

Membership / Year In Review

Diane Friedman

Chico Friends of the Library (CFOL) is an organization of volunteers dedicated to supporting the Chico branch of the Butte County Library. We are committed to making our library a place where families and community members can learn and grow.

Some members are active volunteers helping in the library, with the book sale, or in some other way to help CFOL meet its goals. And some members support the library with their membership donations.

February is Library Lover's month, and one of the best ways to love your library is to *renew your membership*. If your mailing label shows FEB_2016 or before, then it's time to renew your membership.

Is CFOL a good group of which to be a member? Here's a list of things we have accomplished so far in the July 2015 to June 2016 fiscal year.

Purchased library books, digital media, and magazine/newspaper subscriptions (about \$40,500).

Sponsored library programs, including the Summer Library Programs for children and young adults, movie licenses, Veterans' Resources, and so forth (approximately \$5,200).

Purchased equipment for the library, including shelving, tables, and so forth (about \$6,200).

Library staff is constantly in the process of making the library easier to use. This year you'll see more improvements

in the library's physical layout. The next time you are in the library, ask a staff member or the branch librarian, Brenda Crotts, about changes planned for this year. CFOL will be funding a large percentage of the improvements.

Your membership helps to support all of the above. In addition to membership donations, we receive income from books sales, grants, fundraisers, and memorial donations. It all goes directly to the library. CFOL has no salaried positions, and our administrative expenses (newsletter printing, postage, copies, taxes, etc.) were \$2,700, less than 5% of revenues.

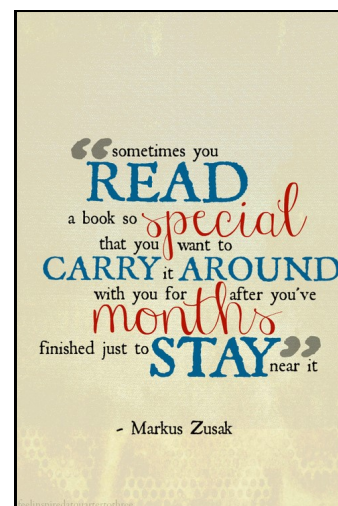
If there is a membership envelope in this newsletter, please renew your membership. And you can help us keep our expenses low by giving us your email address and telling us you would like the online version of the newsletter instead of the printed version. Thanks!



Trivia Bee

By: Nancy Leek

The "Bibliomaniacs," sponsored by the Chico Friends of the Library, are the 2015 Trivia Bee Champions of Butte County. Nancy Leek, Jean Ping, and Phil Midling represented CFOL in the annual contest that benefits Butte County Library Literacy Services. On November 6, twenty-two teams competed at the Sierra Nevada Big Room for the title, answer-



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— *Trivia Bee, continued*

ing questions that increased in difficulty as the teams advanced through each level.

The audience enjoyed playing along with the teams. Here are a few of the 2015 questions. If you know the answers, you too could be a Trivia Champion!

- 📖 Which of Santa's reindeer has an X in its name?
- 📖 What are the first names of the two filmmaking Coen Brothers?
- 📖 Silkworms feed on the leaves of what kind of tree?
- 📖 What is the name of the mule in the song "The Erie Canal"?
- 📖 What disease is caused by a deficiency of vitamin D?
- 📖 Who served as both U.S. president and Supreme Court chief justice?
- 📖 What was the name of Charles Schulz's first comic strip?

See page three for the answers.



Radio Frequency Identification coming to Chico Library

Ann Elliott

TBA: an RFP for RFID and AMH

Alphabet decoded: TBA – to be announced; RFP = request for proposals; RFID = radio frequency identification; AMH = automated materials handling.

Late next summer, check in, check out, sorting, and shelf checking for Chico Library books, DVD's and other media will be enhanced with the installation of RFID and AMH system. A recent study of library activity found that staff spend as much as two-thirds of their work day on inventory control - often mundane and boring tasks. There are no plans for staff reduction, but the RFID system will free staff time for more valuable tasks. Imagine more story times, more thoughtful collection development,

more book groups, more technology workshops, and more outreach to schools, etc.

RFID works like the current system of bar codes, but instead of a visual bar code being taped to each item, a small tag is or affixed to it. These tags will have an antenna and a microchip with identification information for the book or other item. The tag will not have power, but will only be activated by a "reader" which will communicate with the library catalog system.

A library item inserted into one of the new RFID book drops will be automatically checked in. It will then enter the AMH system and be sorted into one of several bins for shelving in the different sections of the library. This part of the process will avoid errors and free up hours of staff time. Self-checkout of library items will also be much easier; patrons will not have to position the book just so in order for the bar codes to be read. An added advantage is quicker library shelf checks with RFID scanners. This upgrade of the library inventory management system is possible because of a generous bequest from library patron Martha Dunbar. Smaller RFID systems are also planned for the Oroville, Paradise and Gridley Branches.

NorthStar Engineering has been awarded the contract to develop the specifications for the RFID and AMH systems and needed building modifications. Purchase and installation of the components will be another contract to be let this spring. Library staff and several CFOL Board members have had a chance to tour a library with a RFID system in Roseville. We were excited to see their system, as well as, tour their library and see what services they provide their community. Their experience and advice will help us transition to our new system smoothly. Join us at a public meeting this spring for further explanation of how the system will work.

COLORMANIA!

Kathy Gould

When we were children, we all loved to color. Now we see that the love of coloring is not something we outgrow! Each Wednesday at the Chico library, 15 to 20 adults get together for a creative, enjoyable hour of coloring. The library provides coloring pages, markers and pencils for anyone who wants to spend some social, relaxing, stress-free time expressing themselves through color. Join us any Wednesday from 2:00 - 3:00.





Another Lucky Quilt Winner

Ann Elliott

The Friends raised hundreds of dollars again this year with a drawing for the colorful quilt donated by the Annie's Star Quilt Guild. On Dec. 12, one of the Saturday teen volunteers drew the winning ticket. The winner was Keith Holmes, who will be staying warm this winter. For decades Keith and his wife Kim have been coming to the Chico Library, which is just a short distance from their home. They often take home stacks of books – mostly science fiction and fantasy. In fact, their kids grew up reading books from the Chico Branch.

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



The Chico Friends of the Library appreciate the generosity of the Annie's Star Quilt Guild for donating such a beautiful quilt. Another big thanks goes to all of our members and patrons for supporting this year's quilt drawing. Proceeds will go toward purchase of books and other media for the Chico Library children's room.

New Books Available because of your generous donations!

Their Promised Land: My Grandparents in Love and War, by Ian Buruma

The Looting Machine: Warlords, Oligarchs, Corporations, Smugglers and the Theft of Africa's Wealth, by Tom Burgis

eBay: International Selling Made Easy, by Nick Vulich

It's a Long Story: My Life, by Willie Nelson

The Allergy Book: Solving your Family's Nasal Allergies, Asthma, Food Sensitivities and Related Health and Behavioral Problems, by William and Robert Sears

Rose Water and Orange Blossoms: Fresh and Classic Recipes from my Lebanese Kitchen, by Maureen Abood and Jason Varney

Library spending through December, 2015-2016 Fiscal Year:

New Book Purchases:	\$38,970
Digital books & media:	\$ 1,285
Magazine Subscriptions:	\$ 1,304
Library Equipment:	\$ 6,245
Library Programs:	\$ 5,236

Thank you for your donations and book purchases!

Answers to Trivia Bee article questions:

Q: Which of Santa's reindeer has an X in its name?

A: Vixen

Q: What are the first names of the two filmmaking Coen Brothers?

A: Ethan and Joel

Q: Silkworms feed on the leaves of what kind of tree?

A: Mulberry

Q: What is the name of the mule in the song "The Erie Canal"?

A: Sal

Q: What disease is caused by a deficiency of vitamin D?

A: rickets

Q: Who served as both U.S. president and Supreme Court chief justice?

A: Williams Howard Taft

Q: What was the name of Charles Schulz's first comic strip?

A: Lil' Folks



**RENEW YOUR CHICO
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
MEMBERSHIP!**

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

March 4, April 1, May 6

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 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**, March 4, April 1, May 6 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.
- The **Chico Library Book Club** meets on the 4th Thursday of the month at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. at the Chico Branch Library, corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue.

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

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