

## Message from the Chico Branch Librarian

— Susan Rauwen

*Susan is nearing the end of her tenure as librarian of the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library. We asked her for her thoughts on the Chico Friends of the Library. Thanks, Susan!*

Each Wednesday when I return from my lunch break at 1:00 p.m., it is certain that a friendly group of volunteers will be at the donated book table in the back work room, pouring over a sea of items and pricing them for the weekly book sale. At some point daily, donated items are being cared for.

Each Saturday morning it is certain that volunteers will be bustling about in the conference room, to put all in order for the weekly book sale.

Each third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m., it is certain that a friendly group of volunteers will be in the conference room to discuss how they, as the board of the Chico Friends of the Library, can best be of help.

Each summer, it is certain that the Chico Friends of the Library will support our Summer Library Program (SLP). SLP brings in families for reading material, for fun reading logs to complete for rewards of little stickers, and fun programs, usually with music or animals, or both. One of my granddaughters will forever remember the 2012 SLP “Wild Things” program where she was one of the boa constrictor helpers (she actually held the thing while my anxiety rose to the sweat level). Pure fun, that’s what SLP represents.

Each fall a festival enriches the lives of little ones, for free, in a noncompetitive setting.

Patrons can be certain that there will be a selection of new fiction and nonfiction items

to peruse and choose from, when they arrive for their library visit. ‘Parenting’, ‘Large type’, periodicals, mysteries, science fiction, westerns and fantasy are all available.

Families can be certain that the children’s and young adult areas will have age appropriate material to check out no matter what the child’s reading level might be, and no matter if they are working on a report or reading through a fiction series.

Patrons can be comfortable sitting on sturdy upholstered chairs and loveseats, story time participants can sit on colorful area carpets or chairs that are just the right size.

Staff can be certain that their work environs are well designed and comfortable, and capable of meeting the needs of the thousands of monthly visitors.

We all adjust to daily life where what used to be certain is oftentimes iffy, and issues we thought at one time were understood, or decided, or a ‘given’, just come up as new questions.

Chico Friends of the Library, as a group and as individuals, don’t fit that pattern. They are generous, determined, supportive, decisive, traditional, innovative, professional, friendly, and kind. They have worked hard to provide everything talked about, above, and so much more, every day. We should all express thanks for all they provide for the library community, and all the help they have provided for staff throughout the years. We can’t do well without them, and of that I’m certain. ❖



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the Chico Branch  
Library has something to  
dream about.”*

— Sheryl Hubbard  
(paraphrased)

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## Summer Library Program

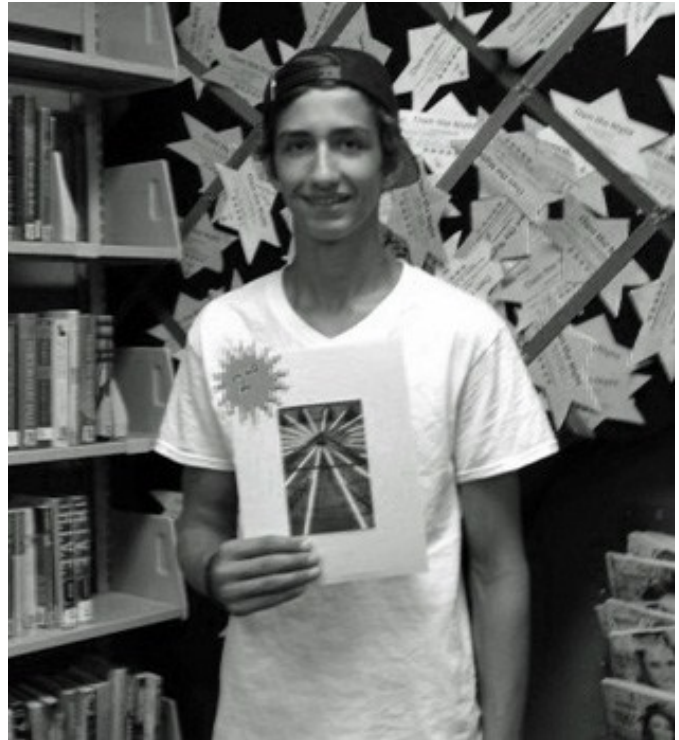
— Sheryl Hubbard, Chico Branch Library

Chico Branch Library wrapped up another spectacular season of Summer Library Reading this year. With generous support from Chico Friends of the Library, Target, Round Table Pizza, Bird in Hand and Lyon Books over 4,000 children and their caretakers attended over 50 programs offered through June and July. From yo-yos to musicians to live bats and alligators, we were able to provide exciting entertainment and lots of incentives to read all summer long. This year's theme 'Dream Big, Read!' encouraged children of all ages to enjoy the library. From babies to teenagers, Chico Library was something to dream about. ❖

## Young Adult Photo Contest

— Leslie Botsford, Chico Branch Library

We had 15 entries for our photo contest, which is a great turnout for our first Young Adult Photo contest. All



prizes were donated by Chico Friends of the Library (CFOL) - Thank You!

Left to right (*above*) are Kacee Farwell (1st place Kindle winner), Leslie Botsford (me), and Melissa Pimentel (3rd place winner of a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card).

In the second Photo (*right*) is Dayton Doss, our 2nd place winner of a \$50 Barnes and Noble Gift card.

## Calendar of Events

### FALL FESTIVAL

October 20, 2012

11am to 2pm

Chico Branch Library

### LIBRARY RIBBON CUTTING

AT NOON, OCTOBER 20, 2012

### CFOL BOOK SALE FOR

MEMBERS ONLY

Chico Branch Library

First Friday of the Month,

2pm to 4pm

### CFOL BOOK SALE

Chico Branch Library

Every Saturday,

9am to 11:30 am

### CFOL BOARD MEETING

Chico Branch Library

3rd Tuesday of the month

7pm

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



**This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale on ...**

**September 7, October 5, and November 2**

**2pm to 4 pm at the Chico Branch Library**

Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before the first public Saturday sale each month.

Well Done Kacee, Dayton, and Melissa! ❖

**Chico Library Fall Festival**  
**Saturday October 20, 2012**  
**11 AM to 2 PM**  
**Library Lawn & Conference**  
**Room**  
**October 20, 2012.**



Our annual free celebration of libraries for young and old will be special this year with a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new library flooring and front desk. We plan the formal event for **high noon**.

Take a short tour of the library throughout the festival or take part in the scavenger hunt to thoroughly explore the nooks and crannies and services the library offers.

Of course, we will have our popular children's book swap and sale. Bring a book; take a book.

The Butte County Literacy Coach will offer kids a fun activity and explain to adults about the wonderful services they offer our communities.

Carnival-type games and other fun activities will be hosted by cooperating groups such as the National Charity League, Scouts, and the Friends.

We will have a gathering of a few local authors to share their insights on writing and publishing.

The Papa Murphy's family will provide low cost pizza for lunch again this year.

The Alice Peake Experience will again brighten the festival air with their family friendly songs and fun hats.

Join us for **free fun**. For more information, contact:  
 Ann Elliott 342-6053.

## New Library Books

In no particular order, here is a sample of a few of the new books in the library.

- \* The ocean of life / The Fate of Man and the Sea *by* Callum Roberts.
- \* The hedgehog's dilemma : a tale of obsession, nostalgia, and the world's most charming mammal *by* Hugh Warwick
- \* Why we get fat and what to do about it *by* Gary Taubes
- \* The weird sisters *by* Eleanor Brown
- \* A land more kind than home *by* Wiley Cash
- \* Some kind of fairy tale *by* Graham Joyce
- \* The stonecutter *by* Camilla Lackberg translated by Steven T. Murray
- \* Adam and Eve and Pinch Me *by* Ruth Rendell
- \* A Test of Wills *by* Charles Todd
- \* Earth unaware : the First Formic War *by* Orson Scott Card and Aaron Johnston
- \* The 30-minute vegan : over 175 quick, delicious, and healthy recipes for everyday cooking *by* Mark Reinfeld and Jennifer Murray
- \* American empire, 1945-2000 : the rise of a global power, the democratic revolution at home, 1945-2000 *by* Joshua B. Freeman
- \* The athlete's book of home remedies : 1,001 doctor-approved health fixes & injury-prevention secrets for a leaner, fitter, more athletic body! *By* Jordan D. Metzl

To find the complete list of new books, Browse "New Items" in the catalog, or ask for help in the library.

## Financials for Fiscal Year End, 6/30/12

Book Sales	\$43,050
Memberships	\$18,633
Donations	\$20,071
Fundraisers	\$ 4,121
Interest	\$21,342
Total Receipts	<u>\$107,217</u>
Book Purchased	\$56,578
Remodeling	\$29,667
Carrel & Postage	\$2,501
Library Programs	\$4,328
Misc/Other	\$948
Total Expenditures	<u>\$96,022</u>
Cash on Hand	\$43,921
Endowments/Trusts	\$56,459
Building Fund	\$560,000
Total Assets	<u>\$660,380</u>

## Book Sale Dollars

Thanks to your donations and book sale purchases, we have purchased \$56,578 worth of library items for circulation in fiscal year ending June, 2012 (\$2,490 in July, 2012).

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Library**

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## **Coming Soon:**

Our annual **Quilt Raffle** is coming soon. We picked up the quilt from Annie's Star Quilt Guild. All we have to do is hang it in the library and put a big sign on it that says "Win Me!".

For the last few years we have had a **Craft Faire** fundraiser. After a few years we have determined that the return on volunteer time was not good, so we have decided to have a **Craft Table** in the library lobby during some book sale hours. One dedicated volunteer, Joan Olmstead, has been crafting away for a year, so she will be raising funds at the craft table for the library.

**Author in Conversation:** Daniel Alarcón will speak about his novel, *Lost City Radio*, September 12, 2012, at the CSUC Humanities Center. For more information, see <http://chicolibrary.org/LCRFlyer.pdf>

You might have noticed this issue is a little thinner on content than some of the other issues. We lost one of our editors. Please consider volunteering for the Chico Carrel. We need your energy.



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all volunteers*

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