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THROUGH THE YEARS



The Carmel Public Library
has been the center for learning and
community engagement for over 100 years.



*Librarian Pauline Heisinger reading to children at the
Harrison Memorial Library, circa 1940s*

ARTS & CULTURE

Historically, the library has stood as a
haven for creative engagement



where the
“Carmel
Bohemians”
wrote poetry
and influential
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and the spirit of
music awakened
community
creativity.



Photos from top: “A Midsummer Night’s Dream,” Forest Theater, 1931; Jack and Charmian London with George and Carrie Sterling on the porch of the Sterlings’ Carmel home in 1910; Dene Denny (l.) and Hazel Watrous (r.) with renowned American tenor Roland Hayes, a soloist at the 1946 Carmel Bach Festival.

A PLACE TO BELONG

The library continues to be a place for promoting early literacy, where kids learn to love to read.



Adults cherish creative and educational opportunities with access to books, publications, journals, online resources and so much more.

The library provides a place for community connection, a variety of impactful programming and free meeting space at The Gathering Place.



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