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The purpose of The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library is to maintain an association of persons interested in the Carmel Valley Branch Library; to foster community participation in, support for, and cooperation with the library in developing library services and facilities for the community, and to solicit and encourage gifts, endowments, and bequests.

Annual Fundraising with MC Gives!

It's time for our annual fundraising drive, where you can show your support for your local library! Once again we are fundraising through Monterey County Gives, where your donations get matched on a pro-rata basis. This makes your dollars go further to help improve our library!

The Friends of Carmel Valley Library provides resources outside traditional funding to enhance the Library for the community. The Friends pays for subscriptions such as The Economist, buys additional books for our library's catalog, delivers our monthly speaker series (see the upcoming schedule in this newsletter), and is always contributing to facility improvements and volunteering across the library.

In 2024, we will continue all those projects while adding a few other big initiatives, including our first ever 'One Book, One Village', a community-wide event for all ages (read on in this newsletter to learn more). And while we continue to improve the outdoor areas of the library, we'll also start focusing on the indoors with additional children's furniture and refreshing other pieces.

So how can you help? From November 9 to December 31, go to Monterey County Gives (www.montereycountygives.com), and donate to The Friends of Carmel Valley Library. You can also go directly to our website (www.focvl.org/be-a-friend), or use the enclosed envelope. We can't thank you enough for your support!

First Saturday Series is Back from a Summer Break

What's our First Saturday Series? On the first Saturday of each month, speakers come to our library to give talks and presentations. We regularly have local speakers discussing topics that are near and dear to our community. In September, we were dazzled by Steve Park from the Carmel River Steelhead Association, who showed us how a small volunteer group regularly saves thousands of Steelhead fish every year.

Below, we've highlighted an awesome slate of speakers and topics over the next few months for you to enjoy!
Note: Due to holidays and other conflicts, some of the sessions in the coming months are not on the first Saturday.

Saturday 10/14 @ 10:15am: Bats, Spooky or Spooktacular?

Taylor Azizeh, Local Researcher & Grad Student

Saturday 11/4 @ 10:15am: The Questions that Matter Most

Local Author Jane Smiley

Saturday 12/2 @ 10:15am: Holiday Party

Holiday singers, treats and drinks!

Saturday 2/4 @ 10:15am: Emperor Penguins

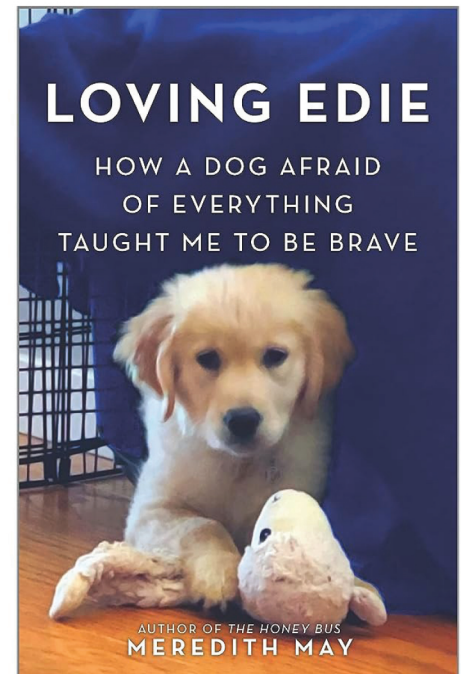
Birgitte McDonald, Ph.D. Associate Professor

One Book, One Village: A Community-Wide Reading Event

The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library is hosting our first ever community read to promote literacy, celebrate the Carmel Valley Library, and create intergenerational discussions and events around the book *Loving Edie*. We've never done this before, so what is a community-wide reading event? It's an opportunity for the whole community to come together at the same time to read and discuss a common book and enjoy events related to the book.

To make it easier for everyone in our community to participate, The Friends are making the books available for free! And to help make this more relevant for our Village, we'll be reading a book from one of our local authors! Meredith May is an award-winning journalist and author, a Carmel Valley native, and a fifth generation beekeeper. Meredith wrote the international bestselling memoir, *The Honey Bus*, and for our community-wide event, we'll be reading her latest book, *Loving Edie*.

Loving Edie is a book that the whole community can read: we learn how an anxious puppy that is scared of everything, can still love fiercely, while also surprisingly be able to teach its human owners a thing or two. In addition to making the books available for free, The Friends are partnering with community members to bring all sorts of events to the Library and other venues during this celebration. Since the book stars Edie the dog, we have lots of dog-themed events planned including: a dog themed movie night, an expert panel discussion and Q&A on anxious dog behavior, dog drawings at the newly relocated Art Association with local artists, a dog book storytime for the little kiddos, a book club discussion hosted by Olivia & Daisy and Rombi Wines, as well as an author talk and book signing with Meredith May.



Our community-wide reading event and celebrations will begin in March.

Stay tuned for more updates and reminders in our email newsletter (subscribe on our website www.focvl.org).

New Faces at the Library and on Our Board

We are thrilled to welcome Judy Hamblin to the board of the Friends of Carmel Valley Library. Judy has been living in the Village for over 14 years and has two sons, now 16 and 21 years old, both of whom attended Tularcitos Elementary & Carmel Valley Middle School.



Madeleine is the branch's newest Library Assistant and will be helping mostly at the circulation desk. Some quick words from Madeleine:

I grew up in Carmel and went to Carmel High, and I'm very excited to join the library team! I love historical fiction and animal fun facts, and my favorite book right now is probably *The Name of the Wind* by Patrick Rothfuss. I look forward to hearing many great book recommendations from everyone, please come say hi!



Makerspace Fairs at the Library

Eddy and the library staff are always hosting innovative programs and events at the library, one of which is the always popular Makerspace Fairs. A Makerspace Fair is a collaborative workspace that provides readily available materials to encourage creative exploration, engineering, tinkering, inventing, and purposeful play. The focus is more on the learning journey than the final results. This effective learning approach combines hands-on, problem-based learning that is essential for developing critical thinking skills needed for success in the 21st century. As Makers brainstorm, plan, create, communicate, and collaborate, they gain skills that will help them be successful in a rapidly changing and challenging world. All these Makerspace Fairs are family friendly for all ages and feature Make-and-Take arts and craft stations plus a few surprises as well!

Upcoming Makerspace Fairs:

October 28: It's Spooky
November 18: Harvest Fest
December 16: Holiday Fest

Note: Makerspace Fairs are Saturday 11am - 3pm

Join Our Board

The Friends of Carmel Valley Library meets every month and helps improve the library facilities while also supporting special programs and events.

We're actively looking for new members to join our fun Board, and especially looking for marketing and accounting experience.

Please reach out to us at info@focvl.org if you'd like to learn more!

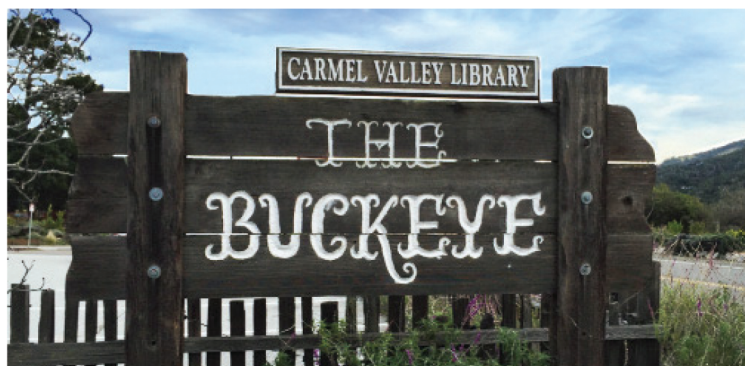
The Story of the Buckeye Building

Have you noticed the big sign outside of the library that says 'The Buckeye'? Ever wondered where that came from? Here's some fun details of its past that Board member Susan McDonald organized for us:

The Buckeye building has an interesting history. This adobe building was built by Herb and Clara Bucknell shortly after World War II. The building next door, built at the same time, became Herb Brownell's legal office, and is now Corkscrew Cafe.

After the family moved out, the building became home to a series of restaurants. First there was Rueben's, then Casa Carmelo, and in 1972, the Buckeye Restaurant. The Buckeye closed in 1979. Our own Carmel Valley Branch was originally known as the Carmelo Library. Established on December 19, 1938, it was in the home of Mrs. George Koch, she was titled Library Custodian. The library continued to be hosted in several temporary homes and was housed for a while in a box stall and then in a store front in Carmel Valley Village.

On February 5, 1984, the Carmel Valley Library found a permanent home thanks to the determination of Jackie Marks. Mrs. Marks secured a lease to the Buckeye building, and with the help of Library friends and a pick-up truck, moved the collection to its present home. The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library was formed. Reminders of the Buckeye's history can be noticed in the redwood racks and wine glasses hanging above the circulation desk and the swing door now open.





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Submit a Book Review!

In almost every email newsletter we send out, Maria Roden (our Secretary) provides a book review for a recent book. Maria gives a sneak peek of the book, and also suggests similar books that you can check out from the library.

But Maria isn't the only person that can provide a book review... anyone can!

Go to www.focvl.org/book-reviews and find the 'Submit a Review' section. We'll keep an eye out for any reviews and some will be shared in an upcoming newsletter and our website.

We'd especially love to see kids submit some reviews! So get to our website and tell everyone about your favorite book!

Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will be at the library on Saturday November 4th at 11:30am. At this meeting, the Directors of the Friends of the Carmel Valley Library are elected for the next year. Any supporter who has made a donation since last November is eligible to vote beforehand. Your vote is just as valued and appreciated as your donation. (Note: If there is an "m" by itself on your mailing label, you are currently a voting member.) The slate of candidates appears to the right.

Please mail in your ballot or drop it in the book drop by November 2nd, and you can join the Annual Meeting in person at the library November 4th at 11:30am.

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Olivia & Daisy

We're so lucky to live in such a wonderful community with such a strong and supportive group of local businesses. Just to highlight a couple, we'd like to thank Jerome's for their on-going support, and we'd like to welcome Dark Light Pictures as one of our newest sponsors. If you'd like to be a business sponsor and highlighted on our website and future newsletters, please go to www.focvl.org/sponsor or reach out to info@focvl.org.

2023 - 24 Board of Directors Ballot

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Write in: _____

Vote for all OR Vote for checked names

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