

CARREL: noun. A small recess or enclosed area in a library, designed for individual reading.

Your CFOL Membership: Please Renew Your Valuable Support!

Ann Elliott

Chico Friends Of the Butte County Library is a Non-Profit Membership-Based Organization, and membership fees are an important part of our income. Your membership may be considered a tax-deductible donation, since CFOL is a 501(c)(3) non-profit.

CFOL Benefits the Community by Purchasing:

- Library Books, eBooks and subscriptions of periodicals shared throughout Butte County
- Library summer and special programs, art supplies, movie licensing
- Library equipment and furniture: computer, Maker Lab, children's room, and other;

We are proud of what our Book Sale volunteers do for our community--patronage of the book sale supports the library while patrons themselves benefit from the huge selection of books and magazines available at the sale. CFOL's Saturday morning sale of donated used books took in over \$73,000 in 2019!

All of those earnings go to the library to buy books and movies (currently \$08000 a month), magazines, furniture, technology, craft supplies, and other materials that benefit library patrons.

Besides a tax deduction, there are other benefits to you of Annual CFOL Membership. As a CFOL member, you receive:

- Quarterly Carrel newsletters
- Monthly email update of Friends and Library news
- Entrance to members-only First Friday Book Sale each month
- Annual Meeting (May) Admission with guest speaker.

Have some free time? There are Volunteer Opportunities for Active CFOL Members:

- Make policy and spending decisions on the board (3rd Tuesday 6:30 pm);
- Sort books and run book sales; volunteer in the library
- Perform outreach stocking Little Free Libraries, attending community events, etc.

Every printed newsletter includes a membership renewal envelope. **If the renewal year printed near your address on the newsletter is before 2021**, please mail a check in the envelope, or renew your membership online via PayPal at

<http://www.chicolibrary.org/membership/>.

If you have already paid your membership for this year, please give the renewal envelope to a friend who might like to support the mission of the Chico Library!

Members receiving their newsletter by email will be notified if their membership is due (nearly half of our members receive their newsletter by email, which helps to keep our expenses low).

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The Great Little Free Library Rescue

Elizabeth Bergthold

The rescue began with an inspired article in the ER by columnist Laura Urseny, with news of our vandalized Little Free Libraries (LFL). It prompted many woodworkers to come forward to help out. The team consists of Joe Steck, Loren Dunlap, Lowell Hanks, and Terry Koslofsky.



(left) Joe Steck(R) Vince Haynie, pastor of Rhema Word of Faith, is happy about the rebuilt Little Free Library by the church. The library now has new doors, thanks to volunteers recruited by Chico Friends of the Library. To date, four LFLs have been replaced or overhauled. Three more are completed and being painted in preparation for the art work. And an additional one is being repaired.

Next, Dolores Mitchell recommended artists who might be willing to decorate the LFLs with art. Christine MacShane offered to take that on; Kimberly Rachelle's ready to help if needed.

Not only do Little Free Libraries promote literacy, they also promote community! Thanks to these devoted volunteers, our wee fleet of LFLs has been rescued just in the nick of time! If you know any of these dear folks who have come to our rescue, please give them a big pat on the back!

Christine's inspiration for the first replaced LFL was Kipling's Jungle Book. This colorful LFL was installed in the Community Park near the CARD office on Cleveland Ave.

LFL decorated by Christine MacShane
Photo credits Elizabeth Bergthold



Teen Computers Got Upgrades

Alex Chen

Information Systems Technician

With funds provided by CFOL, Chico Library's four teen computers were recently upgraded with the latest Windows 10 and more RAM to have a performance boost. Additionally, CFOL has been consistently funding the Maker Lab as well as other library programs to supply consumables and various repair needs. Come to the Chico Library to join our activities!

Learn more at:

<http://www.chicolibrary.org/whats-new/#newscaendar> .

Book Sale Volunteer Luncheon

Nancy Leek

It takes over 30 volunteers to put on the weekly CFOL Book Sales and we love and appreciate each and every one of them. Twenty-five of the volunteers gathered on Thursday, January 23 for an appreciation luncheon at Nash's Restaurant. Nancy Leek and Helen Sutton organized the luncheon and thanked the volunteers for their participation.



Long-time volunteers Ramona Flynn (left) and Fé Howard with Book Sale Manager Helen Sutton (standing).

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Book Sale on March 6th, 2 to 4P.M.
Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before
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Book Sale on May 1st, 2 to 4P.M.
Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before
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Chico Branch Hours

Monday - Closed
Tuesday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Wednesday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Thursday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Friday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Saturday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

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Butte County Libraries Long-Range Plan

Janae Kambestad
Chico Branch Librarian

Recently, the Butte County Board of Supervisors approved a new strategic plan for the library. Since the adoption of the last strategic plan in 2010, much has changed in the delivery of library services, such as implementation of new technology, emerging new programming areas, and partnerships to meet community needs.

Library administration, staff and the library advisory board began work on the new strategic plan in late 2018. With the assistance of a consultant, the process of developing the plan assisted the library in assessing and analyzing community needs, and establishing new goals and objectives. The development of the new strategic plan involved extensive community conversations as well as input by staff and stakeholders.

The new strategic plan provides future direction of operations and priorities in support of the library's vision: "to create a 21st Century library service that is inclusive, efficient, collaborative and innovative."

The plan focuses on three primary areas:

1. FACILITATE community engagement and connections throughout Butte County to leverage our presence and purpose in services to our communities.
2. ACTIVATE communities to solve systemic problems and realize elusive opportunities in Butte County.
3. REJUVENATE community and individual lives through sustained attention to healing, rebuilding, reconnecting, and growing capacity and community will in Butte County.

The new strategic plan will guide the library through 2025. There is much to accomplish to reach the desired destination and we will keep you updated along the way - look for news on new initiatives and please come visit if you have not been in a while!

The full strategic plan is viewable on the library's website at:
<http://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/LAB>