

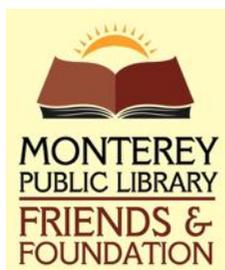


Virtual Fundraiser
Saturday, December 5 at 2:00 pm

A Novel Afternoon with Alka Joshi, Author of *The Henna Artist*

Love the book? Meet the author! Set in India in the 1950s, local author [Alka Joshi's](#) eloquent novel *The Henna Artist* was selected for Reese Witherspoon's book club, and has remained an Amazon bestseller 8 weeks running. Join the Friends & Foundation for this special virtual afternoon with the author, a fundraiser for the Monterey Public Library.

[Register for the event here.](#)



Support the Library through MC Gives! Ends 12/31/20

Support the MPL Friends & Foundation's Monterey County Gives! initiative, *A Care Package for Learning and Teaching at Home*, by contributing to MC Gives! The MPL Friends & Foundation will receive your full gift plus a prorated share of matching funds based on total donations made during the campaign. Please [visit the MPLFF website](#) for more information.





Virtual Library Programs

Join on Zoom, or by telephone.

Registration closes 1 hour before the program begins.

Register at www.monterey.org/library or call (831) 646-3933.

Drop-in Mindfulness Practice

Pause midweek with a gently guided mindfulness practice and optional brief discussion. All levels of experience welcome. Katie Dutcher leads on Wednesday, 12/9 and Marianne Rowe leads on Wednesday, 12/16. You may register one time and participate every week with the same meeting access information.

Wednesdays, 12:15 - 12:45 pm



Journey of a Naturalist

How can curious people contribute to science and change the world? Let's start with a journey, from the comfort of our homes, to coastal Patagonia. Emily Gottlieb travelled to Argentina from Monterey in 2019. In 1940, Ed Ricketts and John Steinbeck went on a journey from Monterey to the Sea of Cortez to catalogue species. The threads of their journeys have recently met through the [Western Flyer Foundation](#).

Thursday, December 10

2:00 - 3:00 pm



Get Connected: Ebooks & Audiobooks

Learn how to access [digital books](#) from home for free using your personal technology device! It's easier than you think. We'll use cloudLibrary and share other resources.

Friday, December 11

Tuesday, December 15

11:00 - 12:00 pm



Next Chapter: Crystal Medicine Singing Bowls and the Symphonic Gong

Learn how vibrational frequencies of sound affect the human body, mind and spirit. ValiAnna Francis will demonstrate multiple Crystal Medicine Singing Bowls and SkyyeSong Fell, R.N. will play the Symphonic Gong. Join us for an afternoon of gratitude as we thank **Dr. Brian Ellinoy** for his dedication in creating the Next Chapter lecture series.

Thursday, December 17



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4:30 - 5:30 pm

Read and Sing With Miss Orquidea

Let's sing songs and read some stories! Join a live storytime with Miss Orquidea. We will send you a Zoom link one hour before the program begins. Especially for 18 months to 5 years, but older siblings are welcome!

Saturday, December 19
10:30 - 11:30 am

If you miss this program, or want to sing and read some more, [visit our Kids page](#) for recorded storytimes with Miss Orquidea that you can watch anytime. A new storytime is available every Friday.



Poetry Workshop with Patrice Vecchione

Join local poet and author Patrice Vecchione and her new book, [My Shouting, Shattered, Whispering Voice: A Guide to Writing Poetry and Speaking Your Truth](#) for a poetry workshop. Whether you whisper your poem or shout it, come discover the beauty and power of speaking your truth. Adults, teens.

Wednesday, December 30
3:00 - 4:30 pm



Stay tuned in January: Kids Cre-8!

Eight creative art activities for kids to enjoy while at home

Book Bundles to Go

We know it's hard to pick out books when you can't come in to browse, so we're here to help. Let us know what you'd like, give us a day or two, and we'll put the books on hold for you to pick up during sidewalk pickup hours. Learn more about [Custom Book Bundles](#).

Library Holiday Closures

Sidewalk and Reference Service will be closed
Thursday - Saturday, December 24, 25, 26
Friday, January 1, 2021

*We wish you and your loved ones a safe and healthy holiday season!
We miss you!*

