



Membership!

Join, Renew, Advocate

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You can support Chico Friends of the Library by:

- Going to <http://www.chicolibrary.org/support-the-library/> to donate or make a gift membership for a friend.
- Write a check using a donor envelope enclosed, or at the library (check your name/address on this newsletter for expiration date of your membership).
- Through Feb. 23 ONLY, use Amazon Smile with Chico Friends of the Butte County Library as your charity

It's membership renewal time. It's been a hard year for all of us, including the Chico Library itself, which is now only open four days a week. We hope that you can be generous as we conduct our annual February membership drive. Many memberships become due for renewal in February each year. Now is the perfect time to renew your support. If you are already a CFOL member, please renew and encourage your friends and neighbors to join!

Your CFOL Board of Directors shares the frustration and consternation of many library users with the recent reduction in library days and hours. The inconsistency of the daily opening and closing times further creates confusion for library patrons.

Now more than ever, library users' concerns need to be brought to the attention of the Butte County Board of Supervisors. An effective way to voice these

concerns is through the CFOL. Join CFOL today to add your voice to our advocacy and support of library services.

We fund the purchase of books and media to improve the library's shelves and online choices (\$53,630 in the fiscal year, which began July 1), and supporting library programs and improvements (\$9,375). This is possible largely because CFOL is doing well at the book sales (\$32,628 revenue since 7/1/22).

Thank you to the new members who join CFOL every month. We've had some very generous membership and memorial donations in our current fiscal year (thank you!). But gifts are down compared to the previous year, as are our investments. Now, in the second half of our fiscal year, comes our annual membership-gift drive—the time to make the income figures match the expenses! Please help.

There are also benefits that you derive from your membership. All donations go toward membership and are tax deductible.

- You receive four Carrels (CFO newsletter) a year giving you news of our activities as well as an update on things going on in the library.
- You are eligible to come to the members-only First Friday Book Sale each month.
- You're invited to our annual meeting each May, with guest speakers, literary or local leaders.



Book Sale Bulletin

Nancy Leek, CFOL Board

2022 was another successful year for the Friends of the Library Book Sale. From January to December 2022 the book sale earned on average,

over \$5,000 per month. This puts the earnings back to where they were before the pandemic and enables CFOL to give the Chico Branch Library the means to buy new books and media.

The book sale sells not only used books, but also current magazines, audiobooks, music CDs, DVDs and puzzles. The books and other items are priced to sell and the volunteers are friendly and helpful. Because of our large stock, the prices of DVDs and music CDs have been lowered to 50¢ for DVDs and 25¢ for CDs—a real bargain. Lately we have even had a “Buy One Get One Free” deal on these items, so it is a great time to stock up on movies and music. Donations of books, DVDS, magazines (and cash) are always welcome and can be dropped off any time the library is open. Thanks for making 2022 a successful year for the CFOL Book Sale!



Little Free Libraries

Elizabeth Bergthold, CFOL Board

“Be careful what you pray for!” Old timers are wont to say. We wanted rain, and boy, did we get it!

Just how does this rainfall affect Little Free Libraries? Well, for one, the doors swell up, then don’t close properly, which leads to books getting wet. Also the wind can be a problem, blowing open the doors, causing damage to the books.



It's not always books that show up in a Little Free Library!

Most recently, Peterson Park LFL had an issue with its doors. Someone in the neighborhood noticed what was going on and took care of it! Many thanks to this anonymous angel, and all the folks who keep an eye out for our wee boxes!

I’m pleased to say that on my December inspection of our eleven LFLs, more than half of them were stocked well. Our official and unofficial stewards are doing a yeoman’s job! Again, many thanks!

In my last Newsletter article, I mentioned the need for a steward at DeGarmo Park. Ashley and Mary volunteered to cover it. So DeGarmo gets double-dipped! Yay!



A Note from the CFOL Historian

Linda Elliott

So many people think “ONLY BOOKS” when the library is mentioned!



But a library gives you the world in your hands, and is a community center filled with activities, connections, and information.

Through my new role as Historian of the Chico Friends of the Library Board, I’ve learned about so much that is possible at our library. Before joining the board and becoming its historian, I had been a member of CFOL for years. I dutifully sent in a check every February and skimmed the newsletter. I had no real idea of the impact of the book sales, dues and gifts.

Now, after looking through the CFOL yearbooks, I am simply amazed; and wanted to show you (above) a few of the fabulous programs offered by CFOL to our community over the years. And these are all in addition to the funding CFOL provides for magazines, videos, and, yes, BOOKS!

Even better, new, fresh ideas are always being considered—because the library does give us the

world in our hands! What an honor it is to be part of this group of hard-working, passionate board members.



A Word from the CFOL President

Brenda Crotts

The Library Advisory Board (LAB) and FOL groups from Butte County branches met in January to discuss issues of interest to the library, LAB and Friends.

This is a critical time for Butte County Library! Cutbacks in the library budget are noticeable in staffing, services and open hours. The county is analyzing possible ways to arrive at stable funding, to free libraries from the roller coaster of the general fund budget.

The Library Advisory Board and FOL plan to join forces to better spread the word throughout communities and organizations, about the many services offered both in the library and online.

If you would like FOL come speak to your organization or community, please use the online form on our website, www.chicolibrary.org.

Have you explored the library website (<https://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary/>)? CFOL website? Take a look, I am sure there is something new and of interest to you and family members.

Thank you for your support.

Some New and Forthcoming Titles at the Library

Watch for them in the Catalog
<https://butte.bywatersolutions.com/>
List Supplied by Cynthia Pustejovsky, Chico Branch Librarian

January

Child, Lincoln & Douglas Preston, *The Cabinet of Dr. Leng*
Grippando, James *Code 6*
Hunter, Stephen *The Bullet Garden*

Johnstone, William W. *Nice Guys Finish Dead*
Koontz, Dean *The House at the End of the World*
Krentz, Jayne Ann *Sleep No More*

February

Beaton, M.C. *Death of a Traitor*
Berry, Steve *The Last Kingdom*
Box, C.J. *Storm Watch*
Dorsey, Tim *The Maltese Iguana*
Greaney, Mark *Burner*
Johansen, Iris *More Than Meets the Eye*
Kellerman, Jonathan *Unnatural History: An Alex Delaware Novel*
McCall Smith, Alexander *The Private Life of Spies and the Exquisite Art of Getting Even*
Mosely, Walter *Every Man a King; A King Oliver Novel*
Moyes, JoJo *Someone Else's Shoes*
Robb, J.D. *Encore in Death: An Eve Dallas Novel*
Rollins, James *The Cradle of Ice*
Todd, Charles *The Cliff's Edge*

March

Berg, Elizabeth *Earth's the Right Place for Love*
Bowen, Rhys *All That Is Hidden: A Molly Murphy Mystery*
Brown, Rita Mae *Hiss & Tell*
Childs, Laura *Lemon Curd Killer*
Coben, Harlan *I Will Find You*
Jance, J.A. *Collateral Damage*
Johnstone, William W. *Desolation Creek*
Michaels, Fern *On the Line*
Scottoline, Lisa *Loyalty*
Winspear, Jacqueline *The White Lady*

This coupon admits you,
a Chico Friends of the Library member,
to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale
at 3 PM on:

Feb 3, March 3rd, April 7th!

Sales are held on the first Friday of the month
before the first public Saturday sale each month.

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Saturday	10:00-5:00
Sunday	Closed

**MEMBERS-ONLY BOOK SALES, FRIDAY FEB 3
AND FRIDAY MAR 3, 3:00-4:30 PM**

**BOOK SALES, OPEN TO PUBLIC EVERY
SATURDAY MORNING 9:00AM TILL 11:30**

**CFOL BOARD MEETINGS OPEN TO PUBLIC;
TUESDAY FEB 21 AND TUESDAY MARCH 21,
6:30 pm AT THE LIBRARY**