

Chico Carrel

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ANNUAL MEETING 2010

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Chico Friends of the Library P.O. Box 6952 Chico, CA 95927 **Website chicolibrary.org** The annual meeting of the Chico Friends of the Library saw the election of new officers for the coming year, a financial wrap up for the past fiscal year, and an engaging talk from Professor Michele Shover about local native Americans. Ms. Shover read from parts of a new book she is working on and hopes to have published in the near future. Her knowledge of both Annie and John Bidwell is impressive and professor Shrover was able to bring us back to the creation of the city of Chico.

After the professor's presentation refreshments were served to all those present.

The following individuals were elected to serve the Friends for the 2010-2011 fiscal year:

Officers

President	Marian Milling (2 year term ending in 2012)
Vice Pres	John Few
Secretary	Diane Friedman (2 year term ending in 2012)
Treasurer	Susan Davis

Members-at-large

Al Luedecke Ann Elliott
Anne Nordhus Carolyn Dorn
Debbie Cobb-Ceriani Don Kidd
Fe Howard Gerald Davis
Joan Olmstead Linda Leahy
Margaret Bomberg Mary Wahl
Rob Atkinson Rupert McDowell

FROM OUR PRESIDENT MARIAN MILLING

I'd like to say "hello" to all Chico Friends! I know many of you from my involvement with CFOL over the past 5 years, my volunteer time shelving, seeing you at library events or just around town. With over 500 members, there are lots more people in the Friends than I have met personally. I'd like to change that by seeing more people active with Friends and library activities that will be described later.

It's been a great summer with the moderate weather and slow pace—and a good one for the library. Nearly 900 people participated in Chico's summer reading program: 632 were children. The two children's special programs were well-attended, and storytimes continue to draw in approximately 240 kids each week. New public-access computers were added to the adult area, and 3 colorful computer stations are coming soon to the Children's Room. Library users enjoyed not only books, but also the new collection of current DVD's, and the new online service Overdrive to download audio and ebooks.

Things will only get better this fall when once again the library will be open on Mondays (from 9 am-5 pm) starting Sept. 13. Monday hours are being made possible not by new funding, but by a reorganization. Chico Friends continues to financially support the book and materials budget and extra hours for added staff.

Whew—all these activities and services take dedicated employees, a hardworking Friends group, and lots of volunteers. Maybe you can help out if you're not doing so already. Here are some special events to put on calendars and to help out with:

*Saturday, Sept. 18, 9am-2pm: Book Festival at Roadrunner's Market (now at Chico Mall lot near Outback Steakhouse) The Friends will have a booth to promote membership and library cards. There will be lots of entertainment.

*All weekends from mid-September to end of October, there will be a library booth at Roadrunner's Market to issue new library cards and publicize services

*Weekly Saturday book sales take place at Chico Branch from 9-11:30 am. Extra help is always needed for setting up and taking down, sorting, being cashiers.

*Saturday, Oct. 16 is the annual Fall Festival from 11 am-2 pm on the library lawn. This is an event to just come and enjoy, to celebrate all that the library offers. There will be lots of activities for children, special music, and good food. You must love the library like I do if you are a member of the Friends. Please consider volunteering your time to make it an ever-better place. That's what Friends are for! And I hope to meet lots more of you in the process.

EVENT FOCUSES ON BUTTE COUNTY LIBRARIES

The Butte College Road Runner Community Market theme for Saturday, September 18, 2010, is

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

at the Market's new location at the Chico Mall between Sears and The Outback Steakhouse.

Under the banner of Love Your Library, the event will feature all county Friends of the Library, local writers, local book stores, readings, a writing contest, children's story times, people dressed as literary characters, food, music and much, much more.

If you have ideas about a book-related business or activity that should be included in this event, please email Rupert McDowell at butch23@hotmail.com or call 530-343-5701. Your ideas and comments are appreciated. Lots of volunteers will be needed to prepare for and to be present at this ambitious event. The Volunteer Spot will be posted on each FOL website so that you can select a time that is most convenient for you.

FALL FESTIVAL 2010

Day: Saturday

Date: October 16, 2010
Time: 11:00 a.m. – 2:00p.m.
Where: Chico Library Lawn

Its back again, that wonderful autumn festival that celebrates life and the love of libraries. Returning by popular demand and the kindness of their hearts is the great band that had people pulling into the parking lot just to hear The Alice Peake Experience. This group is not to miss. There will also be a kids puppet theater presentation, the Literacy Coach, cake walk, fishing booth, treasure hunt, face painting, a hands on "how to sew pamphlets and create greeting cards" workshop, games with prizes, book authors and illustrators, a children's book sale/swap, plus lots of fun for the entire family. Be sure to check the CFOL website at chicolibrary.org for updates regarding this great annual event.

YEAR END FINANCIAL STATEMENT

In compliance with state regulations we submit the Financial Report FYE 6/20/10. In thousands of dollars.

Donations 49 Book sales 46 Memberships 19 Fundraisers/interest 10 Total Received 124

Books, etc. purchased 36 Budget campaign/survey 19 Programs/recognition 19 Library add'l. hours 7 Fundraising/misc. 3 Printing/postage 2 Total expended 76

Net Revenue 48 Operating Cash 39 Investment acct, 92 /endowments/trusts 66 Building fund 384 Total Assets 581

LIBRARY NEWS

Monday at the Library Returns

Great news, our branch of the Butte County Library System will return to being open on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. New hours for the library will begin Monday September 13.

To see other changes please check the CFOL website at chicolibrary.org.

Babies Love Books

Mark your calendars for the popular Children's Room program *Babies Love Books*, which will be returning to the library on Wednesday September 8 at 9:30 a.m.. This program is for babies from the age of birth to eighteen months.

ONGOING EVENTS

CFOL Book Sale

Saturday mornings 9:00 am – 11:30 am

CFOL Board Meetings

3rd Tuesday of each month -7:00 pm library conference room – all meetings are open