

Love Your Library

It's that time of year again—time to *renew your membership*. If you received an envelope in this issue of the Chico Carrel, then please renew your membership. If you didn't receive an envelope, then you are all good and don't need to renew (thank you for your support). Your renewal date is on the mailing label.

Your renewal demonstrates your support of the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library, without which the Chico Friends of the Library (CFOL) wouldn't be able to support the library the way we do. See Marian Milling's "Year In Review" in this issue.

February is Love Your Library month. You can express your library love *by writing a letter* to the Butte County Board of Supervisors (25 County Center Drive, Suite 200, Oroville, CA 95965) and the Chico City Council (PO Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927). It doesn't have to be a long letter. Just a note will do, maybe even a valentine. Tell them what the library means to you and how your life would change if the hours were shortened or if your favorite library feature were gone.

Another way to express your library love is to *thank a staff member* for their help. They work tirelessly to provide new items, find answers to your questions, tell your children stories, make sure the foreign language sections are improved, add creative space for teens, enhance the large type section, and so much more.

Of course, *volunteering* is a good way to express your library love. See the Volunteer page on our website (<http://chicolibrary.org>). Just click on "Read more: Volunteer" at the bottom of the page.

It may be the dead of winter, but February is a wonderful month to support the library. Thanks.

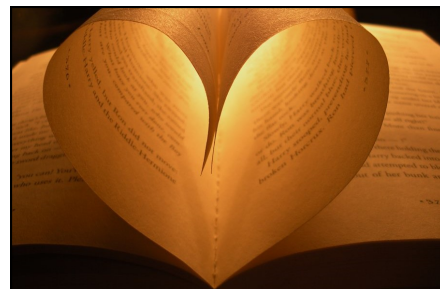
Diane Friedman, President

The Year in Review

This newsletter is all about encouraging you to renew your annual membership. President Diane Friedman has addressed that in her front page column. You may know that being a Friend is a good thing to do to support the library, but you might wonder exactly what do the Friends do?

Here's a summary of the 2014 Friends' activities and contributions:

- Held 48 weekly Saturday morning book sales (the volunteers get a few holidays!) that generate almost all the funds (\$50,000+ per year) the Friends give back to the library as you will see below.
- Held 12 "First Friday" afternoon book sales for Friends' members only. Nearly 40 new members joined to take advantage of First Friday sales!
- Purchased a state-of-the-art micro-film reader with printer for the public to use.
- Purchased a disc-cleaning machine, a desktop lectern speaker, 4 more Kindle ebook readers and books to go with, magazine covers, and new book carts.
- Paid for all programs for children during the Summer Library Program.
- Upgraded the display case in adult area.
- Donated \$\$\$ for Little Free Libraries, for a Teen Photo Contest prize, for library improvement projects, for



*"In a good bookroom
you feel in some
mysterious way that
you are absorbing the
wisdom contained in
all the books through
your skin, without
even opening them."*

— Mark Twain

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a movie licensing fee for Chico Branch, and for a Veteran's information kiosk and computer.

- Events sponsored or supported by the Friends included the annual children's bookmark contest, Annual Meeting program with author Erin McCabe, Fall Festival, Authors' Night, Trivia Bee Team, Magician Wayne Houchin, and holiday "Buy the Book" gifts for the library.
- Chico Friends of the Library received gifts and donations in the amount of nearly \$18,000; \$12,788 of this amount came from Annie B's drive.
- Donations to the library itemized above total nearly \$40,000. In addition, the Friends bought approximately \$30,000 in new books, \$1500 in periodicals, and \$500 in digital media.

That's what the Friends of the Library do—thanks to dedicated book sale volunteers and board members.

Quilt Winner

Linda Dunkly, winner of this year's quilt drawing stopped by the Saturday morning book sale to say thank you. The beautiful black quilt with bright geometric shapes has transformed her guest room with the addition of a black bed skirt. She is on the prowl for colorful pillows to complete the look. Linda



Linda Dunkly, winner of the quilt raffle

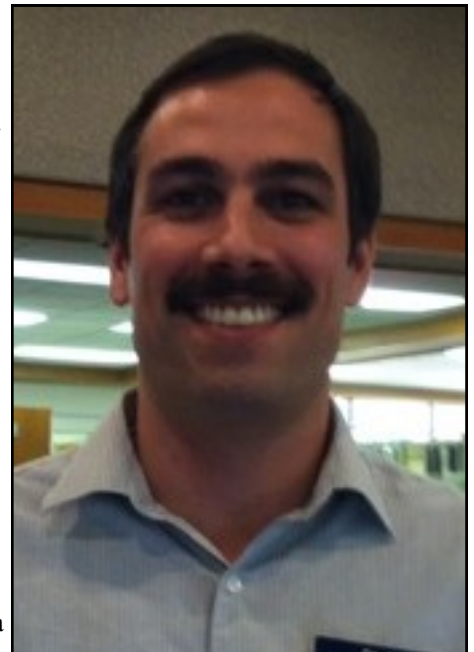
wants the makers of the quilt Annie's Star Quilt Guild to know how much she appreciates her win. The children's room at the library wins too with an extra purchase of \$600 in children's books and media.



Have you
purchased
your CFOL
puzzle yet?

New Senior Library Assistant

Lucas Sarcona, the Chico Branch Library's new senior library assistant, is a Chico native. He has more than ten years of experience in bookstores and libraries including the Ethnic and Gender Studies collection at Davidson Library at UC Santa Barbara. He completed a master's degree in English with an emphasis in creative writing at CSU Chico. He worked in education in Santa Cruz, CA for several years after completing his bachelor's studies in English at UC Santa Barbara. He returned to Chico in 2007 and lives with his sons, Solomon and Moses.



Lucan Sarcona, new Senior Library Assistant

Fun for Children

HomeMade Play is the exciting new interactive storytime/playtime at Chico Branch Library that began on Saturday, January 17 and will continue monthly at 2 p.m. on third Saturdays.

Inspired by Heather Tovey, ELF, Library Playtime, and all of the amazing things Sheryl Hubbard, Children's Services librarian, has learned as a parent and story time lady, HomeMade Play is for all ages of young children.

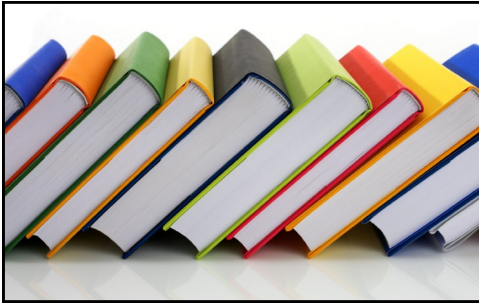
No special equipment is used: A few wooden spoons, a couple of pots and pans—ordinary household items—present endless possibilities for a baby's or a child's imagination. The program models everyday items that families can find playful uses for in their child's development.

Sheryl needs your spare pots and pans, scarves, kitchen utensils, and sheets for this program, so drop them off at the library and let the staff know they are for her.

The next meeting of HomeMade Play is February 21.

Veterans Resource Station

Thanks to donations from the Chico Friends of the Library, the Veterans Resource Station is nearly complete, with the official opening on February 2, 2015. Volunteers have been scheduled, the study cubicle is set up, the laptop is ready for use, and a variety of pamphlets and other print materials are on display. A good way to help kick off "Love your Library" month!



New Books

Available because of your generous donations!

- 📖 *Fad Mania!: A History of American Crazes*, by Cynthia Overbeck Bix
- 📖 *The Remarkable Education of John Quincy Adams*, by Phyllis Lee Levin
- 📖 *Mermaids in Paradise: A Novel*, by Lydia Millet
- 📖 *Saint Odd: An Odd Thomas Novel*, by Dean Koontz
- 📖 *The Life and Legends of Calamity Jane*, by Richard W. Etulain
- 📖 *Texts from Jane Eyre: And Other Conversations with Your Favorite Literary Characters*, by Mallory Ortberg
- 📖 *Make: 3D Printing*, by Anna Kaziunas France
- 📖 *Tripping Over the Truth: The Metabolic Theory of Cancer*, by Travis Christofferson
- 📖 *Local: The New Face of Food and Farming in America*, by Douglas Gayeton
- 📖 *The Value of a Dollar 1860-2014: Prices and Incomes in the United States*, by Scott Derks
- 📖 *The Half Has Never Been Told: Slavery and the Making of American Capitalism*, by Edward E. Baptist

Weed Library Fundraiser

The Wayne Houchin Fundraiser for the Weed Library on Monday, December 15, was indeed a *magical* evening and a fun night, but even more, a successful fundraising experience!

Oliver Allen, Butte County Library Outreach Coordinator, reported that the event brought in \$2606 to help the town of Weed reestablish library services that were lost to the Boles fire of Monday, September 15.

Renowned mystery entertainer Houchin, a Chico native, and his wife, Frania, volunteered to perform for the cause. The magician and daredevil is known not only for his role in the Discovery Channel's "Breaking Magic" but has made magic in more than 30 countries.

Cookies donated by Costco, top hats used for donation baskets from Costume Chris of Alter Ego, Charity League ushers, the venue of Chico Unified School District Center for the Arts at Pleasant Valley High School, items given for a silent auction, and all the time and effort of CFOL member volunteers and Oliver Allen in planning and working during the event, contributed to the fundraiser's success.

Kimberlee Wheeler from the Paradise Branch Library was available at the Weed Library information table to talk to people about the history of the Weed Library. CFOL volunteers sold refreshments, 50/50 tickets, and CFOL puzzles, Chico bags, canvas totes, and license plate holders.

DID YOU KNOW...??

That you can send print jobs from your home computer or laptop to the Chico Library.

Prints cost \$0.10 per page and are available in black and white only.

Spending YTD

Our Treasurer reports that as of December 31 the CFOL book sales has generated \$31,675.53; an increase from last years \$27,484.37 revenue. Also, CFOL has spent \$33,058.71 on the purchase of new books, digital media, and magazine subscriptions; a handsome increase from years \$23,080.03 spending. Book sale volunteers, patron donations, and book sale customers make this happen!



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This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on February 6, March 6, April 3.

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**, February 6, March 6, and April 3; 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.
- 📖 February is **Library Lovers' month**. Support your library by renewing membership, volunteering, and promoting the library in your community.

See the CFOL calendar online at <http://chicolibrary.org/index.php/cfolgooglecalendar>

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