

Fall 2008

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FALL FESTIVAL

Ann Elliott

It is that time once again for the most popular event for kids sponsored by the Chico Friends of the Library, the **Chico Library Fall Festival**. The festivities will take place **Saturday, October 11**, from 11 AM to 2 PM, Library lawn & Community Room.

Kids! Buy or trade a book at our book swap. Tour the reading coach with Butte County Literacy. Look at how an emergency vehicle works. Play games. Listen to music. Talk to an author about writing and an artist about illustrating a book and what it takes to publish one. Come for story time, tall tales and a host of other events to catch your interest. Once again Papa Murphy's will provide low cost pizza for lunch.

The Fall Festival is a community event with booths created by Girl Scout Troops, the National Charity League, Chico Mothers Club, and high school volunteer organizations, which are always worth a visit. Call if you or your organization would like to help with a booth.

Make this event your autumn highlight this year. It is truly fun for the entire family.

Join us for free fun. For more information, contact: Ann Elliott 342-6053

CFOL COOKBOOK

Susan Davis, Treasurer

The long-awaited CFOL cookbook "**Check it Out**" will be available for purchase beginning **Thursday, October 9** at the Chico Library between 1 and 4 PM. Cookies from some of the recipes will be available to sample.

The cookbook can be purchased for a mere \$10.00 with all profits being donated to the library. You might think about purchasing a copy of this cookbook as a present to give someone on their birthday, anniversary, the upcoming holidays or any other special event, or just to try some of the mouth watering recipes for yourself.

A very big "thank you" to the many who contributed delicious sounding recipes, and even more "thanks" to those who helped consolidate the recipes into a finished product.

NORTH VALLEY FOUNDATION

Kickoff for Annie B's Community Drive of the North Valley Community Foundation took place on a Friday in August during the baseball game between the Chico Outlaws and the Yuma Scorpions. Half the proceeds from the ticket went to the matching grant pool. The Foundation hopes to increase community awareness of the program which makes matching funds available to support dozens of Butte County nonprofit organizations, including Butte County Library's endowment funds for each branch and the Literacy Program.

Library Director Derek Wolfgram said, "It was a great opportunity for library staff and supporters to have fun together while potentially helping to raise money for the Library.

The Annie B Fund is a continuing program. For those interested, please contact the Library.

LIBRARY FURNITURE HAS NEW LOOK

Susan Rauhen, Librarian

The CFOL sponsored furniture re-upholstery project has been completed and all items

look fresh and clean. Blue and tan washable vinyl was chosen and each chair and loveseat received new foam and upholstery, and the wood frames were cleaned. Square Deal Mattress Factory did a wonderful job and the work was done quickly and professionally. The project has made a big difference in the look of the library, and patrons and staff are so appreciative of the new seating.

HOLIDAY SALE!

Joan Olmstead

CFOL needs you! For the first time the Friends will be having a Holiday Craft/Book and Bake sale.

The event is to take place in the Community Room on **November 22** from 1-6 in the afternoon following the Saturday book sale. Tell your friends about this new CFOL event and encourage them to come and do some holiday shopping early. As always the CFOL will depend upon your generous contributions of craft items, baked goods and books. We will also need volunteers to help us with set up and take down. For more information please contact board member John Olmstead by email at:

jamesolmstead@sbcglobal.net

CATCHING THE READING BUG

*Heather Tovey,
Children's Librarian*

We had a busy, busy summer in the Children's Room of the Chico Branch Library! Around 800 children signed-up for the Summer Library Program and about a thousand youths attended a variety of summer activities offered at the Chico Branch Library.

Bugs and more bugs greeted library users as they entered the Children's Room during the summer months. Library staff and volunteers from the National Charity League delighted children with their buggy creations that hung from the ceiling. Wonderful realistic insect stickers were applied to the floor and the trail led the way to the (what else!) books on bugs!

Highlights from the summer included a marionette show performed by Fratello Marionettes; a visiting alligator, lemur and bear cub who were with a wild life education program called Wild Things Inc.; a summer reading celebration with a concert on the lawn; a puppet workshop; stories in Japanese; and original story times and crafts.

The library would like to thank the Teen Library Volunteers as well as the Library Club (9-14

years) for lending a hand this summer with the Summer Library Program. Your energy and enthusiasm are appreciated! Also, please take the time to thank our local Target store for the grant that provided support for a “bug-tastic” Summer Library Program!

Over 798 individuals signed up for the Summer Reading program, a new hallmark.

CHICO CITY FUNDING CONTINUES

On July 1st the Chico City Council voted unanimously to continue funding the extra 25 hours of open time for our branch. They faced and will continue to face some hard decisions regarding maintaining city services in light of budget shortfalls. **Please thank** the members of the Chico City Council for their continued support.

A VISIT WITH LOCAL AUTHOR MIKE GRAF

*Heather Tovey,
Children’s Librarian*

We are excited to announce a visit to the library by local author Mike Graf, October 22nd 3:00-4:00 p.m. in the library conference room. The presentation is

recommended for ages 8-15. Mr. Graf has written numerous titles for this age group including a fiction series entitled, “Adventures with the Parkers” and a series on our National Parks. Many thanks to the CFOL for sponsoring this event! Take a look at his work on his home page

<http://www.mikegrauthor.com>

CHESS PLAY @ THE LIBRARY!

Thanks to long-time library patrons Anne Neumann , Cathy Mueller and Kathe Nielsen who are affiliates of the Sacramento Valley Scholastic Chess League, for organizing the popular Chess Play! in the Children’s Room. All three women have sons who are very accomplished chess players who share their time and experience during the event. Wonderful to see so many different age groups come together at the library! We look forward to continuing Chess Play @ the library with the help of the Chico Friends of the Library who will be purchasing tournament chess sets for the program.

CFOL Website

A great place to check on the activities of the CFOL thanks to Diane Friedman is our website at:

www.chicolibrary.org

YOUR SUPPORT NEEDED NOW

Editorial

If there was ever a time that your support for our library was needed it is now. As you have been reading in the local papers many programs are being considered for scrapping from both the city, county and state budgets. Weighty decisions need to be made by our elected officials and those in charge of the various city and county departments. The library is no stranger to proposed budget cuts and we read that such vital programs as the Literacy Project is up for elimination or reduction in services. Such cuts affect the entire citizenry of our great city of Chico. Yes, times are tough but it is also time we get tough and respond to these proposals by making our voices known. As you know from past appeals we encourage you to write, email or phone a member of the Board of Supervisors to voice an opinion. Let those in Sacramento know that you support the Literacy program and other public library initiatives that benefit not only us as individuals but the entire community. Email and phone addresses of individuals serving in Sacramento can be obtained at the Reference Desk of the library.

The **Chico Friends of the Library** has as its goal and mission the support and

promotion of the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library. One way to help was mentioned above; another way is to become active in the CFOL. Consider sitting on the board, working for the Saturday Book Sale, telling your friends and neighbors about CFOL and its activities and supporting the events sponsored by the CFOL. Most importantly I recommend that you renew your membership in our upcoming drive in February. You can make a difference.

Classic Movie Night

Returns on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. with the following schedule:

October 8	West Side Story
November 12	African Queen
December 10	Maltese Falcon
January 14	Chinatown
February 11	Annie Hall
March 11	Swing Time
April 8	Third Man
May 13	Philadelphia Story

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