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## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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The last issue of this newsletter talked about upcoming holiday events—the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Craft Faire and the annual “Buy the Book” program. Both of these were most successful: the Craft Faire netted \$1717 to donate to the Children’s Room for materials, and library users purchased about \$1500 worth of books during the Buy the Book campaign. In addition, the Friends received several large holiday donations which will be used to purchase a second self-checkout machine. The Saturday morning book sales continue to be very profitable with all proceeds going right back to the Chico Branch to purchase new materials and to pay for furnishings, special programs, and additional staff. The book sales could not happen without the hard work of two dedicated volunteers—Rob Atkinson and Rosa Weston—who process, package and present all those donated books.

You can always help the library by donating used books in good condition, especially current fiction, nonfiction, and magazines. Items can be brought in during open hours.

The Friends and the Library are grateful for the donations and success of the above events. Local support will be needed in the fiscal year ahead. You probably know by now that the state government proposes to cut all funding for public libraries; this will mean a loss of over \$80,000 to Butte County’s libraries—ouch! If you haven’t already contacted local legislators about the budget cut, please ask at the library how to do so. Meanwhile, the Chico Friends are participating in a “Love Your Library” Book Fair at Chico’s Barnes & Noble Store the weekend of Feb. 12-13. Details on that are available at the store or in the library and a voucher to use is in this newsletter. February is known both locally and nationally as “Love Your Library” month. I encourage you to show support

for the library in any and all of these ways: renew your Friends’ membership, volunteer, advocate, donate, or go to the Book Fair. Thanks for being a Friend.

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## CFOL CRAFT FAIRE

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Holiday Craft Faire was larger and more successful than in the past. Captains Diane Friedman and Joan Olmsted gathered a variety of crafts created by members of the Chico Friends. From Lavender Eye Packs to knit scarves, mittens and hats the array of goods was like stepping back home into a time period long forgotten.

Each year the Faire is set up to raise money for activities in the Children’s Room of the library. This year the Faire netted over \$1,700 and plans are already in place as to how best to use the money. During the late spring and into summer there are several special programs that the library presents for children, such as Wild Things, puppeteers, the

Summer Reading Program, etc. This money will help stretch the current budget. Diane and Joan wish to thank all the volunteers that worked the Faire and those that supported it by their purchases.

### **FRIEND'S CONTRIBUTIONS**

During the year there are members of both the Friends and the community who because they believe so much in the mission of the library and its Friends, give a gift to further the mission of both enterprises. The Friends recently received a gift between \$1,000 and \$2,000 from Ann and Emmett Skinner; Debra Cannon and Barbara Seawall. Barbara served as a former CFOL board member, Saturday Book sale guru and library historian. It is because of such Friends that we in the CFOL are able to provide our library with materials for an ever increasing number of library card holders.

### **VOLUNTEER POTLUCK**

Many CFOL members are also volunteers at the library. The wonderful staff at the library

recognize the role that all volunteers play in keeping the library going. Each year under the leadership of the Volunteer Coordinator Oliver a potluck luncheon is scheduled and this year it will take place from 11:30-2 p.m. on Thursday February 24<sup>th</sup>. Oliver asks that you bring a favorite dish to share. Should you have any questions or suggestions see Oliver in the library or email him at [chicolibrary@buttecounty.net](mailto:chicolibrary@buttecounty.net)

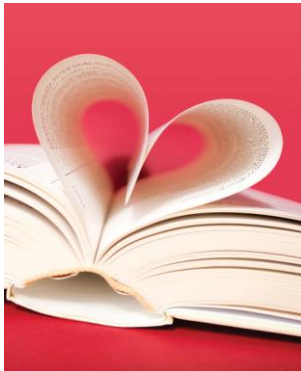
### **BRIEFLY NOTED**

*BOOK DONATIONS* – The Friends voted to give the branch librarian funds with which to purchase books to place into the collection honoring Larry Wahl and Jane Dolan for their constant support while holding public office.

The *CFOL ANNUAL MEEETING* will take place on Tuesday May 17.

Standard *TAX FORMS*, both federal and state, will not be available at the library this year. However, a binder at the Reference Desk will have the forms that may be removed to photocopy.

## **LOVE YOUR LIBRARY**



February is LOVE YOUR LIBRARY month and there are many activities scheduled at the various Butte County Library branches as well as other places where one might find books, media and friendship. One such event is a Bookfair at Barnes & Noble. The fair will take place in the store on February 12-13 and online between February 12-16. An explanation of how it works can be found on the enclosed flyer.

One of the big pushes this past year has been to sign up 10,000 individuals for library cards. This has been a dream of Love Your Library Campaign composed of individuals from the various county Library Friends groups and in Chico has been led by Rupert McDowell and his wife Joan. To date Rupert, Joan, Marian Milling, Al

Ludeke, Jim and Joan Olmstead, Frank Benjamim and a host of others have been at the Roadrunner's Community Market signing up people for cards and to date the county has 9,100 new library users with a total 83,000 county wide.

**Love Your Library** month is also the time when **CFOL membership renewals** are sent out via this newsletter. You will find a CFOL renewal form and return envelope for your convenience.

We often get asked "what do I get for being a member of the Chico Friends of The Library. Of course the main thing you get by being a member is knowing that you belong to an organization whose mission it is to promote and support the Chico branch of the Butte County Library System. As a Friend you help provide books, periodical and newspaper subscriptions, DVD and CD recordings, research for patrons, capital improvements and sponsor various programs that take place in the library such as the annual Fall Festival and National Library Week Bookmark contest. It should also be noted that various individuals of the board as well other members promote the library before the County Board of Supervisors, the Chico City Council and various media outlets.

Your membership also provides you with 1) a copy of The Carrel, the newsletter of the Friends, now being published six times per year and 2) a First-Friday look at the Saturday Book Sale. This is something new and the board is quite excited to make this offer to Friends. The first Friday of the month prior to the Saturday Book Sale, members can purchase books, media, etc. from 2-4 in the afternoon. All you need to do is bring in the attached admittance slip from The Carrel and show it to a volunteer at the front door of the Community Room. The first such "Admission Ticket" is attached. Just clip it out and bring it on the dates printed for your sneak preview. For your convenience a Membership renewal form is also printed in this issue of the Carrel along with a return envelope.

This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members Only Book Sale on March 4th and April 1st. Cut this out and bring it with you for the Members-Only event.

Coupon expires April 2<sup>nd</sup> 2011.

**Membership in the Chico Friends is renewed annually.**

*Categories of Membership*

\$1000	Circle of Friends
\$250	Sponsor
\$100	Patron
\$50	Friend
\$37.25	3725 Club
\$15	Member/donor

Membership donations are tax deductible and go to the purchase of equipment, books and materials for the Chico branch and its programs. Memorials, estate gifts to the Chico Friends of the Library are greatly appreciated.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Friends have been contacted regarding a reading program that is being developed by the schools Librarian Michael Specchierla. Emma Wilson school located on 8<sup>th</sup> between Sacramento and Nord needs individuals to help students improve their reading skills. If you are interested and need more information please contact Michael at his email address:  
[mspecchierla@mail.ciocosd.org](mailto:mspecchierla@mail.ciocosd.org).

**5<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL BOOKMARK COMPETITION**

The Chico Branch of the Butte County Library announces the 5<sup>th</sup> Annuyal Bookmark Design Competition for grades k-3,4-6 and 7-8. Application forms will be available March 1 at the library and various schools around the city. The

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Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

themes of the competition this year is "Create Your Own Story@Your Library." The Chico Friends of the Library as sponsors of the competition are awarding a \$25.00 to 1<sup>st</sup> prize winners in all three grade groups. A second place prize of \$15.00 will be awarded to one individual from each grade group and a third prize of \$10.00 is awarded to a student from grades k-3,4-6 and 7-8. Awards will be made at the Chico Library on Wednesday April 13, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. Entries must be dropped off at the Library circulation desk no later than March 25.

Late news: Emma Wilson school no longer needs volunteers.