

### Library's Volunteer Team

— Diane Friedman

The Chico Library would literally stop running without volunteers. Volunteers are involved in almost every area in the library and behind the scenes, and come in all ages and abilities. Without regular volunteers, the staff wouldn't have time to smile and say hello when you walk in the door.

Volunteers spend as little as two hours a month doing things like cashiering at a book sale. Some spend a couple of hours a week working in the library. And some spend many hours each week making the library better, reaching out to the community, and generating book purchasing money.

When a volunteer signs in each week, the time is counted and adds up. Each time a volunteer reports a 100 hour increment, CFOL donates \$25 toward library book purchases in that volunteer's name. Some of the volunteers have been helping out for years and have had many dollars donated in their name. During October through December, 2012, 136 volunteers spent between 1 and 154 hours in the library and/or helping with the book sale. Those hours generated \$575 in new book purchases.

So, thank you volunteers! Keep up the good work and tell your friends how good it makes you feel to do something good for Chico. And, remember it's ok to recruit your friends to help.

#### *From past President Marian Milling*

I'm amazed at all the ways people can volunteer at the library and the things they can do. I personally have been active with the Friends' group, have staffed the desk in the Children's Room during story times one semester, and regularly shelve books every

### Preserving Chico's History



**Tuesday, May 21,  
7PM at the Chico  
Branch Library**

May is National Preservation Month. An audiovisual presentation will feature the 30+ year history of our Chico Heritage Association (CHA).

The speakers are CHA founding member John Gallardo, and CHA President Richard Macias.

Topics will include the Historic District south of campus including the Language Houses. Many of the preserved homes in Chico date back to the 1880s. Come with your questions about Chico's history. Refreshments will be served after the presentation.

A short business meeting will precede the presentation to elect new CFOL officers and introduce the CFOL Board for the upcoming year.

#### ***Nominee officers 2013-2015:***

Patti Conlin, Vice President and  
Susan Davis, Treasurer

#### ***Officers finishing terms through 2014:***

Don Kidd (co-President),  
Rupert McDowell (co-Pres.),  
Diane Friedman (Secretary)

#### ***Continuing board members:***

Margaret Bomberg,  
Debbie Cobb,  
Gerald Davis,  
Susan Davis,  
Ann Elliott,  
Fe Howard,  
Linda Leahy,  
Marian Milling,  
Joan Olmstead,  
Sarah Vantrease (Chico Librarian),  
Mary Wahl ❖



There are many ways you can help the Chico Branch Library. Raise your hand with library love.

For the book Sale: Help setup, cashier and put away, price books, organize donations. Contact [hysutton@comcast.net](mailto:hysutton@comcast.net).

In the Library: Shelve Books, Find Books, Straighten Shelves, clerical chores, and more. Volunteer *applications are available at the library reference desk and online at* <http://buttecounty.net/Library/SupportYourLibrary.aspx>

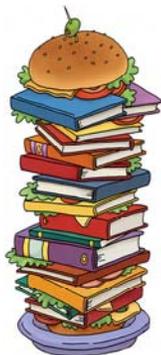
Community Awareness: Serve on the CFOL Board of directors, help with fundraising projects, write for the Chico Carrel. Contact [cfolwebmaster@gmail.com](mailto:cfolwebmaster@gmail.com).

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## 2013 Summer Library Program

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Sat. Jun 1 - 1 pm **Reading is So Delicious! Kick-Off**

Sat. Jun 15 - 1 pm **Uni & Her Ukulele**

Thurs. Jun 27 - 10 am **Wild Things, Inc!** -  
 Live Animal Show @ Hooker Oak Elementary

Wed. Jul 10 - 9:30 am **Library Playtime!**  
 (18 mo. or younger)

Thurs. Jul 25 - 10 am **All Abuzz @ Your Library: Uncle Jer's Bee Show**

Tues. Jul 30 - 10 am **Reading is So Delicious! Wrap Party**

For details of weekly library activities for all ages, visit the Butte County website:  
[www.buttecounty.net/library](http://www.buttecounty.net/library)

## 2013 Bookmark Contest Update

— John Few

The Annual Bookmark Contest for grades K-3 and 4-6 is off and running. Flyers and posters have been distributed, every grade school in town was visited to “pitch” the contest and all local media outlets were contacted with news about the contest. This year’s theme **Communities Matter @ Your Library** is certainly appropriate for the City of Chico as so many members of our community make use of the wonderful resources at the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library System. Designs are coming in and the judges are eager to start reviewing the entries. The final date for submission of bookmark entries was April 6 and the awards will be given in the Children’s Room, Saturday, April 20 at 2:00 p.m., during National Library Week. And as they used to say when this writer was a kid “Be there or be square.” As usual, there are cash prizes for the winning entries and the Bookmarks will be printed and made available to the public. This year, Mom’s Restaurant at 2<sup>nd</sup> and Salem has graciously offered to print the winning entries. Thanks Mom’s! ❖

— Milling, continued...

Friday I'm in town. I get to shelve 600's, 700's, and mysteries and am known as the "clean-up" shelver -- get those books out and ready for the weekend library users! I regularly see other volunteers labeling library materials, adding book covers to them, straightening shelves and materials (oh those messy newspapers) and copying needed information from newspaper microfilm. So there's really something for everyone who's interested, it's fun, can be exercise, and is with lots of good people. ❖

## Even Dogs volunteer



Story Tail Tutors: On fourth Saturdays of each month, kids (up through age 11) can come read to trained therapy dogs at the library. The program is meant to encourage struggling readers.



## Centennial Celebration Update

— *Ellen Walker*

### Chico Branch

Plans for the continuing celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Butte County Library System are proceeding, with more events taking shape for the coming months. As other Centennial events take place across the county, our Chico Branch is still scheduled to be the grand finale. Standing displays of historic photos, letters and documents are due to be presented from late summer/early fall to November 2013, the actual date of the Centennial of service.

According to Outreach Coordinator Kimberlee Wheeler, the Centennial group is planning to coordinate additional events with other regularly scheduled activities of the Branch. A display table is planned for the Fall Festival, at which souvenirs of the Centennial will be given away, and where patrons may share and record memories and experiences, and have informal conversation about the library and its history. There are also discussions in progress with the Humane Society, which will run a canned food for pets drive as part of the Summer Library Program. Look for the Centennial to be incorporated into National Library Week, and Banned Books Week.

The planners still hope to have a large party as the culminating event, and a “dance party” is currently getting attention as a possibility. Ideally it would be in September and they are seeking a venue that can accommodate a large crowd and the music and dancing.

The Chico Friends of the Library have the option to organize an event of their own. The Board is seeking ideas about the form this might take and volunteers to organize and help realize it. If you have something in mind, or would like to volunteer to get things started, please contact CFOL at its website or speak to a member of the Board.

### Around the County

Biggs, which as the oldest branch is actually celebrating its 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, will have a party in its historic Carnegie Library on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be crafts, games, and refreshments with activities to entertain children and adults. The Biggs Branch is one of a group of Carnegie Libraries that are still in use, and Woodside, also a Carnegie Library, celebrates such buildings by lending a garden gnome named Andy C (for Andrew Carnegie of course) for their events. Andy C will be at the Biggs Library during its birthday celebration.

Oroville, which kicked off its anniversary year in November with a very successful band concert, will host another on May 9<sup>th</sup>. Their library building is a former Safeway, which, as it happens, has extraordinarily good acoustics. The first concert by the Oroville Community Concert Band sounded so good that everyone vowed to do it again, and this time it will be part of Feather Fiesta Days, as well as a tribute to the library. The Band members actually come from all over the county and thus many of the other branches will be represented at this musical celebration. ❖

### Cupcake Fundraiser

The 2nd annual Rob Atkinson Memorial cupcake fundraiser, benefiting CFOL, is Thursday, April 18, 2013, 11 am to 2 pm, at the Century 21 office, 1101 El Monte Ave near Highway 32, Chico, CA.

CFOL will have a display to promote our services. Come and marvel at the most cupcakes you have EVER seen in one room and buy, buy, buy.... ❖

### Kindles and DVDs

CFOL is funding a new program in the library—Best Sellers on Kindle. Each month CFOL buys a \$100 gift certificate for the library. The library then picks out best sellers to put on their Kindles. You can check out a Kindle for a week that has several current, best selling books on it. Read as many as you can in a week!

Also, CFOL recently started supplementing the new movie section in the library. We spend about \$150 per month on new movies which can be rented—\$1 for 3 days. ❖

### Books

Our Treasurer reports that as of February 28 CFOL has spent \$22,105 on books during the 2012-2013 fiscal year.

Hint: You can browse new books in the online catalog. Just ask a library staff member how it's done. ❖



**This coupon admits you, a CFOL member, to the "First Friday" Members-Only Book Sale. Cut it out and show it at the door. Sale dates are...**

**May 3, June 7, and July 5, 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.

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## **Coming Events**

- \* **Second Annual Rob Atkinson Memorial Cupcake Fundraiser**, Thursday, April 18, 11am-2pm, at the Century 21 office, 1101 El Monte Ave near Highway 32, Chico.
- \* **Bookmark Contest** for grades K-6, February 18 - April 6. Winners announced April 20, 2pm.
- \* **Annual Speaker Meeting**, Tuesday, May 21, 7pm at the Chico Branch Library, 1st and Sherman.
- \* The regular **Book Sale** is open every Saturday, 9 to 11:30 AM at the Chico Branch Library, 1st and Sherman. This is our primary fundraiser.
- \* **First Friday Members-only Book Sale**, May 3, June 7, and July 5, 2 to 4 PM at the Chico Branch Library, 1st and Sherman.
- \* **Summer Library Program**, all Summer, see this issue of the Chico Carrel for details.

For up to date information, see our web site: <http://chicolibrary.org>.