

CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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A Message From the President

## The Library – It's Where We Gather



Jenice Schultheis,  
CPLF President

As we welcome 2019, I'm pleased with the impact that the Carmel Public Library Foundation has had in our community, not only in our support for the Carmel Public Library, but also with many other programs and initiatives. Last April, we welcomed travel writers Pico Iyer and Don George for a wonderful evening at the Sunset Center that inspired us all to seek out new experiences and adventures in the world of travel. In the fall, we

celebrated the renovation of the Park Branch Library—wonderful new interactive displays in the lobby for our younger patrons. Thank you to the Carmel Rotary Club for helping to make this possible.

In the fall, we began a new year of programming in our Community Night series. We welcomed Tobias Wolff, author of *This Boy's Life*, and also Frank Lloyd Wright historian Kathryn Smith for a wonderful presentation of some of Wright's most renowned works. Local Historian Doug Schmitz gave yet another interesting lecture on Carmel's Treasure Trove, and most recently, CSUMB Provost

Dr. Bonnie Irwin spoke about "The Wisdom of Scheherazade." Several more great presentations are coming up, with topics ranging from Ernest Hemingway to Jo Mora and St. Junipero Serra.

We were pleased to honor our beloved library staff with a Librarian Appreciation Breakfast in October. Along with our Executive Director Alexandra Fallon and Library Director Ashlee Wright, the Board enjoyed a morning getting to know the dedicated professionals who make the library such a warm and inviting place.

Perhaps most exciting of all is the upcoming Sunset Center event with Thomas Friedman, a Pulitzer Prize-winning author whose latest book *Thank You for Being Late* is inspiring our title—the "Still An Optimist" edition. That event will take place on Tuesday, May 7, and tickets are on sale now! There are a select number of tickets available for a VIP reception with an opportunity to meet the author in person.

All of these great events happen for one reason—to support the library in our community. After all, it's where we gather! The mission of our Foundation is to provide the funds for all of the materials available at the library, and we thank all the donors who make that possible. Here's to a great new year!

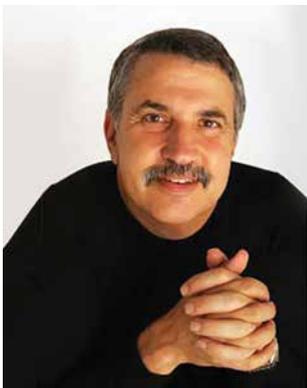
—Jenice Schultheis

### The *Still an Optimist* Edition

Join Three-Time  
Pulitzer Prize-winning  
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**Thomas L. Friedman**

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## New Hours at the Library!

Mon-Fri 10am-6:00pm  
Sat 12:00pm-4:00pm  
Sun 12:00-4:00pm Harrison (Memorial Library Only)



## We're Listening

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

In the poignant book *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*, Robert D. Putnam states: "Libraries are one of the few places where people of all stripes come together and learn." *Palaces for the People* author, Eric

Klinenberg also points to libraries as a cure for the cracks in our culture of division and isolation a "place where people gather and linger, making friends across group lines."

One of the tenets in the Carmel Public Library Foundation mission statement is that we help keep our library relevant. As part of our efforts to continue to purpose our library in ways that truly matter, we asked you to define community through a (CPLF) survey. Many of your responses included; shared interests, a need to connect, embracing diversity, and helping each other.

Some of the tangible ways CPLF is addressing these aspirations is through topical library programming as reflected in our Community Night with the Library series as well as funding improvements to our physical infrastructure such as the Park Branch lobby refresh and pending Gathering Space at the Harrison Memorial Library.

The Carmel Public Library continues to be a trusted resource that strives to cultivate a closer community and provide connectivity for all. We look forward to continuing our community conversations with you.



## Message

Library Director, Ashlee Wright

Some of you may be aware, in addition to being the Library Director for the Harrison Memorial Library and Park Branch, I am also

Director of Community Activities for the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea. When the Library and Community Activities first merged a few years ago many were confused. What did the coordinating special events have to do with traditional library services? A lot more than you would think, actually.

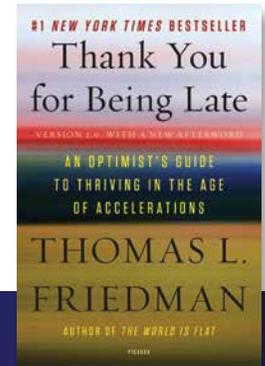
In addition to requiring attention to detail and good organization, special events are about bringing the community together, something that the library does very well not only through library programs, but on daily basis just by opening its doors. As we move deeper into the community conversation process and are starting to hear some themes emerge, I see more and more opportunities to respond to what we are hearing by exploring opportunities for collaboration between library and community activities departments, and looking out into the community to build partnerships with our neighbors in order to help the community reach its aspirations.

“ Hope and optimism aren’t just attitudes, they are life strategies. —Thomas L. Friedman ”



## The Still an Optimist Edition

Join Three-Time Pulitzer Prize-winning Journalist and Best-Selling Author



# Thomas L. Friedman

A Benefit for the Carmel Public Library Foundation

**Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 7:00pm at Sunset Center, Carmel**  
**General Admission with Wine Tasting & Performance**

**The Program** Join **Thomas Friedman** for a stimulating conversation about adaptation to the accelerating changes in global markets, technology and climate change today with **Professor John Arquilla**, chair of the Defense Analysis Department at the Naval Postgraduate School.

### Thomas Friedman

Thomas Friedman is an American journalist and author. He is a three-time Pulitzer Prize winner, and currently writes a weekly column for *The New York Times*. He has written extensively on foreign affairs, global trade, the Middle East, globalization, and environmental issues. His books include; *That Used to be Us, Hot, Flat and Crowded, From Beirut to Jerusalem, The Lexus and the Olive Tree, The World is Flat, Longitudes and Attitudes* and his most recent book, *Thank You For Being Late: An Optimist’s Guide to Thriving in the Age of Accelerations* which has been on the *New York Times* Best Selling List.

Proceeds from the evening benefit the Carmel Public Library Foundation whose mission is to keep the library open, relevant and thriving and to ensure free library service in perpetuity by providing funding for 100% of the books, materials, programs, equipment and services.

### Purchase your TICKETS today!

Online at [www.sunsetcenter.org](http://www.sunsetcenter.org) or at Box Office (831) 620-2048

**Sponsors & Benefactors** receive tickets to the VIP wine tasting, book sale, and International Tastings VIP Reception and more.

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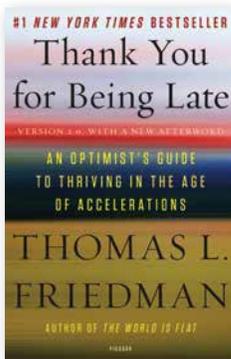
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## Librarians' Picks:

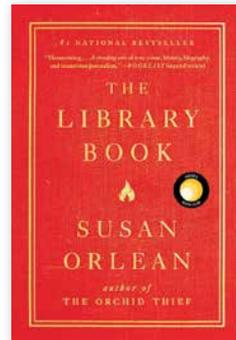
### **Thank You For Being Late: An Optimist's Guide to Thriving in the Age of Acceleration** by Thomas L. Friedman

*"The three-time Pulitzer winner puts his familiar methodology—extensive travel, thorough reporting, interviews with the high-placed movers and shakers, conversations with the lowly moved and shaken—to especially good use here . . . He prescribes nothing less than a redesign of our workplaces, politics, geopolitics, ethics, and communities . . . Required reading for a generation that's 'going to be asked to dance in a hurricane.'" —Kirkus Reviews (starred review)*



### **The Library Book**, by Susan Orlean

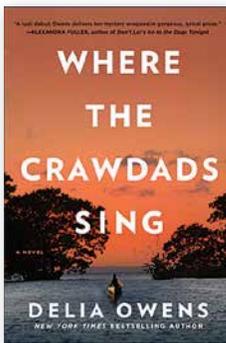
Weaving her lifelong love of books and reading into an investigation of the fire, award-winning New Yorker reporter and *New York Times* bestselling author Susan Orlean delivers a mesmerizing and uniquely compelling book that manages to tell the broader story of libraries and librarians in a way that has never been done before.



In *The Library Book*, Orlean chronicles the LAPL fire and its aftermath to showcase the larger, crucial role that libraries play in our lives; delves into the evolution of libraries across the country and around the world, from their humble beginnings as a metropolitan charitable initiative to their current status as a cornerstone of national identity; brings each department of the library to vivid life through on-the-ground reporting; studies arson and attempts to burn a copy of a book herself; reflects on her own experiences in libraries; and reexamines the case of Harry Peak, the blond-haired actor long suspected of setting fire to the LAPL more than thirty years ago.

### **Where the Crawdads Sing**, by Delia Owens

This haunting debut novel set on the coast of North Carolina will grab you from the very first page. Kya, also known as the "Marsh Girl," was abandoned by her family and left to raise herself in the swamp. When a rich and popular son of the nearby town of Barkley Cove is murdered, the locals immediately suspect Kya. Murder, mystery, and a bit of romance figure in this remarkable read.



## Monterey County Gives! Campaign

CPLF participated in this campaign for the first time this year, and we're happy to report that we raised close to \$20,000 in support of one of our newest children's projects, the Aeroponic Plant on a Pole! This plant grows up to 20 vegetables and fruits in less than 3 square feet! The plant produce will be incorporated into STEAM learning opportunities as well as community outreach as it will provide sustainable food resource for our community.



## Gingerbread House Fundraiser

A special "Thank you" to Councilwoman and Hofsas House owner, Carrie Theis, Marci Bracco, owner of Chatterbox Public Relations, Julie Ruiz, owner of Twisted Roots Vineyard, Anita Mitchell and all of the volunteers and attendees who came to celebrate the holidays with a fun Gingerbread House family activity while supporting the Carmel Public Library. Both sessions were filled and the event raised \$1,700 for the Carmel Public Library Foundation!

This is one of the best holiday celebrations on the Peninsula and we are so fortunate to have the support of this partnership and that of our community.





# Community Night *with the Library*

## 2019 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Check [www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](http://www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) for latest information



### FEB 2019

#### Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series

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

#### The Life of Jo Mora in Monterey County and Carmel

Wed. Feb 6th at 7pm

#### Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join Peter Hiller to learn more about the history of Monterey County, as it was interpreted by revered artist, Jo Mora.



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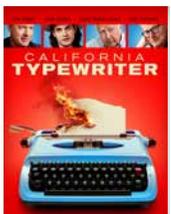
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#### Saint Junípero Serra and the Dream of California

Wed. Mar 6th at 7pm

#### Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Dr. Ruben Mendoza, CSUMB professor and acclaimed archaeologist, writer, and photographer provides an insider's view into the Serra Canonization.



#### California Typewriter

Wed. Feb 13th at 7pm

#### Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Film and community discussion about the typewriter reflecting the relationship between man and machine.



#### Climate Change Science; What Do We Know and What Should We Do?

Wed. Mar 13th at 7pm

#### Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Dr. Tom Murphree, Professor at the Naval Postgraduate School presents an overview of the science of climate change, and optimal solutions.



#### Fogcatchers

Wed, Feb 20th, 7pm

#### Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Discover why Dr. Dan Fernandez, Professor at CSUMB, believes fog may serve as a potential solution to the water crisis in arid regions.



### MAY 2019

#### CPLF Spring Fundraiser

#### The *Still an Optimist* Edition with Pulitzer Prize-winning author, Thomas L. Friedman

Tues. May 7th, at Sunset Center



### MAR 2019

#### Donor Salute

Sun, Mar 3rd from 3 to 5pm

#### Harrison Memorial Library

## Welcome

### NEW LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE PRESIDENT TIM BLOMGREN



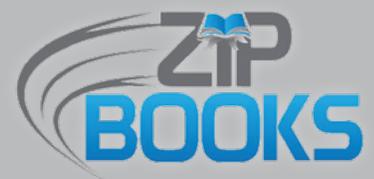
Growing up in Livermore, California, Tim Blomgren had a life-long affinity with libraries and books. Traveling extensively as a young man gave him a detailed knowledge of American History and Local California History. Tim moved to Carmel in 2010 after retiring from a career as a City Planner with the City and County of San Francisco. Immediately after relocating here, he volunteered at the Harrison Memorial Library where he assisted the librarians in shelving materials. This is something he truly enjoys and continues to do to this day. In

addition, he works as a sales associate at Sur La Table in Carmel Plaza. For evening entertainment, Tim participates (and often dominates) in pub trivia matches.

"I am thrilled to start the New Year as President of the Harrison Memorial Library Board of Trustees. This is an excellent organization which has tremendous support from the community. The staff has fantastic vision for the future and the ability to make it happen. I am excited to be a member of this outstanding team."

## Did you know?

**Zip Books** a new way for you to request books that the Library doesn't own. The item is shipped directly to you using Amazon Prime. \*Please ask your librarian for details.



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## Sterling Circle

### An invitation to join our Library Legacy Donors

The annual reception in honor of Carmel Public Library Foundation's Sterling Circle Donors will be held on Sunday, June 9, 2019.



The Sterling Circle Program is the cornerstone of the foundation's future funding capabilities. This program recognizes planned giving donors who demonstrate their deep commitment to the library by including 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.

### Become a Sterling Circle Donor

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