

## Feed Your Soul, Sweet Success!

*Patti Conlin*

Bacio Catering provided a wonderful and profitable evening to benefit the Chico Friends of the Library to a tune of more than \$6,000! The event more than sold out of the 160 tickets, with an extra table added to accommodate more library supporters.

The food from appetizers on delighted all. The day was very hot, but the cool and delicious gazpacho along with the lovely lake view at CARD's Lakeside Pavilion helped everyone feel comfortable. The plated meal of chicken and vegetables that followed was colorful and delicious – a true summer feast of local bounty in a Mediterranean style.

Volunteers from the CFOL board, the library, and the National Charity League assisted the amazing staff from Bacio's before, during and after the event. Watching Amanda and her staff work was like poetry in motion. Every detail was carefully and professionally tended to.

The floral arrangement created by Bacio's florist used the raw materials of rosemary, magnolia and other local flora and came out as a strikingly beautiful focal point. Watching the florist snip here and wire there was like watching a magician! Many diners took advantage of the finished floral structure for a photo op!

In addition to Bacio Catering, local companies contributed much toward the dinner. Canopy Farms, Chef's Warehouse, Comanche Creek Farms, Duffy's Tavern, Lundberg Family Farms, Mim's Bakery, Mission Linen, Orland Farmstead Creamery, Sierra Nevada Cheese Company, Six Degrees Coffee, and US Foods generously

donated. The musician (Amanda's brother) setting the background to the evening's casual ambiance.

The library theme added frivolity with dictionary pages as place mats, cut out words for interactive play, and books used as centerpieces. Many of the books were sold, adding further to the profits of the evening.



Everything about this dinner spoke of Chico. From all of the delicious food and abundant laughter, to the generosity of the Chico spirit. And yes, even the HOT JULY evening!

## Celebración de las Americas

*Elizabeth Berghold*

An enthusiastic crowd of children and adults, too many for the Chico Public Library's conference room alone, spilled out onto the lawn at the Celebración de las Americas on Saturday, September 16.

A piñata, hung in the Chinese Pistache tree, attracted a clamor of children. The colorfully decorated container sported a profusion of strings that eager youngsters grasped and tugged on cue, releasing treats and toys. Authentic and delicious foods and beverages typical of countries of the Americas were sampled at tables decorated with maps, books, flags, dolls, costumes, and



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"You can never get a cup of tea large enough or a book long enough to suit me."

~ C. S. Lewis



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artifacts native to each country.

A Spanish tongue-twister competition, dancing, singing with instrumental accompaniment as well as a capella, entertained the guests. An historical dramatic presentation capped the evening. One of the musicians played a charango, a 10-stringed Andean instrument. The size of a small ukulele, with a rounded back not unlike a mandolin, the original charango was made from the shell of an armadillo.

The twofold purpose of the Celebración was to create community among the varied cultures that are Chico and to continue the lifelong learning experience that is one of the Chico Public Library's core values. Julissa Winton and her book discussion and documentary program members organized the event. It was underwritten by Chico Friends of the Library.



## Book in Common: 2017 – 2018

Ann Elliott

*A Deadly Wandering* by Matt Richtel recounts the tragic car crash resulting from “texting while driving” interwoven with the personal and professional backgrounds of many involved with the incident and its aftermath. It follows the young man, Reggie Shaw, who caused the accident, his family, the victims’ families, and the

investigators who brought the case to trial. Reggie Shaw has since become a leading advocate for the prevention of distracted driving.

Richtel thoroughly recounts the studies of neuroscientists who, as early as the 1850s, have been investigating developing technology and how it effects human attention and other brain functions. Evolving technology continues to affect how we knowingly improve our standard of living by enhancing human efficiency and “executive” performance. However, it also has addictive effects on the earliest evolved instinctual parts of our brain. The beeps and ringtones from our personal electronic devices alert our fight or flight response centers. Video games, email, texts, and other social media appeal to our basic social desires.

Starting with the millennial generation (Americans born between 1982 and 2004), technology and personal electronic devices have become ubiquitous. Richtel weaves stories of personal revelation and scientific discovery into a compelling and easy to read narrative. It is a powerful foundation for discussions about the effects of technology on our lives.

The Book in Common is an ongoing cooperative project of Chico State University, Butte College, local high schools and libraries that encourages our community to evaluate particular social issues by reading a selected book and discussing its individual and social significance. Check the CSU Chico Book in Common website for community events, including the author’s talk Tuesday, Oct. 24. The Chico Branch Library Book Club will discuss *A Deadly Wandering* at their fourth Thursday in February meetings 2/22/2018, 10 AM and 6 PM.

## International Student Leaders Visit the Library

Ann Elliott

Student leaders from the Middle East and North Africa participated in an educational and cultural immersion program at Chico State to increase their understanding of leadership, civic engagement, and U.S. culture and society. Two groups of six young adults each spent a Friday morning touring the Chico Branch Library and helping to set up the Friends book sale.

They marveled at our new automated check-in, check out, and book sorting system. They were impressed with our varied spaces: public computers, veterans’ resource area, magazine quiet space, teen area, and bright, expansive children’s room. Each group caught a story and song during the Friday morning Bi-lingual Story Garden.

We also put them to work. One group scrubbed down the banquet tables with baking soda and vinegar, a much needed maintenance task. Both groups set up tables in the conference room for the book sale and brought out books from the back room in fire-brigade style. They remarked on the number and quality of book donations. As a thank-you gift, book sale manager Helen Sutton offered that they each pick out a couple books to take home. What a treat for them. A serious crowd, they tended to pick out history, non-fiction and classic literature.

It was fun to hear of their community efforts in their home countries: legal aid; literacy training; business development; and social services. The Library Staff and Friends were pleased to participate in the program and share a bit of our culture.

## CFOL Fields Team for 11th Annual Trivia Bee for Literacy

*Nancy Leek*

The "Bibliomaniacs" will once again join other community teams to battle for the title of Trivia Champions of Butte County on Friday, November 17th, 2017 at the Sierra Nevada Big Room. Doors open at 6 p.m. and the competition begins at 7:00 p.m. Come and support Literacy Services and play along with the Bibliomaniacs and other trivia buffs.

The "Bibliomaniacs" are sponsored by the Chico Friends of the Library. Team members Nancy Leek, Jean Ping, and Phil Midling are studying up now for this thrilling, competitive evening.

The Trivia Bee is a fun-filled event designed to promote awareness and to raise funds for Butte County Library Literacy Services. Funds raised provide learning materials, resources, and support for adults and children in our community working to improve their basic reading and writing skills.

Everyone can join in the fun and test their knowledge in history, geography, literature, science, sports, and popular culture – whatever challenging questions library staff thinks up. Good food and a silent auction of gift baskets, art, wine, and gift certificates round out the evening. Tickets (\$30) are available now at library branches and at the door.

## Holidaytime -- Buy the Book!

*Maureen Jeffers*

Once again, the Chico Branch Library is offering a unique holiday gift-giving idea. Purchase a book for the library, and at the same time, you can honor a friend or family member.

All kinds of books will be on the gift table: cooking, art, travel, history, nature, and lots of children's books. The library will

place a holiday donor bookplate inside the book you choose. This holiday season you can give a gift that gives enjoyment over and over by donating to your public library.

"Holidaytime - Buy the Book!" runs from Saturday, November 25th to Sunday, December 31st, 2017. For more information, contact the Library at 891-2726.

## CFOL Financial Information for 2016-2017 Fiscal Year

Book Sale	\$ 62,018.54
Membership	\$ 12,702.76
Donations	\$ 32,043.10
Memorials	\$ 3,400.59
Grants	\$ 8,998.20
Fundraisers	\$ 4,788.60
Interest/Dividends	\$ 29,307.62
Total Income	<u>\$ 153,259.41</u>

Library Materials	\$ 70,237.85
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Library Equipment, Furniture & Remodeling	\$ 51,956.83
Library Programs	\$ 3,572.59

Volunteer Recognition	\$ 803.64
Inventory for Fundraising	\$ 1,930.50
Postage & Carrel	\$ 1,751.73
Operating Expenses	\$ 1,141.51
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 131,394.65</u>

## Virtual Reality has come to the Butte County Library!

*Alex Chen*

Granted through a joint project of California State Library and Califa Group, Butte County Library received a complete set of Oculus Rift Virtual Reality system that enabled the library to provide virtual reality (VR) experience to our local community. VR has great potentials in serving the public in various revolutionary ways, such as unprecedented immersive and interactive learning, virtual touring, space travel, realistic therapy sessions, simulated machine, train, and pilot trainings, live interactive designs

where the outcome is shown in real-time, and mesmerizing gaming experience. Currently the VR sessions are held at the Chico Branch (Visit: <http://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/Home.aspx> for latest schedule), welcome to come and experience this state-of-the-art technology!

## Free Graphic Design Courses offered at Chico Library!

*Alex Chen*

Free graphic design courses are now offered every Tuesday from 1:00 pm to 5:00pm at the Chico Library by a Butte College instructor who is affiliated with the Chico Art Center and has extensive experience in art, font design, printmaking, and computer science. Whether you are seeking professional advice for your designs on business cards, posters, logo, flier, banners, etc, adding another cool skill to your resume, or just doing art design for your own enjoyment, you should definitely drop by! Drop in or Sign-Up online at: <http://www.tiny.cc/freedesign>

This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on **November 3, December 1, January 5 and February 2**. 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**, November 3, December 1, and January 5, February 2 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.
- **Free Graphic Design Courses** every Tuesday, 1 to 5 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 **11th Annual Trivia Bee** is Friday, November 17th, doors open at 6 p.m. in the Sierra Nevada Big Room 1075 E. 20th Street.

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

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