

**GUEST SPEAKER**  
**MIKE WOLCOTT**

EDITOR OF THE CHICO ENTERPRISE-RECORD

Mike Wolcott will be presenting at the annual Chico Friends of the Library Board Meeting on the topic of

**The role of the small-town daily newspaper in changing times**

6:30 PM Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> Chico Library Meeting Room

Open to the public



- No dusting, washing, or maintenance needed
- No planting or watering!
- Compatible with all decors
- Renewable
- Requires no arcane technical knowledge or skills
- Unisex and custom-sizable
- Sustainable
- Supports a beneficial societal institution

What is it? A gift membership to the Chico Friends of the Library!

Complete the gift membership form at [www.chicolibrary.org](http://www.chicolibrary.org) or ask for a membership envelope at the library's information desk, to give this thoughtful Mother's Day gift. CFOL thanks all current and former members for their support.



## A Note From the CFOL President

*Brenda Crotts*

May 16th brings us to our annual meeting, open to all. We feature a speaker chosen to broaden our understanding of various aspects of writing. Mike Wolcott, editor of the Chico Enterprise-Record will bring us up to date on changes in journalism, especially in rural community newspapers.

The business part of our May 16th meeting will be brief. We will have an election for offices of Vice President and Treasurer and to increase the board from "7 to 9 members" to "up to 13 members". Like many nonprofit organizations we love attracting board members, but those with an interest often find we have no open positions!

Hope to see you for an informative and entertaining meeting.



## Mother's Day is May 14th!

*Merle Burbridge, CFOL Board*

Consider the perfect Mother's Day gift:

- Zero calories
- Requires no storage or display space

## A Note From the Chico Librarian

*Cynthia Pustejovsky, Chico Branch Librarian*

### CHESS CLUB

Two young adult volunteers, Davit and Tatev, organize the weekly Saturday morning Chess Club for children and teens. Some participants are just learning to play chess, while others enjoy meeting friends to play a game. The 10:30am program averages 20 players.

### SUMMER READING

Summer Reading program brochures, with schedule of programs for children, teens and adults will be available mid-May. This year's theme is "Finding Your Voice", and the activities the staff are planning will cover the many ways you can find your voice.

### SUMMER SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ALL AGES

#### Northern California Bats

**1:30pm Tuesday, July 18**

Meet live California native bats. Learn about how they live and their importance to insect control and the environment.

All bats are certified as non-releasable by the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the U.S. Department of Agriculture—injury precludes them

from surviving the wild. The bat is projected, via movie camera, onto the wall for all to view.

### Uncle Jer's Traveling Bee Show

**1:30pm Tuesday, August 1**

Learn about the fascinating society of bees and their importance to agriculture and the environment.

### Wild Things

**1:30 Tuesday, August 8**

Meet animals from five continents and hear their extraordinary personal stories. The animals you will meet are no longer able to live in the wild.

**YOUR BOOK SALE DOLLARS AT WORK!**  
All book sale proceeds support the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library.



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**Friends  
of the  
Library**



## A Note From the Book Sale

*Nancy Leek, CFOL Vice-President*

Your book sale dollars have a big impact!

The books you donate to the Friends and the money you

spend at the Book Sale support your public library. Here is where the money goes:

We budget \$8,000 a month for books, ebooks, book clubs, and movies.

We budget \$300 a month for library program expenses, primarily on supplies for children and teen activities.

We budget \$3,000 a year for magazines and newspapers.

We budget \$2,000 each year for the Summer Reading Program.

We purchase furniture and equipment as requested by library staff, such as a \$5400 book display unit for the children's room.

We love your donations so keep them coming. Bear in mind that the books should be in clean, sellable condition and magazines should be current (within the previous three months). DVDs, CDs, audiobooks, and puzzles are also welcome



## A Note From the Treasurer!

*Diane Friedman, CFOL Board Treasurer*

Our financial year is July 1 through June 30. This year has been good for both the book sale and membership renewals (thank you book sale patrons and members! Your generosity does indeed support the library). Ninety-five percent of our expense dollars go to library support, and 5% goes to our CFOL expenses. We do it all with volunteers so we have no salaries.

Here's our year to date information, as of April 20, 2023.

*Revenue	\$111,940
**Expenses	\$98,541

Revenue is composed of:

- Membership dues and extra donations, including Memorial gifts and Gift Memberships
- Book Sales at the library and Internet book sales
- Investment dividends
- Other small revenues, like sales of book bags, license plate holders, and earphones for computers



### Expenses:

- We pay for all the books, magazines, newspapers, and movies for the Chico branch library
- We contribute Chico's share for eBooks, audio books, and eMagazines
- We buy supplies for library programs
- We pay Summer Reading Program vendors
- Contribute to movie licenses for library movie night
- We fund equipment like book carts, new wheels, book display furniture
- We pay CFOL's Expenses: Printing, Postage, CFOL Insurance, Storage, small board expenses.



## LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES— WorldWide!

*Elizabeth Bergthold, CFOL Board*

I'm sure you've all noticed the Little Free Libraries (LFL) springing up all over town. Well, we are not alone! It is an international movement.

Here is how it all began (the following is gleaned from our national LFL organization).

In 2009, Todd Bol of Hudson, Wisconsin, built a model of a one room schoolhouse. It was a tribute to his mother; she was a teacher who loved to read. He filled it with books and put it in a post in his front yard. His neighbors and friends loved it, so he built several more and gave them away.

On October 18, 2018, Todd Bol passed away from complications of pancreatic cancer. He remained dedicated to Little Free Library's mission to his last days, saying, "I really believe in a Little Free Library on every block and a book in every hand. I believe people can fix their neighborhoods, fix their communities, develop systems of sharing, learn from each other, and see that they have a better place on this planet to live."

Todd's death, just nine years after his first LFL, came shortly after the organization celebrated the landmark 75,000th Little Free Library! Little Free Libraries have continued to grow by leaps and bounds every year. In 2022 the total surpassed 150,000 registered Libraries in more than 115 countries worldwide.

Below are two photos taken by Chico residents in Europe:



*Left: Patrick Newell-Nice, France*



*Right: Nancy Leek-Ruhpolding, Germany*

Annual Meeting with Guest Speaker Mike Wolcott  
Tuesday May 16, 6:30 PM

Members-Only Book Sales ~ Fridays 3:00 to 4:30 PM  
May 5, June 2, July 7

Book Sales, Open to the Public  
Saturdays 9:00–11:30 AM (Except Memorial Day)

### LIBRARY HOURS (as of Jan. 3, 2023)

Our Chico Library is part of the Butte County Library system. Listed below are all Butte County Library branch locations and reduced branch hours in place since January. You may check out and return books at any branch!

#### Chico Branch

1108 Sherman Avenue, Chico, CA 95926

Tuesday 10:00-6:00

Thursday 9:00-6:00

Friday 9:00-5:00

Saturday 10:00-5:00

Sunday, Monday, Wednesday: Closed

#### Biggs Branch

464A B Street, Biggs, CA 95917

Saturday 10:00-5:00

Sunday–Friday: Closed

#### Durham Branch

2545 Durham-Dayton Hwy, Durham, CA 95938

Tuesday 10:00-6:00

Thursday 10:00-6:00

Friday–Monday, Wednesday: Closed

Chico Friends of the  
Butte County Library  
P.O. BOX 6952  
CHICO, CA 95927

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

NON-PROFIT  
ORGANIZATION  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
CHICO, CA  
PERMIT NO. 911

**Gridley Branch**

299 Spruce Street, Gridley, CA 95948

Tuesday 12:00-6:00

Wednesday 10:00-6:00

Friday 10:00-5:00

Saturday–Monday, Thursday: Closed

**Oroville Branch**

1820 Mitchell Ave, Oroville, CA 95966

Wednesday 9:00-5:00

Thursday 10:00-5:00

Friday 10:00-5:00

Saturday 10:00-5:00

Sunday–Tuesday: Closed

**Paradise Branch**

5922 Clark Road, Paradise, CA 95969

Tuesday 10:00-6:00

Saturday 10:00-5:00

Wednesday–Friday, Sunday, Monday: Closed

This coupon admits you, a Chico  
Friends of the Library member, to the  
**“First Friday” Members-Only Book Sale**  
at 3 PM on:

May 5, June 2, July 7!

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