A Message From the President

Hope lies in dreams, in imagination, and in the courage of those who dare to make dreams into reality.
– JONAS SALK

This issue is dedicated to you and all those who have supported the Carmel Public Library Foundation over the years, turning dreams for our treasured Carmel Public Library into reality and providing hope for the future.

As I look back on this year as President of the Board of Directors, I am especially grateful that we have such caring and generous donors to sustain our mission of keeping the library open, relevant and thriving in perpetuity. Your gifts to the Carmel Public Library Foundation provide 100% of the funding for the books, materials, programs, equipment and services. Deep appreciation is extended to you, as Carmel Public Library would not be able to exist without your support, now more important than ever!

It is obviously an extraordinary time in the world, causing an unprecedented shift in life and the way things operate. However, with basic needs at the forefront, our library and staff continue to provide a vast array of resources online and via phone, supplying important access to information and vital connections for members of the community.

The Foundation has also successfully pivoted in response, with our staff and Board of Directors as focused as ever on protecting our Library through adjustments in current and future fundraising programs. While this year’s highly anticipated Annual Fundraiser: The Presidential Edition featuring acclaimed historian, Douglas Brinkley, will be rescheduled for next year, we did move to an online fundraising event: the Cozy Read-A-Book Bash. “CRABB”, complete with mascot Milo the Carmel Crabb. This event was successfully launched online with great support and enthusiasm from donors and attracted new support through social media engagements. Stay tuned for next year’s CRABB and we hope to see you at the future “Presidential Edition” Event!

The free Community Night Programs and Fireside Chats, which have been so well received, were often filled to capacity during the fall and winter. We are grateful for the wonderful speakers and all the attendees who were involved. While these evening events are currently on hiatus, we are exploring ways to continue to bring you the quality programming you have enjoyed.

We are also delighted to announce that “The Gathering Place”, a beautiful new space at the Harrison Memorial Library made possible by Lacy Williams Buck and other generous donors, is ready and waiting for the day when patrons can once again gather.

Though there are challenges, we are responding by tapping into creative potential, and many positive things are on the horizon. We are so fortunate to have a “full team” dedicated to the well-being of our library and community: Foundation and Library professionals, Foundation Board of Directors, Library Board of Trustees, Friends Of The Library, and the City of Carmel, and every donor and advocate.

On behalf of all of us at the Carmel Public Library Foundation thank you for your incredible support and for being an important part of the heart of our community. We wish each of you and your loved ones safety, health and happiness. Together, we can achieve anything.
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Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

This year’s annual campaign message “Carmel Public Library: It’s Our Community,” feels particularly relevant as we embrace our collective priorities and work towards navigating these challenging times together. While the library continues to be a repository of knowledge, it also operates as a critical link to our community, providing access to all, and developing ongoing partnerships with other institutions to connect people with services and assistance.

The current health crisis of Covid-19 has given us pause for reflection and created a surreal environment in which many of us find ourselves searching for information and truth. Now more than ever we turn to our library to help raise our collective consciousness as we sift through life’s complexities and reshape our tomorrow.

We thank you for your generous support and foresight. Our team of board directors are busy developing relevant programs for you in the upcoming season and we look forward to seeing you at our programs (online) and in person when the time is right.

Welcome New Board Director

Libraries have had a large impact on Jackie Henning’s life. As a youngster she spent many happy hours combing through the card catalog in the beautiful Pasadena Public Library while researching assignments. The outdoor reading rooms/patios were a gathering place to socialize with friends. Later, when she attended Smith College she found herself in the Neilson Library studying and writing in her own cozy carrel. In graduate school at the University of Michigan, her second home became the reading room in the Harlan Hatcher Graduate Library with its elegant arched windows and gorgeous woodwork. While raising her two children, she was regularly in the childrens’ section at the Aurora Public Library, checking out books and attending story hour. Today she and her husband, Peter, are again attending story hours at the Sausalito and SF Marina Libraries this time with their grandchildren. Ms. Henning’s professional work was primarily in educational administration at the University and Community College levels. She has served on several community boards and is very excited to join the Carmel Public Library Foundation board.

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**Your library is here for you and our services (online for now) are ongoing!**

You can order a Zip book delivered right to your home, stream films, learn a language. You can also contact a librarian to learn how to Zoom, source local history info or just to say “hello!”

**Summer Reading Time**
Get ready for summer fun with our summer reading programs for all ages! Join us June 8 through July 18 for reading challenges, virtual programs and fun activities. Go to our website at [ci.carmel.ca.us/library](http://ci.carmel.ca.us/library) for signups and more information.

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**Text a Librarian**
There’s a new way to get in touch with your librarians! Have a quick question but not in the mood for a phone call? Text us at [lib@cbts.us](mailto:lib@cbts.us), Monday-Friday, 9am-6pm, and one of our librarians will be on hand to answer your questions. (Did you know you can text an email address just like it’s a phone number?) And if you’d rather get in touch a different way, you’re always welcome to call us at 831-624-4629 or email us at [hml.reference@gmail.com](mailto:hml.reference@gmail.com).

**Regretfully...** The Annual Friends of the Harrison Memorial Library Annual Book Sale that takes place in August, will not occur this year. But please save your book donations and plan to join us in the future.
Cozy Read-A-Book Bash
April 23rd – May 8

Thank you to this year’s Event Honorees who inspired us to read!

Tobias Wolff  John Arquilla  Michael Katakis  Pico Iyer  Ruth Reichl  Dr. Bernard Roth

The Cozy Read-A-Book Bash (#CRABB), was a light-hearted, fun, stay at home event, where you read a book and shared your fun photos on social media while helping to support the Carmel Public Library Foundation.

Featured highlights

Twitchy Reader  Poolside Reader  Edgy Reader  Novel Reader  Furry Reader  Artsy Reader

Thanks!