A Message From the President

Our Library: Our Lifeline to Everything

Some say change is the only constant. As we move through our changing world where Covid has been ever present, I found another constant - the anchor of our beloved Carmel Public Library. The library is a vital part of our community – a lifeline to resources and social connections. It has long been more than the physical resources within its walls. This has been made even clearer since the Covid-19 pandemic forced the temporary closure of the library buildings.

During the last two years, our library has adapted and changed to meet the needs of the community while maintaining safety protocols. Online resources and access to subscriptions remain an important offering that are always available. The buildings are now open with restricted hours and, with the approval to add more staff, the library team is diligently working to open the doors longer and more often.

Another key benefit to the community are the programs and events. This year the MontereyCountyGives! campaign contributions enabled Carmel Public Library Foundation to offer community programs that are available both in-person and online. The topics appeal to a wide range of interests – from the deep sea to outer space. Each month we have at least one program and I am delighted to relay our attendance has been robust! In November’s collaborative astronaut program with Carmel Unified School District, we were inspired by the journey of three retired astronauts and later that month we discussed the state of the California Dream at our Fireside Chat. Our upcoming events include many more riveting topics.

This year, our annual fundraiser event, The Futurist Edition features a best-selling author and global strategic futurist, Parag Khanna, who will share his illuminating vision of the next phase of human civilization. We invite you to read his latest book Move: The Forces Uprooting Us and to join us in our book club discussion. Visit our website for more details on this and our other programs: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. You won’t want to miss this event!

When thinking of the library as a lifeline in our community, I especially want to thank our many donors who make this possible. Together, we successfully navigate all the forces that are creating change by providing valuable resources and social connections. You truly make the difference for all of us and we are extremely grateful! — Marci Meaux

The Futurist Edition
with acclaimed futurist and best-selling author
Parag Khanna
Save the Date: April 27

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Into the Future…
Beautiful inviting spaces to share knowledge and pursuits of all kinds

Alexandra Fallon
Executive Director

A recent Washington Post OpEd article titled “The golden age of public libraries dawns again.” cites examples of “new era” libraries around the world where event spaces, conference rooms, outdoor gardens, computer labs, media rooms, even kitchens for cooking lessons are providing new ways for communities to stay engaged and connected.

Thanks to the support of our community our own library is an innovative example of this “new era” with our newly constructed, The Gathering Place meeting room located in the Harrison Memorial Library building. This year we are also developing ways to keep our community safely connected with additional technology and outdoor accommodations. “Libraries are an example of what I call “social infrastructure”: the physical spaces and organizations that shape the way people interact.” says Palaces for the People, author Eric Klinenberg. As we identify new ways to provide valuable community benefits we remain grateful to you for your informative feedback and for keeping our library open, relevant and thriving.

Meeting the Moment
Library Director, Ashlee Wright

Dear Patrons,

As we enter into this New Year 2022, Covid is unfortunately still present and causing disruptions in all areas of our lives. Our community has shown great resilience and caring through the last couple of incredibly trying years.

Your Library Staff continue to work very hard to provide you with excellent library services. Alongside the HR department I am managing a number of new recruitments in order to fill our vacant positions and restore our pre-pandemic hours. You may have already met some of our new staff across the desk at the Library!

Thank-you for your continued patience and support.

—Ashlee Wright, Library and Community Activities Director

Thank you Community & Monterey County Gives! Campaign

Carmel Public Library Foundation helps keep the community engaged, informed and inspired with one of the most robust array of programs in the area. This year’s big idea, was to raise funds to support a re-emergence/stay safe initiative in order to provide access and support with additional media production for live events and program streaming so that everyone could engage.
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— acclaimed author Elif Shafak’s reaction to the book, MOVE: The Forces Uprooting Us

Where will you be in 2030? Join us for an exhilarating exploration that envisions our global destiny with acclaimed futurist and best-selling author Parag Khanna.

Wednesday, April 27, 2022
Sunset Center Theater and Online
Author book sale and signing, winetasting and program at 8:00 pm

6:30 PM VIP Reception & Program $225 (limited)
7:00 PM Winetasting, Program $75
Special pricing for Military & Student

PURCHASE TICKETS:
www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org
Proof of vaccination & masks required for in-person attendance.

For more information, or to become a sponsor, call the Carmel Public Library Foundation at (831) 624-2811. Proceeds from the evening benefit the Carmel Public Library Foundation whose mission is to keep the library open, relevant and thriving.

TO JOIN: Email info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org and enter “join the club” in the subject.
September 22, 2021
Community Night with the Library
Into the Deep: The Secret Lives of Fishes off Carmel's Storied Coastline
Discover the wonder that lies beyond the waves with James Lindholm, Ph.D. Distinguished Professor of Marine Science & Policy & Chair, CSUMB.

October 13, 2021
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
The Gilded Edge: Two audacious women and the cyanide love triangle that shook America
Join author Catherine Prendergast for the true story of two women; Nora May French and Carrie Sterling of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the high price of sexual and artistic freedom during the late Gilded Age.

November 10, 2021
Meet the Stars in Space: Three Astronauts and their Journey
Have you ever wondered what it takes to become an astronaut or to live in outer space? Three astronauts share their experiences and perspectives.

November 17, 2021
Fireside Chats at the Library
Is the California Dream Dead?
A discussion of today’s definition of the California Dream and the possibility to attain it.

December 15, 2021
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
Henry Miller: Provocateur and Liberating Literary Influence
Henry Miller and his impact on American literary history as well as local history. Celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the Henry Miller Library.

January 12, 2022
Community Night with the Library
Bitskrieg: The New Challenge of Cyber Warfare, with author and Professor John Arquilla
How new technologies are changing how we protect our citizens and wage our wars.

February 9, 2022
Individualism vs The Collective
A discussion exploring the fundamental conflict in America today and why we need to solve it.

February 16, 2022
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck
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March 9, 2022
Community Night with the Library
The Honey Bus: A Memoir of Loss, Courage and a Girl Saved by Bees, with author Meredith May
An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature’s most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee.
What went out in 2021?

Our highest circulating items

**TOP 5 CIRCULATED – FICTION 2021**
1. *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
2. *The Cellist* by Daniel Silva
3. *Hamnet* by Maggie O’Farrell
5. *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny

**TOP 5 CIRCULATED – NONFICTION 2021**
2. *Caste: The Origins of Our Discontents* by Isabel Wilkerson
3. *How to Be an Antiracist* by Ibram X. Kendi
4. *A Promised Land* by Barack Obama
5. *The Premonition: A Pandemic Story* by Michael Lewis

**TOP 5 - AWARD WINNERS**
1. *The Night Watchman* by Louise Erdrich (Pulitzer Prize for Fiction)
2. *Deacon King Kong* by James McBride (Andrew Carnegie Medal)
3. *The Promise* by Damon Galgut (Booker Prize Winner)
4. *Hell of a Book* by Jason Mott (National Book Award)
5. *The Secret Lives of Church Ladies* by Deesha Philyaw (LA Times Book Prize, Faulkner Award)
As a Planned Giving Sterling Circle Donor, your gift will keep on giving. Just as you have plans for your retirement, your family’s well-being, your children’s and grandchildren’s education, and other estate planning matters, it is prudent, as well as rewarding, to plan the use of assets in your charitable giving. Planned gifts are investments in your own charitable ideals and in the future of our cherished community Library. A planned gift to the Carmel Public Library Foundation helps to ensure that your hopes and dreams for the Carmel Public Library will be realized for generations to come. At the same time, your generosity also enables the Carmel Public Library Foundation to continue to provide books, materials, collections, services, and programs to thousands of library patrons each year. The Carmel Public Library Foundation mission is to help keep the library open, relevant and thriving. Your gift will ensure free library service in perpetuity. Your role as a Planned Giving Sterling Circle Donor is vital to achieving this goal. Please review our list of planned giving gift options and together with your financial advisor and attorney, we can help you support the Library while helping you meet your financial objectives. For more information contact Alexandra Fallon at (831) 624-2811.

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