

## More Members = More Library Services

by Elizabeth Berghold

Here are three reasons to support your Chico Friends of the Library (CFOL) that might be news to you:

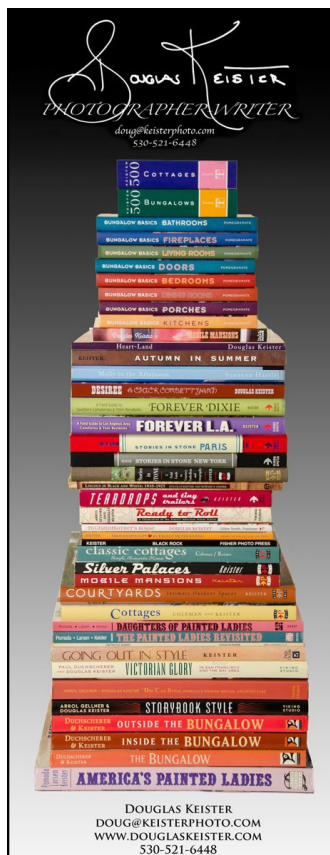
Because we live in a fire-ravaged county, Butte County fire services are a huge and growing expense. Therefore, the county library budget is a regularly shrinking amount, making it difficult for the library to maintain its high standards and accessibility to residents. Expect reductions in days and hours open, programs, and online resources.

Butte County spent \$11.71 per capita for the library in the fiscal year: 2015-2016. Average county library expenditure throughout California for the same period was \$51.21 and the most generous county spent \$338 per capita!

In previous years, Annie B.'s Community fund drive provided a platform for community members to donate to Chico Friends of the Library. In 2016, donations were over \$12,000! The North Valley Community Foundation did not renew this 10-year fundraising campaign.

CFOL is looking for creative ways to increase revenue to support the library. Increased membership is one way. Because you are reading this newsletter, you are probably a Friend already. Please consider sharing your knowledge of our worthwhile organization with a relative, neighbor, or acquaintance. If you too love the library,

point them to the membership envelopes and the most recent Carrel, found on the narrow table near the entrance to the library. Thank you for helping us get the word out!



## CFOL Annual Meeting

by Nancy Leek

Join us on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 at 7 pm for the Chico Friends of the Library annual meeting. After a short business meeting and election, our featured speaker will be Douglas Keister, well-known local photographer and author.

Douglas Keister has authored and co-authored over forty critically acclaimed books. He also writes and illustrates magazine articles and contributes photographs and essays to dozens of magazines, newspapers, books, calendars, posters and greeting cards worldwide.

His numerous books on architecture include compilations of Victorian homes, bungalows, whimsical storybook style homes, cemetery art and architecture, Spanish architecture, cottages, and courtyards. His memoir, *Heart-Land: Growing up in the Middle of Everything* tells about his youth growing up in Nebraska. He has



Photo courtesy Doug Keister

## What's on your SUMMER reading list?

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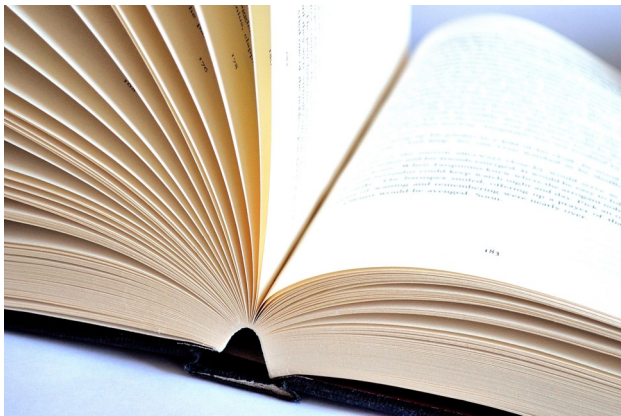
also written novels, children's books, books on classic recreational vehicles, and a book on cemetery symbolism.

Doug will speak on his life in photography, his books, and his many adventures with a camera. Come to the annual meeting and enjoy meeting a man who has been called "America's most noted photographer of historic architecture."

## CFOL Board Nominations for 2018-2019

President: no nominee, Secretary: Marian Milling, Board Members: Elizabeth Berghold, Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Patti Conlin (continuing as Vice President), Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman (continuing as Treasurer), Katherine Gould, and Mary Wahl.

CFOL welcomes members to attend our board meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 7 pm and to join the board at any time. Besides the President position, we are looking for members to take over newsletter editing and newsletter formatting. Contact Ann Elliott [annonfire@gmail.com](mailto:annonfire@gmail.com) 530-521-4402 for more information.



## J.A. Jance Entertains at Chico Branch

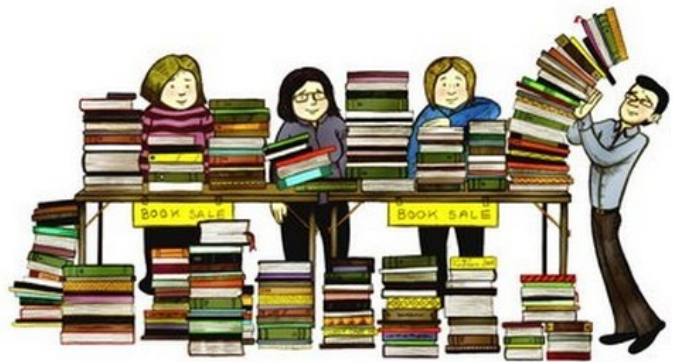
by Ann Elliott

Dennis, a persistent library patron, repeatedly invited J.A. Jance to speak in Chico. On March 27, his wish was fulfilled. While traveling from her winter home in Tucson, to her summer home in Seattle, Jance usually visits bookstores and libraries in between on a book tour. Arriving at our library almost a half hour early, she started signing her just out Ali Reynolds book *Duel to the Death* for patrons. Then she began a question and answer session while more people were gathering.

I was entranced by her talk. She told poignant tales from her troubled first marriage and regaled us with jokes like

this one: "I write the books, and my husband writes the checks. To keep up with his check writing, I have to write two books a year." Throughout her talk she sang snippets of songs she learned from her mother as a child and finished her talk with a heartfelt rendition of Janis Ian's "Seventeen."

About eighty folks from Yuba City to Redding joined us in the center of the library after closing time. I love to see our library continuing to evolve into a community-gathering place.



## Volunteers Abound

By Marian Milling

Every year the Chico Friends honor those volunteers who pass a 500-hour increment in hours of service to the library. Some of these honorees have achieved 500-hours for the first time. Many others have donated hours way beyond 500 hours but just passed another 500 mark in the calendar year. The following names were read at the Volunteer Lunch on March 1st.

### Honors Volunteers for 2017

<u>Volunteer.....</u>	<u>Hours</u>	
Merle Burbridge.....	2886	Lisa McCrea..... 1120
Cheuk Chau.....	514	Annie Reimer..... 2009
Frances Eitel.....	1511	Mike St. John ..... 505
Ramona Flynn.....	1031	Nona Steinheimer ..... 509
Katherine Gould .....	501	Helen Sutton..... 5636
Janet Groff.....	2520	Linda Warner ..... 616
		Jan Wonzong..... 511

An Honors Volunteer is one who has passed a 500-hour increment in volunteer hours at the library in the past year (although not all 500 hours are accumulated in one year). This year one volunteer-- Helen Sutton--passed two 500 hours increments.

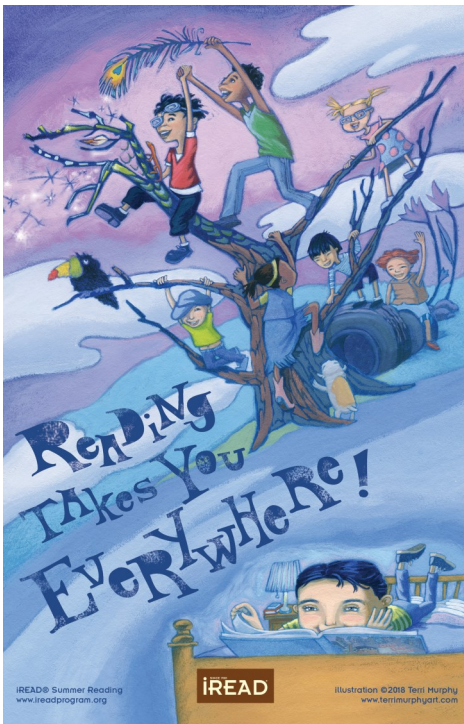
In addition to these great people who shelve, work at the book sales, repair books, work the front desk, etc., there are many other volunteers steadily contributing hours. Each time a volunteer passes a 100-hour increment, new books are added to the collection affixed with a name plates honoring them. This is done on a quarterly basis. So the pay may be low, but the rewards both personal and from the Friends are high in our respect and appreciation. Thank you volunteers!



## Summer Reading Program

The theme for the Summer Library Reading Program is "Reading Takes You Everywhere." That everywhere includes real and imaginary places. Special programs and events are planned for kids of all ages during June through July. Adult programs will include three speaker presentations and a movie planned for afternoons on two Tuesdays in June and two Tuesdays in July.

Keep your eye on the library calendars for specifics as event dates are set.



## Book Club in a Box

by Katherine Gould

Did you know that your library has boxed sets of books available for community book clubs to borrow? Acquired through the North State Cooperative Library System and locally by the Friends, there are currently 196 titles available. The number of copies varies for each title, but there is a wide selection of choices in both fiction and non-fiction, in English and Spanish. Each collection includes information about the author and a list of questions to facilitate book club discussions. For a complete list of titles click on Book Clubs under the SERVICES

tab on the Butte County Library home page. Click on any title to complete the form to borrow the books for your group.

The Chico Branch Library Book Club uses these sets and other books. It meets every 4th Thursday at both 10 am and 6 pm. Their next reads are:

📖 *A Man Called Ove*, by Fredrick Backman, for April 26

📖 *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande, for May 24

## Ready or Not? New Library Books for Emergency Prep and Recovery

Butte County Library has hundreds of new books to help residents prepare for – or recover from – an emergency. The Library received a \$10,000 "Crisis Collections" grant from the California State Library for new resources after the spillway emergency and the devastating fires of 2017.

Some of the new titles are ebooks, which can be accessed from anywhere with an Internet connection and a free Butte County Library card. Print books are available at your nearest branch library.

The materials focus on different ways that residents of all ages can get ready, learn about or survive disasters such as floods and fires. The special collection features books about survival, recovery, resiliency and the science behind some of the County's most recent emergencies. Some of the books touch on issues of mental health and wellness that can be crucial for healing after stressful community events. Others provide up to date info about rebuilding homes and replanting landscaping. The books also include the Butte County Sheriff's photo essay about the Oroville Dam Spillway incident, as well as professional titles to help community leaders and emergency responders build skills and plan ahead.

"It's important that families discuss emergency preparedness with their loved ones in

advance of an incident," remarked Cindi Dunsmoor, Butte County's Emergency Services Officer.

"These new titles and materials are a great free resource to help residents make their emergency plans and be more prepared." County Librarian Melanie Lightbody added, "Libraries help communities thrive in every situation, good or bad." The list of new items can be accessed online at <https://tinyurl.com/BCLbooklist>.



## Spending YTD

Our Treasurer reports that as of March 31<sup>st</sup> (during the 2017-2018 fiscal year), CFOL spent \$60,351 on new book purchases.

Your donations, book sale volunteers, 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 May 4, June 1, July 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**, May 4, June 1, and July 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.
- Chico Friends of the Library **Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, May 15 at 7 PM in the Chico Branch Library meeting room. There will be a short business meeting before the speaker. Our speaker is Douglas Keister, photographer and author. Refreshments will be served.
- In June and July the library will be hosting its **Summer Reading Programs**. Drop in at the library to find out more.

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

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