The New Year brings a time for reflection and renewal as we contemplate past accomplishments and look towards the future. While the relevance of libraries is being debated in our country, the Harrison Memorial Library continues to not only provide meaningful and substantive programs and services but has once again been awarded Star Library status for the fourth time. This prestigious national award distinguishes 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. The Harrison Memorial Library is one of only 13 California libraries to be designated as a Star Library.

On the face of this award we know over 100,000 items were circulated, 27,758 students, families and teachers on the Central Coast were served, over 1,000 items were added to our DVD and audio library, over 500,000 titles were made available for streaming, and downloading, including magazines, ebooks, audiobooks, movies, and music and more.

In addition to meeting these as well as other impressive benchmarks we remember the human transactions as well; We experienced the passing of revered Library Board Trustee, Richard Flower. We bid farewell to esteemed Executive Director, Amy Donohue and welcomed a new dedicated steward, Alexandra Fallon. We made new friends at our Community Night Programs and learned a little more about the teenage brain and unsung heroes of Silicon Valley. We gathered top foodie authors for an unforgettable evening at Sunset Center that attracted local taste makers and library supporters raising over $70,000. And we were the recipients of a generous grant from Carmel-by-the-Sea Rotary for a capital improvement project.

Yes, it has been quite a year and we are very grateful for your support. We are so fortunate to have a community that cares so deeply about lifelong learning and cultural enrichment. As we enter 2018, and should you resolve to learn a new language, trace your ancestry, accompany your child to Storytime or download the latest ebook please remember to visit your library.

—Ben Heinrich
President, Carmel Public Library Foundation

A Message From the President
Reflections of Excellence

The Travel Edition
AT THE SUNSET CENTER • APRIL 24, 2018
A benefit for Carmel Public Library Foundation

Check inside for details!
Welcome New Library Director, Ashlee Wright

Ms. Ashlee Wright graduated from Oregon State University with a B.A. in English Literature and obtained her Masters in Library and information Science from the University of Washington. In 2012 she joined the Harrison Memorial Library staff as Local History Librarian where she served in that role for two years. Ashlee was recruited by the City of Carmel for the position of City Clerk where she gained significant experience in municipal operations and community affairs. As a lifelong library enthusiast and with her acquired expertise in the City of Carmel’s concerns, Ashlee is in a unique position to continue the library’s tradition of excellence and move the library forward.
FEB 2018
Henry Meade Williams Local History Lecture Series
Sponsored by the Frank & Eva Buck Foundation and Robert & Lucy Buck
Docent & Historian, Kevin Shabram
The Fight for Point Lobos
Wed, Feb 7, 7 pm, Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center
Join Kevin Shabram of the Point Lobos Foundation on a journey through the ten-year battle to acquire and preserve Point Lobos, and discover the story of one woman whose important work was all but forgotten.

Community Night with the Library
Sheila Bowman, Seafood Watch Manager of Culinary Initiatives & Matt Beaudin, Executive Chef, Monterey Bay Aquarium
Aquaculture Sustainability: Farm It – Catch It – Eat It
Wed, Feb 28, 7 pm, Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center
Peek behind the scenes at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Seafood Watch program and learn the latest tips for being a savvy seafood consumer - and sample delicious and sustainable treats.

MAR 2018
Community Night with the Library
Author & Historian, Douglas Smith
Rasputin: Faith, Power, and the Twilight of the Romanovs
Wed, Mar 14, 7pm, Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center
A riveting exploration and comprehensive perspective on a notoriously misunderstood historic icon, Rasputin.

Community Night with the Library
Author & Historian, Janey Bennett
The Fantastic Seashell of the Mind: The Architecture of Mark Mills
Wed, Mar 28, 7 pm, Carpenter Hall, Sunset Center
A compelling look into the work of one of the most creative architects of our area and how his designs continue to remain both intriguing and influential.

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A BENEFIT FOR THE CARMEL PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION

The Travel Edition
A lively conversation in the serendipity of cross-cultural travel

Tuesday, April 24, 2018    Sunset Center

Featuring Famed Travel Writers
Pico Iyer & Don George

Pico Iyer: "arguably the world's greatest living travel writer"
Don George: "...regarded by many as the preeminent travel writer of his generation."

Proceeds from the event benefit your Carmel Public Library!

Purchase Your Tickets Now!
$65 General Admission includes program, wine tasting and book sale
$175 VIP Reception includes Program, Author Meet and Greet with advanced book signing, delicious hors d'oeuvres and fine wines. Limited tickets available. Purchase tickets at Sunset Center Box Office, online at www.sunsetcenter.org, or call (831) 620-2048.

The Program
The Journey of a Lifetime!
Join Pico Iyer and Don George, dear friends and acclaimed travel writers for an engaging conversation rich with stories and observations from around and abroad.

Become A Sponsor or Benefactor
For your support of the Carmel Library Foundation you will receive tickets to the event and the opportunity to join the authors at the VIP pre-program reception. We will also acknowledge all of our individual benefactors in the Carmel Public Library Foundation newsletter, on our websites and on all benefit materials (including posters, flyers, electronic eBlasts, direct mail postcard, advertisements, banners and the event program.)

We have a variety of donation levels to suit your needs. For more information please contact Alexandra Fallon (831) 624-2811. Visit www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org and click "Sponsorships".
Pico Iyer was born in Oxford, England in 1957 to parents from India. He was a King's Scholar at Eton College, was awarded a Congratulatory Double First in English Literature at Oxford University and then received his second master's in literature at Harvard. He taught writing and literature at Harvard before joining Time in 1982 as a writer on world affairs. Since then he has travelled widely, from North Korea to Easter Island, and from Paraguay to Ethiopia, while writing eight works of non-fiction and two novels, including Video Night in Kathmandu, The Lady and the Monk, The Global Soul and The Man Within My Head. He is also a frequent speaker at literary festivals and universities around the world. He delivered popular TED talks in 2013 and 2014 and has twice been a Fellow at the World Economic Forum in Davos. Touted by Outside magazine as “arguably the world’s greatest living travel writer” Pico is renowned for his literary and cultural commentary.

Don George, upon graduating Princeton University was awarded a fellowship which took him to France and Greece and set him on his journey of wanderlust which aptly became the title for one his books, The Way of Wanderlust: The Best Travel Writing of Don George features, 35 pieces that span 24 countries on 6 continents, from climbing Mount Kilimanjaro and falling in love in Greece, to making roof tiles in Peru and discovering the country kindness of Japan.”…best-selling author and writer, regarded by many as the preeminent travel writer of his generation.” —Christopher Elliott, Don is currently the editor-at-large and columnist for National Geographic Traveler, and editor of BBC Travel’s “Words and Wanderlust.”

Join them on April 24, 2018 for an unforgettable and inspiring journey.

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.
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 10.

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

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