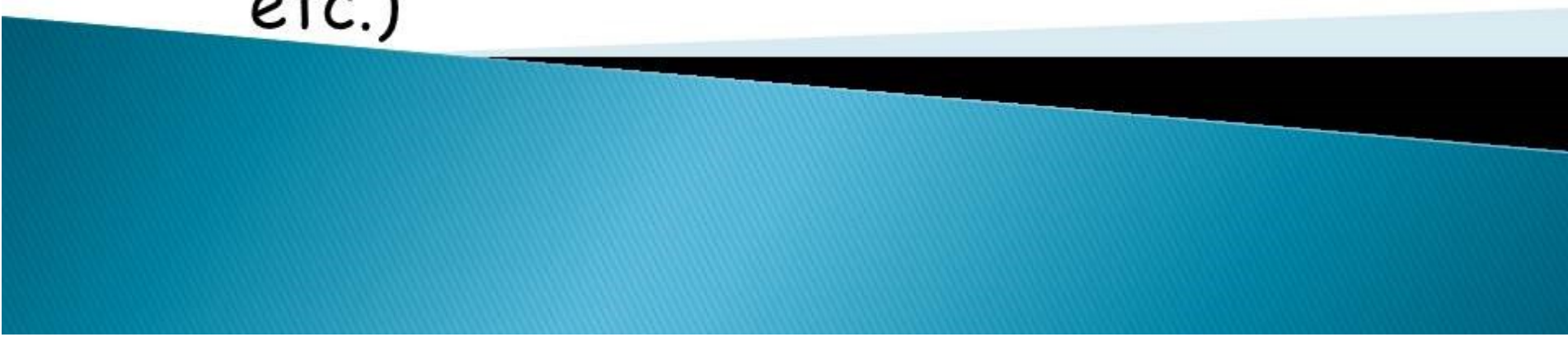


Partners

- Board members
 - Patrons
 - Girl/Boy Scouts
 - School district
 - Parent/Teacher Organizations
 - Teachers
 - Other civic organizations (CC, EDC, etc.)
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Funding Library Programs

- As a non-profit library we often have to get creative about stretching our budgets to assure funds are available to cover every aspect of library operations.
- Many libraries rely on Friends groups and grants to fund anything outside the normal operations of the library. For the non-profit other options are available. CPL seeks community partnerships to accomplish its summer programming needs. Rather than requiring that the non-profit gather statistics and spend hours filling out grant applications, community partnerships are a more personal approach to securing support for the library. Once established, these partnerships can be used to demonstrate community support for larger projects requiring grant funds.
- As a non-profit it is important to establish partnerships within the community. The non-profit's most important partnership is between the Board of Directors and the Library Director to clearly communicate the needs of the Library and ensure funds are allocated.
- Patrons are valuable partners in providing community programming. They are a great resource for volunteers, supplies, treats, etc. Donation drives are a good way to reduce program costs. CPL is currently holding a Lego donation drive to establish Family Lego Day programs.
- Girl and Boy Scouts troops can make amazing partners for the non-profit. Chico Girl Scouts provide 90% of program supplies. They also make great volunteers and program facilitators. Our group was responsible for running our bounce houses during Chico Fest last year. In return, we donated half of our profits to their group. In return, we donated half of our profits to their group.

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- Your local school district is a vital resource for programming. Introduce your library to school teachers, secretaries and principals. Every program provided by CPL during the school year is publicized through the schools. Pdf flyers are sent by email and the school prints and distributes them reducing our print fees.
- Parent/Teacher Organizations are wonderful partners. To better promote library services we began providing Summer Reading kick-off programs to elementary and middle school campuses. The first year the funds came from our regular program budget. The two years following school parent/teacher organizations took on half the cost. National Honor Society students are great volunteers. Teachers are great program facilitators and will make sure that everyone knows how awesome your library is!
- Other civic organizations want to be associated with any group that seeks to improve the community. A Chamber of Commerce will most likely have non-profit status as well and can be a great way to communicate library needs to the business community. CPL partners with the chamber to provide eBooks and programs.
- The programs planned for CPL summer reading all come from the free CSRP materials and will be provided using the same budget we once used for just six programs. CPL has done this by moving away from providing expensive paid performers and seeking out partnerships with local artists, story tellers, and community members who have the same skills. This greatly reduces our costs and invites community involvement by showcasing local talent, organizations and businesses.