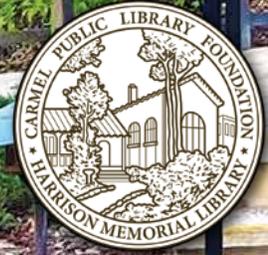


CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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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. 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 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

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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

**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*



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.



Valera Lyles,
Sterling Circle Donor



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

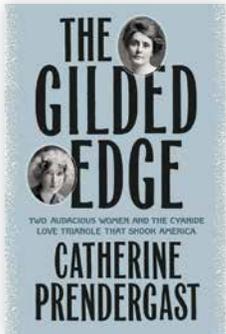
Community Night with the Library

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.

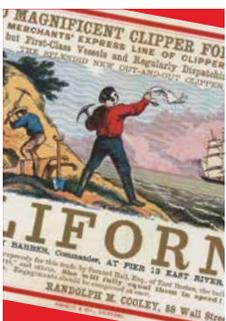


November 10, 2021

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.



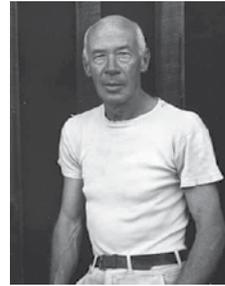
November 17, 2021

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.

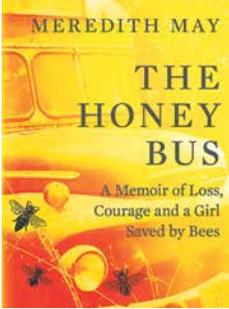
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EVENTS WITH THE LIBRARY 2021-2022



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

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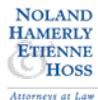


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With your sponsorship support, Carmel Public Library will continue to thrive and be a resource for generations to come. Sponsors & benefactors receive many benefits including tickets to the annual benefit, acknowledgment in our materials, and the pride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

Call (831) 624-2811 or visit www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org/sponsorships.

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
from Nov. 11–Dec. 31, 2021

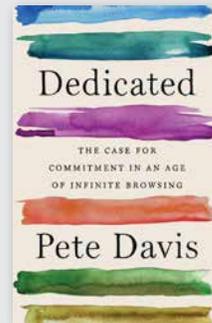
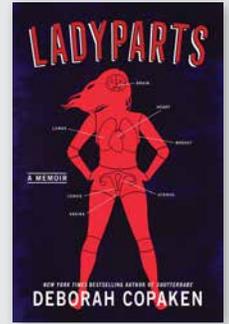
Librarians’ Picks

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.’

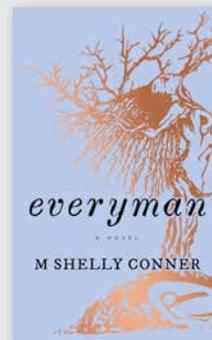
–Random House



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.’

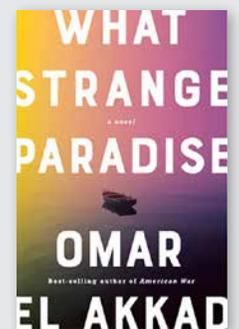
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What strange paradise

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!



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SEPT 2021



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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.

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