



Carmel Public Library

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Dear Patrons,

The world feels like a scary and uncertain place at the moment, with a new brand of political upheaval in every news cycle, economic and technological change coming at a whiplash pace, and the threat of natural disaster looming in the background.

To help make the rush of change a little more manageable, we'll be gathering resources to help you learn about, and take action on, the topics in the news and on your minds. Once a month, this newsletter will bring together books, documentaries, online resources and more on 3-5 topics relevant to current events. If there's a particular subject you'd like us to cover, [please let us know](#) and we'll do our best to include it.

Thank you,
Your Library Staff

Current Events Toolkit

Get Involved & Stay Involved

- [25 ways to be politically active \(whether you lean left or right\)](#) (CNN, 2017)
- [Starter Guide to Civic Engagement](#) (All in Together, 2024)
- [How to Increase \(and Sustain\) Political Engagement](#) (Behavioral Scientist, 2018)
- [Civic Engagement: The Comprehensive Guide You Need To Know](#) (The Civic Digest, 2024)

Understand Your Government

- [Contact your elected officials and find your California representatives](#)
- [GovTrack.U.S.](#): tracks the activities of Congress to help create a more open and accountable government
- [PolitiFact](#): nonpartisan fact-checking website to sort out the truth in American politics
- [Tracking Trump's executive actions](#) (CNN)
- [National Constitution Center](#): Learn more about our country's foundational document, and the rights it guarantees

Stay Informed

- [CalMatters](#): nonpartisan and nonprofit newsroom devoted to covering issues that affect all Californians
- [What the F*** Just Happened Today?](#): a sane, once-a-day newsletter helping normal people make sense of the news. (Note: website title contains swearing)

Help Others

- [Charity Navigator](#): Find and vet charities and nonprofits
- Volunteer through [Community Builders for Monterey County](#)
- Get involved with one of the [200+ nonprofits in Monterey County](#)

Good News for a Change

- [Fix the News](#): an independent publication that gathers and shares stories of progress from around the world
- [Karuna News](#): an ever growing collection of stories of everyday heroism
- [GoodGoodGood](#): an independent media organization covering good news and resources about the good in the world