



# Chico Carrel

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As most of you know by now the proposed county budget cuts for the Butte County Library system will reduce the number of hours for the Chico branch to 12 a week. **That's 12 hours a week!** This is unacceptable to all members of our community. While it seems impossible, it could be a reality. Already the branch is without an Adult Services Reference Librarian, the Children's Room programs no longer exist and the Children's Librarian has been relieved of her duties. However, the worse scenario as painted by Derek Wolfgram, the county librarian, is that all but two staff will be laid off, all programs will be cut, the community room will only be open during library hours of operation, there will be a discontinuance of newspapers, periodicals subscriptions and no new acquisitions of books and other media. The only staff assistance will be at the circulation desk the two days a week that the library will be open. At the county level such programs as the Literacy Van, Branch Book Loans and other services will stop and costs for other services such as Interlibrary Loan borrowing will increase.

**We need your help and need it now!**

Grilla Bites owner Fred Marken has produced a commercial that aired on local television stations this past weekend. On your computer you can view this via YouTube by typing in quotes "we can save it now!" or by typing in the following URL <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dmvFal6pOMg>. Please pass this on to all of your friends and contacts here in Butte County via email, phone call or at your local coffee shop. Please contact any of the supervisors to let them know you are a member of CFOL and support full library funding. The supervisors for Chico are Maureen Kirk and Jane Dolan.

Another way you can help is showing up at the Board of Supervisors meeting in Oroville on **Monday, May 18 at 9:00**. Bring a book and wear something red to let the Board know that you are a true library supporter. To keep abreast on what is going on with all of the activities of the Chico Friends of the Library in our fight to **Keep It Open**, please check out our website at [www.chicolibrary.org](http://www.chicolibrary.org).

We will also be approaching the Chico City Council to continue their library funding of some hours even though the county may fail us. Stay tuned.

**ANNUAL MEETING: Monday June 8 in the Community Room, 7:00 p.m.**

Our Annual meeting will feature noted Enterprise Record columnist Roger Aylworth. Roger's new book **A Place in the Shower Schedule** contains a collection of over 100 of his humorous weekly columns. The book has been a success and we will be treated to Roger's brand of humor. Something we could all enjoy during these times.

The Annual Meeting is when we elect a new board. Our current president Ann Elliott and Secretary Anne Morris have served the first half of their two year term.

The slate for next years board: Marian Milling-VP; Susan Davis-Treasurer; Members-at-Large: Rob Atkinson; Debbie Cerioni; John Few; Gerald Davis, Linda Leahy; Anne Nordhus, Fe Howard, Betty Forbes, Mary Wahl, Joan Olmstead, Al Luedeke, Diane Friedman and Margaret Bomberg