

### Northern California Author to Speak at Annual Meeting

Diane Friedman

Author Catriona McPherson (<http://catrionamcpherson.com>) is this year's speaker at the Chico Friends of the Library Annual Meeting, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chico Branch Library meeting room. Come early, as this promises to be a popular event.

A former academic linguist, Catriona is now a full-time fiction writer, the multi-award-winning writer of the Dandy Gilver detective series, set in the author's native Scotland in the 1920s.



Catriona's talk will be preceded by a short business meeting for the election of CFOL officers and board members for

2016-2018. Speaking of electing officers, we are in need of a President for the 2016-2018 term, so if you love the library, can run a meeting, and can answer email, please do let us know ASAP and we'll get in touch with you (CFOL Nominations Committee Katherine Gould and Rupert McDowell c/o the library 530-891-2726).

By the way, Nancy's Bookshelf will feature Nancy Weigman's interview with Catriona on Friday, May 13 at 10:00 a.m (Northstate Public Radio, 91.7).

Catriona also writes a strand of award-winning contemporary standalones, including (among several) *THE CHILD GARDEN* (2015) and *THE DAY SHE DIED* (2014). *THE CHILD GARDEN*, a Mary Higgins Clark award finalist, is now shortlisted for an Agatha.

*QUIET NEIGHBORS*, Catriona's new book, has as its heroine a librarian (a cataloguer) and is set in a bookshop. *QUIET NEIGHBORS* is scheduled for publication in the US April 8 and will be available for purchase at our Annual meeting. The author generously is donating all profits from book sales at our event to benefit CFOL and copies purchased then can be signed.

Catriona is a proud member of Sisters in Crime, Mystery Writers of America, The Crimewriters' Association, The Society of Authors, and Scottish PEN. She has lived in Northern California since 2010.

### No More Plastic Pails!

Ann Elliott

Planning and bidding processes are under way for a new roof for the Chico Branch Library and for needed interior enhancements and innovations.

The building made it safely through most of this year's rainy season with the roof patches performed in the last few years, but the entire roof will be replaced before next winter.

The RFID (radio frequency ID) and automatic materials handling system, which is out to bid now with installation planned for early fall, is a significant change. Necessary changes to the book drop areas will require reconfiguration of

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**"I always tell people that I became a writer not because I went to school but because my mother took me to the library."**

—Sandra Cisneros

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the entry doors and the circulation desk. Since most item check-out and return will be handled by patrons themselves, the new front desk will be a customer service space where patrons can apply for library cards and get directions to library locations and services.

A "makerspace" will replace the reference desk area—makerspaces (AKA hackerspaces, hackspaces, or fablabs) are DIY places where people can create, invent, and learn. Glass walls and secure doors will surround the existing counters and house our much-used 3D printers. A sewing machine, a typewriter, and a variety of tools and craft supplies will be available there.

Expansion of the public computer area will include carrels to allow some privacy for computer users, more computers, and solid surface flooring.

Continuing metamorphosis of the teen area will include friendly, useful spaces for group and individual projects.

Chico Friends of the Library is funding some of these alterations and improvements that will help our library staff provide 21<sup>st</sup> century service to the citizens of Butte County.

## High Hopes for 2016-2017 Library Budget

Ann Elliott

Supervisor Larry Wahl has approached Butte County Chief Administrative Officer Paul Hahn and Library Director Mel Lightbody with a proposal to include funds in the 2016-2017 fiscal year's library budget to reopen the Chico Branch Library for eight hours on Mondays.

Chico Library patrons from all over the county have sorely missed the Chico Branch Monday hours since the City of Chico decided not to fund those hours in the 2015-2016 fiscal year. The City is still refilling the reserve funds it had been borrowing from, so is not planning for increased funding in many areas in the new fiscal year.

The entire Butte County budget will be discussed during supervisor meetings in April. Like all of the budget, Wahl's proposal, also supported by Supervisor Maureen Kirk, will need the support of at least three supervisors to pass. See the detail of the supervisorial district map to see which supervisor represents your part of town.

## Volunteers Feted

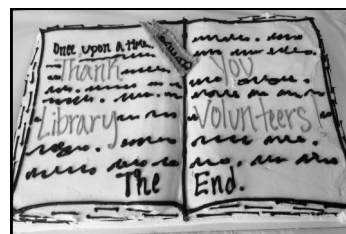
Marian Milling

Cake, camaraderie, and conversation were features of the annual Chico Friends of the Library's



Volunteer Recognition Luncheon, held at the library's meeting room on March 23.

Approximately 60 library volunteers, who together contributed more than 15,000 hours of service in 2015, enjoyed a delicious Italian lunch catered by Roots and provided by CFOL.



The creative cake provided at the volunteer luncheon.

Volunteer coordinator Oliver Allen organized and emceed the event.

## Honors Volunteers Recognized

Marian Milling

Sixteen honors volunteers, those who achieved a 500-hour increment in total service to our library, were especially recognized at the annual Chico Friends of the Library's Volunteer Recognition Luncheon on March 23.

Making this generous contribution of time and effort were: Margaret Bomberg and Helen Martin (4000 hours); Helen Sutton (3500+ hours); Janet Groff (3000+ hours); Merle Burbridge (2000+ hours); Mimi Atkins, Penny Evenson, LeAnn McConnell, and Gordon Smith (1000+ hours); Theresa Chau, Patti Conlin, Webster Johnson, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Kathy Parisotto, and David Weilein (500 or more hours).

Remarkably, Helen Martin and Helen Sutton each passed two 500-hour increments, giving more than 500 hours in 2015 alone.

## Summer Reading Program

Kimberlee Wheeler, Youth Services Coordinator

The youth services team at the Chico branch is excited to build our Summer Reading Program on the sports theme, *Read for the Win*, in honor of the 2016 Olympics.

Froggy, the beloved Jonathan London character, is the official *Read for the Win* mascot. Children and families will see the very active Froggy featured on bookmarks, program materials, and more. *Read for the Win* is the theme adopted in 2016 by libraries across California.



Kids can look forward to enhancements to some of our existing programs, plenty of hands on art opportunities, and new sports books, magazines, and videos, in addition to special events.

The Summer Reading Program will take place in June and July, and will incorporate ways for adults to participate, as well. In June, the youth services staff will offer a kindergarten readiness program with help from our friends in Literacy Services.

We hope to help children prevent summer slide, all while having fun at the library!

# READY, SET, COLOR

Kathy Gould

Colormania—adult coloring—is a new, fun, creative activity for adults.

Anyone is welcome at a new, open group for an hour of coloring, socializing, trading ideas, and relaxing that meets at the Chico library every Wednesday from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Printed coloring sheets, pencils, and markers are provided by Chico Friends of the Library, although participants may bring their own supplies.

Adult coloring has been likened to meditation in its ability to relieve stress and encourage relaxation.

The popularity of adult coloring exploded in 2015, sparked by Joanna Basford's *Secret Garden Coloring Book* (Laurence King, 2013). Bookstores and craft stores stock books with an array of images for coloring, among them geometrics, florals, mandalas, animals, stained glass, and cities and buildings.

## ¿Hablas español?

Julissa Winton

You don't have to speak Spanish to enjoy the Spanish Book Club and the Spanish Documentary Night (Mosaico de Literatura), two new offerings for adults at the Chico branch.

Spanish fluency is *not* a requirement—anyone is welcome to come and enjoy some delicious food, good company, and lots of laughter.

Spanish Book Club participants have been reading a variety of books and authors from all over Latin America. The Spanish Documentary nights are mostly about the origins of Latin music all over the world and its influence in today's culture.

More than seven nations are represented. This diversity creates a safe space to share stories, customs, foods, and rich experiences in making homes in the United States.

The Spanish Documentary night meets at 5 p.m. on first Thursdays. Spanish Book Club meets at 5:30 one Wednesday each month. Check the Chico Branch Library Adult Program Calendar (<http://>)

[www.buttecounty.net/Portals/28/Chico\\_Adult\\_Calendar.pdf](http://www.buttecounty.net/Portals/28/Chico_Adult_Calendar.pdf) for specific dates.

For more information about these programs, contact Julissa Winton via email at [lwinton@buttecounty.net](mailto:lwinton@buttecounty.net).

## The Chico Library Book Club

Meetings: Every 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10:00 am & 6:00 pm

April 28: *The Prize Winner of Defiance Ohio* by Terry Ryan

May 26: *The Reader* by Bernard Schlink

June 23: *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant

## CUPCAKES! CUPCAKES! CUPCAKES!

Rupert McDowell



Jeffries Lydon is sponsoring its 5th Annual Rob Atkinson Memorial Cupcake Fundraiser from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4th.

All CFOL supporters are encouraged to heat up your ovens and bake your best cupcake recipes for this very successful fundraiser.

Drop off your cupcakes at the Century 21 office (Jeffries Lydon, 1101 El Monte Ave, adjacent to Marsh Jr. High School) the morning of May 4th. Then come back at 11:00 to admire (and purchase) the offerings—if history repeats itself, it's an overwhelming, colorful display of delectable desserts.

Proceeds benefit CFOL. Donation is \$1.00 or more for each cupcake. A silent auction will feature some AWESOME prizes, including two tickets to the Ashland Shakespeare Festival 2016 season.



Have you purchased your CFOL "Love Your Library" puzzle yet?



## HELP WANTED!!!

Job: Chico Friends of the Library - Board Member

Description: Support Chico Library, raise money for library, spend money for library, ♥ love library

Pay: Satisfaction of supporting your library

Hours: Board Meeting every third Tuesday @ 7pm

Contact CFOL Website: [chicolibrary.org](http://chicolibrary.org)

## Library Spending Through February 2015-2016 Fiscal Year:

New Book Purchases	\$47,894
Digital Media	1,622
Magazine Subscriptions	1,478
Library Equipment	9,396
Library Programs	5,547

Thank you for your donations and book purchases!

## Nancy's Bookshelf

Nancy Weigman's locally produced NPR show, "Nancy's Bookshelf," features her interviews with Northern California authors. The show plays on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. on Northstate Public Radio, 91.7. A listing of upcoming authors follows:

**April 15:** Steve Callan

**April 22:** Chitra Divakaruni, Gudrun Mouw

**April 29:** Joan Goodreau

**May 6:** Vanessa Diffenbaugh

**May 13:** Dave Morgan, Catriona McPherson

**May 20:** Nancy Leek (with illustrator Steve Ferchaud), Jean Ping

**May 27:** Dana Chwan



This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on **May 6, June 3, July 1**

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



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## Coming Events

- **Chico Friends of the Library Annual Meeting** on Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. in the Chico Branch Library meeting room. There will be a short business meeting before the speaker. Our speaker is author Catriona McPherson. Refreshments will be served.
- 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 6, June 3, and July 1 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. (Please note: the April Board Meeting will be moved to April 26.)
- In June and July our library will host its **Summer Reading Programs**. Drop in at the library to find out more, or check out our article here—in the *Carrel!*

See the CFOL calendar online at <http://chicolibrary.org/index.php/cfolgooglecalendar>  
See the Butte County Library online at <http://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary>