



Summer 2007

Chico Carrel

Annual Meeting Update

Macy Kelly, President

At the May meeting of the CFOL we wrapped up our year by saying farewell to several retiring board members and welcoming two new members to our board. In addition, we welcome the more than 150 new CFOL members who joined us during our membership campaign this spring. We have many thanks for Barbara Seawall who has generously donated her time and ideas to the library for more than 20 years. And thanks to our speakers, Debbie Cobb and Steve Ferchaud for sharing their experiences writing, illustrating and publishing *Gracie's Big Adventure with Augustine the Beaver*.

At the April meeting, the CFOL board of directors spent time discussing our goals and projects for the upcoming year. Here are some of the ideas we discussed.

- Use CFOL income to support needs identified by our librarian
- Survey library users to identify additional library needs

- Continue supporting many library programs
- Continue the fall festival
- Host classic movie night each month
- Continue book focus groups
- Identify CFOL members who would like to help out with our activities
- And of course, keep our great Saturday book sale growing

In addition, we want to see our library expand in size to meet the growing population of the Chico area. Adding space to the library is a huge project and an expensive one. I hope for your support as we begin to make plans to help the library move toward this goal.

Please think about helping us out with one or more of the goals/projects I have listed.

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Library Budget Hearings

The County Board of Supervisors annual budget hearing for the Library will take

place on Tuesday June 26 at 1:30 p.m. It has been determined that the library portion of the budget hearing will be at approximately 2:00 p.m. We encourage all CFOL members and their children to attend this meeting to show support of our local library and the need for sustainable funding. Should you have any questions please check the fliers that are currently available in the library.

TEEN LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS TO GRADUATE

*Sheryl Hubbard,
Teen Volunteer Coordinator*

It's been an exciting three months for the Teen Library Volunteers. We celebrated *Teen Tech Week* in March with two poster workshops, one for younger teens and one for the older teens. They were able to teach us a few things about the internet and their favorite web sites by putting it on paper for us Luddites.

We celebrated *National Library Week* with a writing workshop hosted by Carrie Watson. Watson will return in May to present her recently published young adult book, *Quad*. Watson is a teacher at Chico High School and a wonderful community connection for Chico Library

teens who are interested in writing.

May was an action packed month for our graduating Teen Library Volunteers.

Congratulations to Elliot Chan, Kelly Johnson, Michelle Ly, Tina Moralez, Brian Santich, Tristan Stromberg and Yolanne Yeh. These teens have donated over 700 hours to Chico Branch Library. They were honored at the CFOL Annual Meeting as well as individual awards ceremonies at Pleasant Valley High School and Chico High School.

We will honor all of the TLV with an end of the year pizza party in June. Many of our TLV will continue to volunteer throughout the summer, though those graduating will be busy preparing for college. What an honor it has been to meet and work with these young individuals. Thank you for making the Chico Branch Library TLV program so strong.

TLV will help with the Summer Reading Program starting the second week of June. Watch for another teen writing workshop in June hosted by one of our own reference librarians, Kate McCorkle. We hope to see some news faces by the beginning of the school year in August. Hope to see you at the library on those hot Chico days.

Library Director Derek Wolfgram Meets with CFOL

New county library director Derek Wolfgram met with the board of the CFOL in May to address issues of concern and answer questions regarding various issue. Chief among the concerns of the CFOL board is sustainable funding and the continued level of operation that the Chico branch now enjoys. Another issue is the expansion of the current facility as the current building is becoming overcrowded with its holdings. Addressing this concern Derek reported that there is a County Facilities Master Plan that was completed 20 years ago and building improvement(s) (i.e. expansions) is according to available money. County libraries at this time are about ten years down the road. Derek conjectured that at current costs to achieve a 7,000 foot expansion to the current facility in Chico the cost would be 5 ½ million dollars.

The county librarian has also inaugurated a Library Leadership Team consisting of branch librarians, members of the County Library Advisory Committee and various other individuals.

Movie Night at the Library

Starting on Wednesday night September 12th CFOL will inaugurate a Classic Movie Night. Come and enjoy those favorites from the past that you will now be able to view on a large screen. Admission is free and viewing will take place at 7:00 p.m. in the Library Conference Room. A list of upcoming films to be shown will be announced in the local newspapers and on a flier that can be picked up in the library. If there is any particular film you would like to recommend we show please give leave a message at the library for the Carrel editor.

This event will take place on the second Tuesday of each month.

The Board through the efforts of member Linda Leahy has purchased a one year license to present these movies. However, the contract states that any DVD, Video, or other media viewing is covered by the license. This then saves the library from having to pay fees for a myriad of programs viewed in the library.

NEW BOOK SALE HOURS

9:00 am-12:30 pm

Bookmark Contest

Bookmark contest winners were announced during National Library Week celebrations at the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library. Over a six week period 106 youngsters from Chico submitted entries to be judged by members of CFOL. There were two age groups, grades 1-3 and 4-6 with prizes of \$20 for 3rd place, \$30 for 2nd place and \$50 for 1st place in each age/grade group. Below are the first place winning bookmarks.

1st place winner grades 1-3 Rebecca Kuhne

1st. place winner grades 4-6 Holly Johnson

The winning entries were transformed into bookmarks for distribution at the library. If you haven't received one you might go in to pick one up.

This event was so successful in advertising both the library and the CFOL that we have voted to make this an annual event.

Below is a copy of a kind correspondence we received from two of the winners.

April 20, 2007

Dear CFOL,

Thank you for setting up the Bookmark Contest in the Chico Library. I really enjoy drawing and this was a good opportunity for me and other children to show our "artistic talents". This was a great experience for me and I had a good time. Thanks also for the Prize.

Sincerely,

Sarah Kuehne
3rd prize winner
4-6 category

Dear CFOL,

Thankyou for the Bookmark Contest. it was very fun and I enjoyed it very much. I remember the times when my mom used to take me to the StoryTime. That's how I got my idea and it won first place. Thanks for the prize.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Kuehne
1st prize winner
1-3 category

FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for October 13, 2007 as the date to have fun for the entire family. The festival this year will be bigger and better than in years past.

If you are interested in working with or for this event please contact Chair Ann Elliott at 342-6053

Officers /Board elected

President – Macy Kelly

Vice president – Anne Nordhus

Secretary – Ann Elliott

Treasu, or of donations of \$1,000 or more, the following names have been added to the Honor Plaque:

Nelson Ober - President CFOL
2004-2005

Chico Rebekah Lodge

Estate of Helen R. Domalsky

Anonymous - Building Fund

TARGET Stores

Ongoing Events

CFOL Book Sale

Saturday mornings

9:30 - 12 a.m.

CFOL Board Meetings

3rd Tuesday of each month

7:00 p.m., Library conference Room. All meetings are open.

Classic Movie Night

2nd Wednesday of each month beginning September 2007.

