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Michelle Magdalena Maddox

A Message From the President

An Inspiring Year



Lettie Bennett
CPLF President

The Carmel Public Library Foundation's mission is to keep the library open, relevant and thriving. We accomplish this through the support of our generous and engaged community. This year our library received star status, awarded by the Library Journal. This is a prestigious national award that distinguishes

the premier libraries in the United States according to the following criteria: measure of circulation, library visits, program attendance, electronic resource use, and public Internet computer use per capita. This award demonstrates how much our community utilizes our library resources including programs, services and technology. Carmel Public Library is 1 of 12 California libraries out of 1,130 to receive this award. Your support meant that even during the challenging time of the pandemic, temporary building closures and staff reductions, our library staff had the resources, ingenuity and tenacity to stay open, relevant and thriving. They continued to add to collections, procure online subscriptions, provide front door deliveries of Zip books and much more. This is

another example of how our library continues to provide outstanding and significant benefits to our community as a vital resource and recognized leader.

Throughout the year the Carmel Public Library and the Carmel Public Library Foundation consistently collaborate to identify ways in which the library can

better serve our community and enhance the library experience. This year we will assess our physical spaces and develop a plan to identify opportunities for improvements within the buildings, including accessibility, shelving, updated furniture, improved catalog access as well as enhancements to our exterior areas. We will also embark on ways to improve our communications to keep our community informed of all of our wonderful programs and services the library provides.

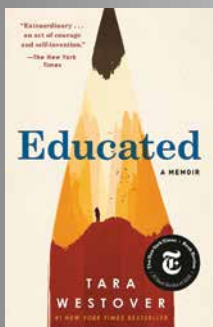
I hope you will join us for these incredible programs during the rest of the year. This year's 11th annual Carmel Public Library

Foundation fundraiser *The Educated Edition* features Tara Westover, author of the best-selling book, *Educated*. This event will be the talk of the town. I look forward to seeing you there in support of our library! Thank you.

—Lettie Bennett



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The **EDUCATED** Edition! with **TARA WESTOVER**

#1 *NY Times* Bestselling Author of *Educated*

Join us! TUESDAY. APRIL 18, 2023

PURCHASE TICKETS AT www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org



Every Life Should Have A Library In It

Alexandra Fallon
Executive Director

There are very few places that have no barrier to entry and can afford you the world. The library is such a place. It is a place that inspires thought and connectivity and when you leave you are more enriched than when you arrived. The library also offers a respite, a sanctuary from all of the tedious tasks and "noise" of external distractions. It provides an opportunity to prioritize yourself and your personal growth as well as that of your family.

This year's 11th annual CPLF fundraiser features acclaimed author Tara Westover. In her book, *Educated* Westover struggles to prioritize her potential, due to her family's fanatical views that oppose and cripple her progress. Unrelenting in her pursuit of deeper understanding and higher education, she ultimately becomes capable of processing her past and her navigation forward. We hope you can join us for this unique and inspiring exploration in support of the library. Visit www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org for details and to purchase tickets.

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LIBRARY HOURS

We're Back! Come visit us at the Harrison Memorial Library and Park Branch Library. Visit ci.carmel.ca.us/library or call 831-624-4629 for hours of operation.

Thank you Community & MCCGIVES! Campaign

Your support via the Monterey County Gives campaign will help fund the necessary tools to manage the Library's collections and improve public communications—to inform the community about Library locations, services, collections, and programs.



Your Library – In Full Swing!

Library and Community Activities
Director, Ashlee Wright

In addition to Star Library status, the library is launching into 2023 in full swing:

- The Local History Department has restarted the My Carmel Oral History Project and we are collecting interviews again!
- Kids' Library is back to a full schedule with baby yoga on Tuesdays, storytime every Wednesday, game day/Lego time on Fridays and monthly movie night. We are planning a special author visit this spring with Dan Yaccarino and River and Tularcitos Elementary schools.
- At the Harrison Library the puzzle exchange is also proving very popular—take a puzzle, leave a puzzle, and we are looking forwarding to some programs this spring, so please stay tuned.
- We are almost fully staffed...when we are, we plan to get back to Saturday hours!

JOIN US for The **EDUCATED** Edition!

A Benefit for the Carmel Public Library Foundation

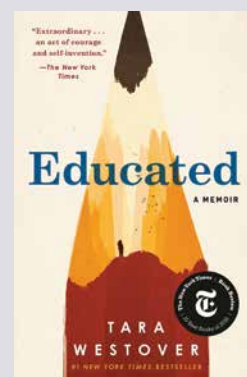


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with **TARA WESTOVER**
#1 *NY Times* Bestselling Author of *Educated*
and

Alexis Madrigal, co-host of KQED's "Forum,"
and contributing writer at *The Atlantic*

A captivating conversation of
Tara Westover's journey from
arduous isolation to gifted scholar.



TARA WESTOVER is an American memoirist, essayist and historian.

- Her memoir *Educated* published in 2018 debuted at No.1 on *The New York Times* bestseller list, stayed on the bestselling list in hardcover for over 2 years and was translated into 45 languages.

- The book was voted the No. 1 Library Reads pick by American librarians.

- *Educated* has sold more than 8 million copies.



Born in Idaho to a father opposed to public education, she never attended school. An older brother taught her to read, and most of her days were spent working in her father's junkyard or stewing herbs for her mother. She was seventeen the first time she set foot in a classroom. After that her first encounter with education she pursued learning for a decade, graduating magna cum laude from Brigham Young University in 2008 and subsequently winning a Gates Cambridge Scholarship. She received an MPhil from Trinity College, Cambridge in 2009 and in 2014 was awarded a PhD in history. In 2018, she published her memoir, *Educated*, which explores her struggle to reconcile her desire for education and autonomy with her desire to be loyal to her family.

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Sunset Center Theater and Online

**Author book sale and signing, wine
tasting and program**

6:30 PM VIP Admission with Reception \$175

7:00 PM Wine tasting, Program \$45 / \$75

8:00 PM Program begins

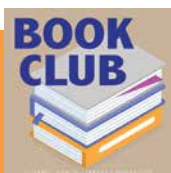
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In-person or online.

Sunset Center attendance guidelines will apply.

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 Tara Westover's book, *Educated*.

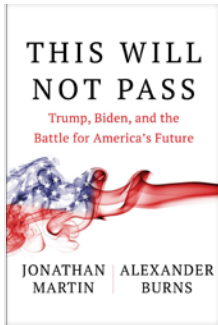
TO JOIN: Email info@carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org and enter "join the club" in the subject.



Community Programs and Events with the Library 2022-2023

All programs will be offered both in person and online. Registration required.

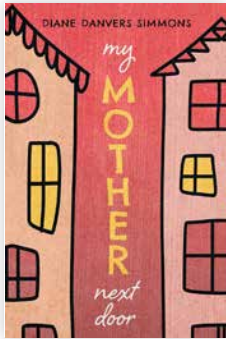
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SEPTEMBER 21, 2022

Community Night with the Library ***This Will Not Pass: Trump, Biden and the Battle for America's Future***

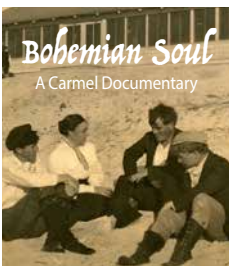
Join author **Jonathan Martin** and former *Meet the Press* executive producer **Betsy Fischer Martin** for a discussion on the recent 18-month crisis in American democracy.



OCTOBER 12, 2022

Community Night with the Library ***My Mother Next Door*** by Diane Danvers Simmons

Join author **Diane Danvers Simmons** in an interview that explores this candid British coming-of-age story about growing up in the revolutionary 1970s while her mother charted her own unconventional path to independence and freedom.



OCTOBER 26, 2022

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

***Bohemian Soul* – Film**

6:30pm, Forest Theater

The Carmel Bohemians' commitment to 'Art as Life'

can be seen in this intimate film portrayal of past artists and literary icons who continue to be a major influence to artists and thinkers around the world.



NOVEMBER 9, 2022

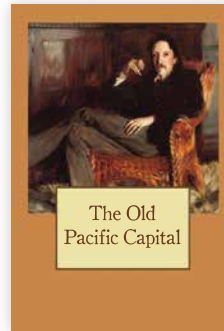
Community Night with the Library ***Tech's Rising Star: Defining the Future of Healthcare***

Discover Tech star, **Julia Hu's** remarkable journey and struggles that led to the development of an innovative digital healthcare platform that serves millions.



DECEMBER 3, 2022

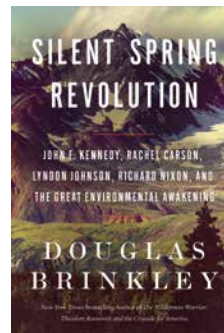
11th Annual Gingerbread House Fundraiser at Hofsas House



JANUARY 11, 2023

Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lacy Buck ***The Old Pacific Capital: through the words of Robert Louis Stevenson***

Join Stevenson devotee and classically trained actor, **Keith Decker** for *The Old Pacific Capital* Visions of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Carmel Valley, and Carmel Mission as seen through the words of **Robert Louis Stevenson**.



FEBRUARY 8, 2023

Community Night with the Library ***Silent Spring Revolution:*** with historian and acclaimed author Douglas Brinkley

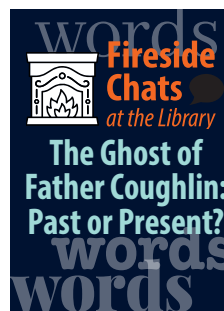
How the environmental revolution in America led to landmark legislation such as the Clean-Air Act, the National Environmental Policy Act, and the Endangered Species Act – all signed into law by President Richard Nixon.



MARCH 5, 2023

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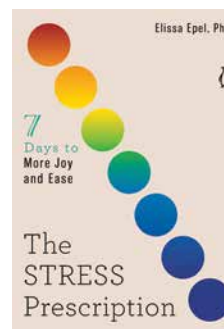


MARCH 15, 2023

The Ghost of Father Coughlin: Past or Present?

6:30pm, Harrison Memorial Library, Carmel

Join acclaimed author and photojournalist, **Michael Katakis** for a discussion about the power of words in dangerous times.

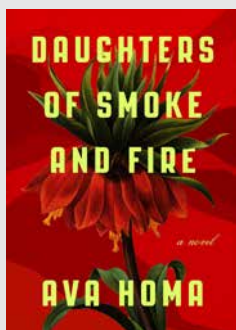


MARCH 23, 2023

Community Night with the Library ***Turning Stress to Strength***

7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Discover how specific lifestyle and psychological habits can protect telomeres, slowing disease and improving life with Dr. Elissa Epel, co-author of *New York Times* best-selling book, *The Telomere Effect* and *The Stress Prescription*.



APRIL 12, 2023

Community Night with the Library ***Daughters of Smoke and Fire*** **by Ava Homa**

7pm, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join author Ava Homa and professor Nancy Middleton as they discuss *Daughters of Smoke and Fire*, the unforgettable, haunting story of a young woman's perilous fight for freedom and justice for her brother, in the first novel published in English by a female Kurdish writer, Ava Homa.



APRIL 18, 2023

Annual Fundraiser ***The Educated Edition*** **with Tara Westover** **Sunset Center, Carmel**



JUNE 11, 2023

Sterling Circle Event **for Sterling Circle Members**

Please note, dates may change and events may be added.

In person or online, we're always here for you. Support Your Library

What went out from Carmel Public Library in 2022?

Our most circulated items

TOP 5 CIRCULATED – FICTION 2022

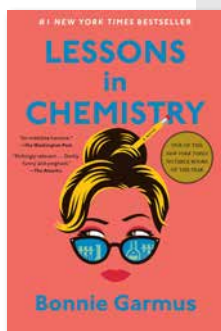
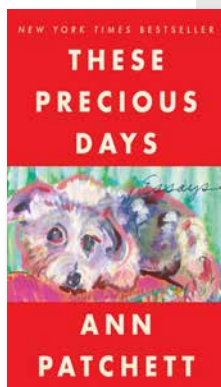
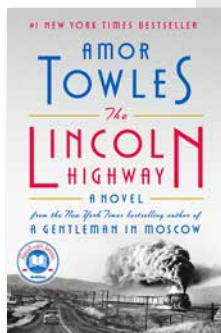
1. *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles
2. *Sparring Partners* by John Grisham
3. *Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr
4. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
5. *Horse* - Geraldine Brooks

TOP 5 CIRCULATED – NONFICTION 2022

6. *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett
7. *Move* by Parag Khanna
8. *Taste: My Life Through Food* by Stanley Tucci
9. *The Body Keeps the Score* by Bessel Van Der Kolk, MD
10. *The Honey Bus* by Meredith May

TOP 5 - AWARD WINNERS

11. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus (Goodreads Choice Award for Debut Novel (2022))
12. *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave (Goodreads Choice Award for Mystery & Thriller (2021))
13. *The Maid* by Nita Prose (Goodreads Choice Award for Mystery & Thriller (2022))
14. *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig (Goodreads Choice Award for Fiction (2020))
15. *The Guest List* by Lucy Folely (Goodreads Choice Award for Mystery & Thriller (2020))



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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Remembering Leslie Snorf

Leslie Snorf served on the Carmel Public Library Foundation as a board member from 2009-2011 and then as President 2011-2014.

She was selected as our Philanthropy Day "Distinguished Agency Honoree" in 2017 and was present and a substantial contributor to almost every

CPLF event and program. She served as an active leader in many other organizations in our community and always made time to see me and "noodle" on all things library. Leslie was my mentor and friend.

Her talent for cultivating relationships and creating impactful exchanges led to Carmel Public Library Foundation's positive trajectory and current success. Leslie's presence is still felt by those who knew her – through her foundation work and of course through all

of her friendships and family ties. Leslie and I would lunch every few months, and whenever I had or wanted an idea for a speaker or a program, or to discuss current events or some philosophical epiphany, it was Leslie's number I called. Leslie's passion to inspire continues through her Sterling Circle legacy membership with the Carmel Pubic Library Foundation. She was a lifelong learner who embodied a unique positivity and thirst for knowledge that kept her searching and engaged.

I miss seeing Leslie – at our annual events, monthly programs, coming out of the Crossroads dry cleaners, having lunch at Rio Grill, on my Scenic walks, etc. I keep expecting to see her around the corner. I suppose it isn't surprising to still feel the presence of someone who touched so many lives and was responsible for shaping so many of Carmel's literary and cultural endeavors. Thank you, Leslie. We miss you.

—Alexandra Fallon

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