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A Message From the President

The Cornerstone of Our Community



Marci Meaux
CPLF President

As president of the Carmel Public Library Foundation, it is my honor to extend our deepest gratitude to you, our cherished donors. Your unwavering support plays a pivotal role in ensuring that our beloved library continues to thrive as a cornerstone of our community. Because of your generosity, we are able to maintain the essential operations of the library, providing free access to knowledge, fostering literacy at all levels, and creating an inclusive space for all.

Libraries have always been more than just places to borrow books—they are hubs of lifelong learning, centers of exploration, and gateways to opportunity. Our library serves everyone in our community, from toddlers learning their ABCs to adults seeking lifelong learning opportunities and everything in between. Thanks to your contributions, we are able to offer programs that nurture early literacy, support school readiness, and encourage a love of reading that lasts a lifetime.

Your donations also help us provide vital resources for everyone. From offering free internet access to ensuring our shelves are stocked with diverse materials that reflect the needs and interests of all members of our community, the library stands as a beacon of equity and inclusion. In an age where information is a powerful tool, you are helping to ensure that everyone has access—regardless of background or means.

On behalf of the Carmel Public Library Foundation, and the entire community, I extend our heartfelt appreciation for your ongoing support. Together, we are not just funding a library, we are investing in the future of our community—one that values knowledge, access, and opportunity for all.

With sincere gratitude,
– Marci Meaux, President

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Joining Together for Big Ideas

Preserving the Past ~ Building our Future

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 Preserving the Past and Building a Bridge to Our Future through exploring A Sense of Place. Inspired by historically significant items from the Henry Meade Williams Local History Collection located at Carmel Public Library Park Branch location, this year we are raising funds to maintain our past and important collections. The library plays a crucial role in preserving cultural and historical heritage.

Beginning November 14th 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.

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Building a Better Future: A Role for the Library

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

As we look ahead and strive to build a brighter future, it's essential to remember that history is our greatest teacher. The knowledge of our past, both the triumphs and the challenges, serves as a compass that guides our decisions and helps us avoid repeating the mistakes of previous generations. In today's rapidly evolving world, the importance of historic knowledge has never been more critical—and our library plays a vital role in preserving and sharing this invaluable resource.

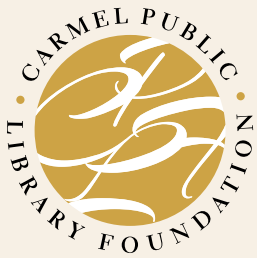
Libraries are more than just collections of books; they are living archives of history, culture, and human experience. At the heart of our community, the library preserves records, stories, and insights from the past, making them accessible to all. Whether it's through a rare document, a well-loved novel, or a digital collection of historical records, the library provides the resources that help us learn from those who came before us. It offers everyone the opportunity to engage with history, to understand how it shapes the present, and to use that understanding to build a better future.

Please join us at this year's CPLF programs as we explore A Sense of Place and examine the artifacts that are preserved in the Henry Meade Williams Local History Room at the Park Branch Library location. After all, those who understand their history are best prepared to shape the future—and thanks to the library, that knowledge is always within reach.



CPLF Board at Work

The 2024-2025 Carmel Public Library Foundation Board is ready to "Build our Future Together." Board members gathered for an annual retreat that included strategic discussions, vision and goal setting, and inspirational and educational presentations. We are excited to welcome new board members Geoff Arnold, Gail Sheridan, Debbie Lemmon and Mary Smith!



What a Season It Will Be!

The Carmel Public Library Foundation is proud to announce the 2024-2025 Season of Community Programs and Events with the Library

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A Sense of Place: Profiles from the Collection

The Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series, sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck, explores a sense of place inspired by historically significant items from the Henry Meade Williams local history collection, located at the Carmel Public Library Park Branch. *A Sense of Place* is more than a geographic location; it's the relationship people form with that location through its history, culture, traditions, and public spaces.

From photographs and letters to maps and scrapbooks, Carmel-by-the-Sea's vibrant past is well documented, reminding us how a strong sense of place can inform the present and serve as a bridge to the future. By celebrating the individuals behind the founding vision, artistic spirit, cultural heritage, and architecture of Carmel, we honor that sense of place and the community it continues to inspire today.

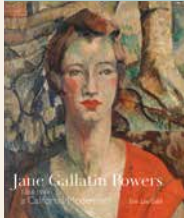
Sept 25, 2024



Carmel's True Beginnings: The Vision of James Franklin Devendorf

with Jack Galante

Oct 23, 2024



Jane Gallatin Powers and the Ladies of the Club: How the Women Artists of Early Carmel Shaped its Destiny

with Erin Lee Gafill

Nov 13, 2024



Don't Worry, Your Orchestra is Here: How Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous Brought Music to Carmel

with David Gordon

Dec 4, 2024



Carmel's Leading Man: Herb Heron and the Forest Theater

with Taelen Thomas and Susan Shillinglaw

Jan 8, 2025



Literary Luminaries: Six Trailblazing Writers Who Shaped Carmel

with Vince Emery

Jan 22, 2025



Timeless Treasures: Preserving Cultural Heritage Through Architectural Conservation

with Kent Seavey and Seth Bergstein

Community Nights with the Library

Carmel Public Library Foundation's Community Nights with the Library are engaging discussions focused on pertinent and relevant topics. Experts on myriad subjects share insights devoted to education, awareness, and communications.

This season Dr. Frank van Diggelen, distinguished engineer for Google and member of NASA's GPS advisory board, will present **GPS: A Tale of Science and Subterfuge**.

Co-Founder of the Center for an Informed Public and University of Washington professor Jevin West will present **Media Literacy: Essential Tools for Critical Thinking** both to high school students and to the general public.

Fireside Chats at the Library

Fireside Chats at the Library provide the community a forum for public discourse while encouraging public interest and discussion.

Patrick Belanger, PhD, California State University Monterey Bay (CSUMB) presents **Can We Talk? Media, Ethics, and Dialogue Across Boundaries**, an exploration of varying ideas about how to reinvigorate public communication and enrich deliberative democracy.



Feb 19, 2025



Mar 13, 2025



Mar 26, 2025



Your Sponsorship Fuels A Future of Knowledge

Sponsorship Has Its Benefits!

Have you considered being a business or personal sponsor that supports the CPLF 2024/2025 program series? With year-round visibility and promotion in our marketing materials, your sponsorship reaches our local neighborhoods, the entire Monterey Peninsula, and beyond.

By aligning your sponsorship with your philanthropic goals, you'll help our library remain a free and accessible resource for the community, supporting early literacy, dynamic programs, and essential tools for public engagement and dialogue.

For more information on how to become a sponsor, please contact Alexandra Fallon, CPLF Executive Director at 831.624.2811 or afallon@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.



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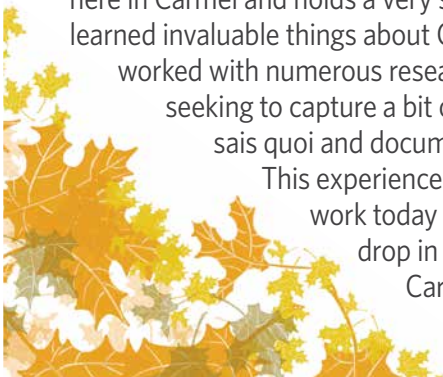
Capture Carmel's Rich History

Ashlee Wright, Library and Community Activities Director

As the weather starts to chill and the holidays creep ever nearer, what better way to welcome the chill of Fall and Winter than to spend some time in the cozy Local History Department at the Park Branch Library indulging in a bit of nostalgia for the simpler times in Carmel.

The Local History department was my first posting here in Carmel and holds a very special place for me. I learned invaluable things about Carmel's history and worked with numerous researchers over the years seeking to capture a bit of that Carmel je ne sais quoi and document our rich history.

This experience continues to guide my work today and I encourage you to drop in and experience the Carmel of auld lang syne.



Remembering

WILLIAM (BILL) TYLER III

It is with great sadness that we share this tribute to William (Bill) Tyler III who passed away on August 13, 2024.



Bill Tyler was a remarkably kind and generous man, whose leadership in multiple organizations throughout our region had tremendous impact. Bill led the Carmel Public Library Foundation as its President, as well as serving as a board member from 2005-2010. He continued to attend subsequent library foundation events with his wife, Susanne, remaining enthusiastic and engaged in our mission to keep our library open, relevant and thriving. Because of his foresight and prudent leadership, the library foundation has continued to thrive and remain a significant community benefits organization that provides library resources and services to all. We will miss Bill's warm and friendly demeanor as well as his generous spirit. Our thoughts and condolences go out to his wife, Susanne, and their family.

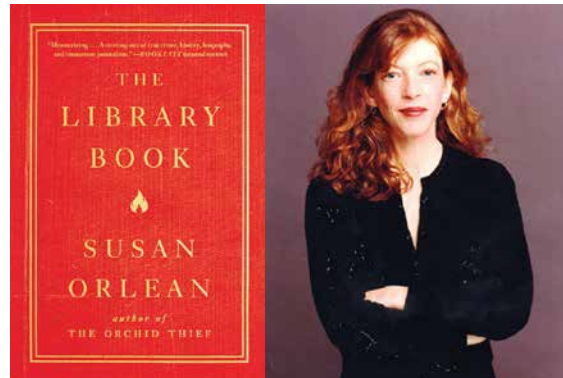


SAVE the DATE for Our Next "Edition!"

Susan Orlean

author of the *The Library Book* and *The Orchid Thief*

April 22, 2025 • Sunset Center Theater



Five Top LOCAL HISTORY Books in Circulation

Creating Carmel: The Enduring Vision

by Harold & Ann Gilliam

Carmel-by-the-Sea

by Monica Hudson

Cottages by the Sea: The Handmade Homes of Carmel, America's First Artist Community

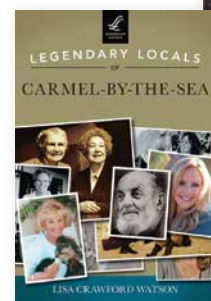
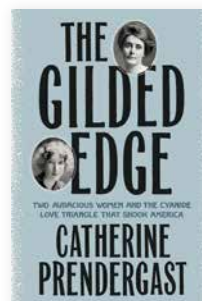
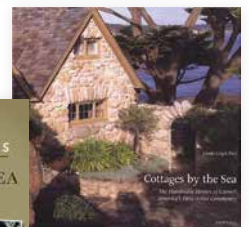
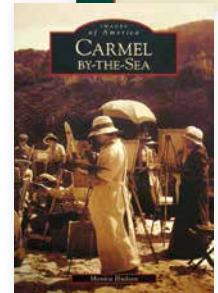
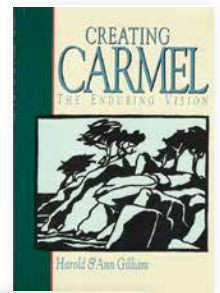
by Linda Leigh Paul

Legendary Locals of Carmel-by-the-Sea, California

by Lisa Crawford Watson

The Gilded Edge: Two Audacious Women and the Cyanide Love Triangle that Shook America

by Catherine Prendergast



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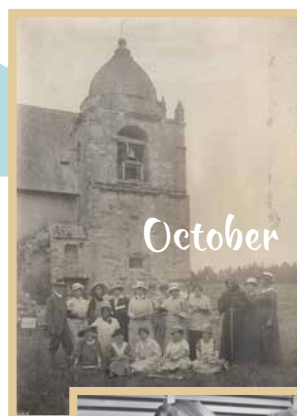


Take a Tour Through History

The Carmel Public Library Henry Meade Williams Local History Department houses Collections, Genealogy and Family History, Maps and Buildings, News and Magazines, and Carmel's Oral History Archives. Such collections include thousands of photographs and books, and wondrous works of art, old letters and scrapbooks.

View some of the historical collection items at upcoming Carmel Public Library Foundation programs.

For research help, please call 831-624-1615 or email hml.localhist@gmail.com.



October

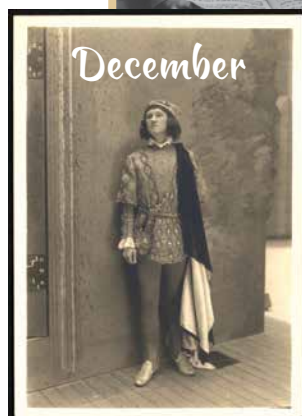
Students attending the Carmel Arts and Crafts Club's Summer School of Art, which opened in 1913 and ran until the mid-1920s. Artist Jane Gallatin Powers and the women of the Carmel Arts and Crafts Club helped build a sustainable arts community that continues to this day.



November

Dene Denny and Hazel Watrous, founders of the Carmel Music Society and the Bach Festival, in a PR photo from the late 1940s. Their home, Harmony House, served as a cultural gathering place

for informal lectures and musical performances.



December

Herb Heron as Romeo in the Forest Theater's production of *Romeo and Juliet*. Herb Heron founded the theater in 1910 and for decades starred in, wrote, and directed many of its plays.

Your Library ~ Inspiring Generations