



Chico Carrel

Carrel: noun...a small recess or enclosed area in a library stack, designed for individual study or reading



CFOL's 2022 Year in Review

Brenda Crofts, CFOL President

The organization lost a long-time board member and President with the passing of Katherine Gould on February 27, 2022. Many have remembered Katherine with donations to support new books to the Chico Library.

For the first time in a couple of years, the Friends' annual meeting with a speaker was held in person in the library meeting room. A large gathering enjoyed a talk by Roger Lederer and Carol Burr about their books *The Birds of Bidwell Park*, *The Trees of Bidwell Park*, and *The Wildflowers of Bidwell Park*. The library has copies of these books to check out for your enjoyment as you walk or hike in the park.

The board is full once again with the addition of our newest member Linda Elliott. Linda's years as a school librarian in CUSD help give us a new perspective and insight to our library and friends.

Thanks to book/media donations from CFOL members and the general public, the weekly book sale is doing well, raising funds for CFOL to support the needs of the branch, from programs to needed furniture, and books in both print and digital format.

Look in this newsletter for information about Nancy Leek's upcoming talk about her new book: *Alvin A. Coffey: The True Story of an African American Forty-Niner*. Local artist Steve Ferchaud illustrated the book.

Looking forward to another good year for our members, the library and the community. Thank you for your support!

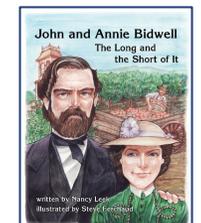
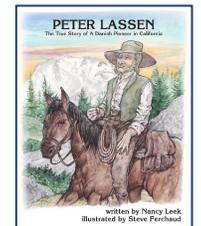
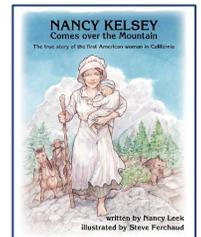
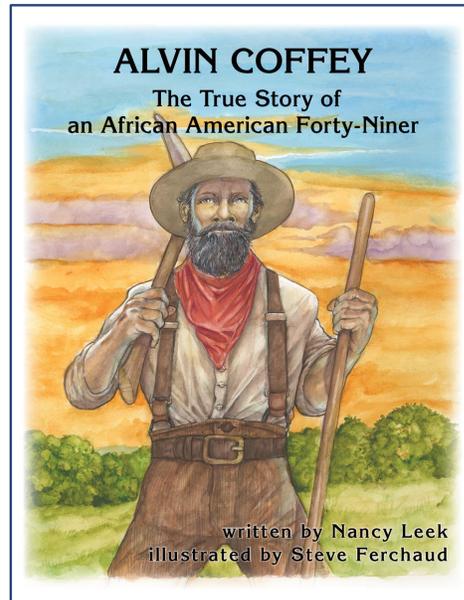
CFOL Sponsors Children's Book Presentation

Come to the Chico Library and meet local author Nancy Leek and artist Steve Ferchaud at a Book-Signing event on Wednesday, November 9th from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Chico Friends of the Library.

Nancy, in addition to her work on Book Sales and for the CFOL Board, is the author of four picture book biographies on California pioneers, Golden State Biographies. Her latest book is *Alvin Coffey: The True Story of an African American Forty-Niner*. All her books are illustrated in full color on every page by award-winning illustrator Steve Ferchaud.

BOOK SIGNING:

MEET AUTHOR NANCY LEEK & ILLUSTRATOR STEVE FERCHAUD



**Wednesday, November 9th
4:00-5:00 p.m.
at the Chico Branch Library**

Golden State Biographies are ideal for children interested in history, for 3rd and 4th grade teachers doing local and California history, for school libraries, and for parents and grandparents who are looking for a great true read-aloud.

All the books by Nancy and Steve will be available for purchase at the book-signing. Come and meet Nancy and Steve, enjoy a treat, and learn about how they make their books.



Holiday Gift for Book Lovers Who Have Everything

Merle Burbridge, CFOL Membership

An idea for the book lovers in your life: give a Chico Friends of the Library membership or two! You can obtain membership envelopes at the library main counter, next to our donation box. Or go online to <http://www.chicolibrary.org/membership/>. Then fill out the forms in the names of your recipients.

To give a gift membership, fill out the recipient's information either on a membership envelope or on the online form.

- Attach a note to the envelope, saying what you are doing, including your contact name/email/address.
- If you use the online form, be sure and put the recipient's information in the form, but put your own information in the "note" box. When signing into Paypal, use your own credentials. Your donation is tax deductible.

Membership begins at \$20 and includes the right to shop at the members-only First Friday book sales every month. And you will have (besides a possible tax deduction) that warm holiday feeling, knowing that you have given a valued gift as well as supported your Chico branch library.



Little Free Libraries

Elizabeth Berghold, CFOL Board

This is the Little Free Library at Oak Way Park. It has been exquisitely painted by Christine MacShane, but in the past was frequently

empty when I stopped by. So I mentioned in our last newsletter that it could use a steward. Mary Huntsinger came forward and is doing a fine job!

Now I would like to tell you about the LFL at DeGarmo Park. Because of the apartments nearby, it gets a lot of action, some good, some bad. Because of vandalism, it no longer sports windows to display the books. So Christine painted book shelves on the doors! This was a great solution.



Bonnie Chapman has done a fine job as the steward for many years, keeping the DeGarmo LFL in good shape. But she has decided to retire and let another lucky volunteer take over. Call the library and leave a message for me, if you are interested in this opportunity. Books are provided.

Our Little Free Libraries go a long way to encourage children's literacy (for that matter, adult literacy, as well)! I thank all of you who help with this important project.



News from the Book Sale and the New Blue Boxes

Nancy Leek, CFOL Board

CFOL has a new partner, **Discover Books**, to handle excess unsold books from the Book Sale, helping us keep books out of the recycle bin!

The new blue boxes by the library's service door hold books that we have not been able to sell in



three months, but which are in good condition and may still be useful to other readers. Discover Books empties the boxes periodically, then distributes them regionally by selling books online, donating them to schools and literacy programs, and recycling as necessary.

The blue boxes are not for your donations. If you have books or other media to donate, please give them to us in the usual way. Small amounts (a bag or two) can be deposited on the donations cart inside the library. We take large donations (several boxes or bags) at the service door; just pull up in the driveway and ring the doorbell. A volunteer or staff person will help you.

We appreciate your donations! It keeps the book sale running, and funds new books and other purchases by the library.

Join us for shopping our great selection on Saturday mornings 9:00 to 11:30, or at the First Friday Sale (for CFOL members only) on the first Friday of each month 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. **CHECK THE CALENDAR IN THIS NEWSLETTER FOR OUR HOLIDAY SCHEDULE.**



Report from CFOL's Treasurer

Diane Friedman, CFOL Treasurer

Thank you to our book sale volunteers and generous donors! (Speaking of volunteers, we finally found the backup Treasurer we've been looking for).

Here are some of our more interesting financial highlights... so far this fiscal year (July '22 through June '23) our fundraising (mostly the book sale) and donations total \$25,032. We've purchased \$32,689 worth of books and digital media for the library. We've spent \$1,991 on special programs in the library, most for children.

Have a nice holiday, and don't forget that books from the book sale make great presents and house warming gifts. For your end of year charitable donations, you can find our donation page at www.chicolibrary.org, or you can send a check to Chico Friends of the Library, PO Box 6952, Chico, CA 95926. Our nonprofit federal ID number is 943167529.



CFOL Supports Literacy and the Trivia Bee!

Keith Herritt, CFOL Board

Many CFOL members know that the Butte County Library system offers a vital program: Literacy Services, whose volunteer tutors help adult learners enhance their skills in writing and reading. Literacy Services, in turn, raises funds each year by a great community event, the Trivia Bee. This year, Trivia Bee was held on Oct 14 at Sierra Nevada Big Room, and CFOL was a part of the event's success.



There were two three-person teams at the Trivia Bee sponsored by CFOL, and one of them was a prize-winner. The BIBLIOMANIACS (composed of Nancy Leek, Jean Ping and Luke Sarcona) took third prize. CFOL's other sponsored entry was the BEE'S KNEES. The team entry fees, including the two paid by CFOL, are a major part of the event's income, along with individual attendance and raffle income.

CFOL Calendar November-December

CFOL invites you to our Book Sales each Saturday except holiday weekends, our First Friday Sale for members, and to observe or participate at our monthly Board meetings, all listed below.

For a complete list of events at the Chico Library (and other branches), please go to: <https://buttecounty.librarycalendar.com/events>

CFOL Member-Only Book Sale
Friday, November 4, 3:00pm–4:30pm
Chico Branch Meeting Room

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Chico Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, November 5, 9:00am–11:30am
Chico Branch Meeting Room

CFOL Special Event BOOK SIGNING

Wednesday, November 9, 4:00pm–5:00pm
Chico Branch Meeting Room

Chico Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, November 12 NO BOOK SALE TODAY

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 6:30pm–7:30pm
Chico Branch Meeting Room

Chico Friends of the Library Book Sale

Saturday, November 19, 9:00am–11:30am
Chico Branch Meeting Room

Thanksgiving Holiday ~ Library CLOSED
All Day 11/24–11/25

Chico Friends of the Library Book Sale
Saturday, November 26 NO BOOK SALE TODAY

CFOL Member-Only Book Sale

Friday, December 2, 3:00pm–4:30pm
Chico Branch Meeting Room

Chico Friends of the Library Book Sales

Saturday, December 3, 9:00am–11:30am
Saturday, December 10, 9:00am–11:30am
Saturday, December 17, 9:00am–11:30am
Chico Branch Meeting Room

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting
Tuesday, December 20 NO DECEMBER MEETING

Christmas Holiday Library Closed

Chico Friends of the Library Book Sale
NO BOOK SALE CHRISTMAS EVE
NO BOOK SALE NEW YEAR'S EVE

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