

CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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A Message From the President

## Open, Relevant & Thriving



Marci Meaux  
CPLF President

Dear Readers,

With the end of summer we begin a new year with the hope that we can return to more normalcy. As I reflect over the last eighteen months, I am so grateful for the support that our library provides and so proud of our ability to adapt. Even during this time of immense change, the library has

continued to provide a broad set of services that are a vital part of our community.

We have an exciting year ahead of us! Our community programs are an eclectic array from a broad and diverse range of subjects and speakers. There is something for everyone – from fish to foul play. We started with a program about the secret lives of fishes off our beautiful coastline. This month we will hear from Catherine Prendergast, the author of a new book, *The Gilded Edge*. The setting is right here in the Monterey Peninsula and tells the true story of two women, a wife and a poet.

Please visit our website to see the full list of programs and Fireside Chats at [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org). You can join us either online or in person. In-person seating is limited so please register to guarantee a spot!

In other exciting news, the library has opened its doors again. Hours are reduced as the library ramps up personnel. Our library continues to adapt in our changing circumstances and always finds a way to be a lifeline for the support we all need to lead our lives, regardless of our generation. Our new Gathering Place, made possible by Lacy Williams Buck and CPLF, is now available for meetings and group discussions, a beautiful and inviting space. Visit the library's website at [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/library) to reserve a date and time or call 831-624-4629.

Thank you for all the support you provide to our Foundation. Through your donations and commitment, we have been able to keep the library open, relevant and thriving. You truly make the difference for all of us, and we are extremely grateful!

—Marci Meaux

## Fond farewell to outgoing board directors and welcome to our new board directors

CPLF bids a heartfelt goodbye to the following outgoing Board Directors whose term has ended. We would like to express our sincere appreciation for all of their hard work and dedication, and for helping to make the Carmel Public Library Foundation what it is today. We look forward to their continued involvement. Thank you:

**Cynthia McCoy, Past President, Shanna Harper Fineberg, Stephen Pearson, Zach Brooksher, Martha Drexler Lynn, PhD**

CPLF is very excited to welcome new Board Directors **Pinney Allen** and **Aaron Flink**.



Building a strategy, CPLF Board Retreat 2021

## CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Harrison Memorial Library  
Monday: 10am-1pm  
Wednesday: 2pm-5pm  
Friday: 10am-1pm

Park Branch  
Monday: 2pm-5pm  
Wednesday: 10am-1pm  
Friday: 2pm-5pm

For hours of Operation visit:  
[www.ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.carmel.ca.us/library)

*\*masks required*

# The Library: A Trusted Resource

Alexandra Fallon, *Executive Director*



As we continue to navigate these changing times, trusted sources of information have become even more critical. Our library continues to play an essential role in gathering this material and providing a gateway to an authentic record of knowledge. Access to these resources in addition to our robust collection of materials provides opportunities that support education and help encourage new ideas and innovation.

While we transition into the next phase of re-opening our physical spaces we look forward to seeing you in our library, at The Gathering Place, as well as at our community programs.

With your support we can continue to provide access to vital information, help sustain and enhance our community, and support literacy and imagination for generations to come. Thank you all for your generous spirit that is the bedrock of our community.



# We Are Here For You

Library Director, Ashlee Wright

The past year and a half have presented unprecedented challenges for the library. We have moved from complete closure and online services only, to curbside, to outside library, and finally to limited open hours.

One thing that has been made abundantly clear throughout the pandemic by our patrons, is the importance of the library and its services to the community. As we have adapted, so have they, learning to use Overdrive and Hoopla, browsing for books outdoors instead of indoors, and figuring out our new hours.

We are thankful to all of our community for being so wonderful during such a trying time and we are looking forward to restoring all of our hours in the future.

**Free subscription with  
your library card**



Valera Lyles,  
*Sterling Circle Donor*

# 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](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) or contact Alexandra Fallon at (831) 624-2811. Thank you for your support.







# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

All programs will be offered in person (masks required) or online. Registration required. Please note, dates may change and events may be added.



**September 22, 2021**

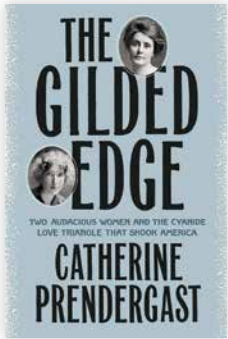
## **Community Night with the Library**

### **Into the Deep: The Secret Lives of Fishes off Carmel's Storied Coastline**

**Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, 7pm**

Discover the wonder that lies beyond the waves with James Lindholm, Ph.D. Distinguished

Professor of Marine Science & Policy & Chair, CSUMB.



**October 13, 2021**

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

### **The Gilded Edge: Two audacious women and the cyanide love triangle that shook America**

**Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center, 7pm**

Join author Catherine Prendergast for the true story of two women; Nora May French and Carrie Sterling of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the high price of sexual and artistic freedom during the late Gilded Age.

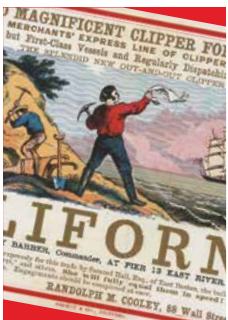


**November 10, 2021**

## **Meet the Stars in Space: Three Astronauts and their Journey**

**Carmel High School Performing Arts Theater, 6:30pm**

Have you ever wondered what it takes to become an astronaut or what's it's like to live in outer space? Three astronauts will share their experiences and perspectives.



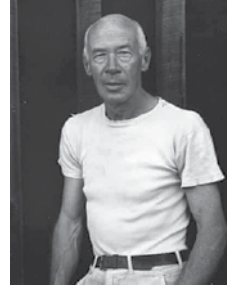
**November 17, 2021**

## **Fireside Chats at the Library**

### **Is the California Dream Dead?**

**Harrison Memorial Library, 6:30pm**

A discussion of today's definition of the California Dream and the possibility to attain it.



**December 8, 2021**

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

### **Henry Miller: Provocateur and Liberating Literary Influence**

**Harrison Memorial Library, 6:30pm**

Henry Miller and his impact on American literary history as well as local history. Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Henry Miller Library.



**January 12, 2022**

## **Community Night with the Library**

### **Bitskrieg: The New Challenge of Cyber Warfare**, with author and Professor John Arquilla

**Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, 7pm**

How new technologies are changing how we protect our citizens and wage our wars.



**February 9, 2022**

## **Fireside Chats at the Library**

### **Individualism vs The Collective**

**Harrison Memorial Library, 6:30pm**

A discussion exploring the fundamental conflict in America today and why we need to solve it.



**February 16, 2022**

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

### **Architect M.J. Murphy, Carmel's first and foremost builder with architectural historian, Kent Seavey**

**Harrison Memorial Library, 6:30pm**

Join local architectural historian, Kent Seavey for an overview of Murphy's contribution to the aesthetics and material support of our community.

**For more information, please call 831.624.2811 or visit [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org)**

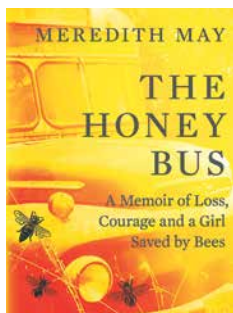
# EVENTS WITH THE LIBRARY 2021-2022



**March 6, 2022**

## Donor Salute

Celebrating our donors.



**March 9, 2022**

## Community Night with the Library

**The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees**, with author Meredith May

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, 7pm

An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature's most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee.



**April 2022**

## CPLF Annual Fundraiser

Stay tuned for more details



**June 2, 2022**

## Community Night with the Library

### Silent Spring Revolution:

John F. Kennedy, Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson and the Great Sixties Environmental Awakening, with historian and acclaimed author Douglas Brinkley

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, 7pm

How the environmental revolution in America led to landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Endangered Species Act—all signed into law by President Richard Nixon.



**June 12, 2022**

## Sterling Circle Event

Location - TBD



**June 2022**

## Cozy Read-A-Book

Online Program

## Thank you to last year's Sponsors and Benefactors

### Valera Lyles

Geoff and Rebecca Wolf Arnold • Joanne Irmias  
Sikandar and Abu Family • Charlie & Leslie Snorf  
Jackie Henning • Carol Lee Holland • Bill & Jeanne Landreth  
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Susan DuCoeur • Stan & Sharon Meresman

Lettie Bennett • Brian & Cynthia McCoy • Pamela Neiman  
Marci Meaux and Roger Gayman • Jon & Jenice Schultheis

### Join our List of Sponsors and Benefactors

With your sponsorship support, Carmel Public Library will continue to thrive and be a resource for generations to come. Sponsors & benefactors receive many benefits including tickets to the annual benefit, acknowledgment in our materials, and the pride that comes with making a difference!

Call (831) 624-2811 or visit [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org/sponsorships](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org/sponsorships).





# MC GIVES!

Joining Together  
for Big Ideas

This year Our Big Idea for the Monterey County Gives! Campaign (Nov 11 – Dec. 31):

## Access for All

Carmel Public Library Foundation helps keep the community engaged, informed and inspired with one of the most robust series of programs in the area. Participants attend these programs to learn more about relevant topics and to connect with their community. Last year CPLF was able to quickly pivot and provide online content during the shelter-in-place mandate. Relevant discussions through our online programs like the Fireside Chats with the Library "Same Storm Different Boat" and the provocative discussion lead by author, Michael Katakis, "Can Literature Inform During a Time of Plague" provided impactful insights and context for an array of topics.

This year, as we make plans to re-emerge, CPLF is raising funds through the MontereyCountyGives! Campaign to support community programs utilizing a hybrid model of in-person gatherings in conjunction with digital production. CPLF understands that some may wish to continue participating remotely during these tenuous times, and others may prefer to gather again in person.

This year's big idea is to provide access and support with additional media production such as live event videos and program streaming so that everyone can stay safe and engaged.

[www.montereycountygives.com](http://www.montereycountygives.com)  
from Nov. 11–Dec. 31, 2021

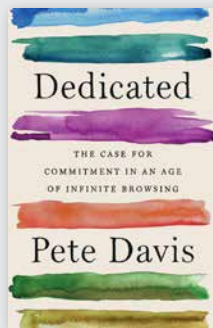
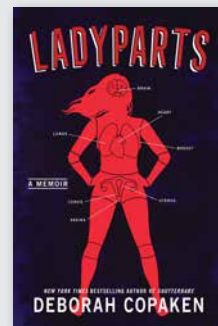
## Librarians' Picks

### *Ladyparts: a memoir*

by Deborah Copaken

*'A frank, witty, and dazzlingly written memoir of one woman trying to keep it together while her body falls apart.'*

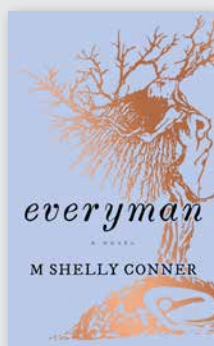
—Random House



### *Dedicated: the case for commitment in an age of infinite browsing*

by Pete Davis

*"A profoundly inspiring and transformative argument that purposeful commitment can be a powerful force in our age of restlessness and indecision."* —Google Books



### *everyman: A Novel*

by M Shelly Conner

*"everyman is peopled by rebellious Black women straining against the yoke of convention and designated identities, explorers announcing their determination to be and to be free."*

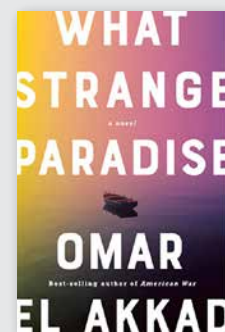
—Amazon

### *What strange paradise*

by Omar El Akkad

*"...unrelentingly dramatic and profoundly moving novel that brings the global refugee crisis down to the level of a child's eyes."*

—www.panmacmillan.com



## Save the Date: December 4, 2021 10th Annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser

Celebrate the holidays with a fun Gingerbread House family activity while supporting the Carmel Public Library. **Pickup: December 3, 1-4 PM.** 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 event – registration details coming soon!



## CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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## Adapting to Challenges and the Changing Landscape

MAY 2021



### Curbside Service

OPEN 18 HOURS per week

Hard Copy Circulation **3,396**

Electronic Circulation **4,332**

JULY 2021



### Outside Library

OPEN 18 HOURS per week

Hard Copy Circulation **4,909**

Electronic Circulation **3,880**

SEPT 2021



### We're Back!

Come visit us at the Harrison Memorial Library and Park Branch Library.

Visit [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](https://ci.carmel.ca.us/library) or call 831-624-4629 for hours of operation.

**Thank you, Librarians**, for providing uninterrupted library services – from Curbside Pick-Up to erecting an Outdoor Library to the part-time re-opening of two physical buildings, Harrison Memorial Library, and the Park Branch location.

**YOUR LIBRARY IS HERE FOR YOU!**

