

Chico Carrel

LIBRARIES AND THE ECONOMY

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Insert from the
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As we are all quite aware the economy is not what we would like it to be. There is always enough blame to go around but that neither resolves nor accomplishes anything. The Butte County Library System has not been immune to future county budget cuts. How great they will be we have no way of knowing at the present time, nor when and where those cuts will be coming. It is recognized that all libraries within the county will have a reduction in hours.

While the CFOL would like to have no funding cuts to the library it recognizes that all departments within the country system must share the burden of “cutting back.”

The Board of the CFOL has spent the past three months discussing what options it might have in helping the library. Several scenarios have been out on the table

and the board is in the process of considering all of them. As the county Board of Supervisors had to postpone any final decisions regarding budget cuts for county department until the last week of April we are not able to report to membership what we will be called upon to do to help alleviate the crisis.

The Board of the CFOL is ready to step up with needed monies to ensure the Chico Branch Library does not in fact lose state and city money should the county cuts be dire.

The CFOL will also continue to program money for the purchase of books, media and periodical subscriptions as we have in the past. We will also, to the best of our ability, continue to support the various programs in the library that have become standard both to and for the patrons.

These are difficult times but the Friends of the Chico Library will try its best to continue to serve you. For more information regarding the county budget issues regarding the library I recommend you check the CFOL website as it is constantly updated with new information as it arrives. You can access the website by typing: www.chicolibrary.org

You will note there is an informational insert in this newsletter composed by Butte County Librarian Derek Wolfgram. We ask you to read it and perhaps pass it on to a friend or neighbor. If you would like copies of this please let us know.

NELSON OBER

**November 10, 1928 -
January 29, 2009**

When the Nominations Committee of the CFOL was looking for a candidate to run for the office of president for the year 2004-2005, board member Joan Olmstead suggested we ask Nelson Ober and what a fine

choice he was. Nelson's kind and generous demeanor permeated all of the board meetings and we were thankful for his counsel and sage advise.

A renaissance man, Nelson earned a BA in journalism, and both an MA and a PhD in Speech Communications, spending most of his career teaching at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, and retiring in 1987.

A Western American History buff, Nelson spent his retirement researching the character Joseph Alfred "Jack" Slade. After years of traveling the western US visiting various libraries and archives gathering data on Slade and his relationship to Mark Twain, Nelson completed a book on the subject in 2008. His family reports that he was "writing poetry and essays up until his death.

Please join family and friends for a farewell and remembrance gathering. All are welcome.

**Saturday, March 28, 2009
5:00 – 6:30 pm
Chico Public Library**

**1108 Sherman Ave, Chico,
California 95926
Open House follows at the
Ober-McCarthy home 667
East 5th Street, Chico.**

CFOL COOKBOOK

As we wrote in the past, CFOL has published a cookbook containing recipes from those who know how to cook. You know, those mouthwatering dishes that you can never find in a cookbook or online. This 242 page work contains recipes from local celebs such as Andy Holcombe to anonymous library users. The two loves contributors to this volume have in common are libraries and food.

However, one recipe from the book is better than more words trying to get you to purchase the book:

Curry Rice Salad

Submitted by Claire
Olmstead

½ cup sliced pimento-stuffed olives
3 cups cooked long grain rice, cooled
½ cup dry roasted peanuts
2 green onions, chopped
¼ cup mayonnaise

2 tbsp lemon juice
1-1 ½ tsp curry powder
½ tsp ground mustard
¼ tsp salt
1/8 tsp each garlic powder
and pepper

In a large bowl, combine olives, rice, peanuts and onions. In a small bowl, combine remaining ingredients, and gently add to rice. Cover and refrigerate at least 1 hour before serving. Serves 4

CFOL Cookbooks can be purchased at the Chico Branch Library at 1st Avenue and Shermann.

BOOKMARK CONTEST

The Chico Branch of the Butte County Library announces the third Annual Bookmark Design Competition for grade K-3, 4-6 and 7-8. Application forms are available in the Children's Room of the Chico Branch Library and various schools throughout the city. The theme of the competition is "Worlds Connect @ Your Library" which just so happens to be the theme of National Library Week, April 12-18. As Sponsors of

the competition, the Chico Friends of the Library is awarding \$25 for 1st prize winners from each grade group. \$15 will be given to second place winners from individual grade groups and the 3rd place winners will walk away with \$10. Awards will be made at the Chico Branch Library on Monday April 13, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. The three winning entries will be sent to a printer to be duplicated for distribution to library patrons. All winning entries will be displayed in the Children's Room of the branch library during National Library Week

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The 2nd bi-annual membership drive is under way. A brochure was sent to various residents in Chico outlining the many reasons for joining the Chico Friends of the Library. All current members received the brochure and a letter from the Friends asking that you continue your support of our organization. If you would like more information on exactly what we do and the programs we support you might wish to

join us at a board meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in the Community Room of the library. Alternatively, you can contact anyone on the board to supply you with the information. The Carrel editor will also answer any questions you might have. A good way to catch up on what we are doing is to check out our website at www.chicolibrary.org

The board would also like to get your feedback regarding the brochure that was distributed in the community. Just drop us a line on ways you believe it might be improved, etc.

VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION

Board member Betty Forbes files the following report:

Fourth Quarter Summary
Number of Volunteers 178
Hours Volunteered
11,108.75
F.T.E. 3.45 (includes teen volunteer hours)

The 4th quarter contribution to the Chico Friends of the Library Book Fund was \$400.

The following individuals were recognized for "hitting" one hundred (and multiples) during the 4th quarter: Rob Atkinson,

Rosa Weston, Merle Burbridge, Elena Carmon, Ona Mertens, Ramona Flynn, Sarkis Shamavonia, Helen Sutton, Tony Wen, Helen Marin, Cherylann

Castagnetto, Jeanie Englehart, Penny Evenson, Shirley Gilbert and Janet Groff. Thanks for the good work and dedication!