

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2016

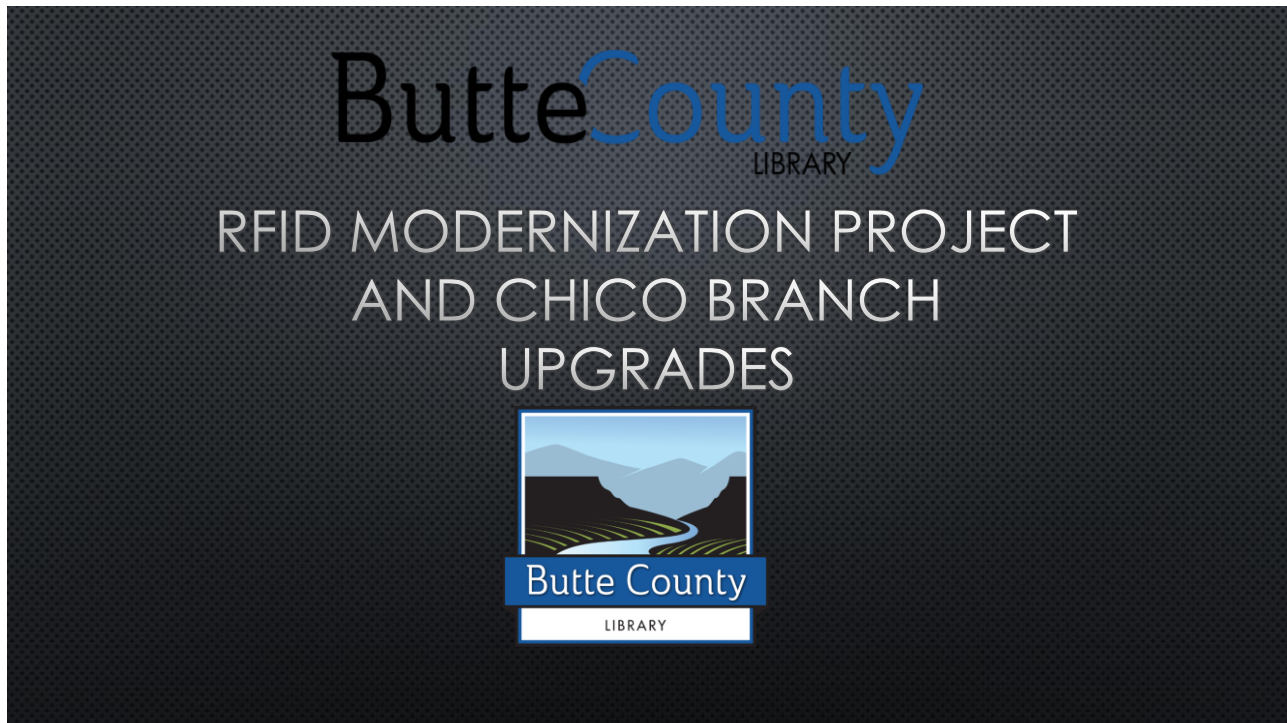
Present: Margaret Bomberg, Patti Conlin, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Marian Milling, Mary Wahl, Brenda Crotts.

Absent: Deborah Cobb, Susan Davis, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Rupert McDowell, Jen Rold.

Guests: Oliver Allen, Melanie Lightbody, T.J. Cowles, Grant Hunsaker, Larry Wahl.

Meeting was called to order by President Ann Elliott at 7:00 pm. Welcome and Introductions made. County Librarian Mel Lightbody introduced herself and the special presentation made by Oliver.

Special Presentation: Staff member **Oliver Allen** gave a PowerPoint talk on the new RFID system which is currently being introduced at all library branches. The tagging of most items is done, and Chico is now awaiting arrival of equipment. The essence of RFID is that it will be quicker, more accurate and efficient than the previous circulation system. RFID has been in use in libraries for about 15 years so it is tested. Here's a link to Oliver's short and clear presentation which will also be made at the other branches soon.



At the end, Oliver segued into discussion of the remodel necessary to implement RFID and to improve patron flow and comfort. Coming soon will be:

*Reorganization of the computer area, increasing the number of stations from 12 to 17, and they will have privacy carrels.

*The front door entrance from the lobby into the main library will be moved to the middle of the space, and the other door currently used blocked off. This will make for better flow and easier theft detection. The Children's Room will have its access modified and will have an exit into the lobby directly.

*Teen Area (Young Adult) will be rearranged and get new paint and flooring with some dramatic design that will appeal to young people.

*A Makerspace will go where the current Reference Desk is. Plans are to put the 3-D printer, a sewing machine, a laminator, an Ellison machine, and a button-maker there. Funds currently available may not cover completion of that area; it must be set off in some way and secured to protect the equipment.

T.J. Cowles from the county amplified and added to what Oliver said. T.J. said that work will begin on Oct. 17. Major things to happen are reconfiguring the entrance door and then reworking the computer area, reference, and teen areas. He expects completion to be the end of November.

Grant Hunsaker, General Services Director for the county, confirmed the dates that T.J. presented but also emphasized that the work schedule will be flexible to accommodate library programs and special events. Both he and TJ told of how the "construction climate" has changed in the past year: contractors are now very busy all over the county and therefore are submitting higher bids or none at all. In the latter case, General Services has approached some contractors directly and negotiated. In view of this, it appears there will be a shortfall of funds to accomplish all that was originally planned with this revamp. If the Teen Area is refurbished as planned, then Makerspace can't be fully completed. Figures were not written down, but the shortfall was in the neighborhood of \$20,000-30,000. Since a quorum wasn't present for CFOL and there wasn't time to discuss this, no action was taken. Current promised funds will be used to finish out the Teen Area as planned and to do as much as possible in Makerspace.

Business Meeting

For lack of a quorum and of time, the usual formal business meeting became a general discussion without department reports. Items discussed were:

*Red Yarn Children's Program on Oct. 6 at 3 pm.

http://www.buttecounty.net/Portals/28/RedYarn_flyer2016.pdf

Sheryl Hubbard and children's staff are handling this with support from CFOL; 300 are expected to attend. A sign-up was passed around to help that day. In advance, Marian will procure cups and napkins. Mary and Patti will get food and help with setup (Patti).

*Newsletter—hoping for an early October issue. Deadline is Sept. 27 for articles that have been assigned. Kelsey McGee is no longer editing so articles should be sent directly to Ann Elliott annonfire@gmail.com.

*Quilt Drawing-Margaret Bomberg, chair. To be held on Nov. 5. Margaret circulated a signup to sell tickets in the library lobby prior to the event. More promotion and a hanging of the quilt are forthcoming.

*Trivia Bee—Publicity is available in the library and on the library's web page. Tickets will be available soon if not already at the front desk. The event is on Friday, Oct. 28 at 6 pm at Sierra Nevada Big Room.

*Book Sale Volunteer Lunch

Diane has organized a thank-you lunch for the book sale volunteers to be held on Oct. 13 at Nashes at noon. Any interested CFOL board member is welcome to attend.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 pm.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18