



The Futurist Edition with Dr. Parag Khanna

A Message From the President

Keys to Relevance



Marci Meaux
CPLF President

Being relevant has always been essential to our Carmel Public Library and the Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF) mission. Global events over the past two years have increased its importance of staying relevant and changed the fundamentals of what is required to deliver true value to our community. So what is the key to staying relevant? We have focused on three essentials.

First, stay connected. By pivoting to on-line CPLF Community library programs, we were able to safely continue to bring vital and interesting information to our patrons. When it became possible to gather, we again pivoted the Community programs, this time making them available either in-person or on-line. Our attendance has been exceptional with both options! We plan to continue the dual alternative next year, giving our community the prospect of joining us however they choose. It is one of the many ways we work to quench the thirst for knowledge, learning and connectivity.

Second, inspire. Over the last decade there have been a number of societal transformations – climate, socio-economic, geo-political, technology, and more. This year's annual fundraising event, The Futurist Edition with Dr. Parag Khanna, was an opportunity to have a world-class speaker provide insights into these transformative events, and context for the present as well as the future. Baby Boomers and Gen Z attendees alike found his talk insightful and encouraging. I am grateful to our many sponsors and volunteers who made the evening so successful.

Third, empower. The resources and services offered by our library create opportunities for learning, support literacy and education, and help shape the new ideas and perspectives that are central to a creative and innovative society. Our library staff have worked hard to make sure we had access to these resources, even when the doors were closed. Circulation statistics are proof of our ongoing desire to stay informed and engaged. With library staff expanding and hours of operation increasing, providing access to our resources is a little easier and certainly more enjoyable.

As I close out my year as CPLF President, I especially want to thank our many donors who make it possible for us to keep the Carmel Public Library open, relevant and thriving. Together, we successfully navigate all the forces that are creating change by providing valuable resources and social connections. You truly make the difference for all of us!

–Marci Meaux



Carmel High School teacher and students at The Futurist Edition

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Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

Libraries do play an essential role in a community's social infrastructure as a trusted resource and community hub. We saw this firsthand during a controversial

election when voters turned to our library as a place to cast their vote. We see it abroad right now in Ukraine where librarians have been helping civilians and military personnel by providing training in home care for the injured and temporary shelter for displaced civilians. This past April New York City's Brooklyn Public Library took a stand against growing censorship with their "books unbanned initiative" providing a free digital card to young readers nationwide to the library's full eBook collection.

Libraries continue to serve as community builders, centers for learning, and champions of youth. They preserve important historic artifacts, oral and digital history relevant to the community and serve as catalysts for addressing social issues. Our Fireside Chats at the Library for example encouraged stimulating discourse this past year that included discussions about the vitality of the California Dream and the individual vs the collective mindset. Our Community Nights with the Library programs and Local History lectures broadened

our perspective and cultural appreciation with a glimpse into Carmel's Gilded Age, a deep dive into Carmel Bay's "living laboratory," and a journey with the film, *Sonita* about a teen-age female Afghani refugee who seizes her destiny through music. We celebrated the local literary provocateur, Henry Miller, learned about the critical effects of technology and the importance of cyber security, visited outer space with 3 retired astronauts,

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uncovered hidden architectural gems by architect MJ Murphy, got on "the Honeybus" with local author Meredith May and for our annual event engaged global strategist and acclaimed author, Dr. Parag Khanna in an effort to gain a greater understanding of the many converging complexities of our time. Thanks to your generous support we are able to continue in the tradition of our literary and cultural ancestors ~ to engage, discover, and expand our minds together while helping to keep our library open and relevant and thriving.

Thank you.



Your Library Doesn't Stop.

In person and online, we're always here for you.

Ashlee Wright, Library and Community Activities Director

We are very excited about our new library staff members and as a result of these new additions have been able to increase our hours of

operation in both library building locations. We will continue this incremental expansion of hours as new staff members join our team.

Please join us for our outdoor Summer Reading Program at Devendorf Park in Carmel. Get ready! Your youngster will learn and have fun with acrobats and animals, rock painting, flower planting and more! Check out the Library's website for the full schedule.

As always, thank you to all of you for your continued support.

*To build up a library is to create a life.
It's never just a random collection of books.*

—CARLOS MARÍA DOMÍNGUEZ



Librarians, Katie O'Connell, Renee Martine, Jeanette Campbell and CPLF Development Associate, Anita Mitchell celebrate the launch of The Gathering Place, the first free meeting space in Carmel – located in the Harrison Memorial Library.

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For more information, please contact the Foundation's executive director, Alexandra Fallon, at (831) 624-2811 or visit our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.

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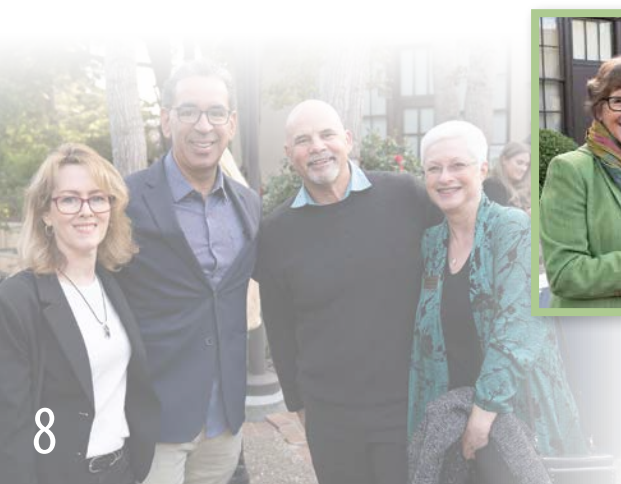
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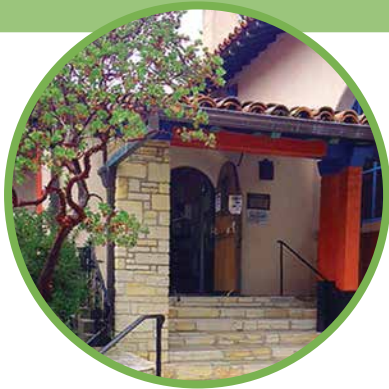
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Diane Danvers Simmonds is a mother, world-traveler, writer, film-maker, reiki master, and former brand strategist. She was an international advertising executive, and founder of a women's empowerment brand, Own It Feel It Live It. She has been an active community member for various non-profit organizations including; the Women's Fund Leadership Council and Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Diane is also a writer and published her first novel, *My Mother Next Door* in November 2021.



Bob Kramer is the Founder and President of both Visionary Strategic Consulting, and The Prosperity Leadership forum of Monterey and Salinas. Both are award-winning cutting-edge firms with expertise in management consulting and executive coaching. Since 1999, Bob has served as senior counselor/consultant for the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) as well as Adjunct Professor at the Fisher Graduate School of International Business (MBA Business Plans) at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies in Monterey, CA.



Sara McCary has decades of experience in both in for profit as well as non-profit organizations. She has had leadership roles including; Director of Gift Planning and Major Gifts for educational institutions such as The Blake School, and the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. Some of her philanthropic endeavors include volunteering for hospice, Second Bloom and the Carmel Public Library Foundation.

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