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CRAFTS FAIRE

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Announcing the 3rd Annual CFOL Crafts Faire. Mark your calendars for Saturday November 20 and Monday November 22 as the Friends of the Library will once again have an array of craft products made by hand for you to purchase in time for holiday gift giving. CFOL board members Joan Olmstead and Diane Friedman have taken the lead in putting together this annual event which is catching on here in Chico. Knit and sewn items, jewelry, soaps, baked goods, dolls sweater and other items that might catch your eye as a handmade gift for someone special on your seasons giving list will be available. The event will take place in the Butte County Library Chico Branch Community Room following the Saturday Book Sale and Monday 9 a.m.-5p.m. Big bargains are in store for the early patrons as many of the items are \$5 or less.

If any of you in the membership or perhaps a friend into crafts and would like to donate your craft items for this big event then get in contact with Joan Olmstead at (530) 896-1165. Crafts can be dropped off at the library during hours of operation. All proceeds from the Crafts Faire go to CFOL which in turn goes to support children's programs in the library.

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BUY THE BOOK

Once again the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library system will be having the "Buy the Book" campaign. The program has a dual purpose, to help both the library and to make your holiday easier.

In the library will be a table loaded with books that the library would like to place into the collection. The selection of materials is quite diversified and there is something to please most tastes. The basic idea is that you pick out a book that suits a person on your gift list and pay for it at the circulation desk. The book is then placed into the library collection in the name of the recipient. A card will be sent to the individual that you have chosen to honor with the purchase stating that the book has been placed into the library collection as gift in their name from you. An example might be easier: I buy the book True Believer by Nicolas Sparks for my Aunt Mildred for Christmas. My Aunt Mildred really doesn't need anything but our library does. So the library gets to put True Believer into the collection and my aunt gets a card stating the book has been purchased by me in her name and will be placed in the library collection.

THE FRIENDS HAVE FRIENDS

Chico Friends (CFOL) has found it has many, many community friends this fall. All the love was really brought home on October 16 at the annual **Fall Festival**, which had a huge turnout. Library fans enjoyed constant activity as they swapped books, played games, did the cakewalk, listened to music, met authors, got library cards, toured the Literacy Coach or even had a caricature drawn. Those who attended were library friends for sure; so were the people who made the event possible. Each CFOL board member had a part to play and then there were Girl Scouts, school volunteers, businesses, local authors and artists and entertainers, firemen, and the library literacy staff who stepped up. Staff supported the festival too. How rewarding it was to celebrate the library! Several special events also took place in September: the Friends were part of a first-ever **"All about Books"** fair at Road Runner Community Market. Lyon Books staged an author reading at the library on September 25. In between, other groups and individuals offered to do programs or services. In an ultimate show of friendship, Chico Soroptimist Club came to the library on **Make-a-Difference Day** to clean, dust, and organize the children's room. It is heartwarming to get this kind of community cooperation. The motto of CFOL is "The most important book club in town." Being part of exciting activities and being attractive as a local partner support this motto.

"Regular" friends are always present too. The CFOL board members and volunteers put on the weekly book sale. Profits from the sales (about \$1000 each week) purchase most of the books and magazines at Chico Branch. Over 100 volunteers regularly do shelving (all of it!), work the front desk, and repair and organize material. Community members donate lots of books and magazines. Artist friends display their work, and **Annie's Star Quilt Guild** hangs quilts including one donated to raffle off on Dec. 4 as a benefit. — So many friends, and so much gets done. You can never have too many friends! CFOL will need them for the upcoming Craft Faire on Sat. Nov. 20 and Mon., Nov. 22. (See article on p. 1) Lots of customer friends are wanted as well. Friends always step forward in December to be part of **"Buy the Book"** when pre-selected titles can be purchased for the library collection as holiday or memorial gifts. After the first of the year, the library will need friends in high places as annual budget time comes. The new hours (Mondays) and services (current DVD's, bestsellers, self-checkout machine) have been made possible through reshuffling but not by any funding increases. For the present, Chico Branch is holding its own as an amazing resource — and with a little help (make that a lot of help...) from its friends! If you are reading this, you are a library friend. Thank you so much.

Marian Milling, President CFOL

TRIVIA BEE

The annual Trivia Bee took place on November 5, 2010 at the Lake Club Pavilion in Chico. This event is to raise both awareness of and finances for the Literacy Program of Butte County. Always a fun event, there were many teams that participated this year with some surprise winners. As usual the defending champions the Butte County DS's office was in full force as everyone enjoyed refreshments, music and good times while rooting for their favorite team. The first place award went to a new team this year with the name "3 Men and No Baby." Second prize went to the team from the Teacher's Book Connection "The

Bookies" and another new team "The North State Symphony" took third place. Congratulations to the top three and thanks to all who played and attended. Until next year....

*Happy Holidays from the
CFOL Board*