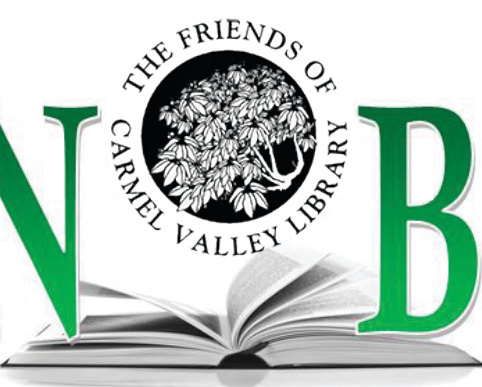


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## Special Thank You

After 8 years, Cynthia Hertlein will be stepping down as President of the Friends of Carmel Valley Library. We're so lucky to keep her close, as she'll continue providing a wealth of experience and leadership as our Treasurer.

Cynthia, thank you for all of the First Saturdays, membership drives, wine events, and continued improvement of our library! And thanks ahead of time for continuing to guide us and answer all of our silly questions :)

*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.*

## Summer at the Library!

This summer brings a lot of excitement and events to the Carmel Valley Library! So we're kicking off this newsletter by highlighting some of the amazing activities happening during these sunny months. Check out the complete calendar at: [bit.ly/focvl-calendar](http://bit.ly/focvl-calendar).

### Special Event: Luau and Hula Performance on July 9

To celebrate the library re-opening and all the improvements to our refreshed patio space, the library staff and the Friends of Carmel Valley Library are putting on quite a party! We'll have a professional hula dance performance, along with Moana for kids to take pictures with. Come enjoy the dancing, refreshments, and the new patio space! Saturday July 9, 2 - 4PM

### Live Performances on Wednesday Afternoons

Almost every Wednesday afternoon in June & July will feature a live performance; we've already seen a bubble show and a world-renowned percussionist perform West African drumming. Get ready for magic, juggling and much more! Wednesdays in June & July @ 4PM (except 7/6)

### Afternoon of Fun on Thursday Afternoons

Thursday afternoons will bring the Afternoon of Fun series, where the library patio will be completely transformed every week. So far we've seen the patio as a beach and a campground. Next, you can see it transformed into a lego playroom, a movie theatre and ??? Thursdays in June & July @ 3PM (except 7/7)

### Additional Events

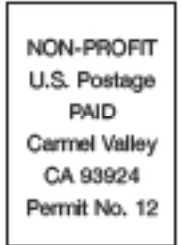
As if this list wasn't enough, Eddy will keep rocking the monthly Makerspace Fairs, with events on Saturday June 25 & July 30 from 11AM - 3PM. And Ashley will continue the popular Preschool Storytime every Thursday morning (11:30AM).

Eddy and the whole library staff have been working hard at organizing these fantastic events for our community. But that's not all they do! Here are a few numbers that highlight how they continually make our library special.

- 225 library patrons every day
- 1300 checkouts every month
- 150 monthly participants of special events & programs, including Makerspace, Preschool storytime, activity bags, etc
- 40 Homework Center students supported every school month



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## Your Support Makes a Difference!

Since last year, we've made the outdoor patio space a top priority for our community. Last fall, we completely refreshed all the outdoor furniture, focusing on fun, flexibility, and color!

This summer, we're kicking things into high gear with a landscaping renovation. The next time you're hanging out on the back patio of the library, you'll see an amazing new walkway, new retaining walls, and new fencing. With this first phase complete, we're now focused on a plan to update the planting, which is always the fun part!

A special thanks goes out to our landscape committee (Cynthia Hertlein, Lisa Alison, and Susan McDonald Brodey) for all of their expertise, creativity and planning skills, as well as our landscaping magician Enrique Casas.



We have a few more ideas up our sleeves to continue the renovation of this outdoor space. We'll share more soon, so stay tuned!

## How You Can Contribute

Your donations and support makes all of these improvements possible, as we continue to help make the library a safe, fun and welcoming space for our whole community. Please consider supporting us: [www.focvl.org/be-a-friend](http://www.focvl.org/be-a-friend)

## How You Can Volunteer

If you'd like to volunteer at the library, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Linda Ingram to learn more: [ingramLT@co.monterey.ca.us](mailto:ingramLT@co.monterey.ca.us)

## Welcome Ashley!

We're extremely fortunate to welcome Ashley as the newest member of the library staff! Ashley joined in March as the branch's new Library Assistant 2. She is coming from our Castroville branch library where she was their Homework Coordinator. You will see a lot of Ashley; she'll be creating and assisting with programming, leading Preschool Storytime, and working the circulation desk among other things. Be sure to say hi!

