A Message From the President

Get Inspired: Use Your Library

Our library has provided inspiration to generations of authors, parents, business people, students, gardeners, cooks, artists, healers, movie makers, travelers, poets, craftpeople, historians, and people just like you and me, dear reader.

Many of us have a memory of a book or author or quotation that changed the course of our lives. For me, it was the Canadian author and Pulitzer Prize winner Carol Shields. She expanded my naive view of life and relationships and deepened my understanding of life’s complexities. Where did I find her books? At the Carmel Public Library.

This year the Carmel Public Library Foundation encourages each of us to “Get Inspired!” It is time to allow ourselves to be motivated, invigorated and emboldened to learn, create, invent, and expand. How will you get inspired?

You could try one of these library offerings:

- **Email newsletters** to keep us informed of the latest and greatest of books in sixteen categories
- **At-home online access** to *New York Times*, *The Monterey County Herald*, *Consumer Reports*, and more
- Online access to millions of e-books, comics, audiobooks, and more via **Hoopla**
- Movies, documentaries, and independent films via **Kanopy**
- E-books galore via **Libby**
- AND a masterfully curated collection of both adults’ and children’s books

Our library thrives because of YOU and your support of the Carmel Public Library Foundation. Gifts to the foundation provide all the resources cited above and lots more, including all the in-person / online programs presented every year.

Get Inspired! Use your library.

—Lettie Bennett, President
Carmel Public Library Foundation & Retired Librarian

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

Fond farewell to outgoing board director, **Andrew Drummond PhD**. We will miss him dearly, as he was an integral member of our board and an outstanding facilitator for our Fireside Chats at the Library programs. We are so grateful for his dedication and his scholarly expertise that he always provided so generously.

CPLF is very excited to welcome new Board Directors **Diane Danvers Simmons**, **Bob Kramer** and **Sara McCary** as featured in CPLF’s Summer 2022 newsletter.
Finding Inspiration
Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

It is because of you, and our community’s commitment to our library that we have a social and intellectual hub of inspiration that fuels the imaginations of all ages. With an extensive and well-maintained collection of books, a space to meet with friends and organizations, and an array of stimulating programs, there are limitless ways to broaden one’s knowledge and interests.

If you’re in search of inspiration for yourself or your family, please visit with our librarians at our respective locations, The Harrison Memorial Library, home to teen and adult materials, a lovely reading room, and a great place to meet; The Gathering Place – Ocean Ave. and Lincoln, and The Park Branch – featuring the Kid’s Library and The Henry Meade Local History Room on Mission St. and 6th St.

Thank you for continuing to support our library.

Welcome Back!
Library and Community Activities Director, Ashlee Wright

We are so excited to welcome you back to both library locations, and to introduce you to our newest librarians, Audrey Young, Lea Ann McDonald, Randy Nolan, Afza Irani, and Cindy McConnell. Our library is now open Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am-6pm. You can also visit the Henry Meade Local History Department which is open for research, same days from 2-6pm. Storytime is back at Devendorf Park and includes songs, rhymes and play. Also, please note we have over 950 new kids books to choose from!

If you are looking for a free meeting space for your book clubs, meetings, student gatherings, etc., The Gathering Place (located at the Harrison Memorial Library location) is now accepting reservations. Call (831) 624-4629 or email hml.reference@gmail.com. Want to get outdoors this fall? Borrow a Parks Pass from the library and visit one of 200+ parks for free! We hope these offerings inspire you and that we see you soon at our two locations and at our programs.

Thank you for your support!
COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS WITH THE LIBRARY

2022-2023

All programs will be offered both in person and online. Registration required.

TO REGISTER: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org

SEPTEMBER 21, 2022
Community Night with the Library
This Will Not Pass: Trump, Biden and the Battle for America’s Future
7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
Join author Jonathan Martin and former Meet the Press executive producer Betsy Fischer Martin for a discussion on the recent 18-month crisis in American democracy.

OCTOBER 12, 2022
Community Night with the Library
My Mother Next Door by Diane Danvers Simmons
7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
Join author Diane Danvers Simmons in an interview that explores this candid British coming-of-age story about growing up in the revolutionary 1970s while her mother charted her own unconventional path to independence and freedom.

OCTOBER 26, 2022
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
Bohemian Soul – Film
6:30pm, Forest Theater
The Carmel Bohemians’ commitment to ‘Art as Life’ can be seen in this intimate film portrayal of past artists and literary icons who continue to be a major influence to artists and thinkers around the world.

NOVEMBER 9, 2022
Community Night with the Library
Tech’s Rising Star: Defining the Future of Healthcare
7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
Discover Tech star Julia Hu’s remarkable journey and struggles that led to the development of an innovative digital healthcare platform that serves millions.

Please note, dates may change and events may be added.

DECEMBER 3, 2022
11th Annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser at Hofsas House

JANUARY 11, 2023
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
The Old Pacific Capital: through the words of Robert Louis Stevenson
7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
Join Stevenson devotee and classically trained actor, Keith Decker for The Old Pacific Capital Visions of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel Valley, and Carmel Mission as seen through the words of Robert Louis Stevenson.

FEBRUARY 8, 2023
Community Night with the Library
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.

MARCH 5, 2023
Donor Salute
Celebrating our donors.

MARCH 15, 2023
The Ghost of Father Coughlin: Past or Present?
6:30pm, Harrison Memorial Library, Carmel
Join acclaimed author and photojournalist, Michael Katakis for a discussion about the power of words in dangerous times.
MARCH 23, 2023
Community Night with the Library
Turning Stress to Strength
7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

APRIL 12, 2023
Community Night with the Library
Daughters of Smoke and Fire
by Ava Homa
7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center
Join author Ava Homa and professor Nancy Middleton as they discuss Daughters of Smoke and Fire, the unforgettable, haunting story of a young woman’s perilous fight for freedom and justice for her brother, in the first novel published in English by a female Kurdish writer, Ava Homa.

DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED, 2023
Annual Fundraiser – The Next Edition TBD
Sunset Center, Carmel

JUNE 11, 2023
Sterling Circle Event
for Sterling Circle Members

Please note, dates may change and events may be added.

In person or online, we’re always here for you.
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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 for more information.

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This year Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF) selected past CPLF Board Director, Lifetime Giving Donor and Sterling Circle member, Valera Lyles to be our Distinguished Carmel Public Library Foundation Honoree.

As a former board director, and devoted library patron, Valera Lyles has actively supported the Foundation for many years. She has been instrumental in expanding the Foundation’s giving programs and has continued to personally support the Carmel Public Library Foundation as a member of our Lifetime Giving program and as a Sterling Circle legacy donor. She is a gracious ambassador at every Foundation event and program she attends and continues to seek ways to enhance the Carmel Public Library Foundation for our community, whether it is bringing organizational leaders together to brainstorm at informal gatherings or providing significant support at our annual event. When you meet Valera, you can’t help but feel her genuine interest and kindness that is reflective of her generous spirit. Those affiliated with the Carmel Public Library Foundation would agree that her enthusiasm for Carmel Public Library Foundation’s endeavors has been at the heart of our success and has helped to keep the Foundation on a positive trajectory. Thank you, Valera for creating a positive a difference ~ always with your unique grace and elegance.

An Extraordinary Gift from Donald Basil High

Carmel Public Library Foundation is honored to be a beneficiary in the bequest of longtime local and library patron, Donald Basil High.

Donald Basil High was born on September 5, 1921 in East Preston, England, and was educated at St. Andrews School in Worthington, Sussex, England. He immigrated to Los Angeles in 1957 where he worked as an Architect for the major movie studios including Twentieth Century Fox and Warner Brothers in Los Angeles. He met his wife Mildred Mary Hardy at an English/Irish Social Event in Southern California. They were married on November 4, 1966 in Santa Monica, CA. Don received his United States Citizenship on February 13, 1970. Don and Mildred purchased their home in Carmel in the 1980’s. They enjoyed traveling, exploring the Central Coast and living a quiet life in Carmel-by-the-Sea. Mildred died on February 27, 1999.

Don was a daily walker on Scenic Road in Carmel, loved the Harrison Memorial Library in Carmel where he caught up on current events, and enjoyed gardening at his home.

Don will be greatly missed by his wide group of fellow walkers in Carmel, his friends at the Harrison Memorial Library, and many friends throughout the Community.

Don passed away on August 19th, just 3 weeks prior to what would have been his 100th birthday. In remembrance of Don, there was an informal walk on Scenic Road in Carmel and a gathering in the Garden in front of the Harrison Memorial Library.

Significant gifts like this will have enduring impact for the library and for generations to come. We are so grateful to Mr. High for having the foresight and generous heart to entrust us with this extraordinary gift that will be part of his legacy and will forever support the library he so greatly cared about.
Five Top Librarians’ Picks

Solito: a memoir  
by Javier Zamora

Body language: writers on identity, physicality, and making space for ourselves  
edited by Nicole Chung and Matt Ortile

After the hurricane: a novel  
by Leah Franqui

Bronze drum  
by Phong Nguyen

I love you because I love you  
by Muon Thi Van

Save the Date: December 3 2022

11th Annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser

Celebrate the holidays with a fun Hybrid Virtual or In-person Gingerbread Making activity while supporting the Carmel Public Library.

Event date: December 3rd, 10:30am or 1:30pm

Location: Hofsas House at San Carlos & 4th Ave., Carmel-by-the-Sea

Virtual Attendees Pick Up: Friday, December 2nd between 1:00 – 4:00pm at Hofsas House

Space is limited! Reserve today ($25 donation):  
www.eventbrite.com/e/11th-annual-gingerbread-fundraiser-tickets-387109624307

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.

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