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## A Message From the President

# Heartfelt Gratitude



Marci Meaux  
CPLF President

I am filled with gratitude for the tremendous support the Carmel Public Library Foundation received during the Monterey County Gives! campaign. With your help, we raised funds to continue to present an eclectic array of programs, visiting and local artists, and author discussions. Your generosity continues to provide access and knowledge for all patrons.

The library is truly the backbone of our community. In a time where information is abundant but not always reliable, your support plays a crucial role in helping us continue our quest to be a bastion of accurate and truthful information. Libraries foster continuous learning and intellectual growth for people from all walks of life.

It is with immense appreciation that I invite you to join us for our 12th annual fundraising event, "The HUMAN Edition: *Essential Observations in the Accelerated Age of Everything.*" This event promises to be a thought-provoking conversation between two remarkable minds and best-selling authors, Douglas Brinkley and Dave Eggers.

Please save the date, April 23, 2024, for an evening of enlightenment and inspiration. With limited seats available, I hope you will buy your tickets TODAY! Once again, thank you for being a crucial part of our community's journey towards advancing knowledge and learning opportunities for all. Your support is the driving force behind the Foundation's mission to keep the library open, relevant, and thriving.

I look forward to seeing you at The HUMAN Edition!

– Marci Meaux

## 2 Brilliant Authors! 1 Night!

Purchase tickets now at [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)

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presents

# The HUMAN Edition

*Essential Observations in the Accelerated Age of Everything*

**Douglas Brinkley & Dave Eggers**

**Join Us!**

See inside for details



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## LIBRARY HOURS

Come visit us at the Harrison Memorial Library and Park Branch Library. Visit [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/library) or call 831-624-4629 for hours of operation.



## Building Bonds

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

This year's CPLF community library programs contemplate architecture, design and a sense of place. They explore the importance of our physical environment and how it affects our emotional well-being. At November's program, cultural architect and Oakland's first Poet Laureate Dr. Ayodele

Nzinga, shared her poems and thoughts about the importance of place and how feelings of belonging and impermanence shape our perspectives. **When Brains Meet Buildings** author, Dr. Michael A. Arbib, revealed the relationship between neuroscience and architecture – how we cognitively process the built environment. He introduced the concept of “waylosing” as the result of a design element meant to encourage spontaneous exploration and curiosity – often used in libraries.

Our library grounds our community through its physical presence in the unique village of Carmel-by-the-Sea. It also serves as a place that holds our cultural memory while providing an atmosphere of significant meaning for all of those who interact with it. The materials that flow in and out, like its visitors are part of a continual circulation of thoughts, ideas and experiences that advance knowledge and keep us connected.

This spring's annual CPLF fundraiser, **The HUMAN Edition, Essential Observations in the Accelerated Age of Everything** with Douglas Brinkley and Dave Eggers, is in some ways a metaphoric design that will bring two prolific minds together in a conversational construct, considering influential factors shaping our rapidly changing world. We hope you will join us.

Thank you for helping to keep our library open, relevant, and thriving. Visit [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org) for details and to purchase tickets.



## At Your Service in the New Year!

Ashlee Wright  
Library and Community Activities Director

Happy New Year to one and all!

In addition to providing your ongoing library services and programs, the

Carmel Public Library, in partnership with the Carmel Police Department and Carmel CERT, held the inaugural Carmel Prepares initiatives meeting on January 6th. In preparation for possible disaster or natural emergencies, the library has purchased two battery operated generators that will provide charging for devices in the event of power outages.

Additional preparedness meetings will be held in the future to stay current and address the needs of our community.

I am also very excited to announce we have a full slate of musical performances scheduled at Harrison Memorial Library. Check out all the fun kids programming as well!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Library!







# SUPPORT

## CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

### 12th Annual Fundraising Event



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## The HUMAN Edition

*Essential Observations in the Accelerated Age of Everything*

**Douglas Brinkley & Dave Eggers**

### TICKETS

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**2 Brilliant Authors! 1 Night!**  
**Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

**A thought-provoking conversation between prolific authors Douglas Brinkley & Dave Eggers**  
**Join us as they share their unique insights and perspectives on what it truly means to be human in the Accelerated Age of Everything!**

~ Includes author book sale and signing, wine tasting and program ~

Douglas Brinkley and Dave Eggers are broad-based thinkers and prolific writers whose deep knowledge and personal interests include history, music, advocacy, education, the environment and much more. Brinkley is an award-winning author and one of America's foremost historians with literary and cultural works that span every era. He was also a Grammy award winner in 2023 for Best Latin Jazz Album "Fandango at the Wall in New York".

Dave Eggers, author of the *New York Times* Bestseller *The Eyes & the Impossible*, recently received the prestigious 2024 John Newbery Medal for this year's best children's book. Author of many #1 best selling books, including the renowned memoir *A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius*, Eggers is also the founder of McSweeney's, a nonprofit independent publishing company, and co-founder of 826 Valencia, a network of youth writing and tutoring centers around the United States.

#### General Admission:

\$45, \$75 - 7:00 PM  
includes wine tasting, program,  
book sale and signing

#### VIP Tickets:

\$175 - 6:30 PM VIP reception with delicious  
hors d'oeuvres, fine wines, advanced book sale &  
signing and VIP program seating

#### Program begins at 8:00 PM

Sunset Center Theater  
In-person or online. Sunset Center  
attendance guidelines will apply.

**Purchase Tickets Today!**

Limited seating. Register today at: [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)

All proceeds go to the Carmel Public Library Foundation to support the Carmel Public Library.





# Community Programs and Events with the Library 2023-2024

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

**TO REGISTER:** [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)

## SEPTEMBER 13, 2023



### Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series

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

### *The Bruton Sisters: Modernism in the Making*

7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join author, archivist, and former librarian, **Wendy Van Wyck Good** as she discusses the history and creativity of three local sisters and artists who advanced artistic modernism.

## OCTOBER 18, 2023



### *Community Night with the Library Your Personal Carbon Footprint*

7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center  
Calculate Your Personal Carbon Footprint, with CEO of the California Arts and Sciences Institute, physicist, and U.S. energy authority, **Dr. C. Michael Hogan**, as we examine our personal footprint and impact on the environment.



## NOVEMBER 16, 2023

### *Community Night with the Library Cultural Architect: A Poet's Path to Building Community*

with **Dr. Ayodele Nzinga, Poet Laureate**  
7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center

Join the City of Oakland's first and current Poet Laureate **Dr. Ayodele Nzinga** for a poetry reading and thought-provoking discussion on the importance of fostering a city's cultural arts center.

## DECEMBER 8, 2023

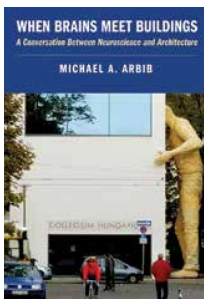


### *Holiday Winter Fun at the Kid's Library*

3:30 PM - 5:30 PM,  
Carmel Public Library, Park Branch  
Children's Library

Celebrate with us at our Holiday Family Fun Day at the Kid's Library. Share the joy of the season with arts and crafts, yummy treats and happy kids!

## JANUARY 11, 2024



### *Community Night with the Library When Brains Meet Buildings*

with Neuroscientist **Michael A. Arbib**  
7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at Sunset Center  
Discover the intersection of architecture and neuroscience with Professor, Author and Neuroscientist **Michael A. Arbib**.

## FEBRUARY 22, 2024



### *Community Night with the Library I.M. Pei and the Making of Modern America*

with author **Michael Cannell**  
in conversation with *USA Today*  
correspondent **Marco della Cava**  
7:00 PM, Carpenter Hall at  
Sunset Center



Join author and former *Time* reporter and *NY Times* editor, **Michael Cannell**, as he recalls I.M. Pei, a master's life and career, in conversation with *USA Today* Correspondent **Marco della Cava**.

## MARCH 10, 2024

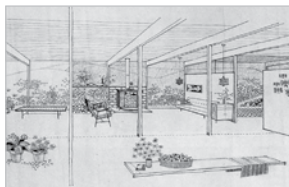
### *Donor Salute*

3:00-5:00 PM, Harrison Memorial Library

## Community Programs and Events with the Library, *continued*

### MARCH 20, 2024

Carmel Public Library Foundation, in collaboration with American Institute of Architects Monterey Bay, presents



#### Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series

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

#### Kipp Stewart: A Life in Painting, Design and Architecture

7:00 PM, Carmel Woman's Club

Join the Carmel Public Library Foundation, in collaboration with American Institute of Architects



Monterey Bay, in honoring the life and legacy of local and renowned painter and designer, **Kipp Stewart**.

### APRIL 23, 2024



#### Annual Fundraiser The HUMAN Edition: Essential Observations in the Accelerated Age of Everything

2 Brilliant Authors! 1 Night!  
Sunset Center, Carmel

Join us for a thought-provoking conversation with prolific authors **Douglas Brinkley & Dave Eggers**.

Sponsorships Now Available! Call (831) 624-2811 or visit [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org)

#### Missed a Program?

Check our website and catch some of the top notch speakers and programs from the comfort of your home.



>> Watch past programs at [www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org/past-programs-events](http://www.CarmelPublicLibraryFoundation.org/past-programs-events)

## What went out from Carmel Public Library in 2023? Our most circulated items

#### TOP 5 CIRCULATED - FICTION 2023

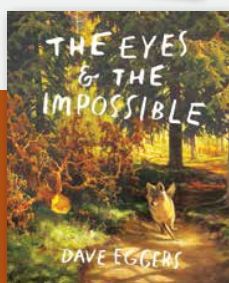
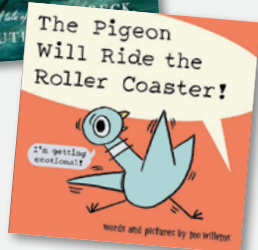
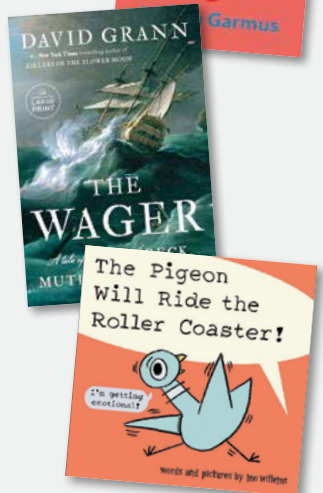
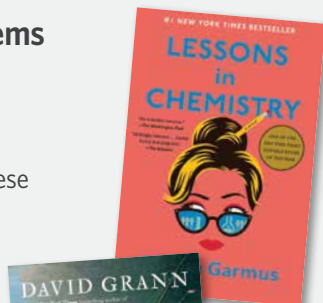
1. *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus
2. *The Covenant of Water* by Abraham Verghese
3. *Tom Lake* by Ann Patchett
4. *Demon Copperhead* by Barbara Kingsolver
5. *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

#### TOP 5 CIRCULATED - NONFICTION 2023

1. *Educated* by Tara Westover
2. *The Wager* by David Grann
3. *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann
4. *These Precious Days* by Ann Patchett
5. *Outlive* by Peter Attia

#### TOP 5 KID'S BOOKS

1. *Pirate Pups* by Ursula Ziegler Sullivan
2. *The Pigeon Will Ride the Roller Coaster* by Mo Willems
3. *Happy Pig Day!* by Mo Willems
4. *The Truth About Stacey* by Ann M. Martin
5. *Kristy's Great Idea* by Ann M. Martin



### 2024 JOHN NEWBERY MEDAL

The most outstanding contribution to children's literature this year was awarded to Dave Eggers for his new all-ages novel, *The Eyes and the Impossible*.



### Fun at the Library

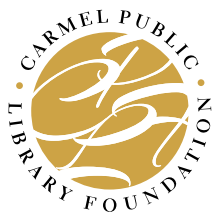
Thank you to everyone who participated in the Winter Wonderland Fun at the Library Program.



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# Thank you Community & **MCCiVES!** Campaign

Your donations via the Monterey County Gives campaign helped fund the necessary tools to continue to support the Library as a cultural hub, center for learning, curator of resources, and champion of children, elderly, and families.

The Carmel Public Library Foundation provides funding for 100% of the books, materials, programs, and equipment, as well as presents an eclectic array of programs including guest appearances of authors, illustrators, literary, visual, and performing artists for all ages and your support is so appreciated.



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