

## Have You Paid Your CFOL Dues?

We are very happy to have received a goodly number of NEW MEMBERSHIPS since our last membership drive in February. But there are always also a few folks who forget to renew. If your membership is not current, this is the last newsletter you will receive!

You can readily renew at <https://www.chicolibrary.org/membership/>, or by using the donor envelopes available during book sales and whenever the library is open!

(If you're not sure, and if you receive this newsletter in printed form, check for an expiration date near your name and address).

## Chico Branch Library Hours and Events

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**Tuesday:** 10:00am-6:00pm  
**Thursday:** 9:00am-6:00pm  
**Friday:** 9:00am-5:00pm  
**Saturday:** 10:00am-5:00pm

### Saturdays Mean Book Sales and Movies at the Library

Our weekly Book Sales provide funds for many library events! So come to the library most Saturdays from **9:00 to 11:30am** for the Book Sale and then come back at **2:00pm** for Movies at the Library (we pay licensing fees for the Saturday afternoon family movies)! Here's the schedule for the next 3 months:

08/05/23	09/09/23	10/07/23
08/12/23	09/16/23	10/14/23
08/19/23	09/23/23	10/21/23
08/26/23	09/30/23	10/28/23

(Please note: Library is closed Labor Day, so no Sale OR Movie.

**Members-only** book sales (usually) take place first-Friday afternoons at 3 pm; August 4, September 8 (not the first), and October 6.

**Looking ahead:** September is Library Card Sign-Up Month. In October, there will be Pumpkin Painting!

**CFOL meetings** are open to the public: third Tuesday of each month, 6:30 PM in the library meeting room.

For a **full calendar** of library events, visit <https://buttecounty.librarycalendar.com/events/month/2023/08?branches%5B98%5D=98>



## Beat the Heat at your Chico Library

*Merle Burbridge, CFOL Board*

Stay cool and enrich your social and intellectual life with a visit to your Chico library.

With comfortable chairs and free air conditioning provided by Butte County, what better place to while away the hottest hours of the day on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Story times, family movies, and other activities entertain and enlighten children and adults. You are also likely to meet friends and neighbors seeking relief from the heat.

And while you are there, consider joining the **Chico Friends of the Library** if you are not already a member! CFOL is the organization that provides funding for many of the events and activities at the library, including the recent bat demonstration by



norcalbats.org. Ask for a membership envelope from any staff member.



## From CFOL's President

*Brenda Crotts, CFOL Board President*

Summer finally arrives in Chico and the fiscal year ends. There were some intense days of worry concerning the library budget for 2023/2024. What we have for the next year is not great, but better than what was being considered!

The Chico Library will continue with the current schedule (Tuesday 10-6; Thursday & Friday 9-5 and Saturday 10-5). The supervisors voted unanimously to use one-time reserve funds to keep the county's libraries at current funding level.

Thank you to all who emailed your supervisor or were present and spoke of the importance of libraries as a community resource, cooling or warming station, and a social space for all ages to feel welcome and safe.

The county has also put out a Request For Proposal seeking a firm to assess the feasibility of placing a revenue ballot measure on an upcoming election; to guide the Board of Supervisors through a discussion of various approaches; and to conduct public education and outreach, if the Board of Supervisors places a ballot measure on an upcoming election.

Low tax rates create challenges to the county in providing services residents desire. The general fund is spent primarily on public safety and library services.

As a long-time Butte County librarian, I have experienced the roller coaster of good and lean budget years. I look forward to the library finally having what we have been needing—Sustainable Funding.

CFOL purchases books, periodicals, furnishings, program supplies, movie licensing fees and pays presenters to offer educational programs for all ages. Did you know 165 attended the recent bat program? Twenty+ teens are coming to enjoy weekly activities and enjoy the branch teen space.

Thanks to the members who volunteer, donate books and other materials to CFOL, and purchase from the lobby and weekly book sales Thank you for making a lean budget year better for the community by being a Friends of the Library member.

## The Board of Supervisors

The public may send email to the Board of Supervisors by emailing [clerkoftheboard@buttecounty.net](mailto:clerkoftheboard@buttecounty.net) Please note: any email sent to the entire Board, is entered into the public record as *Board Correspondence*.

Individual Supervisors may be emailed as well:

- [BConnelly@ButteCounty.net](mailto:BConnelly@ButteCounty.net)
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## CFOL Financial Report: Fiscal Year 2022-2023

*Diane Friedman, CFOL Treasurer*

CFOL has been working hard raising and spending money. Our major sources of income are book sales, memberships, and a few larger donations. Our major expenses are books for the library's shelves, eBooks, and digital movies & TV. And, we are always very happy to support library program supplies for everybody from children to adults.

What we don't spend money on is staff salaries or open library hours (it's in the bylaws). Our community needs to find a way to sustainably fund regular open library hours!

Here are some of our income and expense categories for the fiscal year July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This isn't everything but it will give you an idea.

<u>INCOME</u>	
Book Sales	\$ 62,000
Memberships & Donations	\$ 40,000
<u>EXPENSES</u>	
Library Improvements	\$ 7,000
Library Programs	\$ 3,800
Library Books, Movies, Magazines, Movies	\$ 90,000





## Chico Library is 40... from the CFOL Historian

*Linda Elliott, CFOL Board*

Just a reminder, joining the Chico Friends of the Library enrolls you in Chico history!

40 years ago...

The April 18, 1983 article from the Chico Enterprise Record entitled: “Chico’s new library dedicated” noted that “Chico’s long and arduous struggle for a new public library officially ended Saturday with the formal dedication of the Chico branch of the Butte County Library.” The doors to the new library were opened on February 22, 1984.

At the 1983 dedication, John Nopel presented a history. In 1877 John Bidwell among others signed the initial certificate of incorporation for the Chico Public Library Association. The establishment of the Chico Free Public Library came in 1879. The library was first housed in the John Bidwell Building at First and Broadway, then moved to Second and Salem Streets in 1905 into the new Carnegie Building—now the Chico History Museum.

It was also noted in 1983 that the new library cost \$1.4 million and was financed through the Butte County Library Corp. “It encompasses 23,000 square feet and now contains more than 60,000 books, periodicals and other items.” Subsequent articles that year noted the need for additional support for landscaping around the library, and a lawsuit was filed “challenging the financing of new libraries in Chico and Gridley and alleging supervisors illegally set up the non-profit library corporation to float a \$2.8 million bond issue without going to an election.”



## Little Free Libraries

*Elizabeth Berghold, CFOL Board*

Last time I was in Oak Way Park, I was pleased to see the LFL getting serious attention from a Bicyclist! Fortunately, our LFLs have been recently ignored by vandals. When I checked on them this



month, they were also all well stocked. The stewards are doing a fine job!

Many thanks to all who are involved in this important project! These boxes, most of which are cleverly decorated by Christine MacShane, go a long way in promoting literacy. The LFLs contain books for adults and kids of all ages. I especially love that free books are available to kids, right in their neighborhoods! Let’s keep those little whippersnappers READING!



## Book Sale News

*Nancy Leek, CFOL Board Vice-President*

The weekly Chico Friends of the Library book sale continues to be an excellent fundraiser for CFOL. Earnings for the 2022-23

fiscal year (including internet sales) came to \$61,132. That buys a lot of new books!

Donations continue to come in daily. We appreciate all donations, but please keep in mind that we want books and media in clean and saleable condition. If your box of books has been sitting in your garage for a while, check it before you drop it off. No one likes to open a box to find cockroaches or a black widow spider. (Yes, that has happened!)

The Book Sale crew needs more volunteers to help with set-up on Friday mornings. Most of the work consists of setting up tables and moving boxes of books, but not all jobs require strong muscles. Volunteers to sort and shelve magazines, cookbooks, and books by popular authors are also needed.

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Whether you are a donor, a volunteer, a customer of the CFOL Book Sale (or all three!), thanks for making it a success!

This coupon admits you, a Chico Friends of the Library member, to the **“First Friday” Members-Only Book Sale** at 3 PM on:  
August 4, September 8, and October 6!  
*Sales are held on the first Friday of the month before the first public Saturday sale each month.*