

# Harrison Memorial Library Park Branch Renovation Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Dear Patrons,

The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea is pleased to announce that the Park Branch Library will be getting a fresh, new look. Starting April 10, the Park Branch will be closed for new paint and carpet throughout the inside of the building. We expect to reopen the Branch, looking lovely and refreshed, early in June.

Don't worry, the Main Library will be open throughout the renovations, and we'll be working to make the disruption as minimal as possible. To that end, we've put together a list of answers to some of your most pressing questions.

## CAN I STILL CHECK OUT CHILDREN'S ITEMS OR PLACE THEM ON HOLD?

You can check out or place holds on children's items up until the day we close. Once the Park Branch is closed for renovations, there will be no access to children's materials. You will still have access to all of our online resources for kids, including ebooks and magazines through [Overdrive](#) and [Flipster](#), and movies and TV shows through [Hoopla](#).

## WHERE WILL I RETURN CHILDREN'S ITEMS I'VE CHECKED OUT?

The Park Branch book drop will be CLOSED for the duration of the renovations. All books, DVDs, etc., including children's materials, can be returned to the Main Library, on the corner of Ocean and Lincoln. You can bring your materials to the inside book drop when the Main Library is open, or the outside book drop at 6<sup>th</sup> and Lincoln. Materials can be renewed for an additional 3 weeks, either online through your library account (<http://catalog.hm-lib.org/>), or by phone (831-624-4629).

## WHAT ABOUT CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS?

Children's programs and storytimes will be put on hold until the Park Branch reopens in June. The Summer Reading Program will follow a slightly different schedule, from the last week in June to the last week in July. Other nearby libraries have storytimes on the days listed below:

**Monterey Public Library**

Baby Rhyme Time – Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

Preschool Songs and Stories -- Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

**Pacific Grove Public Library**

Baby Storytime -- Thursdays at 11:00 a.m.

Pre-School Storytime -- Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Wacky Wednesday! (Stories, games, science & more for Grades K-2) -- Wednesdays  
3:45-4:30 p.m.

**Carmel Valley Branch (MCFL)**

Toddler time -- Fridays at 10:30 a.m.

**Seaside Branch (MCFL)**

Storytime for all ages -- Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m.

**Marina Branch (MCFL)**

Preschool Storytime -- Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. & 11:15 a.m.

**CAN I STILL DO LOCAL HISTORY RESEARCH?**

The Local History Room will be closed for the duration of the renovations, and most of its materials will be inaccessible. Microfilm of the Carmel Pine Cone is available at the Main Library. Online resources such as [Ancestry](#) and [Newsbank](#) will still be available, and library staff will be happy to help you use them. The [California History Room](#) at Monterey Public Library has a significant historical collection relating to the Monterey Peninsula, and will be open for research. Once we reopen, the Local History Librarian will be happy to help with your research.

**WHICH OTHER LIBRARIES ARE NEARBY?**

The closest library is the Main Branch, at the corner of Ocean and Lincoln. Carmel residents also have free access to the Monterey County Free Libraries, Monterey Public Library and Pacific Grove Public Library, though you will have to sign up for a (free!) library card to use their materials. Some of the closest libraries are listed below:

**Monterey Public Library**

625 Pacific Street

Monterey, CA 93940  
(831) 646-3933  
Hours: Mon -Wed 12-8pm, Thu-Sat 10am-6pm, Sun 1-5 pm.

**Pacific Grove Public Library**

550 Central Avenue  
Pacific Grove, CA 93950  
(831) 648-5760  
Hours: Mon-Thu 10am-7pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm.

**Carmel Valley Branch (MCFL)**

65 W. Carmel Valley Road  
Carmel Valley, CA 93924  
(831) 659-2377  
Hours: Tue-Wed 11am-7pm, Thu 11am-5pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm.

**Seaside Branch (MCFL)**

550 Harcourt Ave  
Seaside, CA 93955  
(831) 899-2055  
Hours: Mon-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm.

**Marina Branch (MCFL)**

190 Seaside Circle  
Marina, CA 93933  
(831) 883-7507  
Hours: Tue-Wed 12pm-8pm, Thu-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-4pm.

**WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THE WONDERFUL PARK BRANCH LIBRARY STAFF?**

Park Branch Library staff will be redeployed to the Main Library and will help with various projects around the city.

**HOW CAN I HELP?**

We appreciate your willingness to help and your understanding as we work hard to bring you a beautiful new space. Please plan to use the Main Library as you can, and also help us get the word out about our temporary closure to your family, friends and neighbors.