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Best-selling author Tara Westover & Alexis Madrigal

A Message From the President

A Full Heart



Lettie Bennett
CPLF President

As we arrive at the end of the Foundation's year, my heart is full of gratitude and joy.

The Carmel Public Library Foundation's (CPLF) 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*. The accomplishments of our Foundation board members and staff are remarkable testaments to the dedication to our mission, foresight, creativity, and a get-it-done attitude. I am happy to report that along the way we deepened friendships and laughed a lot! A special thank you to CPLF board members.

Here are a few of our reasons for joy during the past fiscal year:

"The Educated Edition", our annual fundraising event, featured best-selling author Tara Westover — Wow! Over 650 attendees in Sunset Center theater! A thought-provoking evening and exciting gathering for all.

Carmel Public Library Foundation's Community Programs - Over 2,500 attendees online and in-person. We met new library lovers and had formidable speakers including acclaimed American historian, Douglas Brinkley. We also celebrated our local history through the words of Robert Louis Stevenson and a film screening and panel discussion of *Bohemian Soul*.

We raised funds for new communications design for the Library and the Foundation via MontereyCountyGives! Campaign.

Why do these things matter? Because without dedication and focused work these things can't happen. It's that dedication, fueled by a love of the library, that brings in the funds that support all the collections and services we enjoy: clowns at the Children's Library, safe storage for our valuable local history materials, the latest mysteries, Kanopy movies, Libby e-books, art classes at The Gathering Place, music in the Reading Room ... the list goes on and on.

Of course, the foundation of the Foundation is YOU. Without your whole-hearted support of the Carmel Public Library Foundation, CPLF couldn't support the Library. It always comes down to you and your generosity. Thank you.

Lettie Bennett, Board President, 2022-23
Carmel Public Library Foundation



The Educated Edition, Sunset Center theater

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The Library: For Every Stage

Alexandra Fallon, Executive Director

The library represents something different to each of us and at different points in our lives. It is an organic entity that grows with us over time. It is both receptive and responsive. It follows our lead and takes the lead to impactful connectivity along the way – to our family, to our community, and in the pursuit of knowledge.

Thanks to your generous support we were able to keep our library open, relevant and thriving with its many services, programs and vast collections. The Foundation also continued to curate and provide a thought-provoking array of programs both in person and online. This year we ran the gamut from examining America's democratic future with *NY Times* political journalist, Jonathan Martin to making a pilgrimage to our beloved Forest Theater to view a tribute to the Carmel Bohemians in the film *Bohemian Soul*. Acclaimed American historian, Douglas Brinkley returned to provide an illuminating program on the rise of environmental activism during the "long sixties," and author and photo journalist Michael Katakis led a provocative Fireside Chat about the power of words in dangerous times.

There were many other remarkable programs throughout the year, which included an illuminating memoir by Diane Danvers Simmons, the first Kurdish fiction by a female author, Ava Homa, and a remarkable personal journey which led to the development of an innovative digital healthcare platform by Julia Hu. Our programs concluded with Dr. Elissa Epel's *Turning Stress to Strength* – all can be viewed on our website www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org. For our annual fundraiser this year we engaged best-selling author, Tara Westover for *The Educated Edition* to a full house at Sunset Center theater. Engaged and enlightened – what a way to end the year!

Thank you for making these programs possible and for keeping our library open, relevant and thriving.



Library Corner

Your Library Doesn't Stop. In-person and online, we're always here for you.

Ashlee Wright
Library and Community Activities Director

Get ready for parrots and puppets and party time at the library this summer! Summer Reading officially launches June 5. This year we are doing things a little differently :) To get everyone excited about reading this summer, kids can stop by to pick-up a take-home-and-keep-forever book of their own choosing. And, if you are a teen or an adult we have fun and prizes to jazz up your summer. Check out the library's website for a full calendar of events for everyone and ways to participate in Summer Reading ci.carmel.ca.us/library

As always, thank you to all of you for your continued support.

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



May 18, 2023

This year, and in years past, the Carmel Public Library received the National Library Journal Star status that recognizes our library's high usage, and how much our community utilizes our library resources. And with the City's support, plus the bequests and donations through the Carmel Public Library Foundation, our library achieves this level of excellence – all with enriching community benefits.

The community enrichment provided to us all is also not just buildings, their services and program – but it IS the People. The staff of our libraries over the years put up with vague requests for books or media, sometimes challenging residents, and visits – all the while with a smile and desire to serve – through wars, pandemics, local storms and more.

Our amazing Carmel Public Library continues to serve as a community builder, center for learning, and champion of youth. It preserves important historic artifacts, oral and digital history relevant to the community, and serves as a catalyst for addressing social issues. With our thanks and appreciation...



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The Sterling Circle Program recognizes our dedicated donors who choose to include the Carmel Public Library Foundation (CPLF) in their estate plans and wills. This program is the cornerstone of the Foundation's future funding capabilities, and plays a critical role in ensuring that our library's place in the community – open and free – remains steadfast for generations to come.

If you're interested in becoming a Sterling Circle Member, or would like to learn more about our wonderful library, let us know. We want to hear from you! The size and conditions of your future gift are entirely up to you. Any level of support is greatly appreciated. For more information, please contact the Foundation's executive director, Alexandra Fallon, at (831) 624-2811 or visit our website: www.carmelpubliclibraryfoundation.org.





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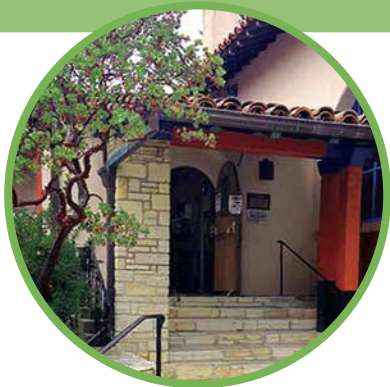
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Welcome New Board Directors



Martha Drexler Lynn, PhD is an author, lecturer, and presenter specializing in 20th & 21st century decorative arts. She is an avid collector of books, with a private library of over 5,000 volumes. She has served on the boards of the Monterey Museum of Art, and the National Steinbeck Center. CPLF is pleased to welcome Martha back to the Carmel Public Library Foundation for a second term.



Sara Ahmed Holman is a proponent of early literacy, life-long learning and reading. In her current leadership position in an entrepreneurial company dedicated to healthy outcomes for infants and young children, Sara raises funds and provides legal counsel as well as strategic guidance.



Bill Kaminski and his wife Kathy are the new owners of Spencer's Stationery in Carmel and are passionate about building community. Bill has been an executive in the pharmaceutical industry where he was instrumental in assisting with major M&A transitions.



Laurel Lembo is a longtime Peninsula resident, who owns and operates a national manufacturing company. She currently serves on the SPCA board and has served on the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Laurel has back-end operational expertise as well as data analysis.



Susan Prest is the former President of Prest & Associates. She and her husband founded the company, and it is the oldest and one of the largest independent review organizations (IROs) specializing in psychiatry, addiction medicine and behavioral health care. Susan is passionate about education and literacy and has held leadership roles in Harmony at Home and also serves on the Sunset Center board.



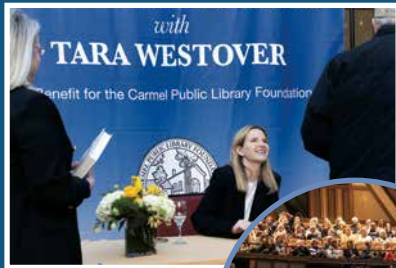
Eileen A. Topete is the CEO of 100+ year Wright & Kimbrough Insurance Co. Based in Roseville, CA. She is passionate about education and has served on several boards in the Roseville/Sacramento area. Eileen is a skilled leader and is excited about contributing to the library foundation's mission.

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