

CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

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A Message From the President

## Our Library: Our Lifeline to Everything



Marci Meaux  
CPLF President

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](http://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



Where  
will you be  
in 2030?

Details on page 3



## 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.

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## 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.





# Join us!

## A BENEFIT FOR THE CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION



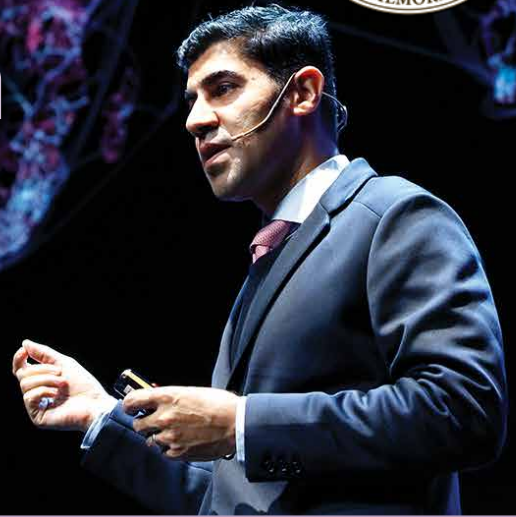
# The Futurist Edition

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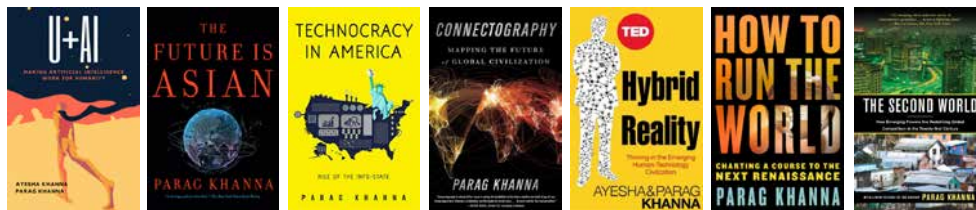
## Parag Khanna

### “Daring, smart, unforgettable”

— 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:

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*Proof of vaccination & masks required for in-person attendance.*



Dr. Khanna holds a PhD in international relations from the London School of Economics, and Bachelors and Masters degrees from the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. In 2017, he was awarded a Richard von Weizsaecker fellowship of the Robert Bosch Academy. He has been a Senior Fellow of the Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Visiting Fellow at LSE IDEAS, Senior Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations, Distinguished Visitor at the Munk School of Global Affairs at the University of Toronto, Distinguished Visitor at the American Academy in Berlin, Next Generation Fellow of the American Assembly, Visiting Fellow at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Non-Resident Associate of the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at Georgetown University, and a Visiting Fellow at the Observer Research Foundation in New Delhi. He has received grants from the United Nations Foundation, Smith Richardson Foundation, and Ford Foundation.

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.



**READ WITH US!** Join our book club and read Khanna's book, *MOVE: The Forces Uprooting Us*.  
**TO JOIN:** Email [info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org](mailto:info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org) and enter "join the club" in the subject.



# Community Programs and Events with the Library

All programs will be offered both in person and online. Registration required. Proof of vaccination and masks required.

## 2021-2022

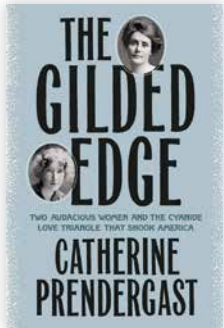


**September 22, 2021**

### *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**

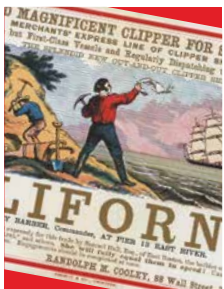
Join author Catherine Prendergast for the true story of two women; Nora May French and Carrie Sterling of Carmel-by-the-Sea and the high price of sexual and artistic freedom during the late Gilded Age.



**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.

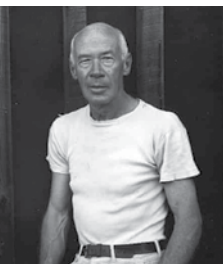


**November 17, 2021**

### **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.

**TO REGISTER:**

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**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**

### **Fireside Chats** at the Library

#### **Individualism vs The Collective**

A discussion exploring the fundamental conflict in America today and why we need to solve it.



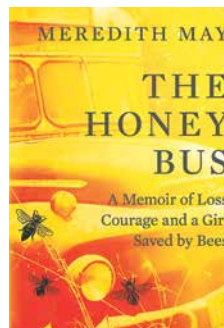
**February 16, 2022**

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

#### **Architect M.J. Murphy, Carmel's first and foremost builder with architectural historian, Kent Seavey**

Harrison Memorial Library, 6:30pm

Join local architectural historian, Kent Seavey for an overview of Murphy's contribution to the aesthetics and material support of our community.



**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**

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, 7pm

An extraordinary story of a girl, her grandfather and one of nature's most mysterious and beguiling creatures: the honeybee.



## Community Programs & Events with the Library, continued...



**April 27, 2022**

### **Annual Fundraiser – The Futurist Edition with Parag Khanna, PhD**

Sunset Center, Carmel

Where will you be in 2030? Join this strategic futurist and best-selling author for an engaging exploration that envisions our global destiny.



**June 2022**

### **Sterling Circle Author Reception**

for Sterling Circle Members



**June 2, 2022**

### **Community Night with the Library**

#### **Silent Spring Revolution:**

John F. Kennedy, Rachel Carson, Lyndon Johnson and the Great Sixties Environmental Awakening, with

historian and acclaimed author Douglas Brinkley

Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center, 7pm

How the environmental revolution in America led to landmark legislation such as the Clean Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Endangered Species Act—all signed into law by President Richard Nixon.



**June 2022**

### **Cozy Read-A-Book**

Online Program

## What went out in 2021?

### Our highest circulating items

#### **TOP 5 CIRCULATED – FICTION 2021**

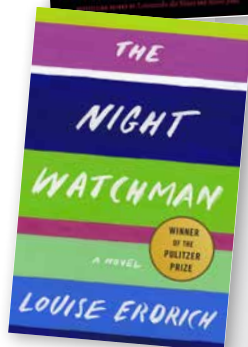
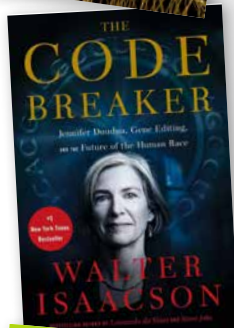
1. *The Four Winds* by Kristin Hannah
2. *The Cellist* by Daniel Silva
3. *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell
4. *The Paris Library* by Janet Skeslien Charles
5. *The Madness of Crowds* by Louise Penny

#### **TOP 5 CIRCULATED – NONFICTION 2021**

1. *The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race* by Walter Isaacson
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)



## Gingerbread House Fundraiser

**A special "Thank you"** to Hofsas House owner, Carrie Theis and Marci Bracco, The Buzz PR, and all the attendees who participated and celebrated the holidays with a fun Gingerbread family Carmel tradition, while supporting the Carmel Public Library. Both sessions were filled and the event raised over \$1,400 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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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.

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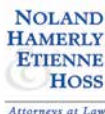
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