

## THE LIBRARY AND CFOL RESPOND TO THE CAMP FIRE PARADISE LIBRARY

*Debbie Cobb - CFOL Board Member*

The Paradise Library withstood the flames, but it is not in good shape. The library on Clark Road is closed indefinitely, while Butte County and library leaders decide how to handle the heavy smoke damage to walls, flooring and of course the precious books and historical documents. Environmental testing will have to be done to make sure everything is safe to touch.

Chico Branch Librarian Cynthia Pustejovsky says that the Butte County Library system hopes to have staff back and reopen the library in late spring. Paradise Library workers should hear soon on the steps for cleanup. In the meantime, workers have been placed at other libraries around the county, which seems to be going well.

All the books checked out at the time of the November 8th, 2018 fire will be considered burned, as so many of the homes they were in were destroyed.

Chico Friends of the Library has given \$200 Visa gift cards to 9 Chico and Paradise staff members impacted by the fire, to assist them in any way they choose. CFOL board members are waiting to see what else the board can do in a bigger way to help the Paradise Library reopen. Over the last couple of months CFOL has donated hundreds and hundreds of books, mostly children's books, for fire evacuees. The books have been taken to Disaster Resource Centers and have been greatly appreciated (see also article below).

Our hearts go out to the fire victims and the CFOL Board members hope we can do much more to get Paradise's community meeting center and house for books open as soon as possible.

This *coupon* admits you,  
a Chico Friends of the Library member,  
to the "First Friday" Members Only  
Book Sale on Feb. 1st, Mar. 1st, Apr. 5th, May 3rd!  
Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before  
the first public Saturday sale each month.

C.F.O.L. VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION Third Quarter 2018  
Thanks to all of our volunteers who achieved a 100-hour increment  
of service in 3rd Quarter 2018!

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*\* also reached 500 hour increments (honor award)  
Submitted by Marian Milling*

### Chico Branch Hours

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

## BOOKS TO EVACUEES; CFOL MEMBER ACKNOWLEDGED

*Mel Lightbody - County Librarian*

The library has been present at the Disaster Recovery Center since November 18th. Our mission to give books, magazines, maps of Chico and reading glasses to the evacuees from the Camp Fire was met with such appreciation. This endeavor would not have been realized without many helping hands and donations that flowed in from our community, as well as others.

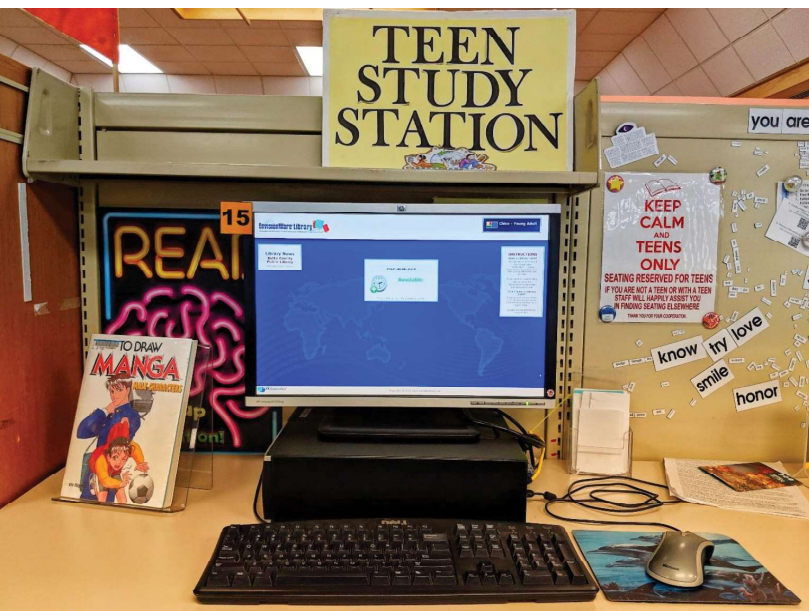
However, the backbone of the effort which produced donated books on our table twice a week, carefully sorted and packaged, was provided by none other than Nancy Leek of Chico Friends of the Library. When the table started looking bare, one email to Nancy was all it took to get a replenished supply.

As we reflect on our time at the Disaster Recovery Center and the impact we witnessed, we find ourselves once again appreciating our library family.

## NEW COMPUTER MONITORS FOR THE CHICO LIBRARY

*Alex Chen - Information Systems Technician*

With the help of CFOL, Chico Library was able to purchase 15 monitors to upgrade some of the small, old, flickering ones on the PACs and in the computer lab. Now the image looks way more eye-friendly! Here is a snapshot of a teen study station with the new monitor installed:



## NEW AFTERSCHOOL STORYTIME FOR SPECIAL KIDS

*Cynthia Pustejovsky - Branch Librarian*

The Library is very pleased to launch a new afterschool storytime program on Thursdays at 3PM. This opportunity is very special in that retired special education teacher, Teri Briggs, is facilitating the event with special needs kids in mind. We are calling the program "Storytime for All" because all kids are welcome to this immersive and interactive event. Please contact Children's Librarian, Kimberlee Wheeler, if you have any questions, and feel free to join us on Thursday afternoons in the library conference room!

## FOR BEGINNING READERS: STORYTAIL TUTORS

*Sheryl Hubbard - Children's Services*

We have a wonderful reading program at Chico Branch Library called StoryTail Tutors. This program is designed to help beginner readers, struggling readers, and reluctant readers of all ages with a fun focus for their effort. Participants read to licensed, trained therapy dogs! We have had many families excited to see their child read aloud to these special 'tutors.' One parent exclaimed, "He never wants to read. He just sat and read a whole book!" StoryTail Tutors happens on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of every month at 2pm. No reservation needed, just drop by.

## FOR TEENS, YOUNG ADULTS: DEWEY MATCH? BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK

*Andrea Liao - Library Assistant*

You can't always judge a book by its cover, so take a chance this February and go on a blind date with one!

Our staff has wrapped up a number of teen titles we would like to introduce to you. After all, it's what's on the inside that counts! We've left a few clues on the wrapping paper so you can decide which books you think are attractive enough to take home. Check the books out like normal, read them, and rate your dates the next time you come in!

# I MUSTACHE YOU A QUESTION

*Andrea Liao - Library Assistant*

Check out our interactive question board in the YA area. Every month we post a new question, and invite you to anonymously post your answers on a giant lime green mustache for everyone else to see. Come check it out!

## NEW CFOL WEBSITE IS AVAILABLE

*Diane Friedman - CFOL Treasurer*

*Alex Chen - Information Systems Technician*

CFOL is excited to announce that our new website is available at [chicolibrary.org](http://chicolibrary.org). The new website is more responsive on different devices, and has added more sections that cover our history, who we are and what we do, and how to visit and support us. We'll keep making updates to the website, please stay tuned at [chicolibrary.org](http://chicolibrary.org)!

## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

*Elizabeth Berghold - Board Member*

Surely you've seen the Little Free Libraries (LFL) around town. The library (Oliver Allen as outreach coordinator) with funding from CFOL established about a dozen of them (many others around town are independently maintained.) But in an austerity move, the administrators of the county library decided to relinquish responsibility with them (liability, maintenance, etc.) So the Chico Friends of the Library have stepped up.

With a map (kindly created by another volunteer) firmly grasped in my hand, I went on a scavenger hunt of sorts. It was a rewarding experience. All of the LFL have been kept well stocked by their individual stewards (there are books at the library available for this purpose.) The condition of a couple of them was a little rough, but most were in good working order.

Several of them, when I arrived had neighbors combing through the inventory. I had good conversations with these folks. The LFL not only promote reading, but also promote community. It's a win-win!

## BUSY, BUZZY TRIVIA BEE RAISES FUNDS FOR LITERACY

*Cynthia Pustejovsky, Branch Librarian*

1. What animal takes its name from the Greek for "river horse"?
2. Elizabeth Cochran, a reporter who traveled around the world in 72 days, was known by what name?
3. What do the letters GMO stand for?
4. What do the C and H in C & H Sugar stand for?
5. What city calls itself the "Queen Bee Capital of California"?
6. What word did Alexander Graham Bell recommend for answering the telephone?
7. What is Paul McCartney's middle name?

More than twenty teams competed for the title of Trivia Champions of Butte County on October 26th at the 12th Annual Trivia Bee for Literacy, and the Sierra Nevada Big Room was packed with trivia buffs ready to play along with the teams.

The contest is a fundraiser for Butte County Library Literacy Services. Funds raised through the Trivia Bee are used to provide learning materials, resources, and support for adults and children in our community working to improve their basic reading and writing skills.

Teams answered questions that increased in difficulty as they advanced through three rounds, all in pursuit of the coveted title and bragging rights. Representing the Chico Friends of the Library were the "Bibliomaniacs," a team consisting of Nancy Leek, Jean Ping, and Phil Midling. The "Bibliomaniacs" came in third place, after 1st and 2nd place winners "Three Men and No Babies" and the Butte County District Attorney's Office.

*(Answers: 1. hippopotamus 2. Nellie Bly 3. Genetically modified organism 4. California and Hawaii 5. Orland 6. Ahoy 7. Paul)*

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## MESSAGE FROM THE LIBRARIAN

*Cynthia Pustejovsky - Branch Librarian*

November and December were busy months for the library. Staff listened compassionately to Camp Fire evacuees and assisted them with a variety of tasks, from clearing lost library items from their accounts, and downloading/printing documents that the Disaster Center needed, to setting up email accounts for the first time. A Camp Fire information table was set-up with latest Wildfire Recovery information, change of address forms, handouts from various County agencies, B-Line schedules, and maps of Chico. Many families would visit for a couple of hours to give their children a break from the upheaval that they were experiencing.

In November, we had a very pleasant surprise when Recreate of Sacramento contacted the Chico branch about bringing their "More Art! Less Waste" program to the library for a day of maker activities for families. We quickly accepted the offer. They brought their own supplies and many terrific volunteers who worked with the children. It was a drop-in program from 10-3:30, with about 225 participating.

"Recreate is a nonprofit and is committed to reducing waste in our community—and inspiring others to do the same—through art, education, and imagination. ReCreate collects safe, clean, unbelievably cool—but unwanted—items from local businesses, diverting over 70 tons of material from landfill each year." More information about this wonderful organization can be found at <https://recreate.org>.

The library is happy to announce that Rhoda Boyd, Paradise staff, has been temporarily assigned to Chico. She works at the Circulation desk and brings many years of valuable customer service experience. Many Paradise patrons have been happy to see her and stop to share stories. Rhoda said it has been good for her to see many of her friends and neighbors.

**February is CFOL Membership month.  
Please find a membership envelope enclosed  
in the newsletter. We appreciate your continued  
support for the Chico Library**

**> Visit our updated website  
<http://www.chicolibrary.org/>**