** Ummmm Geoff, he never said that...

**Geoff:** Well, it sure sounds like something he'd say...

**Stuart:** But which brings us to a good point that not all serial killers work alone... Henry Lee Lucas and Otis Toole, The Manson Family, Delfina and Maria Gonzalez...

**Geoff:** A testament to teamwork...

**Stuart:** (*rolling eyes*) Moving on... True crime has never been more popular than in film and TV. Ratings and box offices soar with legions of fans going to see the likes of both Mark Harmon and Zac Efron playing Ted Bundy, Charlize Theron as Aileen Wuornos in *Monster*, Robert Blake in *In Cold Blood*...

**Geoff:** Madonna in *Evita*...

**Stuart:** Wait? What?? *Evita*? Eva Peron wasn't a serial killer...

**Geoff:** Well no, but I heard she was a raging b...

**Stuart:** (*interrupts Geoff*) ANYWAY!! California's been in the news in the past few years with the long overdue capture of the golden state killer, Joseph James DeAngelo. Though no stranger to infamous crime, California also hosts Sacramento's own Dorothea Puente, Richard Ramirez, AKA the Night Stalker, and the Zodiac killer, who has never been caught...

**Geoff:** And I thought Wisconsin was bad...

**Stuart:** It is... talkin' 'bout you Dahmer...

**Geoff:** But clearly not all True Crime deals with bodily harm. Let's not forget criminal or egregious acts forged for the almighty dollar.

**Stuart:** Bernie Madoff and the Ponzi scheme, notorious bank robbers Bonnie and Clyde, and John Dillinger, notorious outlaw and train robber Jesse James.

**Geoff:** ...and Macmillan Publishing. So, with no further ado, let's get this show started!

### Feedback Questions and Responses

*Majority answers for objective questions are in red; majority answers for subjective questions are noted after the question.*

1. Would you attend a future True Crime Mini-Con at Sacramento Public Library? (**Yes**, No, Uncertain)
2. What was most enjoyable about the True Crime Mini-Con? Majority responses represented by a word cloud: DNA presentation, speakers, author talks/panel,
3. What was least enjoyable about the True Crime Mini-Con? Majority responses represented by a word cloud: authors, breaks, trivia difficulty
4. Are there topics you would like us to consider including in the future? If so, please feel free to share them. Majority responses represented by a word cloud: local crimes, law enforcement, detectives
5. How did you hear about the True Crime Mini-Con? (Choose all that are appropriate.)  
(**SPL website**; SPL social media; Flyer in library; **From a friend/word of mouth**; other (please specify))
6. Please choose your preference regarding the length of a future event: (An event shorter than this year's; **An event the same length as this year's**; An event longer than this year's)
7. Please choose your preference regarding the format of a future event: (A schedule like this year's event, where everyone participates in everything; Options in the form of break-out sessions, even if it means missing some to attend others) **Results: 50.85% chose the first option; 49.15% chose the second option.**
8. How would you rate the True Crime Mini-Con compared to your expectations?  
(Options: 1 = not at all what I expected; 5 = exactly what I expected; 10 = even better than I expected)  
**Result: overall average score of 9**

## Miscellaneous Notes

Prize pack given away to the winner of the trivia challenge included: books donated by the authors; library-branded swag (including the bag this was all put into!); original Clue board game; Sherlock Holmes mystery game; personal alarm device.