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Chico Friends of the Library Sponsor New Circulation Desk Project at Chico Branch Library

March 21, 2012, Oroville, Ca---An exciting new project is underway at the Chico Branch Library. After many years of supporting a huge volume of patron traffic, the Circulation Desk is currently being remodeled, thanks to the ongoing and generous support of the Chico Friends of the Library. Later, new floor coverings will be installed. The replacement of the Circulation Desk is expected to last approximately four weeks, and marks only a temporary shift in day to day service at the library. A simple detour has been created to guide visitors into the main branch, while also allowing patrons and their families to see the remarkable changes taking place in the Circulation area each day.

During this remodel period, patrons are asked to return books, DVDs, and any borrowed materials through the drop-box depository located outside of the library on the parking lot side of the building. This will help library staff manage items until the new desk is complete. The way to enter the library is through a door to the children's room, located off of the main breezeway. A sign is positioned outside of the door and is a clearly marked entry point which takes the patron into the children's room where two temporary Circulation computers are located. Staff will happily help check out books at the Children's desk area, and two more check-out computers are located at the main Reference Desk for convenience.

The Chico branch is maintaining regular hours of operation Monday through Saturday throughout this phase of the remodel project in order to best serve the community. The library is offering all normal services during the transition period, including Wi-Fi connectivity, public internet computer availability, Storytimes, events, and reference services. In January of this year alone, 28,808 people visited the Chico branch library, over 50,000 items were checked out, and nearly 4,700 people utilized the public internet stations. The new Circulation Desk will also feature the self check-out machines that patrons have been enjoying for over a year, thus streamlining the entire process for all visitors.

For added convenience, patrons may also visit the library website 24 hours a day, seven days a week at <http://www.buttecounty.net/bclibrary> to check account status, renew loans, request books from other branches, access databases and tutors, check out eBooks and much more.

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