

# Chico Carrel

## *FALL FESTIVAL CELEBRATES CHILDREN AND READING*

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**Saturday, October 17, 11 AM to 2 PM**  
**Library Lawn & Conference Room**

We are firming up plans for our upcoming Fall Festival. Keven Berry and his friends will serenade you while you play games, buy or trade children's books at our book swap. A chance to visit with local authors Debbie Cobb author of *Gracie's Big Adventure with Augustine the Beaver* and *Gracie's Big Adventure with the Misfits*; Christy Dell who wrote *The Three Pirate Brothers & the Hidden Treasure*; Marcia Wilhite who's book *My Hometown Chico* has become a must for local residents and *Ed's Colorful Train's* Bonnie Worthington will be available to have their brains picked regarding their books, writing, publishing, etc. Nationally known illustrator Steve Ferchaund will also be on hand to demonstrate his magical powers to bring books alive.

Butte County Literacy will be showing off their wonderful literacy bus and painting the faces of visitors. Girl Scout troops will be joining us again with a variety of games, including the ever popular donut on a string. The Papa Murphy's family will provide low cost pizza for lunch again this year.

Last year a young boy came into the library to ask when the Fall Festival took place, as it was his "mostest favorite day of the year." We hope all residents will respond as that young man did and join us this year to celebrate and explore everything that our library has to offer the community. Join us for free fun. For more information, contact: Ann Elliott at 342-6053.

## ***STABLE FUNDING SOUGHT FOR BUTTE COUNTY LIBRARIES***

The County Board of Supervisors finalized (for now) the 2009-10 budget, which included reductions in library hours and support. Further reductions came from the City of Chico and county funds may be reduced later this year as fewer state funds are made available to counties.

With these reductions and budget fluctuations there have been several meetings and much discussion among library supporters about how to achieve the goal of stable funding for our library system. One long-discussed option is to go to the voters to ask for voter approval of some kind of a tax measure which would provide dedicated funding for the library.

A group of interested people have been meeting to research information about what might be included in possible ballot measures, when to place a measure before voters, and how such a ballot measure might be received by voters. As proposals are brought forward, we will look for all library supporters to get involved.

*Yes on Library Funding Committee*

### ***“SOROPTIMISTS STEP UP”***

Ever great supporters of the Chico library, the Soroptimists have once again voted to extend a helping hand in support of the library during these fiscally troubling times. A gift of \$20,000 will be coming to the Friends to be distributed

as follows: \$14,000 for extra personnel and \$6,000 for computer upgrades.

In the past the Soroptimists have been generous in their giving to the library several times. Examples include when the library was threatened to be closed on Saturdays a few years back, they provided the money to keep it open. They also were responsible for a large gift to revamp the Children’s Room five years ago.

The CFOL as well as the citizens of Chico are indebted to their generosity and owe them big thanks. If you know any woman who is a member of the Soroptimists, please give them a personal thank you.

### ***CFOL CONTRIBUTES***

The Chico Friends of the Library has for the past several months contracted with librarian Nancy Leek to work in the Children’s Room of the Chico branch library three hours per week. Two of these hours are for Story Times, with the final hour serving the needs of children and parents who require reference help. The Board voted this past summer to extend that contract with Nancy for the fiscal year 2009-10.

The Board of the CFOL also voted at its August meeting to give Susan Rauen, Chico branch librarian, sixteen hours of extra help per week at a cost of \$12,064 per year.

### ***QUESTION?***

Where can you eat donuts from string, trade a book that you have read for a different book, listen to good folk music, find out how to publish your book, and tour the most popular

spot in town – all for free? The **Chico Library Fall Festival**, that's where!

## ***CRAFTS FAIRE***

CFOL crafts mavens Joan Olmstead and Diane Friedman put together a Crafts Faire last year in a shorter time than it takes to get sticky peanut butter off the roof of your mouth. They seem to have worked a miracle and the event proved to be more successful than anyone had hoped it to be. They are back again this year with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual CFOL Crafts Faire which will take place on Saturday November 17 in the Library Conference room following the Saturday Book Sale.

If any of you in the membership or perhaps a friend is into crafts and would like a place to ply those wares then get in contact with Joan Olmstead at (530) 896-1165 . All proceeds go to CFOL which in turn goes to support children's programs in the library. Crafts can be dropped off at the library during hours of operation.

## **LIBRARY CARD SIGN UP MONTH**

September has been designated by the American Library Association as that time to finally get your library card. As a member of the CFOL you no doubt have one; but do the rest of your family, your neighbors, your friends? What a great opportunity to talk up your love of our library and the programs that it offers.

This is an easy sell in that it is free and just by the presentation of the card it offers adventure, love, fantasy, sci-fi, trivia, factoids, music, recipes, travel, languages, access to the Internet and a

whole host of other benefits via books, videos, CD's, DVD's, audio tapes, books-on-tape, children's programming, story hours, a conference room and much, much more. Look for a sign up table in the lobby during the month of September.

## ***TRIVIA BEE***

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Trivia Bee contest to benefit the Butte County Library Literacy Services will be held at 6:00PM, Friday evening November 6, 2009, at the CARD Center on Vallombrosa in Chico. Two years ago the CFOL team placed third; last year our library supporters placed second; it is time we bring home the trophy. This is fun event complete with food, festivities and a knock down, drag out trivia contest. Get your friends together and reserve a table or come by yourself and have a good time. If you like trivia you might wish to get a team together and try for the gold. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and if you would like to have or sponsor a team in the competition the cost is \$300.00. For more information regarding any and all aspects of the Trivia Bee please call (530) 538-7198. All proceeds from the event go towards the Butte County Literacy program. For more information contact via the internet [www.buttecounty.net/bdlibrary](http://www.buttecounty.net/bdlibrary).

## ***Mozart Mile***

The CFOL has signed up to sell advance tickets for the Mozart Mile, which will take place on Sunday, October 4 between 8:30 -10:00 AM.

This annual event is to help defray costs of the North State Symphony Orchestra. A percentage of the proceeds from the ticket sales will go to the CFOL. At various stops along the route members of CFOL will be passing out pens and bookmarks touting our organization. If you are interested in obtaining a ticket for the event a board member will be only to pleased to sell you one

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