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While most of us are easing into summer, the library is already well into its annual reading programs. June 1 was the beginning of Children's Summer Reading Program—"One World, Many Stories." Besides the usual reading and recording of books, there are free t-shirts and two special entertainment events this year, provided by the Friends. Other local businesses lent their support as partners too: Bird in Hand, Costco, Lyon Books, and Omega Nu service club are some of them. Library summer reading programs are known to improve children's school performance, and the Friends are proud and happy to support the worthwhile activities. Please note there is a reading program for adults too! Forms are available in the library to write brief reviews of books you may have liked and to detach the bottom portion with your name to enter a raffle. Just as with the children's program, prizes will be given, the top prize being a donated gift basket from Trader Joes. Reading for pleasure and rewards is the idea for all ages. Join in!

Spring was a busy time for the Friends this year. Chico Friends were chosen as recipients of Ben & Jerry's Free Cone Day on April 12; we received a check for \$600 from that event and have designated the money for new children's materials. The annual program on May 17 was enjoyable and successful when Nancy Leek spoke to over 35 people about the experience of writing a biography of John Bidwell. At that meeting Friends' treasurer Susan Davis was re-elected and Rupert McDowell was elected vice-president. I will continue as president and Diane Friedman as secretary for a second year.

Three board members are leaving, and I want to say a special thank-you to them. Anne Nordhus is a charter member of CFOL and has held most of the offices in addition to contributing in many other ways. John Few has served on the board for 9 years and has been newsletter editor for the past 6 and organized the annual bookmark contest. Al Luedeke has been on the board 2 years and volunteered for special activities regularly. Thank you so much Anne, John, and Al. We know we'll still see you in the library. New developments occur regularly at the library. Users can now download audio books to their smart phones as well as other devices, and books that are on order now appear in the online catalog. Chico Branch is a progressive place. Thank you for giving extra support by being a Friend. Take advantage of summer reading and the new technology!

ALL ABOUT BOOKS

Mark Saturday, September 10 on your calendars as this is the date for the 2nd annual "*All about Books*" event. The *Roadrunner Market* at the Chico Mall will play host for a gathering of authors and illustrators. It is a chance for us to meet those that provide so much entertainment and joy for us. Well known local artist/illustrator Steve Ferchaud's limited edition of the **Love Your Library** poster will be on sale. This will be great fun for the entire family as there will something to entertain all ages.

Event: Love Your Library
Place: Chico Mall
Date: Saturday September 10
Time: 8:00 -1:00

Regarding the time of the event, please check the CFOL website. www.chicolibrary.com for a more specific time frame as to when "*All about Books*" will take place.

ALL ABOUT BOOKS KICKOFF

A fun evening can be had at **Logan's Roadhouse in Chico** as the **Love Your Library** committee kicks off the major event of the year "*All about Books*."

On Tuesday August 30 the **Roadhouse Roundup Fundraiser** will take place between 5 and 9 p.m. This should prove to be great fun. When you present a voucher (a page of vouchers is enclosed) when the bill arrives, **Logan's** will donate 15% of the tab to the *Love Your Library* committee which in turn will distribute the funds to the five Butte County Library Friends groups. Once again to be up to date on all events of the CFOL be sure to check our website at www.Chicolibrary.org.

A LITTLE HELP FROM OUR FRIENDS

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 of \$1,000 from the evening group of **Soroptomists**; \$800 from **Cosmos** for Children's Books and \$500 from an **anonymous** friend. 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 and users.

FROM THE EDITOR

As you read in our president's message on the first page the editor of this newsletter has decided to step down from the board and thus turn over the chores of writing and publishing *The Chico Carrel*.

I wish to thank all of the individuals that have helped me in putting this newsletter together which includes but not limited to the three past presidents, Mss. Macy Kelly, Ann Elliott and Marian Milling; the Members-at-Large that have been supportive; and also John Curcio who helped with the "technology" quirks that I was not competent enough to handle.

I also wish to thank all of you members who haven't complained about the typos, perhaps a dangling participle, case agreement, etc.

When I took over the editorship of *The Carrel* I changed the style, format and design of the newsletter. It is now someone else's turn to do the same. I look forward to this and give a hearty welcome to the new crew.

ANNUAL MEETING



Nancy Leek guest speaker

The CFOL Annual Meeting which took place in May was as usual an interesting event. Business was short and sweet giving lots of time for our guest speaker librarian and author Nancy Leek. As both a children's and reference librarian for many years, Nancy would often have to advise parents that there really was no book about Chico founder John Bidwell that was suitable for young readers. With the cut backs that Butte County Libraries had to take in the past two years Nancy found herself out of work and decided that this was as good a time as any to finally write that needed work about Bidwell. Now published and available in libraries and bookstores, Nancy spoke to the Friends about the process of writing a book and the subject of her book.

When her talk was completed Nancy fielded questions from those in attendance. It was a fun evening and Ms. Leek stayed late to sign copies of her book and talk with Friends.

FIRST FRIDAY BOOKSALE

As most of you are aware members of the CFOL have preview and purchase privileges on the first Friday of the month.

This is an excellent opportunity browse what is for sale, make some purchases and advise your friends what is available for what clearly is the best bargain in Chico.

This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members Only Book Sale on August 5th and September 2nd. Cut this out and bring it with you for the Members-Only event.

Coupon expires September 3rd, 2011.

Just clip out the above ticket and bring it on the dates printed for your sneak preview.

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NEW WORKS IN THE LIBRARY

We, and therefore you through your membership fees and donations, buy books every month. Usually they are books in high demand of which we need extra copies. If you buy new, popular books, consider donating them to the library. They will be appreciated. Here are some of our recent purchases.

AUTHOR	TITLE
Geraldine Brooks	Caleb's Crossing: A Novel
Chelsea Handler	Chelsea Chelsea Bang Bang (Essays)
Charlaine Harris	Dead Reckoning (Sookie Stackhouse Series, Book 11)
Erik Larson	In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin
Rob Lowe	Stories I Only Tell My Friends: An Autobiography
David G. McCullough	The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris
Debbie Macomber	A Turn in the Road
Jo Nesbo	The Redbreast: A Novel (Harry Hole series)
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