



Butte County Library

County Librarian's Report
For the Library Advisory Board

November, December 2016

Administration, Mel Lightbody,

- **Heidi Mitchell** has taken a new position with Caring for Women, a pregnancy ministry not too far from the Oroville Library. She will be missed.
- **Tina (Christina) Moralez** will be replacing Heidi on a short term basis until there is a decision on how to fill the position.
- **Mel Lightbody**, presented two programs at the California Library Association conference; one on rural librarianship and one on intellectual freedom
- RFID will do hard/official launch on 1/30/2017
- The annual budget process will begin in January

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Paradise, Susie Serrano

- New Program! Baby Storytime, ages birth to 18 mos, every Tuesday at 11:15am
- The parking lot extension project, paid for primarily by PFOL, to create a drive-thru & walkway connecting the Paradise Library & Masonic Lodge is now complete. A Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting is set for January 19th at 5:30 p.m
- One Stop Job Assistance is now available 2 days a week Tuesdays & Thursdays 12-5. January 17th an Open house is scheduled from 1-3p.m.
- The PFOL board has approved the purchase of a 3rd self-check system. Thank you PFOL.

Oroville Branch – Sarah Vantrease, Branch Librarian

- **Sarah Vantrease** attended the California Library Association conference in Sacramento and presented on the “Your Mind Matters” project.
- The weekly Tuesday afternoon Knit-Crochet club has become so popular that some of its regular attendees asked the library to add Wednesday morning Knit-Crochet club as well. The club has been ongoing for over two years now.
- New donated board games have been added to the circulating collection just in time for the local schools’ winter vacation break!
- **Sarah Vantrease** tabled at an employee benefits fair at Gold Country Casino, interacting with dozens of casino staff to share about the library’s “benefits” for the staff and their families.
- The soft launch of the “self check” project (RFID) has been warmly embraced by library users who are enjoying the ease of the check-out process with new self-

check machines. Meanwhile, staff are working hard to learn the nuances of the system and serve patrons most effectively with this new technology, particularly the new smart book drop.

- On 12/29/16, Library Assistant **Sky Campbell** transferred to the Oroville branch.

Chico branch, Brenda Crotts

November 2016:

- Branch & Children's librarian attended California Library Association Conference in Sacramento.
- Staff both gathered ideas to use in the branch once AMH (automated materials handling) is up and running.
- New staff work area, more space for breaks from work, remodel aspects continue.

December 2016:

- Local musical group - Yule Logs entertained around 400 in the east side of the main public area of the branch. Thank you CFOL.
- New store front including doors, additional entry to children's room, laminate put in public computer area, 3 self check machines arrived and installed - started using immediately. Public like how quick check out us with the new machines.
- Security gates installed and waiting for AMH to activate.
- Two new LA staff and a volunteer are planning a new teen program to begin in January.
- Holiday Buy The Book successful once again. Patrons are so very happy to purchase books honoring family and friends.
- AMH arriving a month later than anticipated - 1/5/17.
- Staff are anxious to see the project completed.
- We have new Zones defined and ready to put staff in place.

Gridley, Biggs, Durham, Cynthia Pustejovsky

- Gridley patron created a military display in commemoration of 75th Anniversary of Pearl Harbor and beginning of WWII
- RFID tagging for preparation for self-check, self-check station installed in Gridley, staff tagging pads installed in Gridley & Durham
- DFOL hosted holiday Crafternoons 2-6 pm Tuesdays – drop in activity for families
- Gridley Holiday Parade of Lights – **Cynthia Pustejovsky** helped at Gridley branch AAUW's hot chocolate & popcorn booth

- Biggs Holiday Tree Lighting – **Pat Nohrnberg** attended

Literacy, Heather Tovey

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- The 10th annual Trivia Bee for Literacy is a success. Please be sure to visit the Literacy Event page on Butte County Library's webpage for more details on the evening. You do not want to miss Amanda Huntington's story who was our 2016 Champion of Literacy.
- Literacy Services is very excited to be planning our Adult Education Block Grant (AEBG) project. AEBG project will include a day-long conference with the opportunity for our volunteer tutors to dig deeper into the best practices associated with helping adults learning to read and write.
- We are happy to announce the formation of the Butte County Library Friends of Literacy Services!!