

Silver Linings

Susie Serrano, Branch Librarian

In 1994 when I first started working at the Chico Branch Library as a teen, the library hours were confusing. The Chico Branch was open Tuesdays 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesdays 2 p.m. to 9 p.m., Thursdays 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. It was closed Saturdays, Sundays, and Mondays.

Granted the library was not as busy back then as we are today, but the library also offered fewer hours and services back in those days. This year another reduction in Chico Branch hours isn't all bad news.

Thankfully, all of our talented ten Library staff members including me are still here to help you. The Storytimes and Saturday Book Sale will continue with no changes. Because we are compacting staff into fewer open hours, more staff will be here at the same time to help you! For library users that means more for you:

- More staff available to help you find that book whose author you can't quite recall.
- More staff available to help you download our eBook and eAudio apps to your smart device.
- More time to have our Maker Lab open to use our 3D printer, virtual reality or sewing machine.
- More time for staff to plan and create more quality programs.

We are so lucky to live in a community with such great library supporters. Without our supporters we could not even crack open our doors. We have over 160 volunteers at the Chico branch alone. We are also lucky to have a fantastic Chico Friends of the Library! The Friends buy books and other materials, they fund extra programs for the community, and they make the library more beautiful with renovations and new furniture. Through the Friends, we were able to fund and open our tech savvy new Maker Lab and stock it with lots of technology for all to explore.

While it isn't all bad news to change our hours to align more with the regular staff we have, there are some things you can do to continue your support.

- Donate your time helping the Maker Lab or the Book Sale.
- Donate and become a Member of Chico Friends of the Library.
- Donate a brand new bestseller, a magazine subscription, or other high demand items.

The library has come such a long positive way since 1994, and while hours reduction may feel like an setback, think of it as a time to come together and become a stronger library community.



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Library Branch Hours Starting July 25	Monday - Closed
	Tuesday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Wednesday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Thursday - 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM
	Friday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	Saturday - 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
	Sunday - 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Annual Business and Noted Photographer

Nancy Leek

The Annual Meeting of the Chico Friends of the Library took place on May 15, 2018. Out-going President Ann Elliott reviewed the year's activities and the income from the book sale, donations, memorials and grants. The Chico Area A's gave a donation of \$500, and a bequest is coming from the estate of long-time Friend Barbara Seawall.

In the past year, CFOL has donated over \$108,000 to the Chico Branch Library to purchase books and to support a variety of programs and projects, including the Maker Space. The attending members voted another \$2,075 to support Summer Reading programs at the library.

Members present voted on the nominees for positions on the board, as follows:

- President – no nominee
- Secretary – Marian Milling
- Board Members – Elizabeth Bergthold, Merle Burbridge, Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Katherine Gould, Max Infeld, Nancy Leek, Mary Wahl, Patti Conlin (continuing as V.P. but since resigned) and Diane Friedman (continuing as Treasurer)

A presentation by photographer and author Douglas Keister followed the business portion of the meeting. His slide show and anecdotes about his "Fifty Years Behind the Lens" delighted the audience. Doug is a noted photographer with many published books on architecture, cemeteries, and other topics, as well as a memoir, *Heart-Land: Growing up in the Middle of Everything*.

Summer Happenings in Our Library

Mary Wahl

This summer has been busier than ever in our library. Adults, Young Adults and Children have found activities tailored for their interests and enjoyment. Our summer reading program for kids is "Reading Takes You Everywhere". Children, their families, and even some therapy dogs had a great time at the

book release of Walk Your Dog by local author Elizabeth Omlor. Magician Bill Sparacino wowed and mystified all ages. Imaginations went wild at the Library Build event, resulting in marvelous creations from boxes, markers, and tape! The teens had "Wednesday Wander" special events including Harry Potter and ocean-themed activities and an Open Mic night.

The following programs are still available this summer. Come in where it is cool and exciting!

Free movies for all on Sunday afternoons at 2:00P.M. Some are appropriate for all ages; parental guidance (PG) may be in order for others.

Children

- Thursday - Library Playtime (A time where children experience interactive play with large equipment) 10 A.M. - 12 P.M. quarterly
- Thursday – Summer Chess Club - 12 P.M. to 2 P.M. Facilitated by Teen Volunteers
- Saturday - Tattoos - July 28, 10 A.M.- 12 P.M. Get a removable tattoo from Teen Library Volunteers - 11 A.M. to 1 P.M.
- Saturday - Story Tail Tutors (Reading to therapy dogs) - July 28, 2 P.M., generally 2nd and 4th Saturdays

All storytimes (including Preschool, Babies Love Books, Toddler, Bilingual Story Garden (Spanish), Japanese and Chinese storytime, and Story Tail Tutors) will be taking a break from August 1st through August 21st. Thursday After School storytime breaks through late fall -TBA.

Young Adults

Programs include Oculus Demo (Virtual Reality program) for ages 13+, 3D Printing and Chess Club.

- Tuesdays - Oculus Demo (Virtual Reality Program)
- 'Wednesday Wander' Drop-In - July 25 - 3P.M. to 5P.M.



Adults

Programs range from Graphic Design (by appointment only: www.tiny.cc/freedesign), Virtual experience, Colormania (adult coloring), Adult Reading Program with a free movie, Fiber Arts Night Out (gathering for knitters, crocheters, and other needle-workers), 3-D printing.

- Thursday - July 26 - Chico Library Book Club Discussion- 10 A.M.
(Living to Tell the Tale by Gabriel Garcia Marquez)
- Friday - First Friday of the Month - CFOL Member Book Sale - 2 P.M. to 4 P.M.
- Saturday - Weekly CFOL Book Sale
9 A.M. to 11:30 A.M.

Come check out library activities all year long. Times for all events are found from a link from our site chicolibrary.org.



Celebración de las Américas

Julissa Winton

Chico has the good fortune of being a very diverse community. The third annual Celebración de las Américas at the Chico Library creates a space where everyone is invited to celebrate the rich cultural and social offerings of different Latin American traditions. The event will feature dance, music, poetry, and regional foods, with a variety of activities for the whole family.

The Celebración fosters community among the varied cultures that are Chico. We become closer to each other as we dispel the fear of the unknown. It also furthers the library value of encouraging lifelong learning.

Please join us on September 29 at 4:00P.M.

Also, try out the monthly Spanish book club meeting and a monthly documentary/movie night, where we enjoy social interaction while engaging in enriching and thought-provoking discussions. Please check the Library's bulletin board for dates.

What's New?

Kathryn Gould

With the support of the Chico Friends of the Library, new books and other library materials come to the Chico branch every day. Of the \$6,000 that the Friends contribute each month, \$500 goes to a standing order for Large Type books, \$100 to books on CD, \$3,000 to Children's, Young Adult and Spanish language books, and the remaining \$2400 to Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction.

Most new books come from Baker & Taylor, a long time distributor of books to libraries. These come completely processed with spine labels, bar codes and RFID stickers so they are immediately available to patrons. Other books, usually patron requests and Spanish language books, are purchased from Amazon, where the Friends receive a small rebate for each purchase. (We can also get rebates for all your Amazon purchases when you use Smile Amazon and designate Chico Friends of the Butte County Library as your beneficiary.)

A county-wide collection, Automatically Yours, brings new and best-selling titles from a list of popular authors immediately upon publication. Unfortunately, budget restraints are reducing the size of this list by more than 50%.

Want to see what's new at the library? New additions are posted on the Butte County Library home page and updated weekly. New fiction and non-fiction books are found on display stands in the library, but the popularity of new works often leaves these stands less than full.

County Formalizing Friendships with Friends

Ann Elliott

In our increasingly litigious society, Butte County administration has felt a need to formalize its relationships with its associated non-profits. They have drafted a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) for the Friends and are requiring that each group acquire liability insurance. The County and Friends are working through the details of implementing these agreements.



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Room for the Book Sale

Ann Elliott

If you are a regular at the Saturday Book Sale, you know how many wonderful books we have for sale and how busy and crowded it can be. Each day, book donations (from wonderful folks like you) come in by the bag and box load, often enough to fill a table in one day. During the week volunteers sort these donations and decide their fate: add to library collection; sell at the book sale; sell on the internet; give to another library to sell; or unfortunately recycle). Books for the sale are priced and boxed for transport to our storage area in the far corner of the meeting room. All of those operations are done in a corner of the limited space of the library staff area. That limited space has been further reduced by the time-saving RFID sorting machine for returned library books.

For over ten years, the Friends have been looking for a new space for receiving and sorting and even selling books. We are working with the Butte County Architect to define our needs and explore adding on to the existing building, building an additional building on the lot, or just reorganizing our space within the library.

Ready to be a maker in the Maker Lab?

Marian Milling

February and July 2017 issues of the Carrel talked about the Maker Lab that was coming, coming in the middle of the library. Well, it is finally here! Equipment is in place, and regular classes and training sessions are scheduled and being held by appointment. You too can discover some new technology or take advantage of tools you might not have at home. It includes button maker, Ellison die cutter, Sewing machine, 3-D Printers, Virtual Reality goggles and programs, speakers, digital sound mixers, cameras and camcorders, laptops, and robotics paraphernalia. To use some of these items, you can check the library calendar to see when training classes are scheduled, often on a weekly basis. For that, go to <http://tiny.cc/libraryadult> Or, you can call or contact in-person the front desk to schedule training. Right now, the Maker Lab is not staffed all hours the library is open, but hopefully it will be with volunteers and students in the fall.

The front part of the Maker Lab is home to the equipment; the back half does not yet have electricity needed so it is open for quiet study and regular library use on a walk-in basis. The Maker Lab is filled with fun and useful tools and activities. Try out some of them soon!