

CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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A Message From the President

Looking Forward



Jenice Schultheis,
CPLF President

It has been my pleasure to serve on the board of the Carmel Public Library Foundation for the past five years, and I'm pleased to take the helm as President for the upcoming year. The Carmel Public Library Foundation exists to provide our beloved library with all the books, periodicals and online resources it needs to remain relevant in our quickly changing world.

In this upcoming year, the Foundation is helping with two exciting new projects that will give our community a place to gather to exchange ideas and have thoughtful discussions. First, a refresh of the lobby area at the Park Branch will make our Children's Library and Henry Meade Williams Local History Department even more inviting. Please stop by and take a look! Additionally, the Foundation is working with the Library Board and Library Director, Ashlee Wright to create a new Meeting Space on the main level of the Harrison Memorial Library that will give our community a place to gather for book clubs, nonprofits, student groups and more. We would like to acknowledge the vision and generosity of Lacy Williams Buck, who has provided matching funds for this project.

Philanthropy Day

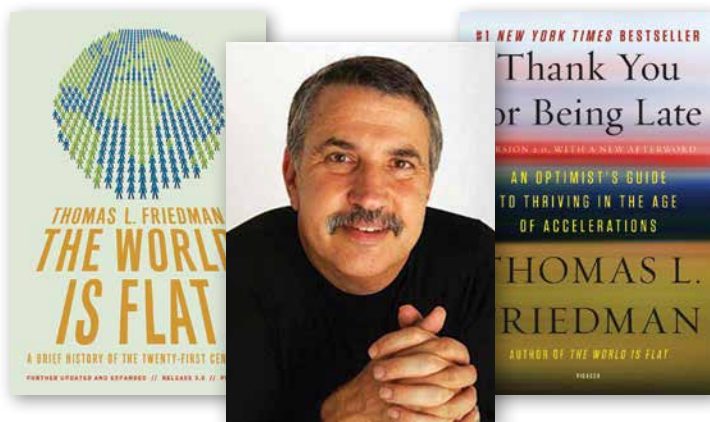
Carmel Public Library Foundation's selection for this year's Distinguished Agency Honoree is Lacy Williams Buck for her generosity and desire to enrich our community by establishing

Carmel Public Library's Local History Room, and for her significant support for the forthcoming meeting space at the Harrison Memorial Library location.



The Foundation is also looking forward to another great series of *Community Night with the Library* programs—watch for great topics including local history, climate change, as well as talks by authors in several genres. Our first program is with acclaimed author Tobias Wolff.

We are especially looking forward to our Annual Fundraiser, with Pulitzer prize-winning author, Thomas Friedman on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at the Sunset Center.



As we embark upon this year of serving our community, we continue to be grateful to all the individuals and businesses that have made our work possible. I hope you'll join us again this year in support of our beloved Carmel Public Library.

—Jenice Schultheis

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A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life.”

—Henry Ward Beecher

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THE LIBRARY 2017-18 *By The Numbers*

More than **82,000**
individuals entered
the doors

Over **16,000**
reference questions
were answered

Over **100,000**
books, DVDs,
audiobooks,
magazines were
checked out

8,500 individuals
used our computers

Over
14,000
electronic
checkouts



5,000+ children
and adults attended our programs



A Matter of Relevance

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

When I'm out and about and someone asks the question "What do you do?" I usually respond by smiling and saying "I help keep the Carmel Public Library open, relevant and thriving." After which, I am typically met with two types of responses.

#1. *"That's so wonderful. Libraries were such an important part of my childhood."* OR....

#2. (sarcastic) *"They still have those around?"*

While response #1 is reaffirming, I believe it is incumbent upon me to address the latter which speaks to relevancy. This seems to be a two-fold issue; one is our ability to convey to our current and potential constituents that our library offers benefits beyond books; free language programs, kid's and adults summer reading programs, community programs, college and financial aid services, etc. Efforts to market these offerings through low-no cost channels over time should increase awareness and confirm our value proposition. Wonderful – problem solved.

The other issue is a bit more complicated. First we have to acknowledge, no...embrace the fact that libraries are changing and I don't just mean they're integrating technology – that change has been happening for decades. The change is more profound. How do we evolve our role to continue to serve the needs of our community? And in order to answer that question we need to address how we define community. Ours is comprised of a percentage of residents, second home occupants, and tourists and within each of those sets are subsets with varying demo and psychographics. For example, our library attracts 20% of its youth patrons from the neighboring town of Pacific Grove. Are those children part of our community?

As I ponder the question of community I wonder is it based on zip codes or a mindset? Do you have to have been born here? Is there a length of time spent in Carmel that qualifies you as a local? When I asked one of our residents to reflect on our library relative to our community, she said "The library isn't part of our community, it is our community." I agree that our library is much more than a repository of knowledge. It is also a social destination where deep connections are made that foster a sense of well-being and belonging—a place where everyone is on equal footing the moment they step inside.

As I continue to contemplate the meaning of community I ask you to please click and

[share your definition of community](#)

We want to hear from you!

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our library
offers benefits
beyond books

How do you
define
community?

It's all in the conversation

with Library Director Ashlee Wright

Q Tell us about the Harwood Conference you attended.

This past spring the Library received a grant from the Harwood Institute Public Innovators lab to help libraries build the foundations for understanding community, being turned outward, creating the conditions for change and sustainability, and deciding on the right path to implement those changes through conducting community conversations.

Q What were the 3 biggest takeaways?

1. The importance of seeking out public knowledge, its value, and its difference from expert knowledge.
2. The importance of being turned outward into the community which is the act of seeing and hearing those in the community, and acting with intentionality to create change.
3. The importance of being aware of the stages of community life in order to identify the right conditions to accelerate and support change.

Q What are your plans for the community conversations? In the Fall library staff will be engaging different and diverse groups in community conversations seeking to understand the community's aspirations for itself, the challenges inherent in reaching these aspirations, and the changes needed in the community to reach these aspirations.

Q What can our community expect when they're completed? We will be sharing what we learned and how it can help make our work in the community more effective, and using what we learn to help inform the library's strategic planning process.



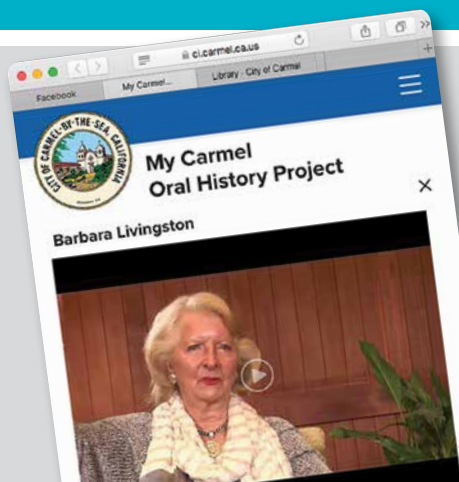
Ashlee Wright, Library Director and Carmel City Administrator Chip Rerig and Lesley Rerig.

Summer Attraction

The Park Branch Summer Reading Program engaged over 550 kids and 2,000 plus patrons in the month of July alone! The kids were intrigued and tickled by the programs which included; puppets, insects, bubbles and magic. Kudos Youth Services Librarian, Grace Melady, and Library Assistant Pat Sand for selecting and facilitating such wonderful programs!

New additions at Youth Services this year:

- Bilingual books
- STEAM programming
- Graphic novels for teens
- Online tutorials



My Carmel Oral History Program

This program was developed to capture the essence of Carmel and document its rich history through video interviews with long-time residents. These recordings preserve Carmel's heritage, traditions and memories for posterity, and they are made accessible at the library's website, www.hm-lib.org, and in the Library for research and for the continued enjoyment by all.

Thank you, Rod Dewar, for your support of this program.



Community Night *with the Library*

2018-2019 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

(Please note, dates may change and events may be added. Check www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org for latest information)



SEPT 2018

Celebration of Park Branch Library's New Looks—New Books!

Sat. Sept 15th from 12 to 2pm

Park Branch Library, 6th & Mission Streets



OCT 2018

An Evening with Tobias Wolff: *This Boy's Life*

Thurs. Oct 4th at 7pm

The Woman's Club, 9th & San Carlos



Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series—Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck

Wright on Exhibit: Frank Lloyd Wright's Architectural Exhibitions

Wed. Oct 24th at 7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Architectural historian Kathryn Smith highlights the Walker House.



NOV 2018

Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series—Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck

Carmel's Treasure Trove

Wed. Nov 14th at 7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Historian Doug Schmitz, shares insights into Carmel's mythic past.



DEC 2018

Gingerbread Making Fundraiser

Sat. Dec 8th at 10:30am & 1:30pm

Hofsas House, btw 3rd & 4th on San Carlos



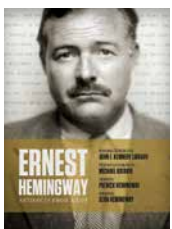
JAN 2019

The Wisdom of Scheherazade

Wed. Jan 9th at 7pm

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Dr. Bonnie Irwin traces the story of Scheherazade and why her legacy is still so relevant.



An Evening's Conversation: Ernest Hemingway and Traveling the World

Thurs. Jan 31st at 7pm

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join **Michael Katakis**, internationally acclaimed photographer, author and manager of Hemingway's literary estate.



FEB 2019

Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series—Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck

The Life of Jo Mora in Monterey County and Carmel

Wed. Feb 6th at 7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join Peter Hiller to learn more about the history of Monterey County, as it was interpreted by revered artist, Jo Mora.



Fogcatchers

Wed, Feb 20th, 7pm

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Discover why Dr. Dan Fernandez, Professor at CSUMB, believes fog may serve as a potential solution to the water crisis in arid regions.



MAR 2019

Donor Salute

Sun, Mar 3rd from 3 to 5pm

Harrison Memorial Library



Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series—Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck

Saint Junípero Serra and the Dream of California

Wed. Mar 6th at 7pm

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Dr. Ruben Mendoza, CSUMB professor and acclaimed archaeologist, writer, and photographer provides an insider's view into the Serra Canonization.



Climate Change Science; What Do We Know and What Should We Do?

Wed. Mar 13th at 7pm

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Dr. Tom Murphree, Professor at Naval Post Graduate School presents an overview of the science of climate change, and optimal solutions.



MAY 2019

Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Thomas Friedman

featured at CPLF's Spring Fundraiser

Tues. May 7th, at Sunset Center

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Welcome NEW BOARD DIRECTORS



Rebecca Wolf Arnold was raised in a family of philanthropists, Rebecca has been a member of multiple non-profit boards in the SF Bay Area and Monterey County, and for years served as a Trustee for a private Family Foundation based in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is an award-

winning realtor with the Carmel Realty Company, and she and her husband, Geoff, continue to support local nonprofits, especially those focusing on children and education.



Lettie Bennett is a native of Louisiana and a graduate of Louisiana State University with a master's degree in library science. She was assistant director of the Carmel Library during the late 1980's and the early 1990's. Current and past non-profit involvement include the Rotary Club of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Church in the Forest, Friends of Sunset

Foundation, The Read to Me Project, and the LSU Libraries.



Zach Brooksher graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration with a concentration in Entrepreneurship. He is a Realtor with The Heinrich Team, Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty serving the Monterey Peninsula. "Reading - particularly non-fiction - has been a big part of my life since I was very young. I want to help kids

find that feeling at an early age because in my experience, there are few things more exciting and rewarding."



Carmine Lepiane, CPA has been working with Vanderbilt CPAs for the past five years. He is currently pursuing a master's degree in the field of taxation. Carmine served as an Ambassador for the Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce for two years and has

served as an expert speaker for the Financial Awareness Foundation's 2018 speaking series.



Marci Meaux has spent over 35 years in high tech with leadership positions at Cisco. After retiring she joined the Pebble Beach Company in a management role. Marci served on the board of the Association for Talent Development (ATD) for five years. She currently serves as Chairman of the Advisory Board for KMF, a private investment fund.



Pam Neiman is a design professional with an expertise in higher education, healthcare and government. Her international experience includes financial, technology and transportation projects in Asia. Passionate about leveraging community connections for good, Pam has also served on the Interiors Committee for the Gathering for Women organization. She was also instrumental in bringing the Park Branch Library refresh project to fruition.

Children's Park Branch Library 6th Ave and Mission St., Carmel

New Looks – New Books!

There's nothing like new chairs, carpeting and a fresh coat of paint to refresh a library. And thanks to Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary and CPLF, the lobby has received an update too! A Jewel-colored fairytale book theme with interactive monitors that feature Carmel History, library calendar of events, as well as two youth designated ipads makes the entrance say "Welcome to our library!"



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New Book Shrine Outside the Harrison Memorial Library!

Thanks to Carmel Public Works Department, the Main Library now has its own little library. This "book shrine" is the perfect place to leave a book or pick up a book.



Librarian Suggestions: Award-winning Great Reads

Fiction:

2017 Booker Prize:

Lincoln in the Bardo: a novel

George Saunders

2018 Caldecott Medal:

Wolf in the snow / Matthew Cordell

2018 Edgar Award:

Bluebird, bluebird: a novel

Attica Locke

2017 National Book Award:

Sing, unburied, sing: a novel

Jesmyn Ward

2018 Newberry:

Hello, Universe / Erin Entrada Kelly

2018 Pulitzer Prize:

Less / Andrew Sean Greer

NonFiction:

2017 National Book Award:

The future is history: how totalitarianism reclaimed Russia / Masha Gessen

2018 Pulitzer Prize Biography:

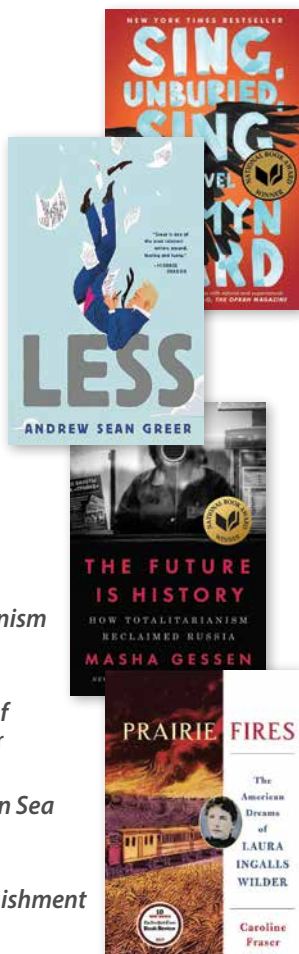
Prairie Fires: the American dreams of Laura Ingalls Wilder / Caroline Fraser

2018 Pulitzer Prize, History:

The Gulf: The Making of an American Sea / Jack E. Davis

2018 Pulitzer Prize, Non-Fiction:

Locking Up Our Own: Crime and Punishment in Black America / James Forman Jr.



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