

### Library and Friends Cap 2016 with Successful Events

Marian Milling



**Quilt Giveaway:** Sherry Shirley was the lucky winner of the November fundraiser drawing for a lovely quilt made and donated by Helen Bartolomei. The quilt has been keeping Sherry and her cat Pepper cheery and warm during these winter cold snaps. Ticket donations of \$684 will help the Friends purchase

more books and other media for the Children's Room. Thank you!

**"The Yule Logs" Fill the Library to Bursting:** At least 400 people crowded in to the central area of the Chico Branch Library for a December 8 performance by this popular local holiday band. The music and antics of "The Yule Logs" had folks laughing, tapping their toes, and rocking to the beat. What fun for old and young alike! Chico Friends look forward to sponsoring more of these special events.

**Holiday "Buy" the Book:** All during December, library patrons chose and purchased gift books for the Chico Library from a selection on display. Some donations were in memory or in honor of someone. For others, it was a "virtual" gift for a special someone who already has everything - a gift to share with the whole community. This program added nearly \$500 worth of books to the library's circulating collection.

### 2016 Trivia Bee for Literacy

Nancy Leek

*What was marketed as "the San Francisco treat"?*

*Which state has the most mountain ranges?*

*What candy bar has the slogan "Gimme a break"?*

*What year did California obtain statehood?*

*Leonard Nimoy wrote two autobiographies – one is called "I Am Not Spock" – What was the name of the other one?*

*The earliest known recipe is for what?*

*What do the initials "A. A." in the name of the author of Winnie-the-Pooh stand for?*

*What is the name of the candle holder used during Kwanzaa?*

*What is the second new moon in a month called?*

*What actor's real name was Issur Danielovitch?*

*What are the ingredients of Hangtown Fry?*

If you can answer those questions correctly, you have the makings of a trivia champion.

On October 28th, twenty-six teams competed at the Sierra Nevada Big Room in the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Trivia Bee for Literacy. Teams answered questions that increased in difficulty as they advanced through three rounds, all in pursuit of the title of "Trivia Bee Champions of Butte County."

The "Bibliomaniacs," sponsored by the Chico Friends of the Library, participated in the 2016 Trivia Bee. Nancy Leek, Jean Ping, and Phil Midling represented CFOL in the annual contest that benefits Butte County Library Literacy Services. Although they were Trivia Champions in 2015, sadly, they did not win in 2016. Better luck next year!

The winning team "Symphonic Superheroes," sponsored by North State Symphony, were represented by Robert Tinkler, Samatha Hillaire, and Keith Herritt. Congratulations!



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*"A good library  
will never be too  
neat, or too dusty  
because someone  
will always be in  
it taking books off  
the shelves and  
staying up late  
reading them."*

—Lemony Snicket

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— Trivia Bee, continued

**Answers:** Rice-a-Roni; Nevada; Kit-Kat; 1850; I Am Spock; beer; Alan Alexander; kintara; black moon; Kirk Douglas; oysters, bacon and eggs.

## Luncheon Honors Library Volunteers – Feb. 23

*Patti Conlin, Vice President*

Library Staff and CFOL appreciate the thousands of hours our volunteers donate each year. This year's luncheon to honor their work returns to being a potluck. It was fun to have a catered lunch last year, but we missed the varied taste treats brought by staff and volunteers. All of our wonderful library and book sale volunteers are



encouraged to attend and bring their favorite dish to share. Join us Thursday February 23 (11:30 to 2:00) in the Chico Library Meeting Room for lunch, fun treats, and a chance to share our Love for the Library!

Call Oliver or Joe with any questions at 891-2726.

## Chico Branch Enhancements and Changes

*Brenda Crotts, Chico Library Branch Manager*

**RFID Project:** Library staff touched each and every item in the library collection to tag it for RFID. The acronym refers to Radio-Frequency Identification - small electronic devices that consist of a small chip and an antenna. The chip is capable of carrying about 2,000 bytes of data about the book.

The RFID device serves the same purpose as a bar code or a magnetic strip on the back of a credit card or ATM card; it provides a unique identifier for that object. Just as a bar code or magnetic strip is scanned to get the information, the RFID device is scanned to retrieve the identifying information.

**RFID Works Better Than Barcodes.** We are all familiar with the difficulty at checkout in the library and elsewhere making sure that a barcode gets successfully read. A significant advantage of RFID devices over the others mentioned above is that the RFID device does not need to be positioned exactly to be scanned. RFID devices will work within a few feet of the scanner. For example, you can put several books or other media items on the scanner. It will query all of the RFID devices and total your check out immediately.

RFID technology has been available for more than fifty years, but only recently have manufacturing costs for RFID devices fallen to the point where they can be used cost effectively as a "throwaway" inventory or control device.

**Automated Materials Handling (AMH):** This is automation to reduce or eliminate the need for staff or patrons to check in, check out, or sort material, or to move bins containing library media. Those jobs are handled by check-in machines, sorters, and conveyors to speed up processes throughout Butte County Library's busiest branches.

With AMH, Chico library patrons' materials can be checked in before they set foot inside the library or just inside the door. Patrons are now walking through the doors with a clean slate and their hands free. Circulation increases because reshelving items happens quickly. Staff can spend more time on programs and interacting with patrons.



There are two primary strategies in the AMH industry: drop-and-go and intelligent return. Drop-and-go is more like a traditional book drop and operates faster for the patron, delivering a receipt to the patron's email address later, after items are checked in. Oroville, Paradise, Gridley will have drop-and-go systems.

Chico Branch Library has an intelligent return system. This system controls the input speed for patrons returning items, allowing insertion of only one piece at a time. However, check-in happens instantaneously and the system provides a printed receipt with 100 percent certainty of materials returned on the spot. The system even identifies non-library material, like schoolbooks or personal copies, and returns them to the patron immediately.

The Chico Branch intelligent return and sorter system starts from the interior and exterior wall-mounted check-in machines. Once an item is checked in, the system automatically forwards it on the conveyor belt system to one of five bins. From the window in the library's interior wall to the right of the intelligent book return, one can watch material travel along the conveyor and drop into a bin for: fiction; Spanish or YA; juvenile; non-fiction; media; or "holds" and items in transit. The sorter is capable of handling 2,700 items per hour, with sweep technology designed to ensure proper sorting without damage.

**Other Remodel Projects:** Come on into your branch library and see what other exciting changes are happening for you: new doors, new entry to Children's, expanded public computer area, expanded media area, overhead presentation projector in meeting room, and a redesigned Teen Space with technology plugins, new carpet and bright wall colors.

**Coming soon for teens:** F is for FANDOM CLUB! A new YA program kicks off February 27 3:30 to 4:30 PM in the Chico Branch Teen Space! This program is happening because our staff are no longer robots! Staff can spend time being creative about meeting patron needs.



## February is Membership Month

Mary Wahl

Chico Friends of the Library is the non-profit group that supports our local Chico Branch Library. Your membership is essential to continue all we do for our own Chico treasure:

**We provide books, art supplies and special events for our eight weekly story times. We recently sponsored "The Yule Logs" and "Red Yarn."**

We support the Summer Reading Program materials and events (magician, musicians, "The Wild Things").

We purchase many books and subscriptions of periodicals for the Chico Branch.

We help with renovations in the library, equipment such as the 3-D printer, computer equipment, furniture for the children's room, teen area and some of the new equipment for our new checkout system.

There are also wonderful benefits that you derive from your membership:

All donations go toward membership and are tax deductible.

You receive four Carrels (our CFOL newsletter) a year giving you news of our activities as well as an update on things going on in the library.

You are eligible with your membership to come to the members-only **First Friday Book Sale** each month.

At our annual meeting each May, we have a guest speaker (literary or local leaders).

These things are just scratching the surface of how membership benefits you and the library. Our membership numbers show community support for the library services. Our non-profit status and low overhead keep the monies collected in our local library.

Friends can be as active as they like: simply joining our membership; helping with our events; and/or attending our very









active board meetings at which we make decisions, laugh, and discuss things happening in the library.

This February, for every membership there will be chances in a drawing for a lovely quilt, puzzles, framed prints and other prizes. If there is a membership envelope in this newsletter, please renew your membership now. If an envelope is not included, you are already paid and will automatically be entered in the drawing.

Ask other book lovers to join the Friend and support library services. You can help us reduce expenses by giving us your email address and telling us you would like the online version of the newsletter instead of a paper copy.

## New Books Available because of your generous donations!

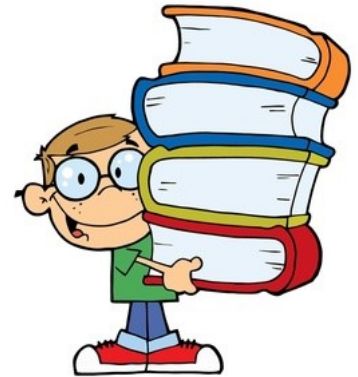
-  *How to Write a Business Plan* by Mike P. McKeever
-  *Why Won't You Apologize?: Healing Big Betrayals and Everyday Hurts* by Harriet Lerner, Ph.D
-  *The Big Book of Makerspace Projects: Inspiring Makers to Experiment, Create and Learn* by Colleen Graves and Aaron Graves
-  *The Sagan Conspiracy: NASA's Untold Plot to Suppress the People's Scientist's Theory of Ancient Aliens* by Donald L. Zygutis
-  *Insane Clown President: Dispatches from the 2016 Circus* by Matt Taibbi
-  *The Little Book of Hygge: Danish Secrets to Happy Living* by Meik Wiking

## Spending YTD

Our Treasurer reports that as of December 31 the CFOL book sales have generated \$31,476.38; an increase from last year's \$29,540.48 revenue.

Also, CFOL has spent \$31,514.02 on the purchase of new books, digital media, and magazine subscriptions.

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



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

**March 3rd, April 7th & May 5th!**

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 3, April 7, and May 5 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.
- The **Volunteer Luncheon** on Thursday, February 23, will be in the Chico Library Meeting Room from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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