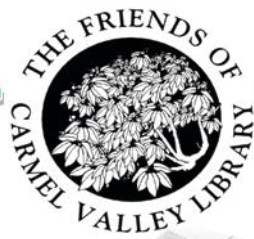


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The purpose of The Friends of the Carmel Valley Library is to maintain an association of persons interested in the Carmel Valley Branch Library; to foster community participation in, support for, and cooperation with the library in developing library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

The Library is Open Part Time! *Keep up with the Changes*

Top of our wish list is a return to normal for the Carmel Valley Branch and for it to be fully open from Tuesday to Saturday with indoor programs allowed. Unfortunately as of the writing of this newsletter, we aren't there yet. Since the library closed its doors on March 17, 2020, there has been a constant evolution in the operations of the library with staff providing more and more services to meet your needs during the pandemic shutdown. Following months of outdoor services including curbside pickup of books, meals and activity bags, our doors finally have started to open.

First, the patio opened once a week for charging up electronics (or simply enjoying being there). And more recently, the library has allowed a limited number of patrons inside to browse and use the computers on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

There will probably be more schedule changes between the time this letter is written and when it is ready for mailing. For the latest information, you can visit our website at www.focvl.org or call Monterey County Free Libraries staff at 831-883-7555 Monday - Saturday 10 am- 6 pm.

Sign up for our monthly e-newsletter via the "Subscribe" button at the top of our website www.focvl.org or follow us on Facebook (Friends of Carmel Valley Library) to keep up with the latest library news.





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Your Support of the Friends *Put to Good Use!*

The Friends of Carmel Valley Library have continued to support our library in many ways. We purchased 3 large coolers to hold milk for the meal program, and funded activity bag supplies which were handed out at the same time. Friends also provided an air filter to reduce smoke odor in the building. Our big purchase should arrive any day... a 20' shipping container for much needed storage of emergency supplies (sleeping bags, blankets, etc.) and program materials used in the many STEM activities offered by Eddy. If there is room to spare, we will resume accepting used book donations.

We are also in the process of getting quotes for new patio furniture & planning changes in the landscaping of the back garden area. Your support is greatly appreciated!



Summer Reading 2021

Adults, teens, and kids can sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Everyone who signs up gets a free book and a way to track their reading progress during June and July. At the end, they will get a special prize.

How to Volunteer at the Library

The library can now have a limited number of volunteers in the branch and anyone interested needs to contact Linda via email at ingramLT@co.monterey.ca.us to arrange a time for an interview.

First Saturdays Series Line Up

Sponsored by the Friends

July No Program (Summer Break)

August 2 Jeff Olson, History of the Carmel Valley Airport

September 4 Dick Crowell, to be announced (Dick loves making videos and shared his wonderful "Tiptoe through the Tulips" video about the Netherlands with us in March).

These programs are scheduled to take place in person at the library at 10:15 am.

First Saturday videos of past programs are available online. Go to FOCVL.org/archives/