

# Butte County Library

## County Librarian's Report For the Library Advisory Board

*January thru March, 2018*

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### Administration – Mel Lightbody, County Librarian

We are saying hello and goodbye here at Administration. We are saying goodbye to **Sarah Vantrease**, assistant library director, who has a wonderful opportunity to join family and work for Sonoma County Library. We know she will do well there. We are saying hello to **Sylvia Gutierrez**, who has joined us as the new extra help Financial Technician.

We are welcoming two staff members into new roles. **Ashley Cane** will be the acting branch librarian in Oroville likely through summer and **Alex Chen**, a library assistant in Chico, has been promoted to IS technician association serving the Library. Congratulations to both! Finally, we are officially welcoming **Emily Goehring** as the new Paradise Librarian. Emily grew up in Paradise so she's returning home.

As we've been told all along this year's county budget is a tight one though we don't yet know the impact on our libraries. We won't know for sure until the recommended budget comes out in May.

Finally, the Library Advisory Board welcomes **Joey Brett/Durham** and **Nancy Brower/Oroville**! We are very glad to have them.

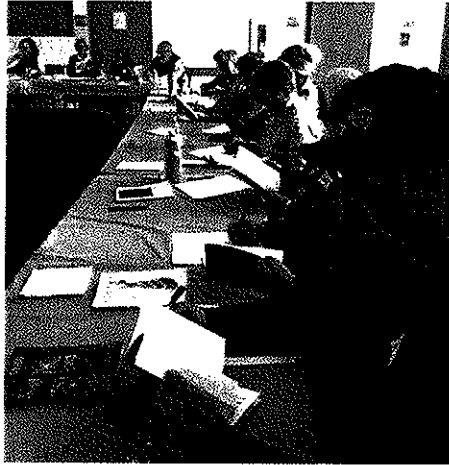
### Literacy – Heather Tovey, Literacy Coordinator

- In January 2018 we trained 10 more volunteer tutors.
- Literacy Services was happy to collaborate with the County-wide Children's Librarian in providing a presentation for 23 classroom teachers from Child Development Programs and Services/BCOE
- Literacy staff is preparing to host the State Library's Adult Learner Leadership Institute (ALLI) in May 2018. There is a total of 4 ALLI trainings offered by the

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State Library and Butte County Library, Literacy is hosting one. ALLI is a 3 day leadership training for adult learners. The trainers/instructors are all adult learners who have previously graduated from ALLI. **Please join us 10:00 a.m. on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Chico Branch Library for the ALLI participants speeches and graduation.**

- A combination of volunteer tutors and adult learners totaling 23 attended “Let Your Words Loose” writing workshop with Susan Wooldridge (photo below). BCL Friends of Literacy Services even made homemade cookies for attendees to enjoy while they were having some fun with words!



- Butte County Library, Literacy Services is participating on a California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) planning committee for the upcoming CLLS coordinator’s conference in September 2018.
- In March 2018 the Literacy Services coordinator attended a CLLS planning meeting with the State Librarian and 17 other California literacy coordinators to start developing a shared understanding of the program.

### Chico Branch – Susie Serrano, Branch Librarian

- Chico branch held an all-ages jazz concert by the Bay Area ensemble 'Charged Particles' on February 10. The band set up in front of the Maker Lab. Thank you to CFOL for sponsoring this event.
- All staff are learning the Virtual Reality and 3D printing and other resources in the Maker Lab so they will be comfortable helping patrons. A Grand Opening will be planned for May.
- Congratulations to Alex who was hired as our new Information Systems Technician for the Butte County Library. This position will be housed mostly in Chico with ability to travel to the various Branches when needed.
- School tours have been going very well thanks to greater all-staff involvement and a wide variety of schools visiting the library. We also visited Neal Dow School’s

After School Program and presented information about the library to 60 children and 10 adults on February 23.

- We honored our amazing volunteers with a potluck in the conference room on March 1st. We will host a pizza party for the Teen Volunteers on a Saturday in April.
- Children's Librarian, **Kimberlee Wheeler**, has been working with the Countywide Children's Librarian, **Ashley Cane**, on summer library program planning, and co-hosting Youth Services meetings. Wheeler also attended the State Library's regional meeting on Early Learning with Families (ELF) in Sausalito on March 19, in conjunction with the Bay Area Discovery Museum.
- Patrons that come into the library on Sunday really love the library being open on Sundays. It is a day of the week that is more relaxed for many people and we have lots of regulars that visit on Sundays
- J.A. Jance, New York Times Bestselling Author visited the Chico Library March 27th for a talk and book signing for around 80 people. Big thanks to the CFOL for organizing!

Gridley, Biggs, Durham – Cynthia Pustejovsky, Branch Librarian

### **Biggs**

- Two special after school programs for ages 5 -12 years led by Countywide Children's Librarian, **Ashley Cane**
- Tuesday Kids Activity Afternoon –activities vary weekly: Legos, puzzles, board games, magnetic tiles, coloring pages and crafting led by extra help staff
- Display of Disaster Recovery and Emergency Preparation books
- Starting to plan for Summer Reading

### **Durham**

- Yearly visit from Durham Recreation & Park District's Cubby Care Pre-school – introduction to library and story time – Christy
- New locking windowed cabinet to house local history resources and pictures
- Biweekly afterschool Crafternoon
- Starting to plan for Summer Reading

### **Gridley**

- Authors Larry Matthews and Scott Roberts discussed and presented a slide show about their book "Lost Communities of Lake Oroville.
- Kaleidoscope and the library hosted Poetry Out Loud contest for Gridley High students. Winner advanced to the State competition.
- Twenty students from Wilson's after-school program visited the library and brought posters they made for Kindness Day.
- Two Manzanita middle school class visits

- Sycamore Middle School Club Fair –Ashley represented Butte County library, shared a booth with school librarian, Victoria Rich
- Starting to plan for Summer Reading
- Library and Department of Employment and Social Services (DESS) have partnered to offer DESS's One Stop in the Gridley/Biggs area. The drop-in program offers a variety of services, including job application assistance, resume building, job searching, interviewing skills, and resource materials. DESS representative is at the library 1-5pm every Tuesday.

### Digital Van

- Three Labor Camp residents are now United States citizens. They have participated in our digital literacy program since Feb 2017. They used USA Learns for English practice and preparing for their citizenship interview. Both completed their INS Form-400 using our laptops and followed their application procedures at the Camp through their respective emails. Three other residents are in the process.
- Working with Butte College for English as a Second Language, (ESL) classes and informational meetings about the college and its programs and services
- Participated in Butte College Migrant Education enrollment
- Hosted United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) presentation for Camp residents

### Oroville Branch, Ashley Cane, County Wide Children's Librarian and Interim Oroville Branch Librarian

- The branch offered special programs the first week of January for kids and teens on school vacation, including Minecraft art projects, Wii video game party and make-your-own bouncy balls.
- The branch experienced about 30 security or safety incidents ranging from a patron banned for intoxication/abusive language, to patrons falling ill, to drugs/alcohol found in the library, making use of the resources of Oroville Police Department, EMT staff from the Fire Department and Elite Security Guards to help solve the problems or handle the situations.
- Free Tax Help, provided by AARP volunteers, is offered at the library 6 hours/week from early February through tax day in April, a much needed service for the Oroville community.
- The South Oroville African American Historical Society presented a lecture and slide show highlighting the development of Southside Oroville as a standalone community from the 1940s through 1970. This is the second annual partnership between the Oroville branch and SOAAHS.
- Oroville's adult print collection was "weeded" to withdraw books that are no longer needed, such as those that are obsolete, superseded, damaged or duplicate copies of previously popular materials.

- In March, Countywide children’s librarian Ashley presented information about resources available for families at the library and the importance of reading to young children to area parents and preschool students in partnership with the Butte County Office of Education. A few parents who attended these outreach sessions have already brought their children in to apply for library cards.

## Paradise Branch, Emily Goehring, Branch Librarian

- **Emily** started as the Branch Librarian on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- **Paula Tarrant** attended the Family Resource Event hosted by Pine Ridge and Cedarwood schools. Paula spoke to families and distributed flyers with library programs for school age children, Discover and Go, and the branch calendar.
- **Karen Rigby** created a very successful interactive display, “Blind Date with a Book”. 94 “Blind Dates” were checked out. 50% were returned with a “Rate Your Date” slip and entered into a drawing.
- “Rate Your Date” slips were featured on the endcaps within the library. Three winners were chosen for a Michaels’ gift card, all other participants were able to choose a book prize.
- **Karen** is planning the 4<sup>th</sup> annual Book Club Social. There will be activities to bring members of different book clubs together in a fun interactive way.
- For Love Your Library Month, patrons were able to purchase paper hearts through the PFOL to fund new children’s books. They were able to write a note on the hearts, which were then featured on the entrance doors. This Friends fundraiser raised \$89.16 towards new children’s material.

