

### Building a Community of Readers

— Sarah Vantrease, Branch Librarian

That's what the library—and the summer library program in particular—does. Over the last few months, Chico Friends of the Library has helped to bring Chicoans together around the pleasure of books and reading.

With the enthusiastic program theme "Reading is Soooooo Delicious," it was hard not to enjoy summer at the library. Young people led the way, with over seven hundred participating in library activities, building their reading skills and finding new favorite books.

Kids and teens borrowed about 35,000 books during school vacation—cookbooks, comic books, animal tales, scary stories, new series novels, how-to manuals and everything else under the hot Chico sun. Children love the freedom of summer, including the chance to choose books based on their own interests, not those of the school curriculum! About one third of CFOL's summer book purchases went to fill the arms and minds of these eager young library users.

Many kids and teens came to the library to browse books with friends. They also came to look at the gorgeous photos submitted to the young adult photography contest. This year's task was to prepare and photograph any kind of food; picture submissions ranged from book-themed cakes, to an abstract pattern of carrot-tops, to bacon dripping with syrup.

Judging was tough, especially due to the appetite it roused in the volunteers and staff! This year's top prize went to Wesley Churchill. His photo of a watermelon frog garnered him a new Kindle e-reader, courtesy of CFOL (see photo).

Funds from CFOL brought some fantastic performers to Chico for special events. The enduring popularity of the Wild Things animal show spilled over to the Hooker Oak school auditorium where hundreds of families gathered to meet a kangaroo, a tarantula, a serval kitten, and other unusual guests.

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Puzzle titled "Love your Library" by local illustrator Steve Ferchaud

### Puzzles Available!

— Marian Milling

Chico Friends have 500-piece jigsaw puzzles available for a \$10 donation. Created from a limited edition poster titled "Love Your Library" by local artist Steve Ferchaud, these puzzles are a new fun format for the artwork from this locally and nationally known illustrator, designer and artist. Steve is in spirit and literally a friend of the Butte County Library, and he has volunteered his time and talent at many events. "Love Your Library" prints have been for sale at Chico Branch for several years. Since the print is colorful, lively, and appealing to all ages, it has been made into this new form. Need a gift for a child or adult—or simply a pleasant diversion? You can view a framed puzzle on display at the library and you can purchase copies there by asking at the front desk. Puzzles are also available at First Friday book sales and other Friends' special events. The modest cost is \$10; all profits go to the



Friends to purchase library materials and supply library needs.

Wesley Churchill, photo contest winner

### Annie B's Community Drive

Would you actually like to increase your contribution to Chico Friends of the Library? It's easy! During the Annie B's Community Drive, the donation you make will be supplemented with a percentage grant from North Valley Community Foundation (NVCF).

How can you help CFOL get this money? Simply make your donation between August 1 and September 30. Gifts must be made on behalf of Chico Friends of the Library and mailed to NVCF, 3120 Cohasset Road, Suite 8, Chico, CA 95973. In addition to checks, donations may be made on line at [www.nvcf.org](http://www.nvcf.org). Please make checks payable to "Annie B's/Chico Friends of the Butte County Library."

**Mark your calendar for the  
Annual Fall Festival  
October 19th**



**Free family fun!**

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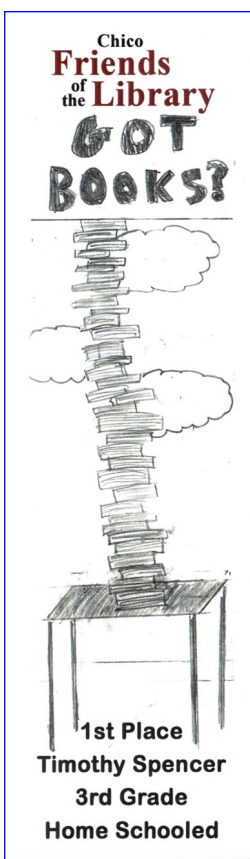


Pictured left to right is: Delfina D. Meza, Iris Brazil Few, Emma Anderson, Stella Mayfield, John Few and Timothy Spencer. Not pictured is Sor Moua.

## Bookmark Contest Winners

—John Few

The 7<sup>th</sup> annual CFOL Bookmark contest for grade school children was a complete success this year. With over 150 entries, our panel of judges had a difficult time deciding which designs were the best. The winners were presented with prizes during National Library Week in April and Mom's Restaurant printed 200 copies of each of the six winning entries. The bookmarks are currently available in the library at the circulation desk so be sure to pick one up before they are all gone. As an added bonus, on the back of the bookmark is an opportunity for a child in your family to fill in five stars indicating that they have read five books that are age appropriate. When this has been completed, take the bookmark into Mom's Restaurant at the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and Salem and they will provide a free meal for your grade school student when accompanied by an adult.



The winners this year are:

### Grades K-3

1st Place: Timothy Spencer  
Homeschooled (3rd Grade)

2nd Place: Stella Mayfield  
Citrus School (1st Grade)

3rd Place: Iris Brazil Few  
C.O.R.E. (1st Grade)

### Grades 4-6

1st Place: Delfina D. Meza  
Chapman School (6th Grade)

2nd Place: Emma Anderson  
Citrus School (6th Grade)

3rd Place: Sor Moua  
Chapman School (6th Grade)

We want to thank the judges Julie Lynch, Gerald Davis, Debbie Cobb and Rupert McDowell for their time and kindness in making this year's event a memorable one.



## Presidential History

— Susan Davis

The recent death of Macy Kelly brought to mind the period in Chico Friends of the Library history when Macy, as President, was instrumental in a big membership drive to raise money for a revamp of the library children's room. She did all this while recovering from cancer.

If you recognize one of the Presidents on this list, take a moment to thank them for contributing their time and energy to a worthwhile cause. If you would like to be a member of a board with such prominent alumni, come to a board meeting, or drop us a note and we'll get in touch with you.

Ramona Flynn, 1977 - 79  
Sandy Boyd, 1979 - 80  
John Nopel, 1980 - 81  
Ramona Flynn, 1981 - 82  
David Rush, 1982 - 83  
Sally (Armstrong) Spear, 1983 - 85  
William Hawkins, 1985 - 87  
Barbara Seawall, 1987 - 90  
Phil Lydon, 1990 - 92  
Ramona Flynn, 1992 - 94  
John Burghardt, 1994 - 96

Margaret Bomberg, 1996 - 97  
Linda Lee Bassett, 1997 - 99  
Linda Leahy, 1999 - 2001  
Gale Alvistar, 2001 - 02  
Anne Nordhus, 2002 - 04  
Nelson Ober, 2004 - 05  
Macy Kelly, 2005 - 08  
Ann Elliott, 2008 - 10  
Marian Milling, 2010 - 12  
Don Kidd & Rupert McDowell, 2012 - 14

Thank you, Fe Howard, Historian, for compiling this list.



## COMMUNITY OF READERS continued...

Uni and her Ukulele came back this year to delight a younger crowd with lively music, while new visitor Uncle Jer, a beekeeper, had everyone “abuzz” with seeing bees at work and tasting their sweet honey. Judging from the lines to check out after each program, many kids were finding further inspiration through exploring piles of library books.

Perhaps just as significant was the final summer program for children. Over two hundred kids, along with their families, dropped in for games, crafts, snacks and the ultimate prize: a new book to keep forever as a meaningful reminder of a summer spent enjoying the library.



These prize books were culled from the thousands of donations received by the library throughout the year. Many thanks to the donors and the CFOL book sale for sparing these top-quality titles. They draw each child further into Chico’s community of readers.

Grown-ups enjoyed their share of good times at the library, too. Food-themed workshops brought together adults on bright summer evenings. The healthy budgeting and nutritious cooking classes shared important life skills, and the produce swap was a delicious success! But the pure fluff of a cupcake decorating night led to total library bliss (see photo).

100% fun and completely sponsored by CFOL, the class brought in local bakers from the Cupcake Crusader shop on East Ave. Lucky attendees learned classic frosting and embellishment techniques, and got to take home a box of cupcakes—along with big smiles and new cookbooks from the library collection, thanks to CFOL.

In building a community of readers, books are only half the story! Much appreciation goes to CFOL for underwriting programs and activities, purchasing books and media, and offering personal time and care to bring Chico together at the library this summer. The best part is that this community continues to gather and enjoy the library year-round. Stop by to see what new treats are in store for the next season!

## Digital Contents

— Diane Friedman

The Chico Friends of the Butte County Library and the Butte County Library have something to offer our members who have computers, tablets, smartphones, etc. Links are below.

These links will lead you to current CFOL news, calendar, volunteer needs, mission statement, and more. The Library’s web page is full of online resources and news.

If you have a tablet (Kindle, Nook, iPad, Android), you can download digital books from the library for free. If you want some help with your tablet, join the Tech Users groups at the library Tuesdays 5-6pm or Wednesdays 1-2pm.

If you would like monthly CFOL email updates, drop a note to [webmaster@chicolibrary.org](mailto:webmaster@chicolibrary.org). Send the note from the email address you would like us to use and please include your member name so we can update our records.

### Links:

- ⇒ Chico Friends of the Library web page: <http://chicolibrary.org>
- ⇒ Butte County Library web page: <http://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/>
- ⇒ Facebook: Friends of the Library page: <https://www.facebook.com/ButteCounty.FOL>
- ⇒ Facebook: Butte County Library page: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Butte-County-Library/20040469987>
- ⇒ Pinterest: Butte County Library pins <http://pinterest.com/buttecolibrary/>



## Financials for Fiscal Year End June 30, 2013

Book sales	\$58,347
Donations	15,355
Memorials	2,632
Memberships	18,407
Fundraisers	2,136
Interest	<u>14,986</u>

**Total Receipts \$111,863**

Books, etc.	46,619
Equipment	7,039
Lib. Programs	2,450
Fundraising	4,774
Carrel/postage	1,490
Vol. recognition	1,626
Miscellaneous	<u>2,313</u>

**Total Expenses \$66,311**

Trusts/Endowments	66,469
Building Fund	575,000
Unallocated	<u>55,124</u>

**Total Assets \$696,593**

## New Books

- ◆ The Backyard Parables: Lessons on Gardening, and Life by Margaret Roach
- ◆ College Drinking: Reframing a Social Problem/ Changing the Culture by George W. Dowdall
- ◆ And the Mountains Echoed by Khaled Hosseini
- ◆ The World Until Yesterday: What Can We Learn From Traditional Societies? by Jared Diamond



**This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on September 6th, October 4th and November 1st.**

Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before the first public Saturday sale each month.

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## **Coming Events**

- \* The regular **Book Sale** is open every Saturday, 9 to 11:30 AM at the Chico Branch Library, 1st and Sherman. This is our primary fundraiser.
- \* **First Friday Members-only Book Sale**, September 6, October 4, and November 1, 2 to 4 PM at the Chico Branch Library, 1st and Sherman.
- \* The **CFOL Board Meetings** are the 3rd Tuesday of every month , 7PM at the Chico Branch Library, 1st and Sherman.
- \* The last **Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI)** summer speaker series presentation on *Current Issues with Emphasis on Media* by Robert Main on August 20, 4 to 5 p.m.
- \* The **Fall Festival** will be celebrating 100 years of serving you on October 19. Don't miss the quilt raffle!

See the CFOL calendar online at [chicolibrary.org/index.php/calendar](http://chicolibrary.org/index.php/calendar)

See the Butte County Library, Chico Branch calendar online at [buttecounty.net/library/Locations and Hours/  
Chico.aspx](http://buttecounty.net/library/Locations%20and%20Hours/Chico.aspx)