

Message from the President

Marian Milling

I hope you visited the library this summer and saw how incredibly busy it was. The counter recorded over 1100 visitors a day in July; 875 children, 237 teens, and 106 adults were in the summer reading program! Some 53,000 items circulated. The "Transforming Life After 50" program series packed the conference room for each monthly session. Maybe you took part in some of this busy-ness. If so, you know we have an impressive staff and resource in our Chico Branch!

Inside this newsletter, you will read about new services and resources at the library now and coming in fall. I'd like to use this column to encourage you specifically to visit the ongoing First Friday Book Sales for Friends' members only. These sales started last March and have been successful. Fall sales will be Sept. 9 (due to Labor Day weekend), Oct. 7, Nov. 4 and Dec. 2 from 2-4 pm. They are just like the regular Saturday morning sales except they are just for Friends – you! About 25 people usually come on Fridays and enjoy the quiet, uncrowded conditions in which to browse and buy. Between \$200-\$250 is taken in, and 2-5 people

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Fall Festival

October 15, 2011, 11am to 2pm

*1108 Sherman Ave., Chico, CA, on the lawn by
the Library parking lot*



This annual day of fun, food and active games is designed for kids and their families, to promote the love of reading and the use of libraries. Parents, bring your children; kids, bring some young friends who haven't discovered the library yet, as you have.

At the Fall Festival you can participate in the popular children's book swap; that is, bring often read books and swap for others, or buy more at the children's book sale. Kids can talk to real live authors and illustrators of children's books. There are many games with prizes, including the "cakewalk," a musical chairs type of game with cakes for the lucky winners. Food booths will be available to stave off hunger at noon. The Literacy Coach will be present, staffed by the Butte County Library Literacy Services.

The band that was cheered by all last year is returning; it's *The Alice Peake Experience!*



Alice Peake Experience will perform at Fall Festival.

The Chico Friends of the Library members, Girl Scouts, school volunteers, the National Charity League, local businesses, authors, artists, and entertainers all have a part in creating this colorful event. You can help too. To volunteer call CFOL board member Ann Elliott, 342-6053.

The Library Fall Festival is not affiliated with another children's fair that happens to be taking place in Chico the same day. ❖

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often join the Friends. That means 15 additional members already who are so welcome. The new members receive the newsletters and occasional emails as all of you do, and they will now be better informed about the library.

Attending book sales and/or donating books gets folks into the "book cycle" that happens in Chico. Books are donated to the library, then sold at the sales if not added to the collection; the profits from the sales go back to the library for books, periodicals, equipment, and extra staff hours. Did you know that Chico Friends gave over \$29,000 for materials and \$7500 for staffing last fiscal year? And most of those dollars came from our books sales. Chico Friends exist to support the library, and this support is very important since the county's library budget does not have a fund for materials. The state grant that used to fill this gap was not offered this year. We may need to advocate down the road on this issue. Meanwhile, thanks to the "Chico Book Cycle" and all our Friends, new materials and other enhancements can be purchased.

Please read about upcoming fun fall events, come to the First Friday members-only sale or the public Saturday sales held weekly from 9-11:30 am. Take advantage of all the library has to offer—and thanks for your support. ❖

Trivia Bee

Friday, November 18, The Palms, 2947 Nord Ave., Chico.
Doors open at 6 p.m.

This is an annual fundraiser benefitting the Butte County Library Literacy Services. The funds will be used to provide learning materials, resources, and support for adults and children in our community working to improve their basic reading and writing skills.

Last year was a throw-your-hands-in-the-air-and-shout kind of FUN!

Teams of three compete with each other to answer questions in a 20-second time limit. The questions are submitted by Butte County librarians and library staff. The Chico Friends of the Library will again field a team of trivia whizzes including: Marian Milling, President; Rob Atkinson, volunteer in charge of the book sales; and Jim Dwyer, a Chico State University retired librarian.

The Trivia Bee also offers refreshments, an irresistible silent auction and raffle Prizes!

Tickets for Trivia Bee spectators are \$25.00 available at branches of the Butte County Library including Chico, and at the door. ❖

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, November 19, 2011

Chico Library Conference Room, 1pm to 4pm

September isn't too early to collect those items for re-gifting and to start on crafts projects to be donated in November to the Chico Library's holiday Craft Fair. Friends of the Library board members Joan Olmstead, 896-1165, and Diane Friedman, webmaster@chicolibrary.com, are the contact persons to receive your handmade items. Your items may also be dropped off at the library during open hours. The proceeds will be donated to Chico's Children's Library Services.

Attractive items for holiday giving are knitted or sewn garments, hats, gloves, etc.; handmade jewelry, soaps, baked goods, doll clothes, toys, and holiday decorations and ornaments.

If all goods are not sold on Saturday, Nov. 19th, the sale will continue the following Monday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Big bargains are in store for the early shoppers, as many of the items will be \$5.00 or less. ❖



This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on ... October 7, November 4, and December 2.

Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before the first public Saturday sale each month. If a holiday causes the Saturday book sale to close, then the Friday sale will be open the following week.

Coupon expires December 16, 2011.

Send a note to webmaster@chicolibrary.org if you would rather receive this newsletter by email. ❖

2010-2011 Financials

Book Sale Revenues	44,197	
Membership	17,634	
Donations & Memorials	19,474	
Interest	7,527	
Fundraisers & other	6,288	
Total Revenues		95,120
Books & Magazines	24,063	
Equipment Purchased	2,037	
Library Programs	1,825	
Library Operating expense	7,558	
Volunteer Recognition	3,237	
Other expenses	7,150	
Total Expenses		45,870
Net Revenue		49,250
Asset Allocations: Trusts &	66,469	
-Building Fund	500,000	
-Unallocated	76,354	
Total Assets		642,823

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SORRY, **ALL ABOUT BOOKS**, SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 10, 2011, HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

FALL FESTIVAL

CHICO LIBRARY, OCTOBER 15, 11AM TO 2PM

TRIVIA BEE

THE PALMS, 2947 NORD AVE., CHICO
NOVEMBER 18, 2011. DOORS OPEN AT 6PM.

CFOL CRAFT FAIR

CHICO LIBRARY, NOVEMBER 19, 2011, 1PM TO 4PM.

FIRST FRIDAY MEMBER BOOK SALES

CHICO LIBRARY
OCTOBER 7, 2011, 2PM TO 4PM
NOVEMBER 4, 2011, 2PM TO 4PM
DECEMBER 2, 2011, 2PM TO 4PM

See <http://chicolibrary.org> for up to date information.

Recent Book Purchases

Book Sales' proceeds fund many book purchases throughout the year. One of the CFOL volunteers makes local purchases to provided extra copies of heavily requested books. Here is a list of some of the books we, and therefore you, purchased since the last newsletter:

Title	Author, Genre
10th Anniversary	Patterson, Mystery
A Dance With Dragons (Song of Fire & Ice #5)	Martin, Fiction
A Stolen Life	Dugard, Non-Fiction Memoir
Before I go to sleep	Watson, Fiction Thriller
Betrayal of Trust (J.P. Beaumont series)	Jance, Mystery
City of Night (Frankenstein, book 2)	Koontz, Fiction Suspense
Demonic	Coulter, Non-Fiction Politics
Fallen	Slaughter, Fiction
Justice	Robards, Fiction Romantic Thriller
Lost in Shangri-la	Zuckoff, Non-Fiction WWII
Nemesis (Harry Hole novel)	Nesbo, Mystery
Now You See Her	Patterson/Ledwidge, Fiction Thriller
One Summer	Baldacci, Fiction
Portrait of a Spy	Silva, Fiction Thriller
Quinn	Johansen, Fiction Romantic Thriller
Silver Girl	Hilderbrand, Fiction Romantic Suspense
Smokin Seventeen (Stephanie Plum novel)	Evanovich, Mystery
Split Second (FBI Thriller)	Coulter, Fiction Thriller
The Redbreast (Harry Hole novel)	Nesbo, Mystery (on order)
The Silent Girl (Rizzoli & Isles series)	Gerritsen, Mystery
Then Came You	Weiner, Fiction
Third Floor (local author ...)	
Unlikely Friendships (Essays)	Holland, Non-Fiction Animals
You Mean I'm Not lazy, Stupid, or Crazy?!	Ramundo, Non-Fiction Self-help

There are many other new books in the library. Ask a librarian how you can browse the catalog for new items.

**Are you looking for something worthwhile to do?**

Consider any of these:

- Tell your friends about the Chico Friends of the Library. Pass on a newsletter and ask them to join.
 - Volunteer to help with any of the fundraisers.
- Come to a CFOL Board meeting (3rd Tuesday of each month, 7pm, at the library), and find out how you can help. We don't bite!
- Volunteer at the book sale. See Rob Atkinson at the sale.
 - Volunteer in the library. See Oliver Allen in the library. ❖

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Electronic Services at the Library

The Chico library has been adopting modern technology to update its public service in ways that many of us have yet to discover. Although you may have enjoyed the convenience of the self-checkout stations to avoid standing in line, or you have used the library computers, perhaps you hadn't heard that one can download audio-books and e-books at home *free*, from the library website, www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary, onto your own personal reader devices.

There is a bookmark to pick up at the library that outlines the procedure, but basically all you need is a library card number, a computer, device such as a smart phone with internet access, or a reader device such as a Nook, or one of many others. You can find an extensive list of reader devices capable of using the library software, called Overdrive, on the library website. To view the list and check for your device's capability, click on the box next to "ebooks and audiobooks" on the library website. On the next page click "Supported Audio Devices" or "Supported

eBook Devices." At present Amazon's Kindle is not usable for Overdrive downloads, but Kindle support is coming in the fall, according to library staff member Oliver Allen. The library staff has the answers to your technical questions while you are working in the library. When working at home, use the "Quick Start" menu on the Digital Catalog webpage for detailed instructions on how to do downloads.

People often ask what kinds of books are downloadable from this free service at the library. Primarily they are recent titles, popular bestsellers in both fiction and non-fiction, and many other newer books. People are apt to guess that the books might be older ones that have passed into the public domain out of copyright, but this is generally not the case. The library pays for the electronic lending service; you the patrons do not.

Electronic games for Seniors

The library has a game player that is currently used by teens. "Wii Senior Sports" is now scheduled for the second Monday of the month, in the library conference room. Some of the Wii games available are bowling, tennis, golf, boxing and baseball. **First games on Sept. 12, 9am to 10:30am, 4 people at once.**