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Fireside Chat at the Library

A Message From the President

2020 Vision



Cynthia McCoy
CPLF President

It is the start of a new year (even a new decade!) and a good time to look back and certainly forward. So much has been happening at the Carmel Public Library Foundation and Library, and there is much to anticipate. Through the ongoing support of donors, and hard work of many, we have seen the continued expansion of Library resources and programs for the benefit of our community. It is an exciting time! So, what is the 2020 vision?

Our Library will remain a hub of our community – providing endless opportunities to connect to a multitude of resources and to each other. Over 100,000 patrons from the Central Coast and visitors from around the world will again enjoy the Carmel Library for access to printed and online stories and materials, research and language resources, public programming, and even to work the communal jigsaw puzzle. Whether a child, teen, or adult there is something for everyone.

The Gathering Place, a new and free meeting space at Harrison Memorial Library made possible by generous donors, will be completed this year. We anticipate seeing

book clubs, student groups and many others utilize this wonderful new space.

With more free Community Night Programs offered than ever before, we will see record numbers of people take advantage of hearing from illustrious speakers on topics such as *Innovation in the Deep Sea*, *Cognitive Reserve*, *Big Data/Big Brother*, *Design Thinking*, *History of The Golden Bough Theatre* and *Stanford's: A Well-Balanced Perspective on College Fit*. We look forward to seeing you soon and welcome suggestions for future programs.

The new *Fireside Chats at the Library* which take place by the fire in the historic, warm and inviting reading room of the Harrison Memorial Library, will continue and expand. Come join us for an evening facilitated by expert speakers and which encourage respectful conversation on current topics.

In this election year, we are fortunate to feature the nation's preeminent presidential historian, Douglas Brinkley in our annual fundraising event, **The PRESIDENTIAL Edition**. Tickets are now on sale at sunsetcenter.org.

We look forward to the promise of the year ahead and invite you to be a part of it. Thank you for your generous support.

—Cynthia McCoy

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The
PRESIDENTIAL
EDITION
With American Historian
and Best-Selling Author
DOUGLAS BRINKLEY



New Year ~ New Opportunities

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

It's a New Year! We hope you are off to a great start! January's Community Night with the Library program, *Design Thinking: The Achievement Habit* came

at an opportune time to contemplate positive change. The speaker pointed to the concept of reframing issues as a way of viewing and experiencing events, ideas, concepts and emotions to find more positive alternatives. This type of re-examination has been at the forefront of discussions between the library and our community most recently in an effort to continue to provide excellent resources,

as well as to contemplate beneficial library trends and new ways to think about functionality and form in our physical spaces. So please stay tuned to our programs this spring and the development of our new Gathering Place, a space within the library designated for book clubs, nonprofit meetings and student learning groups as well as programs.

Our Library thrives because of you. Thank you for your dedicated support! Looking forward to seeing you at our programs and events!

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

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



In and Out of the Box

Library Director, Ashlee Wright

In her 1925 book *Carmel at Work and Play*, Daisy Bostick describes the Carmel Library as an "efficient medium for the distribution of books" AND a place where "you will undoubtedly meet

at least a few of your friends and exchange cooking recipes or make an appointment for a game of bridge."

Carmel Library is still a social center in town today, and that is one of the best parts about working at the library (besides being surrounded by all of the world's knowledge). As we continue to ensure our robust social infrastructure, I am always looking for opportunities to work on library related initiatives and also to think outside of the box (and the buildings!) on connecting with new community partners.

This fall I was fortunate to be asked to work on a new project being spearheaded by Visit Carmel. For more than a century, the resplendent beauty of Carmel-by-the-Sea has inspired artists of all kinds. Their work, in turn, has drawn countless visitors to the white sands of Carmel Beach and to our charming village in the forest. To both honor our artistic heritage as well as provide a safe and accessible spot for visitors to take photos, Visit Carmel is sponsoring the creation of a new temporary outdoor public art mural that will adorn the former Carmel Dairy building adjacent to the Park Branch Library building.

Another exciting project that bridges the Library and Community Activities Departments is the reinstitution of the beloved and much missed Carmel Bulletin Board. The bulletin board, located in various spots throughout the village over the years, was a place to find a ride over Carmel Hill to Monterey, find out what was happening in town, and even locate your lost shoe (check out the Local History Department for some great photos). Still a work in progress, but keep an eye out for a new/old place to make your community connections and stay in the know!



JOIN US APRIL 7, 2020
SUNSET CENTER, CARMEL

The PRESIDENTIAL With American Historian and Best-Selling Author EDITION DOUGLAS BRINKLEY

PRESENTED BY THE CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Program

It's election year! Join acclaimed author, CNN Presidential Historian, and New York's Historical Society's Official Presidential Historian, Douglas Brinkley on Tuesday, April 7, 2020 for **a look at the highs and lows of the American Presidency; Past, Present and Future** — with Professor John Arquilla, distinguished professor of Defense Analysis at the Naval Postgraduate School.

Douglas Brinkley is the Katherine Tsanoff Brown Chair in Humanities and Professor of History at Rice University, the CNN Presidential Historian, and a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*. He works in many capacities in the world of public history, including on boards, museums, colleges and historical societies. *The Chicago Tribune* dubbed him "America's New Past Master." The New-York Historical Society has chosen Brinkley their official U.S. Presidential Historian. His recent book *Cronkite* won the Sperber Prize while *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* received the Robert F. Kennedy Book Award. He has received a Grammy Award for *Presidential Suite* and seven honorary doctorates in American Studies. His two-volume annotated *The Nixon Tapes* recently won the Arthur S. Link – Warren F. Kuehl Prize. His latest book is *American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race*. He is a member of the Century Association, Council of Foreign Relations and the James Madison Council of the Library of Congress. He lives in Austin, Texas with his wife and three children.

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.

To purchase tickets, go to www.sunsetcenter.org or the Box Office (831) 620-2048:

\$175 – VIP Admission with Reception, Advanced Book Sale & Signing – Author Meet & Greet, Delicious Hors d'oeuvres & Fine Wines at 6:30pm & Program with premium reserved seating at 8:00pm

\$65 – Standard Admission with Wine Tasting at 7:00pm and Program with reserved seating at 8:00pm. Book signing to follow afterwards.

Become a Sponsor or Benefactor and receive significant visibility opportunities as well as VIP Admission to the reception, wine tasting, advanced book sale & signing, delicious hors d'oeuvres, and premium seating.

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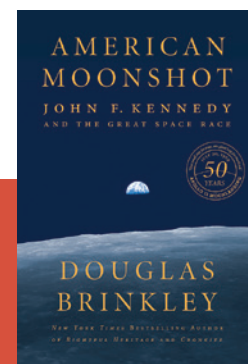
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Join Carmel Public Library Foundation book club

to discuss Mr. Brinkley's most recent book, *American Moonshot: John F. Kennedy and the Great Space Race*. April 2, 2020, Harrison Memorial Library at 6:30pm.
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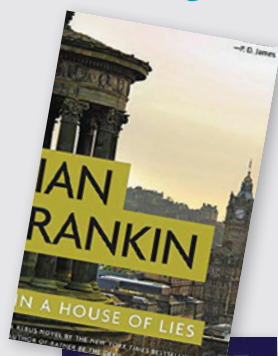


What went out in 2019?

Our highest circulating items

FICTION

1. *Where the Crawdads Sing*, by Delia Owens
2. *City of Girls*, by Elizabeth Gilbert
3. *In a House of Lies*, by Ian Rankin
4. *The Silent Patient*, by Alex Michaelides
5. *A Better Man*, by Louise Penny
6. *Redemption*, by David Baldacci
7. *Unsolved*, by James Patterson
8. *Contraband*, by Stuart Woods
9. *The New Girl*, by Daniel Silva
10. *Ask Again, Yes*, by Mary Beth Keane



NONFICTION

1. *Educated*, by Tara Westover
2. *Raising Your Spirited Child*, by Mary Kurcinka
3. *Old Monterey; California's Adobe Capital*, by Laura Bride Powers
4. *Becoming*, by Michelle Obama
5. *The Library Book*, by Susan Orlean
6. *Maybe You Should Talk to Someone*, by Lori Gottlieb
7. *The Art of Simple*, by Eleanor Ozich
8. *Talking to Strangers*, by Malcolm Gladwell
9. *The Best Coast*, by Chandler O'Leary
10. *The Honey Bus*, by Meredith May



Gingerbread House Fundraiser

A special "Thank you" to Hofsas House owner, Carrie Theis, Marci Bracco, owner of Chatterbox Public Relations, Julie Ruiz, owner of Twisted Roots Vineyard, Anita Mitchell, Development Associate for CPLF and all of the volunteers and attendees who came to celebrate the holidays with a fun Gingerbread family activity while supporting the Carmel Public Library. Both sessions were filled and the event raised over \$1,800 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.



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| 1. <i>Green Book</i> | 6. <i>If Beale Street Could Talk</i> |
| 2. <i>The Bookshop</i> | 7. <i>The Mule</i> |
| 3. <i>Bohemian Rhapsody</i> | 8. <i>Tea with the Dames</i> |
| 4. <i>A Star is Born</i> | 9. <i>The Wife</i> |
| 5. <i>First Man</i> | 10. <i>Vice</i> |

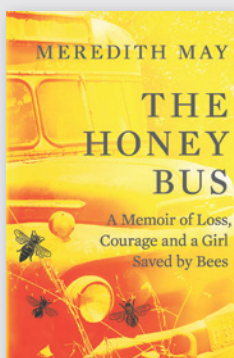
Librarians' Picks:

NON-FICTION

The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees, by Meredith May. A riveting memoir from a local author about a young girl growing up in Carmel Valley on her grandfather's bee farm.

Talking to strangers: what we should know about the people we don't know / Malcolm Gladwell.

Any Malcolm Gladwell book will be fascinating. This one is on how interactions with strangers often go wrong.



FICTION

The secrets we kept, Lara Prescott. Inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: *Doctor Zhivago*

The testaments / Margaret Atwood. The long-awaited sequel to *The Handmaid's Tale*, recently made into a popular mini-series.





Community Night *with the Library*

2020 PROGRAMS & EVENTS

Check www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org for latest information



February 5, 2020

Big Data/Big Brother

7pm / Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center

Learn how, and to what extent your personal information is being divulged with Naval Postgraduate School Asst. Professor of Computer Science, **Vinnie Monaco**



February 10, 2020

Wired for Reward: How teenage brains are vulnerable to addiction, and simple strategies to promote health

6:30 pm / Carmel Performing Art Center at Carmel High School



March 8, 2020

Donor Salute

3 to 5 pm, Harrison Memorial Library



March 11, 2020

Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series – *Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck*

The Theatre of the Golden Bough in the Golden Era

7pm / Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center

A talk by **Marcia Kuster Rider** on the history of Carmel's historic playhouse.



March 16, 2020

Stanford's Challenge Success: A Well-Balanced Perspective on College Fit

6:30pm / Carmel Performing Art Center at Carmel High School

Parent & Teacher Lecture Series hosted by CUSD & CPLF



April 7, 2020

CPLF Fundraiser at Sunset Center
The PRESIDENTIAL Edition
with American Historian and Best-Selling Author, **Douglas Brinkley** (*see page 3*)

7pm Wine Tasting and 8pm Program

Tickets now available at www.sunsetcenter.org



Fireside Chats
at the Library

April 9, 2020

Citizenship in Flux: Local vs. Global Visions of the Civic Life

A cross-generational discussion of how local and global visions of citizenship are intersecting with mass media and culture in the US.

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 7, 2020.

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

Simply inform us of your interest. The amount and conditions of your gift are entirely up to you with any amount being appreciated and completely confidential.

For more information, go to our website www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org or contact Alexandra Fallon at (831) 624-2811. Thank you for your support.



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NEED A GROUP MEETING PLACE?

The Gathering Place

In 1955, Library Director Ruth Thornburg identified the community's need for a free meeting space in the library. After 65 years of requests from you, our community, the library will finally have a for a place for small group meetings including:

Book Clubs! Study Groups! Board meetings, and so much more!

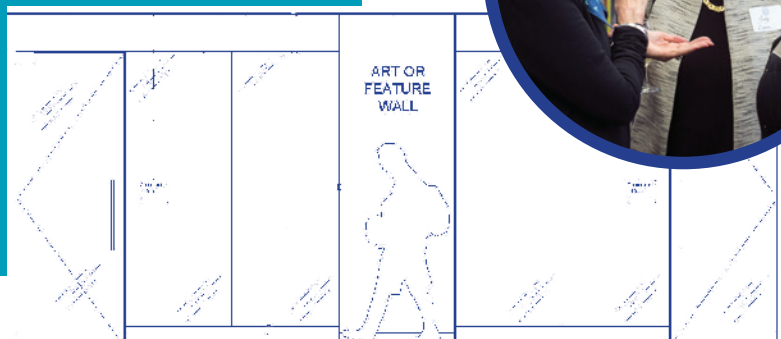
Long-time resident and life-long Harrison Memorial Library patron, Lacy Williams Buck understands the need for a free gathering space in Carmel, recalling her mother's "salon" — a dedicated place where locals could participate in thoughtful discussions. With Ms. Williams Buck's support, and that of our community, as well as the Carmel Public Library Foundation, these improvements at the Harrison Memorial Library can come to fruition without disturbing the historicity of the building. Upon the completion of this project our community will have a free space to gather, and in the tradition of Carmel, a space for sharing ideas and fostering community.

The Gathering Place

Coming to you by end of April 2020.

*Made possible by the generosity of
Lacy Williams Buck, the support
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