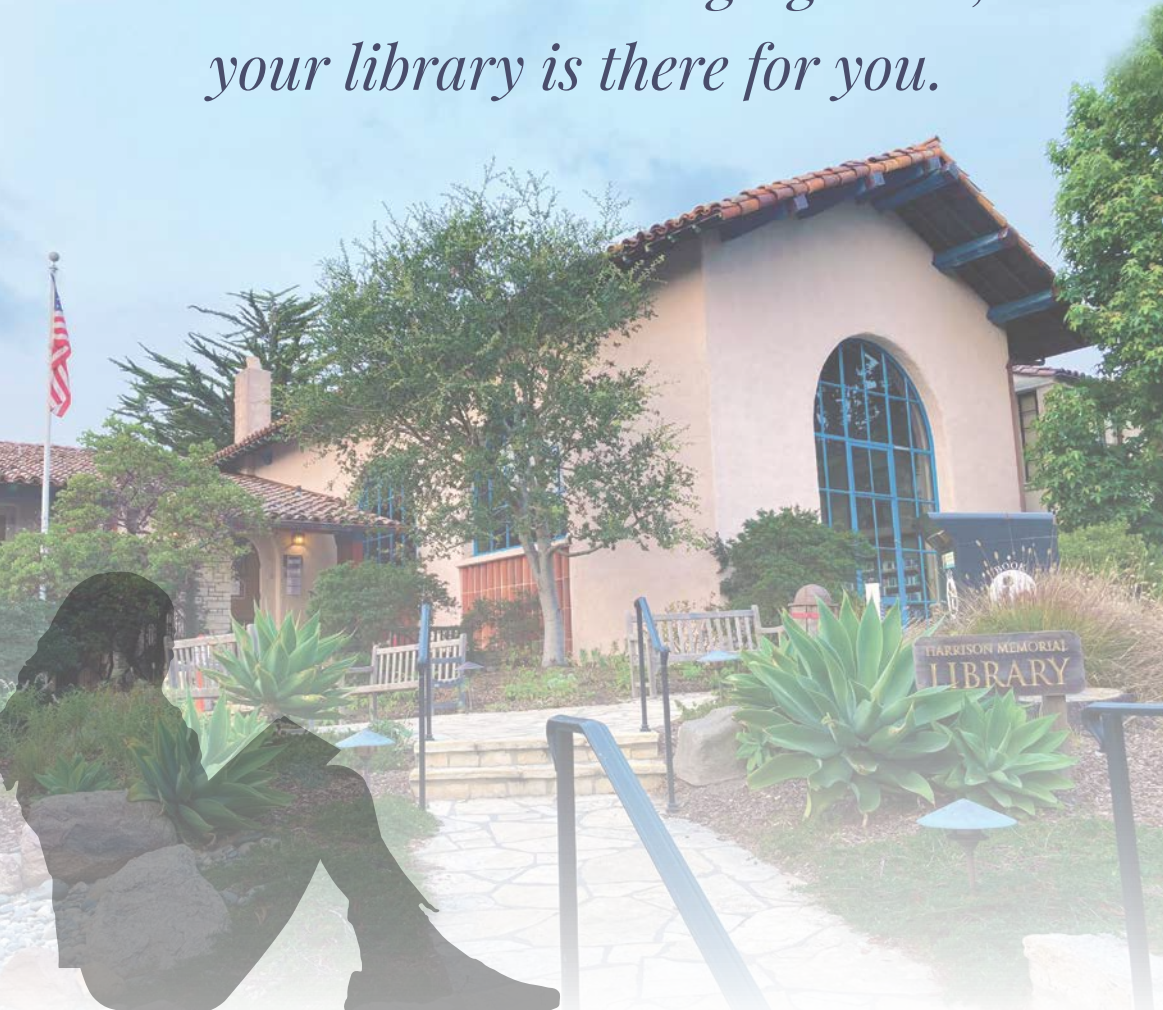


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*Even in these challenging times,
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'Reading as a kid transported me'

I would literally check out as many books as they would allow and then I would stuff the books in my back pockets in the waist pants of my jeans and ride my bike back to my

house trying not to let them fall. I could not read enough or get enough of the library. It's like a candy store. It's one of the only places kids have control over the media that they consume. Reading as a kid transported me places and it inspired my own imagination and that's actually what led me to writing young adult books. ~ **Kat**



'Finding inspiration'

One of my favorite library memories is when I was in high school. I had a group of four friends that would do our physics homework together in the library. We



would get these ridiculous problems and have all week to solve them. Once we settled into our own little spot we would get out the white board, spread out all our books across the table and start going through all of these problems. At the end of every session, after solving difficult problems, we would step back, shake hands and acknowledging our good work say "Doctor" "Doctor" "Doctor." Like we just finished surgery. It was so funny and cool. Libraries are an opportunity to connect with people, be silly, learn together and find inspiration. ~ **Ken**

Kat & Ken, community advocates, library enthusiasts, adventurers

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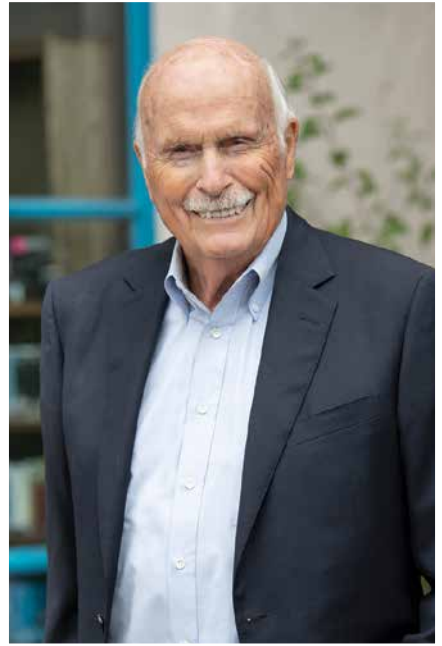
... CENTRAL TO MY LIFE

As a young child growing up in Carmel, I visited our library every day after school. The librarian would challenge us to read by entering our names on a large board indicating the number of books read on one row and the date of completion on another. I always tried to take out the maximum number of books because I was competitive and I enjoyed it. This began a lifelong passion for reading and personal growth.

Right now I'm reading *Splendid in the Vile*, it's about Churchill and has a lot of interesting facts from the diaries of his daughter and his special assistant. We'll be discussing it at our book club this week on Zoom.

For me the library is an intrinsic part of our community, a place where we come together in person and in spirit, as well as in pursuit of our individual development.

And because of this, the Carmel Public Library continues to be central to my life. ~ *Niels*



... that's why I give.

Niels Reimers,

Carmel native son, former City of Carmel Library Board Trustee, Silicon Valley troublemaker, founder and former director of Stanford University's Office of Technology Licensing (OTL), voracious reader

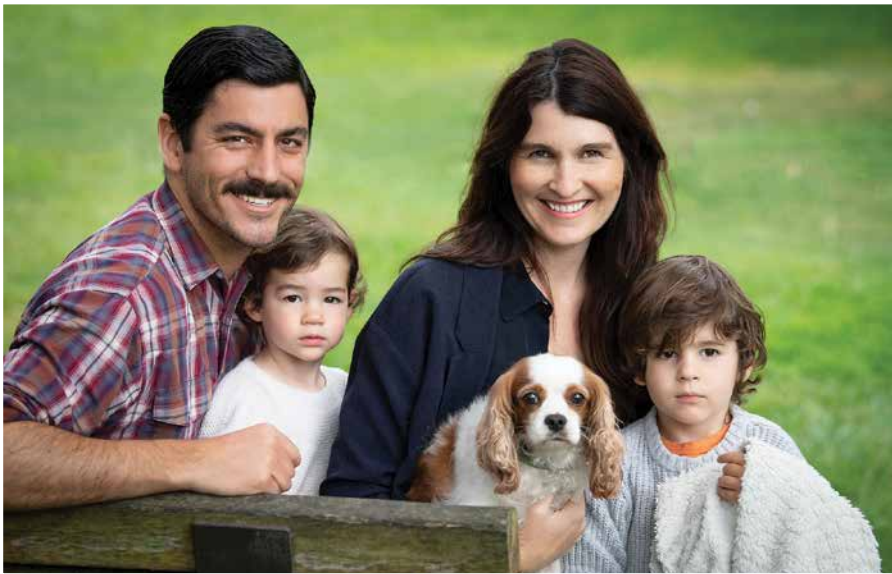


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SOMETHING FOR ALL OF US



Family time . . . *it's why we give.*

One of my favorite things to do was to bring the kids to the library and cozy up in one of the corners, get nice and warm and read stories to them. I still go and sit outside the Harrison with a coffee in the morning, read the Pinecone and let the kids run around on the garden paths. They love that. ~ *Anthony*



I used to have a standing date with a girlfriend at the library. We would sit in the back corner by the window and work on our own personal projects and sometimes I would just look through magazines or an artbook. It was a nice reprieve. Now I pick up my books curbside, and still enjoy time for me. ~ *Alissa*

My time . . . *it's why I give.*

Anthony, Alissa, Giacomo, Pilar & Henry, owners of Carmel restaurant Stationaery, avid library and community devotees, adorable family

SOUL ENRICHING

I have always loved the library as a child and as a parent. The library is a soul enriching experience. It gives you the ability to have personal time and to explore whatever you desire. It is also a great equalizer, giving everyone the same opportunity to expand their minds and grow.

My family and I take out books, check out videos and CDs and one of the things we love about the Carmel Public Library is the Zipbook program. Having a book appear on your doorstep the next day is a wonderful gift.



~ *Marci*, library champion, parent, grandparent, book club member, optimist

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I LOVE THE LIBRARY!

Libraries are just so fun! You can go with friends. It's a place to come together. But now we can't gather, so how do you utilize the library? I tend to read physical books, so I take them out, curbside. I'm not a big fan of e-books.

Reading has increased my vocabulary and makes my writing more concise and interesting. I also feel that reading is helping me become better prepared for college.

I really like Steinbeck's *The Grapes of Wrath*.



I liked the intercalary chapters because they added a creative twist to the original plot of the story.

~ *Bela*, journalist, snow cone enthusiast, soccer player, budding intellectual

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