



Butte County Library

County Librarian's Report
For the Library Advisory Board

May – July, 2017

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Administration – Mel Lightbody, County Librarian

We have hired two new staff members for Library Administration and one for all libraries.

Mariana Olvera joins us as the new Financial Technician. Mariana brings a wealth of experience with non-profits and grant accounting. Mariana is tasked with making sure our bills are paid and that we're following all County procedures and policies in our branches. She's also doing library statistics. Be looking for improvements in our reporting to you.



Michele Gile will be our new permanent Senior Administrative Assistant. The big news for the Library Advisory Board is that she replaces Heidi Mitchell as your staff and assistant.

Michelle comes to the department from Children's Services, formerly CPS and for most of her career was a legal secretary.

Either Mariana or Michele may be answering the phone but Michele is your new go-to. We're sure happy they both are here.

Finally, we are glad to have a new countywide children's librarian in place. **Ashley Kane** joins us from a school library which she was the librarian. She's a new graduate of library school and brings lots of enthusiasm and ideas for working with our children and families.



Literacy – Heather Tovey, Literacy Coordinator

- May 5: Thanks to an allocation from Butte/Glenn Adult Ed. Consortium and our Butte College partner, Literacy Services hosted a Northern CA Regional Tutor Training, May 5th in Chico, CA. 62 folks attended the event with coordinators and tutors from Shasta, Sutter, Napa, Roseville, etc. including 27 tutors from our very own Butte County Library, Literacy Services.
- May/June: Siobhan and Heather continue to offer presentations regarding Literacy Services for Butte College’s Job Skills Workshop for Chico/Oroville Employment Centers
- May/June/July: Literacy staff (**Siobhan O’Neil** and Heather) as Touchpoint facilitators continue to train Fresno Public Library
- May 18, 19 and 20: 2 adult learners from Butte County Library, Literacy Services attend the Adult Learner Leadership Institute (State Library program) at the Shasta Public Library.
- May 23: As a result of Literacy’s participation in Butte Quality Initiative (BCOE) grant, each library branch received a personal delivery of Build-a-Band fun to use with their programming. Materials were specific to phonological awareness play.
- June: November 17th will be the 11th annual Trivia Bee for Literacy at the Sierra Nevada Big Room!
- June 3: Newly formed BCL Friends of Literacy Services make an appearance at the Chico Farmers Market!!!
- June 26: Literacy Services takes their *KinderGo; a library playshop* to the Paradise Branch for the 4th year in a row!!!
- July 28: Attended Northern California Literacy Coalition at the Woodland Public Library and receive a training from US Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Chico Branch – Brenda Crotts, Branch Librarian

- Summer Library Program for all age levels consumed much of staff and volunteer time. Programs:
 - Children’s: 30 w/ attendance of 164
 - Preschool: 15/1266
 - School age: 15/377
 - YA: 6/121
 - Adult: 7/152
- Our first VR Experience program attracted 29 individuals, 13 through adult

- Social Security Administration is coming 3rd Wednesday of each month for 2 hours to assist the public with online sign-up and other questions
- VA Financial coach comes the 4th Wednesday of every other month to assist veterans. Her next visit is October 25 from 1-4pm (includes informational meeting and individual appointments)
- Landscaping for water conservation in branch planting areas
- Reorganization of staff workroom for efficiency

Gridley, Biggs, Durham – Cynthia Pustejovsky, Branch Librarian

During “Week of the Young Child”, Biggs, Durham and Gridley had special story times and distributed free books – “Dragons Love Tacos”

Gridley

- In recognition of Red Suspenders Days May 19 & 20, **Aiko Hori** invited the Fire Department to the Wednesday Kid’s Activity program.
- McKinley Elementary School scheduled 7 First Grade and 7 Kindergarten end-of-the-year class visits.
- Aiko planned weekly programs for Summer Reading.
- Gridley’s Bibliotheca locker system for 24/7 hold pick up and book return has been installed.
- **Dale Wangberg** partnered with Gridley Museum for “Tales from Tule Lake: The True Story of Jim Tanimoto, An American Citizen Interred during WWII”. Mr. Tanimoto told of his time at Tule Lake

Durham

- Dale gave a presentation to Durham Exchange Club. He covered the history of Butte County Historical Society, the library partnering with BCHS in digitizing local history for the State Library’s California Revealed project, Durham’s local history resources, and the resources available on Durham Friends of the Library preservation media website.
- **Christy Williford** partnered with DFOL for a library craft/information booth at Durham’s 100th Annual Parade and Picnic
- Christy planned weekly programs for Summer Reading, Teddy Bear sleepover was popular again this year, partnered with DFOL for weekly Crafternoon

Biggs

- **Pat Nohrnberg** had drop-in board games, coloring pages, and word puzzles for Summer Reading

- **Ashley Kane** and Pat had a Saturday morning “Amazing Mazes” program for kids 5-12

Oroville Branch, Sarah Vantrease Asst. Dir and Branch Librarian

- The Library participated in the statewide “Library Bingo” adult program in May.
- In May, Oroville Branch featured a presentation by Mr. Jim Tanimoto, an American citizen interned at Tule Lake during World War II, who shared about his experience. This project was sponsored in part by the California Center for the Book “Californians: Community Conversations” grant project.
- In June-July, 317 children and teens signed up for the Summer Reading Program. Oroville Branch had 5-6 children’s or teen programs weekly from June 13 through the first week of August. The Oroville Friends of the Library sponsored the Summer Reading Program and paid for two special events, a magic show and a wild animal show.
- The Branch was a free summer meals site for Oroville. About 400 meals were served over the course of the summer, three days a week. The meals were prepared by Butte County Office of Education (CalKidz) and the program was also sponsored by the California Library Association. Teen volunteers helped set up and serve the food. See photo below.
- Staff participated in the O.A.R.S. Teen Volunteer/Career Fair, visited every classroom at Ophir Elementary, and did outreach at two Oroville community events, the Peb Family Fun Day and the Juneteenth Festival.
- **Ashley Cane** came aboard in July as the new Countywide Children’s Librarian. In this role, she will also oversee direct service to children and families at the Oroville Branch.
- **Susanna Wesenfeld**, Senior Library Assistant, has resigned to take a professional librarian position at Sacramento Public Library. We hope to fill this vacancy very soon.



Paradise Branch, Susie Serrano, Branch Librarian

- Our Summer Reading Challenge has over 400 sign-ups and staff have presented a variety of programs while rewarding readers with new paperbacks for their home libraries.
- **Paula Tarrant**, Susie, **Thu Tran**, JoJo and Kimberly Nelms, an Early Learning Quality Specialist with BCOE, presented KinderGo! A kindergarten readiness program with 60 people attending from over 20 families.
- **Rhoda Boyd** started our first ever Summer Sundays Series featuring programs, speakers and workshops for Adult Summer Reading program
- **Karen Rigby** attended the Serving Customers with Disabilities training in Chico
- We had our 3rd Self Check installed and new wiring in the staff workroom to allow another staff station and relocation of the PFOL computer
- 3rd Annual Bookclub Social had 54 in attendance; Karen planned an excellent program with the Branch Librarian
- Susie spoke to the Retired Teachers group in Paradise about the new RFID systems and the history of checkout

- Paula attended the Butte County Baby Shower and promoted the BCL and hosted class visits at the Library before school let out for the summer
- Rhoda attended the Paradise Chocolate Fest promoting the Library and presented a craft