

The Year in Review

By Diane Friedman

Last year was a busy year for us. So, in rough chronological order ...

- 📖 The county-wide celebration of the library's centennial demonstrated just how long Butte County has been supporting its library's branches.
- 📖 CFOL commissioned a special, library-themed jigsaw puzzle as a fund-raiser. The puzzle's original illustration was contributed to the Friends of the Library by Steve Ferchaud, a well-known local artist. Copies of the puzzle are still available for purchase.
- 📖 CFOL subsidized performances and contest prizes for children and teens in its sponsorship of various events at the Chico Branch Library. We purchased many books and materials.
- 📖 Chico public library's annual Fall Festival was well attended. (Volunteers work hard to put on a great day for the kids.)
- 📖 In the annual Literacy Trivia Bee, the CFOL-sponsored team did well but didn't take first prize this year—maybe next year.
- 📖 We met some new staff members and two new-to-us librarians. Brenda Crotts is the new branch librarian, and Lydia Neeley is the new full-time children's librarian.

Nominees and New Board Members

By Diane Friedman

So, now it's close to our end of year and the annual meeting is coming up, where we will elect new officers and board members:

- 📖 Nominees for Officers:
Diane Friedman, President 2014-2016.
Ramona Peters, Secretary 2014-2016.
- 📖 New Board Members:
Jean Andrews and Kelsey McGee.
- 📖 Continuing Board Members and Officers:
Susan Davis, Treasurer 2013-2015.
Patti Conlin, Vice-President 2013-2015.
Margaret Bomberg, Debbi Cobb, Gerald Davis, Ann Elliott, Don Kidd, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Joan Olmstead,

Mary Wahl.

📖 Retiring Board Members:
Fe Howard, beloved CFOL Historian and all around good person.

Annual Speaker : Erin Lindsay McCabe Biography

from her website: [http://
erinlindsaymccabe.com/about/](http://erinlindsaymccabe.com/about/)

Erin studied literature and history at University of California, Santa Cruz, earned a teaching credential at California State University, Chico, and taught high school English for seven years before completing her MFA in Creative Writing at St. Mary's College of California in 2010. A recipient of the 2008 Jim Townsend Scholarship for Excellence in Creative Writing and the 2009 Leonard Michaels Scholarship for Literary Excellence, Erin has taught composition at St. Mary's College of California and Butte College.

Erin loved writing from the moment she learned how – cutting her teeth on sock puppet plays, poems, and short stories written from the point of view of her horse. Now she prefers to focus on writing historical fiction – a perfect outlet for a former diarist and pen pal letter writer. A California native, Erin lives in the Sierra Foothills with her husband, son, and a small menagerie that includes one dog, four cats, two horses, ten chickens, and three goats.

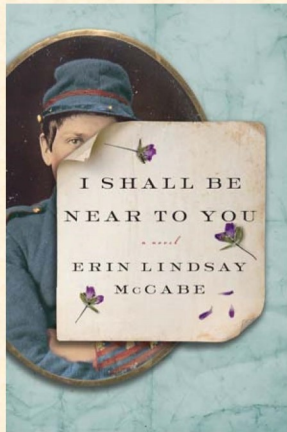
Please join us for our Annual Meeting on May 20th at 7 p.m. at the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library. Our guest speaker is Erin Lindsay McCabe. Refreshments will be provided.

Chico
**Friends
of the Library**

Presents Author:

Erin
Lindsay
McCabe

Inspired by the Letters of a Woman
Who Fought in the **Civil War**



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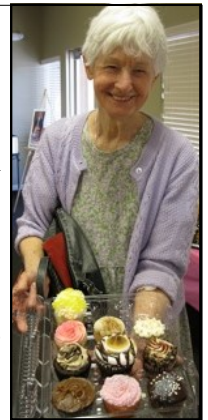
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Cupcake Fund Raiser

By Rupert McDowell

3rd Annual Rob Atkinson Memorial Cupcake Fund-raiser held by Century 21 Jeffries Lydon on April 10th was an enormous success. 1800 handmade cupcakes were made selling for a donation of \$1 each. The whole office lead by committee chair, Doug Love, did an outstanding job honoring the memory of Rob. \$3,650 was raised for the CFOL and will be used to help with the remodel of the Children's/Young Adult's section of our library and to purchase new books.



Writing Awards

By Susan Davis

The principal awards for writing are (1) the Joseph Pulitzer prizes, (2) the National Book Critics Circle awards, and (3) the American Library Association awards. All are usually announced annually.

The highest honors in children's literature are the John Newbery Medal for the "most distinguished contribution to American literature for children" and the Randolph Caldecott Medal for the best children's picture book. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Award is sometimes given for "substantial and lasting contributions to literature for children." Various Honor Medals in both categories are also awarded. The Chico library annually purchases the Newbery and Caldecott award winners from the Nancy Williams Fund, established with gifts from friends to honor the long-time Chico teacher. All of the award winners are usually available at the Chico library, although a delay can occur if the book is not yet purchased or already checked out.

With respect to children's and young adult's literature, in addition to the Newbery and Caldecott awards the American Library Association also presents the Margaret A. Edwards Award, as well as the Pura Belpré Award for "best portraying the Latino cultural experience," the Michael L. Prinz Award for "excellence in literature written for young adults," the Coretta Scott King Award to an African American author of "outstanding books for children and young adults," the Theodor Seuss Geisel Award for the "most distinguished beginning reader book," and the Stonewall Children's and Young Adult Literature Award for "exceptional merit relating to the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender experience."



Having fun is not hard
When you have a library card.
— Marc Brown

"Love Your Library" CFOL Puzzles Available

By Gerald Davis

Have you ever tried to think of (1) some kind of gift, for (2) any kind of person, for (3) any kind of event? Here is the perfect "one size fits all" answer: Artist Steve Ferchaud's fascinating painting featuring books has been made into a top-quality boxed puzzle that CFOL is offering at the library for only \$10. Pair off the relationship and event you can easily manage:

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| ◇ Parent | ◇ Birthday |
| ◇ Grandparent | ◇ Holiday |
| ◇ Child | ◇ Beginning a new life chapter |
| ◇ Niece | ◇ Completion of a project |
| ◇ Nephew | ◇ Graduation |
| ◇ Cousin | ◇ Get well |
| ◇ Co-worker | ◇ Retirement |
| ◇ Co-member | ◇ Housewarming |
| ◇ Client | ◇ Welcome home |
| ◇ Neighbor | ◇ Let's spend time together |
| ◇ Friend (old or new) | ◇ Just because! |



"Love Your Library" by Steve Ferchaud.
See the front page of the August 2013 Carrel for additional information.
<http://chicolibrary.org/index.php/cfolnewsletters>



Bookmark Contest Winners!

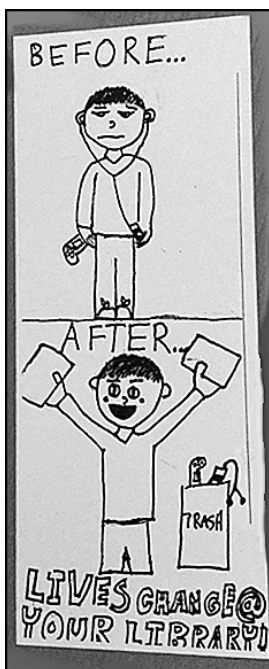
By Kelsey McGee

The winners of CFOL's 2014 annual bookmark contest for grades K—3 and grades 4—6 were recognized and received monetary awards at the Chico Branch Library on Saturday, April 19. The winning entries, supporting the contest theme, "Lives Change @ the Library," were insightful and creative.

Caleb, first place winner in the Grade 4—6 category, used before-and-after drawings to demonstrate a lifestyle transformation that can happen when someone picks up a good book at the library. Jack, whose bold drawing took second place in this group, referenced a favorite youth series, and Reilly made an exuberant and colorful creation that took third place.














Josephine's Grade K—3 first place winner was detailed, colorful, and offered fun facts. Perla's second place bookmark focused on changing one's life and reaching educational goals through reading, and Tirza's third place winner reminded us that magic happens when we "take a book and just read."

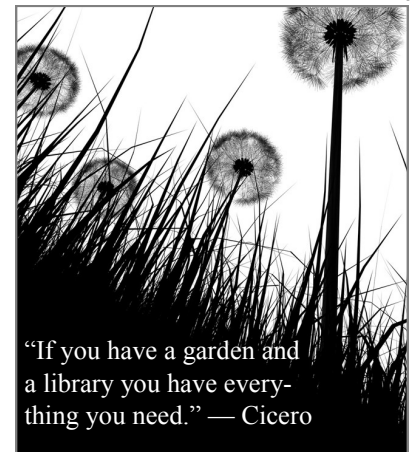
John Few managed the contest. His team of judges included Susan Davis, Fe Howard, Rupert McDowell, Kelsey McGee, and Jen Rold.



Winning bookmark for Grades 4-6 by Caleb

New Books Available because of your generous donations!

-  *Budget Bytes: Over 100 easy, delicious recipes to slash your grocery bill in half*, by Beth Monce
-  *The Bombers and the Bombed: Allied air war over Europe, 1940-1945*, by Richar Overly
-  *Bitter Brew: the rise and fall of Anheuser-Busch and America's kings of beer*, by William Knoedelseder
-  *The Baby Boom: how it got that way (and it wasn't my fault) (and I'll never do it again)*, by P.J. O'Rourke
-  *Astoria: John Jacob Astor and Thomas Jefferson's lost Pacific empire: a story of wealth, ambition and survival*, by Peter Stark
-  *Absolute Value: what really influences customers in the age of (nearly) perfect information*, by Itmar Simonson and Emanuel Rosen
-  *All New Square Foot Gardening: the revolutionary way to grow more in less space*, by Mel Bartholomew
-  *The Gods of Olympus: a history*, by Barbara Graziosi
-  *The Gardener of Versailles: my life in the world's grandest garden*, by Alain Baraton
-  *Field Notes from a Hidden City: an urban nature diary*, by Esther Woolfson
-  *Defiant: The POW's who endured Vietnam's most infamous prison, the women who fought for them and the one who never returned*, by Alvin Townley
-  *Dark Invasion: 1915 Germany's secret war and the hunt for the first terrorist cell in America*, by Howard Blum
-  *The Art of Community*, by Jono Bacon



Spending YTD

Our Treasurer reports that as of March 31 (during the 2013-2014 fiscal year), CFOL spent \$37,379 on books, movies, eBooks, audiobooks, and magazines.

Book sale volunteers, your donations, and book sale customers make this happen!

Paws to Read Summer Reading Library at your Library

Free!



<p>Sat. June 7-2 pm</p> <p>Sat. June 14-1 pm</p> <p>Wed. June 18-9:30 am to 11:00 am (18 mo. or younger)</p> <p>Thurs. June 26-10 am</p> <p>Thurs. July 10-3:30 pm</p> <p>TBA (late July)</p> <p>Tue. July 29-10 to 12</p>	<p>Kick-Off & Pet Parade</p> <p>Uni & Her Ukulele</p> <p>Library Playtime!</p> <p>Wild Things, Inc!</p> <p>Live Animal Show @ Hooker Oak Elementary</p> <p>The Great Sparacino</p> <p>Magic, Comedy & Illusion</p> <p>Butte Humane Society</p> <p>Being a Good Pet Owner</p> <p>Paws to Read Party</p>
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Find weekly library activities for all ages at:

www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary

Chico Branch of the Butte County Library

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This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on May 2, June 6 & July 11.

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

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Coming Events

- * Chico Friends of the Library **Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, May 20 at 7 PM in the Chico Branch Library meeting room. There will be a short business meeting before the speaker. Our speaker is Erin Lindsay McCabe, author of "I Shall Be Near To You". Refreshments will be served.
- * 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**, May 2, June 6, and July 11; 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.
- * In June and July the library will be hosting its **Summer Reading Programs**. Drop in at the library to find out more.

See the CFOL calendar online at 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)