A Message From the President

Open, Relevant and Thriving

Dear Readers,

As I write this, I hope you and your loved ones are well. These are extraordinary times and they continue to challenge us both personally and as a whole. As the new Carmel Public Library Foundation president this year, I have been so moved by your continued support and the library's and the Foundation's responsive actions to the rapidly changing environment.

Thanks to you and our remarkable library staff, the Carmel Public Library continues to remain open (albeit currently online) relevant and thriving. As Eric Klinenberg highlights in his book *Palaces for the People*, libraries serve as a key contributor to the health of our social infrastructure as a trusted and stable entity. This is so aptly reflected in this year's Presidential Election where mail in voting has been called into question by some politicians, and libraries have become central to our democratic process by providing an official drop off ballot box. Ours is available and located in front of the Harrison Memorial Library on Ocean Ave. and Lincoln St. Additional services provided by the library at this time include curbside book pick-up, online resources, access to Wi-Fi, free entertainment subscriptions, online social connectivity and more! [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/library)

While we continue to shelter-in-place, CPLF would like to engage with you through our relevant, and topical programs. At the beginning of October we launched our Community Night with the Library *Morality of the Moment*, a talk about how Americans collectively can move forward during a convergence of multiple crises. It was followed by a program from a national epidemiologist regarding the Pandemic. Our first Fireside Chat of the season, “How Literature Can Inform in a Time of Plague” was hosted by acclaimed author Michael Katakis in conversation with Lettie Bennett. Stay tuned for more programs and our annual event with best-selling author and historian, Douglas Brinkley in the Presidential Edition.

Working together with our library, and supporting each other through this time takes resilience and fortitude in order to flourish. Please take care of yourselves and may we all stay resolute in our search for silver linings and deeper understanding.

—Pamela Neiman
It’s Personal

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

Some of you grew up walking to the Harrison Memorial Library after school, and others completed your thesis there. I researched starting a manufacturing business by pouring over giant Thomas Register books. When my three sons were young, I took them to the library where they would sit on the floor for hours in the aisles between the bookshelves reading the latest graphic novel or *Warriors* series. When summer rolled around, I would see other families there with even younger children attending magical programs where their kids would get trapped in a giant bubble or pet a live tarantula.

Our library means something different to each of us. Whether it’s a warm memory, a resource for your next job, an inspiration for your children, a reason to meet a friend, or a way to raise your individual consciousness – the library is there for you.

While we navigate these challenging times, each of us in the “same storm, different boat” we, at the library are thinking of you, and are dedicated to providing you with resources to help you thrive.

Thank you for your ongoing support. Stay engaged and be well.

Cornerstone for Community & Civic Engagement

Library Director, Ashlee Wright

We appreciate the patience of our patrons as we have worked to figure out library services during the pandemic. It is a privilege to serve this community and every kind word lets us know we are on the right track.

With City Halls and County offices, closed throughout Monterey County, the Registrar of voters turned to libraries to serve as official ballot drop-off locations. We have been honored to partner with the registrar of voters to commandeer the Harrison library book drop to provide this service to our community, ensuring that all can cast their votes in an extraordinary and important election.

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Start exploring today!
www.ci.carmel.ca.us/library
October 1, 2020
Community Night with the Library
Morality of the Moment
Online Program at 7pm
The convergence of a global pandemic, social unrest, a fragile democracy, & accelerating climate change: How do Americans collectively move forward? Join Stanford University Political Science Professor Rob Reich to explore.

October 6, 2020
Community Night with the Library
The Pandemic: What We Know Now – Online Program at 7pm
Join Dr. Syra Madad, a nationally recognized leader in public health and special pathogen preparedness and response for Pandemic insights.

October 14, 2020
Fireside Chats at the Library
Can Literature Inform in a Time of Plague
Online Program at 7pm
Can literature, from the ancient Greek philosophers to the great writers of the 19th and 20th centuries Inform society through these turbulent times? Join acclaimed author, Michael Katakis and Lettie Bennett for thoughtful conversation.

November 18, 2020
Fireside Chats at the Library
Read-In for Social Justice
Online Program at 7pm
Come share a book or reading that has had a major influence on your perspective regarding social justice and equity. Discussion facilitated by Dr. Andrew Drummond, Dean of the College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences, CSUMB.

December 9, 2020
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
How the Bach Festival Began
Online Program at 7pm
Musician, Author, Historian David Gordon reveals the story of two visionaries, Dene Denny & Hazel Waltrous who inspired art, music and theater as well as the Bach Festival in Carmel during the 1930's.

January 21, 2021
Fireside Chats at the Library
Same Storm, Different Boat
Online Program at 7pm
Come and engage with a multi-generational panel as they explore the various impacts of Covid-19 and coping mechanisms that are associated with distance learning, economic shifts, and social isolation.

March 2021
Donor Salute
Celebrating our donors.

April 2021
CPLF Annual Fundraiser
The Presidential Edition
with American Historian and Best-Selling author, Douglas Brinkley

April 28, 2021
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
Birds and the Bees & Bob Dylan
Online Program at 7pm
Ways Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District is doing its part by restoring lands to their former health and beauty with a focus on the transformation and restoration of the former Rancho Canada Golf Course into native habitat.

June 2021
Cozy Read-A-Book Bash Online Program

For more information, please call 831.624.2811 or visit www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org
Welcome New Board Directors

Ken Cranstone
Ken Cranstone graduated with a degree in Financial Planning from Colorado State University after which, he and his wife moved to California. He currently works as an advisor with Integris Wealth Management, where he puts his passions to work helping others plan for their future. As a lifelong learner, Ken has a deep appreciation for what a library means to a community. It is a forum for collaboration, continued education, and the spread of new ideas. He sees having access to information and technological resources as a necessity that libraries provide. He is excited to join the board to make a meaningful contribution to the community that he has grown to love.

Stephen Dyer
Steve and his family moved to the Monterey Peninsula in September, 1946 and to Carmel in July, 1955. One could say that his family has an affinity for libraries as his father served on the Library Board of Trustees in Carmel, and his sister was a librarian in Stockton, CA. Steve started visiting the Harrison Memorial Library when he was nine years old. He attended Sunset School and Carmel High and upon graduation from the Cate School, Steve left the Peninsula to attend the University of California, Berkeley and – after a three year stint in the Navy, the University of San Francisco where he obtained his law degree. He has been a practicing attorney at Horan Lloyd in Carmel for over forty five years. He and his wife, Cynthia Martin Dyer stay busy with their two daughters, and eight grandchildren.

Jackie Henning
Libraries have had a large impact on Jackie Henning’s life. As a youngster she spent many happy hours combing through the card catalog in the beautiful Pasadena Public Library while researching assignments. The outdoor reading rooms/patios were a gathering place to socialize with friends. Later, when she attended Smith College she found herself in the Neilson Library studying and writing in her own cozy carrel. In graduate school at the University of Michigan, her second home became the reading room in the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library with its elegant arched windows and gorgeous woodwork. While raising her two children, she was regularly in the children’s section at the Aurora Public Library, checking out books and attending story hour. Today she and her husband, Peter, are again attending story hours at the Sausalito and SF Marina Libraries this time with their grandchildren. Ms. Henning’s professional work was primarily in educational administration at the University and Community College levels. She has served on several community boards and is very excited to join the Carmel Public Library Foundation board.

This year Our Big Idea for the Monterey County Gives! Campaign (Nov. 12 – Dec. 31) is:

Palaces for the People

MontereyCountyGives! campaign has accepted the Carmel Public Library Foundation’s “big idea” which stems from the book *Palaces for the People*, depicting the library as a key contributor to social infrastructure.

While the library buildings are closed the need and desire for our community to stay connected socially, technologically and with access to informative resources has sparked the Carmel Public Library Foundation and the Carmel Public Library’s “big idea” to provide solar powered tables outside in the beautiful library garden, physically distanced with access to the library’s wifi hotspot to keep everyone plugged-in and safely engaged.

The campaign launches on November 12th and the funds will be matched at 20% by the campaign sponsors when the campaign ends in December.

Support this big idea and the Carmel Public Library Foundation:
An Extraordinary Gift from Marjorie C. Perrine

Carmel Public Library Foundation is honored to be a beneficiary in the bequest of longtime local philanthropist, Marjorie C. Perrine. Ms. Perrine was a remarkable person. She earned an engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute around 1950 and was the only woman in her graduating class, and one of the first women to graduate from the Institute. She worked for AT&T in an executive position and received an AT&T pension until she passed. Marjorie and her spouse Warren Perrine moved to Monterey county from southern California where they purchased “Paraiso Springs” in Soledad, CA and ran their hot springs business. After Warren died Marjorie purchased her residence in Carmel, CA and upon her death bequeathed the residence and additional funds totaling $2,000,000, the largest single gift the Carmel Public Library Foundation has ever received. We are honored to receive a gift of this magnitude and pleased that Ms. Perrine’s legacy continues in support of the Carmel Public Library Foundation.

Sterling Circle
An invitation to join our Library Legacy Donors

The Sterling Circle Program is the cornerstone of the foundation’s future funding capabilities, and recognizes planned giving donors who have included the Carmel Public Library Foundation in their estate plans and wills. Sterling Circle Donors play a key role in ensuring the library’s place in the community – open and free – for generations to come.

Learn more at www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or contact Alexandra Fallon at (831) 624-2811.

Thank you for your support.

LIBRARY SERVICES PROVIDED SINCE JULY, 2020

750 Patrons Participated in Curbside Pickup

Over 2,000 pick-ups

Over 9,000 items circulated

Over 20,000 e-checkouts of books, audios, movies between Kanopy, Hoopla, Overdrive, and Enki!

Save the Date: December 5, 2020
9th Annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser

Celebrate the holidays with a fun Gingerbread House family activity while supporting the Carmel Public Library. Kick Off: December 5.

We thank Hofsas House and Chatterbox Public Relations for continuing to provide this wonderful tradition.

We are so fortunate to have the support of this partnership and that of our community.

Online registration details coming soon!
Librarian Picks
Here’s four:

The Mercies
by Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Based on real events, THE MERCIES is a riveting book about what powerful men back in the 1600’s would do to quiet independent women.

It’s Not All Downhill From Here
by Terry McMillan
After a sudden change of plans, a remarkable woman and her loyal group of friends try to figure out what she’s going to do with the rest of her life.

On the Corner of Hope and Main
by Beverly Jenkins
Residents of Henry Adams have learned, life will throw obstacles their way, but it’s how they come together and rise above these challenges that keep the bonds of their close-knit community strong.

Zed
by Joanna Kavenna
An insightful, unsettling look at how technology impacts our lives.