

CFOL Annual Meeting

Nancy Leek

Join us on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. for the Chico Friends of the Library annual meeting. After a short business meeting, our featured speaker will be Dan Barnett, well-known local newspaper columnist.

Dan Barnett teaches philosophy full time at Butte College where he is also the school's Distance Learning Coordinator. He is a graduate of CSU Chico with a BA in philosophy and MA in Interdisciplinary Studies.

He has been writing the weekly Biblio File book review column for the *Chico Enterprise-Record* for the past thirty years, emphasizing books by local authors and by authors who visit the area.

Dan is married, has two cats, and is a founding member of the Chico Triad on Science, Philosophy, and Theology (composed of local academics, independent scholars, and students, who have been meeting monthly in Chico and Paradise for more than a decade). He is also a fan of the Oxford comma.

He will be telling us about some of his favorite books and authors that he has encountered over his thirty years of book reviewing. Come enjoy an evening about books from a man who knows and loves books and the people who write them.

Officer and Board Nominations

Vice President Patti Conlin and Secretary Marian Milling have offered to remain in their offices for the upcoming two-year

terms. Board Members willing to continue to serve include Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Rupert McDowell, Jen Rold, and Mary Wahl. Treasurer Susan Davis and President Ann Elliott continue their two-year terms. We are always looking for new officers and Board Members to help us make decisions to enhance the Chico Branch Library. Contact Margaret if you would like more information on joining our board. Email: mb5898@aol.com Phone: 891-5898. On the other hand, just show up at one of our monthly board meetings in the Chico Library conference room, the 3rd Tuesday of most months at 7 PM. We'd love to see you!

Hooray for Library and Book Sale Volunteers!

Marian Milling, Secretary

"A good time was had by all" is a common phrase and was never truer than at the February 23 library volunteer recognition lunch. About 50 of the library's more than 100 volunteers came to be honored. This year it returned to being a potluck, and what luck it was! Delicious food was prepared, displayed, and eaten. Library staff were genial hosts, and the thanks were profuse and sincere.

Each volunteer was recognized with a special gift bag, and new nametags were made for library volunteers. In addition, volunteers who reached a 500-hour increment in the past calendar year were specially mentioned as "Honor Volunteers." Some reached 500 hours for the first time while others have made this mark several or many times. Book Sale Manager Helen Sutton achieved two 500-hour increments in 2016!

2016 Honor Volunteers are Mimi Atkins, Marge Crawford, Pat DelFratre, Ethel Gibson, Mary Jeppson, LeAnn McConnell, Lisa McCrea, Carrie McGranahan, Lynn Marler, Terry Pantel, Helen Sutton, Spring Toms, Sue Volpe, Rosa Weston, and Alan Wilhelm.

"One benefit of summer was that each day we had more light to read by"

~Jeanette Walls



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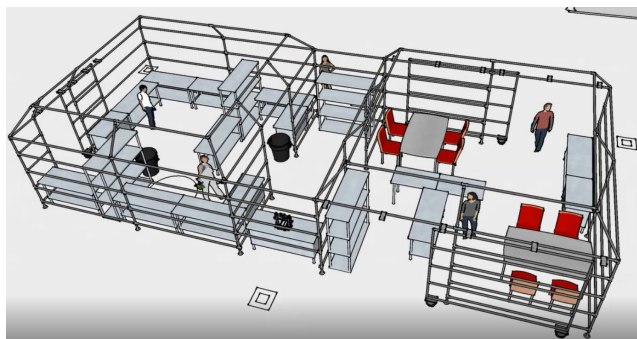
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Keep an eye on the center of the library come May for something new!

Brenda Crotts, Branch Manager

The design for the Chico Branch Library Maker Space is complete. There will be two connected areas each 20.6 feet square. One of the sections will contain the various items to use in the space, such as 3-D printers, a button maker, sewing machines, typewriters, and the Ellison die-cut machine. The second space will be for Maker overflow and separate programming. What types of programming? It will be used for tutoring, book discussion, Fandom Club, computer lab and whatever else the staff and community envision.

Two county departments, General Services and Probation, will cooperate on assembling the maker space walls. The Chico Friends will purchase the materials as well as storage cabinets and work surfaces for inside. Currently General Services is pricing the materials for the project. The anticipated date to begin construction is May 2017. If there is a tool or process you would like to use in the new space, please email the branch or come tell us your idea.



Reading by Design, Summer Reading Program 2017

Ann Elliott, President

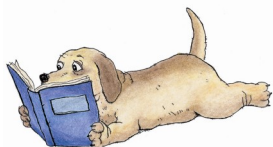
Every Saturday at 10 AM during June and July, Chico Library Children's staff plan an activity connected to the Summer Reading theme "Reading by Design." (See the schedule below.) Regular weekly story times and movies will continue throughout the summer as well. Folk Artist Adam Miller returns to Chico with a performance of story and song on Thursday, June 29 at 3 PM. Check out his website. <http://www.folksinging.org/>

June

- 3 - Flyswatter Mural Art
- 10 - Squirting Sidewalk Chalk
- 17 - Giant Bubbles
- 24 - Puzzle Day

July

- 1 - Button Making



- 8 - Library Build
- 15 - Lego/Duplo Day
- 22 - Removable Tattoos
- 29 - Recycled Art with contest and prizes

"Reading by Design" is also the theme for adult special summer presentations. Presentations planned so far include Wed. June 21, 2017 at 1 PM Edible Garden Design, Christian Smit and Wed. July 12 at 1 PM Local Native Basket Design, Ali Medersknight a member of the Mechoopda Tribe.

Rob Atkinson Annual Cupcake Fundraiser: Anticipation from a Realtor's Perspective

Laura Willman, Century 21 Jeffries Lydon

As I sit here writing this from my office at Century 21 Jeffries Lydon I have just invoked a sensory memory in anticipation of our 6th Annual Rob Atkinson Cupcake Fundraiser supporting the Chico Friends of the Library. I imagine walking into a beautiful, colorful, fragrant haven somewhat reminiscent of Willy Wonka's fabulous factory. My mouth is watering now just thinking about it!



The donations have been rolling in for our "raffle" prizes and there is a wonderful selection for those who purchase tickets to enter. We have been working to generate interest from our compatriots and clients from the world of real estate and have already received some funds from ticket pre-sales.

As always, our goal is to surpass the previous year, so we are anticipating donations to exceed \$3556. We are looking forward to another successful event full of a bit of "sweet" competition for raffle prizes and a lot of fun for all.

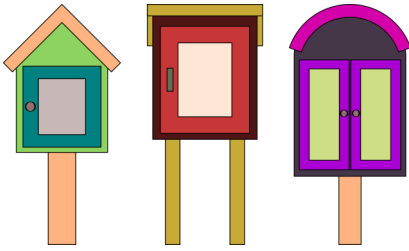
Editor's Note: The Cupcake Fundraiser on Wednesday, April 26th raised over \$3,700 for Chico Library books and programs! Thank you!

Welcome to the LFL system!

Patti Conlin, Vice President

A Little Free Library (LFL) is a "take a book, return a book" free exchange. LFLs are located in a variety of settings, from public parks to store fronts. Often shaped like little houses, set on a post or mounted on a building wall, each holds a few dozen books. Little Free Libraries are an international effort, with over 50,000 registered LFLs in the United States. Butte County Library currently sponsors about a dozen LFLs in Chico. Clubs or property owners sponsor others. Check out locations of registered LFLs by city or zip code at: <https://littlefreelibrary.org/ourmap/>

A steward connected with each LFL monitors books and maintenance needs. I am the steward for the LFL located at the



Cohasset store. The storeowners have been generous in sharing their property and support. I try to go by weekly and check on the books, filling or exchanging as needed. I try to keep a variety of books, and notice if a book sits too long without use. A wide selection of books donated to the library and the CFOL book sale are shelved in the back room of the library for stewards to choose as refills for the LFLs. It is anticipated that after a few months each LFL will be more or less refilling itself with community donations.

The LFLs are collaboration between the community, CFOL, and the Butte County Library. They enable neighborhoods and communities, like Cohasset, to access books without long drives to a public library, a valuable time saving. In Cohasset's case, that drive is about 15 miles.

New Staff

We are pleased to officially welcome to the library staff Alex Chen! Alex first joined the library as extra help over a year ago. He initially came to the area to study computer engineering, but this summer he will be marking his fifth year as a Chicoan. He finds the library to be a nice environment to work in and appreciates the opportunity to serve the community. He tells us, "I am essentially a tech guy, and I



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like fixing things (shh.... my disassembled toys/cars are protesting....), and using technology to come up with creative and convenient solutions to help make my and other people's life easier, and that's also going to be a key part of my library job."

Be sure to say "hi" when you see Alex in the library!

New Books

Available because of your generous donations!

- 📖 Charlton Heston: Hollywood's Last Icon *by* Marc Eliot
- 📖 Utopia for Realists: How We Can Build the Ideal World *by* Rutger Bergman
- 📖 The Holocaust: A New History *by* Laurence Rees
- 📖 Wine Isn't Rocket Science *by* Ophelie Neiman
- 📖 The Human Microbiome: The Germs that Keep You Healthy *by* Rebecca E. Hirsch
- 📖 The Great Leopard Rescue: Saving the Amur Leopards *by* Sandra Markle
- 📖 The Big Book of Makerspace Projects: Inspiring Makers to Experiment, Create and Learn *by* Aaron and Colleen Graves
- 📖 The Sagan Conspiracy: NASA's Untold Plot to Suppress the People's Scientist's Theory of Ancient Aliens *by* Donald L.

Thank You Members!

The library community responded generously with new CFOL memberships and renewals this spring. They were included in a drawing for prizes including a lovely quilt donated by Annie's Star Quilt Guild, Steve Ferchaud framed posters and jigsaw puzzles, book sale bucks, and Chico Bags.

This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on May 5, June 2 and July 7!

Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before the first public Saturday sale each month. Your membership must be current to attend this sale.

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Coming Events

- The **CFOL Annual Meeting** is May 16 at 7 p.m. at the Chico Branch Library, corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue.
- The **Summer Reading** program begins June 3 at the Chico Branch Library, corner of East First Avenue and Sherman Avenue:
 - Edible Garden Design is June 21 at 1 p.m.
 - Adam Miller — Stories and Song performance is June 29 at 3 p.m.
 - Local Native Basket Design is July 12 at 1 p.m.
 - Summer Reading Finale — Art Contest is July 29
- 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 5, June 2, and July 7 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.; the **CFOL Annual Meeting** is May 16 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://www.chicolibrary.org/index.php/newsletter/calendar>

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