

### CFOL Annual Meeting

Mark your calendar and alert your smart phone reminder app!

"What's Up Downtown" is the focus of the presentation at the CFOL Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. in the library conference room.

Speaker Melanie Bassett, executive director of the Downtown Chico Business Association, is in the perfect position to be in the know, and she promises that this talk will be fun!



Melanie Bassett

Melanie's topics will include

- The newly-launched Clean and Safe Campaign
- Current projects
- New business coming to downtown and future prospects
- Special downtown events this summer

She's bringing pictures and will conclude with a Q & A session.

CFOL will conduct a short business meeting to elect officers and present an annual report before the presentation. Light refreshments will be served. The public and all Friends' members are invited to this meeting.

So want to know what's up? Come on down—to the annual meeting on May 19.

### City of Chico Library Funding

"Extra hours"—the 14 weekly hours Chico Branch Library patrons have become accustomed to that are not offered at the other Butte County libraries—have been funded through the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2015, by the Chico City Council.

Many people—youths to retirees—attended the March 3 City Council meeting to express their support for our library. Prior to the

meeting, library supporters wrote letters and talked with City Council members. The result is that Chico Branch Library patrons can look forward to enjoying library services on Mondays and early opening (9:00 a.m.) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays for another three months! Thank you, Chico City Council!

What do these "extra hours" mean? They mean that the Chico branch is open 60 hours a week, more hours than any other branch library in Butte County.

Here is how it works: The Butte County General Fund pays library staff and library expenses for all the branches in the county, including Chico. The Chico branch, which serves more than half of the entire county's patrons, needs to stay open additional hours in order to support its community. The City of Chico has recognized this need and has supported the library and the public by paying for 14 open hours each week beyond those the county provides; that is, the City has contracted with Butte County to pay the cost of the employees required to staff the library during the additionally needed open hours.

We don't know what will happen during the City and County budget process for the 2015-2016 fiscal year. We can only hope that the Chico branch will continue to be open the same 60 hours per week. The City is still digging its way out of a near fiscal failure, so there might not be enough money to keep the library open those extra 14 hours. If the Chico branch hours are shortened as a result of the budget process, it will probably be closed again on Mondays.

If you do a rain dance to encourage rain to fall, you might also consider doing a library dance to keep our library open.

Regarding funding, you might find CFOL's new History web page interesting. <http://chicolibrary.org/index.php/library-history>

*"Whatever the  
cost of our  
libraries, the price  
is cheap compared  
to that of an  
ignorant nation."*

*~Walter Cronkite*

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FYI, CFOL has a Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/cfobcl>), a Twitter feed ([https://twitter.com/cfobcl/with\\_replies](https://twitter.com/cfobcl/with_replies)), and a web site ([chicolibrary.org/](http://chicolibrary.org/)). And we'll soon have a blog—stay tuned!

## Bookmark Contest 2015

To highlight Chico Branch Library's Young Adult collection and activities, the 2015 CFOL Bookmark Contest is seeking designs from Chico youth in grades seven through nine and 10 through 12.

Three winners will be recognized in each of the two groups, with prizes of \$50.00 for first place, \$30.00 for second place, and \$20.00 for third place. Awards will be announced on Saturday, May 9 at 2:00 p.m. at the Chico Branch Library.

Applications are available in the Chico Branch Library and at the junior and senior high schools in Chico.

The contest is available in alternate years to grades K-6 and 7-12. In 2016, we will seek entries from grades K-6.

## Call for Judges

Want to have fun and see what young local artists are up to? Volunteer to spend a couple of hours judging the annual CFOL bookmark contest—you'll get an advance viewing of the creativity of Chico's talented young people in grades seven through twelve.

Please contact John Few at [johnefew@hotmail.com](mailto:johnefew@hotmail.com) no later than April 25th. No relatives, friends, or neighbors of the entrants may be judges, of course, but it is a fun experience and your participation will be greatly appreciated.

## Remembering a Friend

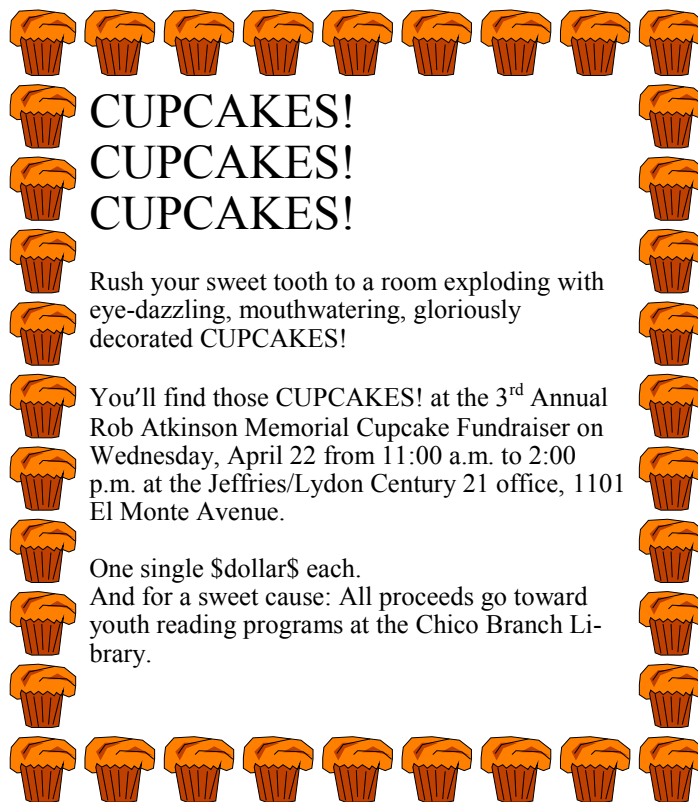
Gerald Davis, who passed away in May, 2014, was a valued board member of the Chico Friends of the Library for several decades. Among his many contributions, he served most recently as the board's financial advisor.



The CFOL is honoring Gerald's memory with the dedication of a more-than-100-year-old Seth Thomas Regulator Clock. The silent, oak-cased clock will be installed and displayed in the Chico Branch Library's public meeting room.

The elegant antique clock was restored to its original condition by Paul Ness, proprietor of Father

Time in Chico. (See *Chico News and Review*, March 19, 2015.)



## CUPCAKES! CUPCAKES! CUPCAKES!

Rush your sweet tooth to a room exploding with eye-dazzling, mouthwatering, gloriously decorated CUPCAKES!

You'll find those CUPCAKES! at the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Rob Atkinson Memorial Cupcake Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 22 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Jeffries/Lydon Century 21 office, 1101 El Monte Avenue.

One single \$dollar\$ each.  
And for a sweet cause: All proceeds go toward youth reading programs at the Chico Branch Library.

## Bake and Craft Sale

Don't miss Chico Branch Library's Japanese Storytime Group's bake and craft sale on Saturday, April 18, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., at the library.

Among the handmade crafts for sale, you'll find oilcloth shopping bags, gift card folders, origami book-marks, fabric flower pins, and Japanese beanbags.

And the yummy homemade baked goods will feature scones, cake, cupcakes, cookies, and more goodies for you to choose from!



Prices range from \$1.00 to \$20.00, with most under \$10.00. Proceeds will benefit Chico Children's Services.

## Read to the Rhythm



With summer just around the corner, the Chico Branch Library staff is preparing for 1200 participants in its popular summer programs for children and teens, this year titled "Read to the Rhythm."

Read to the Rhythm will kick-off on Saturday, June 6, at 1:00 p.m. on the library grounds. Special children's programs will follow throughout June and July:

- Thursday, June 11 at 3 p.m. Free Children's Performance Uni & Her Ukelele Library conference room
- Thursday, June 25 at 10 a.m. Live Animal Show Wild Things, Inc! Hooker Oak Elementary (multipurpose room)
- Wednesday, June 17 at 9:30 a.m. Library Playtime! Library conference room
- Thursday, July 2 at 3 p.m. Free dance performance Nicola Clay Library conference room
- Thursday, July 16 at 3 p.m. Free children's performance Adam Miller Library conference room
- Thursday, July 30 at 3 p.m. Read to the Rhythm Party! Library grounds

A new bilingual program, *Bilingual Story Garden*, every Monday at 10 a.m., as well as weekly story times, will continue throughout the summer.

Chico Friends of the Library has granted \$1885 for the program and \$725 for related advertising.

## Technology for Teens!

Chico Branch Library has created a digital media lab (DML) and a 3D printing workshop pilot program to help youth gain digital literacy skills. The programs will provide teens with instruction, mentorship, and leadership opportunities, and with access to current technologies.

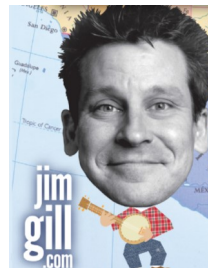
Senior Library Assistant Ricardo Ramirez will train four teen volunteers to produce videos that can be uploaded to YouTube. Topics might include brief videos introducing a library service, story time recordings

to help parents practice songs at home, and book "trailers" previewing popular and upcoming titles. The pilot team will begin work in April and expect to complete a video by the end of July.

Youth Services Librarian Kristine Macalalad and YA Specialist Leslie Botsford will train teens from Chico High Regional Occupational Program in using the 3D printers. The teens will receive class credit for assisting with instruction and ongoing workshops for other teens.

## Free Workshop and Concert

Jim Gill, child development specialist, musician, author, and performer, is bringing his Family Room Tour to Butte County on May 13. The tour celebrates Jim's five awards from the American Library Association.



Caregivers, educators, and librarians are invited to a workshop at the Chico Branch Library at 4:00 p.m.

Families will enjoy Jim's banjo music and silly and inspiring musical games as they clap, sing, and move at the free concert, 6:30 p.m. at Manzanita Place.

The Butte County Library Literacy Services, in collaboration with First 5 Butte County Children and Families Commission: Strengthening Families Initiative, is sponsoring this free event.

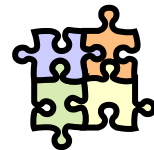
## 2015 Spending YTD

Our Treasurer reports that as of February 28, CFOL has spent \$62001.39 on the new teen Digital Media program and 3D workshop, on a Library Bike (!) that will tour Butte County with books to check out and forms to fill out to get a library card, and on the purchase of new books, digital media (books loaded onto Kindles), and magazine subscriptions. Book sale volunteers, patron donations, and book sale customers make this happen!



Keep an eye out for the Library Fact of the Week!

Have you purchased your CFOL "Love Your Library" puzzle yet?



This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on:

**May 1st, June 5th & July 3rd**

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

**Chico Friends of the Butte County  
Library**

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## **Coming Events**

- The Japanese Storytime Group's **Bake & Craft Sale**, Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Chico Branch Library, corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue.
- **Chico Friends of the Library Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in the Chico Branch Library meeting room. There will be a short business meeting before the speaker. Our speaker is Melanie Bassett, executive director of the Downtown Chico Business Association. Refreshments will be served.
- The regular **Book Sale** is open every Saturday, 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Chico Branch Library, corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue. This is CFOL's primary fundraiser.
- **First Friday Members-only Book Sale**, May 1, June 5, and July 3 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Chico Branch Library, corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue.
- The **CFOL Board Meetings** are the 3rd Tuesday of every month, at 7 p.m. at the Chico Branch Library, Corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue.
- In June and July the library will host its **Summer Reading Programs**. Drop in at the library to find out more, or check out page 3!

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

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