



CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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A Message From the President

## The Heartbeat of Our Community



Marci Meaux  
CPLF President

As we step into a new season, I am reminded of the incredible impact our library has on our community. At the heart of any thriving community is a place that brings people together, nurtures their intellectual growth, and enriches their lives. The Carmel Public Library stands as that steadfast inspiration, a sanctuary for the curious, a refuge for the book lovers, and a haven for those seeking

knowledge and connection. It fosters a sense of belonging and serves as a meeting place for friends and neighbors, forging connections that transcend the digital world. Whether through book clubs, workshops, or community events, our library nurtures relationships that bind us as a community.

The personal impact of our library extends beyond its walls. It is the story of a child who, thanks to our library's early

literacy programs, took their first steps towards becoming a confident reader. It is the tale of an aspiring artist who found inspiration in our vast collection of art books. It is the journey of a job seeker who used our resources to secure a better future for their family. These are the stories that resonate with all of us, for they are the stories of our neighbors, our friends, and sometimes even our own. Thank you for your unwavering support of the Carmel Public Library Foundation, which provides the funding for all the library resources. I hope you will join me in taking a moment to honor the vital role our library plays in our lives and within our community. Together, we will commit to nurturing this cherished institution, ensuring its continued prosperity and the inspiration it imparts to generations yet to come.

– Marci Meaux, President  
Carmel Public Library Foundation

**MCGIVES!**

## You Can Make A Difference!

**Support Author & Artist Presentations that Enrich and Inspire our Community**



SCAN TO GIVE



Starts Nov. 9th

The Carmel Public Library Foundation is honored to have been selected as one of the nonprofits for this year's Monterey County Gives! Program. CPLF's "Big Idea" is expanding access of cultural and literary programming through special guest authors, artists, poets, and field experts. We are proud to present such enriching programs, as we continue to be an important cultural community hub, engaging center for learning, curator of resources, and a champion of all.

Did you know 100% of the books, materials, programs, equipment and services at the Harrison Memorial Library and the Park Branch Kids Library are made possible by your generous donations to CPLF? Beginning November 9th through December 31st, every dollar donated will be eligible for matching donations by MCGives! sponsors. Thank you for your continued support of our libraries and our community. Donate Nov. 9–Dec. 31, 2023 at:

[MontereyCountyGives.com/CarmelLibrary](http://MontereyCountyGives.com/CarmelLibrary)

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## LIBRARY HOURS

Come visit us at the Harrison Memorial Library and Park Branch Library. Visit [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/library) or call 831-624-4629 for hours of operation.



## The Library: A Powerful Sense of Place

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

In an era marked by rapid technological advancements and the digitization of information, libraries continue to stand as bastions of knowledge, offering vast book collections, technological

resources, and a unique and irreplaceable environment that fosters learning, community, and contemplation. The profound role of libraries as spaces that evoke a strong cultural bond contributes to their enduring relevance in the digital age and beyond.

With that in mind, this year the Carmel Public Library Foundation's programs embrace an overarching theme of design and a sense of place. Our exploration will include former Carmel Public Librarian and archivist, Wendy Good's presentation on the Bruton sisters and their extensive influence on art and design. Physicist, Dr. Michael Hogan will help us assess our own personal carbon footprint, and Oakland's first Poet Laureate, Dr. Ayodele Nzinga will recite her poetry and impart her journey as a formidable cultural architect.

In the new year, a thought-provoking presentation by professor and neuroscientist, Michael A. Arbib will help us understand how we experience our built environment and I.M. Pei biographer Michael Cannell will recall a master's life and career in conversation with *USA Today* correspondent Marco della Cava. It seems fitting that our final community program will feature local designer and artist, Kipp Stewart – who was also part of our library family. This program is part of the Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series and will be in collaboration with AIA Monterey Bay.

We hope you attend one or all of our programs either in person or online and continue to utilize our library as a place of inspiration with an atmosphere conducive to reading, research and contemplation – a place for personal growth and community connectivity, where we come together to learn, interact, and engage.

Thank you for your continued support!



## A Dynamic Approach to Serving our Community

Ashlee Wright, Library and Community Activities Director

*"...libraries are public institutions that are about expanding access to public resources, that we are sharing institutions, that we want to take resources that are held in common and distribute them equitably among everyone."* — Emily Drabinski, ALA President

### Our library is committed to

- Continuing to be responsive and flexible in how we provide our services.
- Continuing to champion the importance of civil discourse and exchange of ideas.
- Promoting and supporting literacy initiatives
- Reflect our community while also presenting many viewpoints and experiences with our collections and programs.
- Maintaining neutrality – thus providing fair, equitable access, and a safe haven for all.

With Autumn in the air, it's a great time to take a brisk walk and listen to your favorite audio book, or pop into the Harrison Memorial Library to enjoy a spot by the fireplace with a book and a warm cup of coffee. Please check our library calendar of events for monthly music concerts in the library and children's programs including Fun Friday's with movies, crafts, legos, and more! We look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled Fall! [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/library)







# Community Programs and Events with the Library **2023-2024**

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

**TO REGISTER:** [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



### Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series

Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck

### *The Bruton Sisters: Modernism in the Making*

7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join author, archivist, and former librarian, **Wendy Van Wyck Good** as she discusses the history and creativity of three local sisters and artists who advanced artistic modernism.

## OCTOBER 18, 2023



### Community Night with the Library *Your Personal Carbon Footprint*

7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center  
Calculate Your Personal Carbon Footprint, with CEO of the California Arts and Sciences Institute, physicist, and U.S. energy authority, **Dr. C. Michael Hogan**, as we examine our personal footprint and impact on the environment.



## NOVEMBER 16, 2023



### Community Night with the Library *Cultural Architect: A Poet's Path to Building Community*

with **Dr. Ayodele Nzinga**, Poet Laureate  
7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center  
Join the City of Oakland's first and

current Poet Laureate **Dr. Ayodele Nzinga** for a poetry reading and thought provoking discussion on the importance of fostering a city's cultural arts center.

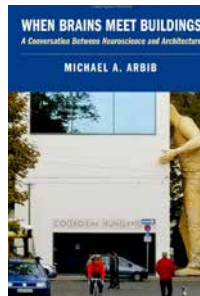
## DECEMBER 8, 2023



### *Holiday Winter Fun at the Kid's Library*

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM, Carmel Public Library, Park Branch Children's Library  
Celebrate with us at our Holiday Family Fun Day at the Kid's Library. Share the joy of the season with arts and crafts, yummy treats and happy kids!

## JANUARY 11, 2024



### Community Night with the Library *When Brains Meet Buildings*

with Neuroscientist **Michael A. Arbib**  
7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center  
Discover the intersection of architecture and neuroscience with Professor, Author and Neuroscientist **Michael A. Arbib**.

## FEBRUARY 22, 2024



### Community Night with the Library *I.M. Pei and the Making of Modern America*

with author **Michael Cannell**  
in conversation with *USA Today* correspondent **Marco della Cava**  
7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

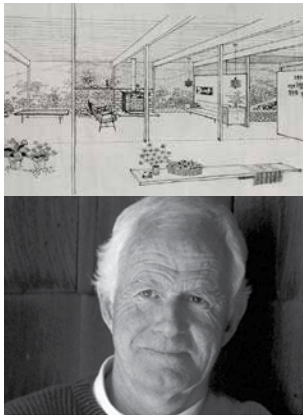
Join author and former *Time* reporter and *NY Times* editor, **Michael Cannell**, as he recalls I.M. Pei, a master's life and career, in conversation with *USA Today* correspondent **Marco della Cava**.



## MARCH 10, 2024 *Donor Salute*

3:00-5:00 PM  
Harrison Memorial Library

**MARCH 20, 2024**



Carmel Public Library Foundation  
in collaboration with  
American Institute Architects  
Monterey Bay presents

**Henry Meade Williams**  
**Local History Lecture Series**

Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck  
Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck

**Kipp Stewart: A Life in  
Painting, Design and  
Architecture**

**7:00 PM, Carmel Woman's Club**

Join the Carmel Public Library Foundation in collaboration with  
the American Institute of Architects, Monterey Bay, in honoring  
the life and legacy of beloved local artist, designer and architect  
Kipp Stewart.

**APRIL 23, 2024**

**Annual Fundraiser – Save the Date!**

Sunset Center, Carmel

Please note dates and events are subject to change.  
Additional events may be added.



**SCAN** to visit our website!

[www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)



To become a sponsor or support the library, please call 831-624-2811 or visit

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*Thank You!*

# Carmel Public Library Foundation's Distinguished Honoree of the Year:

## *Carol Lee Holland*

This year, the Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF) selected former Board Director Carol Lee Holland to be our Distinguished Honoree of the Year at the 2023 Philanthropy Day Luncheon.

Carol's giving spirit and fondness for our library dates back to the Foundation's inception. She is a gracious ambassador, a Lifetime Giving member and most importantly, a woman of community distinction. Her overflowing support, leadership and enthusiasm makes her our perfect Distinguished Honoree. Thank you Carol for everything you do for our library and community!

*Carol Lee Holland*



## Welcome to CPLF New Board Members!

CPLF is excited to welcome several new Board Directors: Sara Ahmed Holman, Eileen Topete, Susan Prest, Laurel Lembo, and Bill Kaminski. We also are thrilled to welcome back prior CPLF Board Member Martha Drexler Lynn, Ph.D. Our new Board Members bring various expertise and leadership experience.

Thank you all for your commitment to the library foundation's mission.

100% of the books, programs,  
materials, equipment and  
services in the library  
are made possible by you!  
**THANK YOU.**

Carmel Public Library invites you to join us!



**Friday,  
December 8th  
3:30 PM - 5:30 PM**

Please join us at  
**Park Branch Children's Library**  
(Corner of 6th and Mission Streets, Carmel)  
for **Holiday Winter Fun**  
including games, crafts, snacks  
and fun for everyone!

Reserve your spot today! Register today at  
**[www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)**

Children 12 and under must be accompanied by an adult.  
(831) 624-2811 or email: [info@CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](mailto:info@CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)



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## Five Top Librarians' Picks



*A Tale for the Time Being*  
by Ruth Ozeki



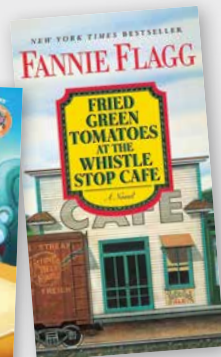
*Stuntboy In-Between Time*  
by Jason Reynolds and Raul the Third

*The Silence of Bonaventure Arrow*  
by Rita Leganski



*The Cookie Fiasco*  
by Mo Willems and Dan Santat

*Fried Green Tomatoes at the Whistle Stop Cafe*  
by Fannie Flagg



## Something for Everyone!

### In-Person

Weekly Storytimes

Friday programs for families

Music in the Library

Small programs for adults

Puzzle exchange

The Gathering Place

Public computers and printing

Tech help

CPLF programs

No fines!



### Online Services

Zip Books

Purchase suggestions

NY Times

Oral History Program

Local History Online Resources

Kanopy, Hoopla, Libby, Palaces App



# Empowering Your Mind with the Library

