



Advocacy, Support, and Communication *For Our Public Libraries*

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What We Do Make Holidays Memorable

These beautiful gift baskets were sold at December's Library Tree Lane. See Pg. 2 for the full story.

Boy Scouts and their leaders provided free cartage services for the buyers at the Gala. As the winning bidder of 30 baskets, your Editor was happy to use their service!



We found an international book market.

Two years ago **Friends** received a huge donation of impressive literary classics, elegant leather bound books. We have been selling a few a year. Sue Bunyon, Amazon Coordinator, reports two large sales in December to a resident of China. It takes some negotiation and price manipulation to manage these sales. Shipping internationally is expensive. The remaining 30 books may head to China in 2017. It's gratifying to know our books have extended life all over the world. Our most frequent foreign sales are to Canada and Australia.

November's book sale was a stunning \$3043.50 success!

A generous Santa and Mrs. Claus again agreed to match our November sale, this year up to \$3,000, as a donation to Library Tree Lane. So we gobbled up all available merchandise to meet that goal. Assorted Christmas items were well-priced and exquisitely displayed. Our fine assortment of books, audio visual media, games and multi-volume book sets contributed to the bounty of our sale.

We'd like to send love to **Midge Wilkerson** who is recuperating from a bad fall. Midge was our volunteer coordinator for many years.

Who We Are

Friends of Henderson Libraries is dedicated to growing the community of passionate library patrons in Henderson. Our mission is to support the programs and services of the Henderson Libraries through fundraising and volunteers.

Over the past 16 years, **Friends of Henderson Libraries** has actively raised money through monthly used-book sales, Amazon on-line sales, library book stores, the Library Tree Lane Gala, membership and donations. We are a volunteer organization with over 99% of the money raised donated to Henderson Libraries. In fiscal year 2016, **Friends of Henderson Libraries** raised over \$210,000.

Cindy Vallar, Membership Chair

Join us in supporting the Henderson Public Library District. **To become a Friend, please go on line to www.hdplfriends.org.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Book Sales Schedule

January 12-18 Paseo Verde Library (Closed MLK Day)

January 27-31 Gibson Library

February 17-22 Green Valley Library

February 23-28 Paseo Verde Library

March 10-14 Gibson Library

March 23-28 Paseo Verde Library

EVENT: Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

April 26, 8:30 am Green Valley Library

Usual Book Sales Schedule:

Paseo Verde sales begin *Thursday at 9:00 am*. **Friends** may enter at 8:30 am. Sale of remaining books at \$4 a bag starts *Monday*.

Gibson sales begin *Friday at 9:00 am*. **Friends** may enter at 8:30 am. Sale of books at \$4 bag day starts *Tuesday*.

Green Valley sales begin *Friday at 10:00 am*. **Friends** may enter at 9:30 am. Sale of books at \$4 bag starts *Tuesday*.

President's Letter

GREETINGS,

I hope you all had a great 2016 and are looking forward to a wonderful new year. It was a terrific year for the **Friends of Henderson Libraries**.

Book sales continued at a brisk pace for Amazon Bevy of Books, the book stores and book sales at all branches. And Library Tree Lane was a huge success. We will have the final figures in February but we did surpass 2015. For Julie Buckley, who chaired the event, and all the volunteers who assisted her, we are so grateful. To our donors, sponsors, and attendees - a special thanks, as well. We are closing the doors on LTL after 13 years and hope you will support and participate in our future fundraising events.

This year we had a delightful addition the night before the gala when the famous and much acclaimed author, William Kent Krueger, joined us for a chat and book signing. More than 120 fans attended and we profited from the sales of his books. A special thanks to HDPL's Marcie, Michelle and Lisa for their support.

To all the library staff at Gibson, Green Valley and Paseo Verde branches, a special thanks for your help and cooperation throughout the year.

We participated in many events in 2016. Early in 2016 The Henderson Chamber of Commerce selected **Friends of Henderson Libraries** as one of three finalists for Non-Profit of the Year. Even though we were not the winner, it was an honor to be in the final group of three as there are more than 60 non-profit members of the Chamber.

Friends are anticipating a busy year ahead. We are going to be looking into new and exciting programs, particularly in the fundraising area. We welcome your suggestions. I encourage you to renew your membership and to encourage friends to become members. Membership dues help realize our goal which is to keep our libraries filled with all the new and exciting materials that are available. And to support our local youth in reaching their goals through the programs arranged by the library staff.

I wish you all a HEATHY and JOYOUS 2017!

Marian Brown, President
Friends of Henderson Libraries



*Santa signs off at the Dec. 3
Library Tree Lane Gala!
This was our 13th and final year.
By Julie Buckley, LTL Chair*

It was such a wonderful evening of friends and fundraising! The revenue was over \$42,000, and will result in a donation to purchase books and media for the Henderson

tots-to-teen collection. What a great feeling to be a part of this effort.

We appreciate so many who contributed in various ways, beginning with this year's Honorary chairs Mark and Colleen Hall-Patton. It's impossible to name all the volunteers who made our event successful, but the following folks represent our stalwarts. Collecting donations from generous local businesses started in early spring with Andrea Frazier, Dana Sheehan, Glyn Taylor and Diane Collins. That led to the creativity of building appealing gift baskets, a true art done by many: Andrea Frazier, Diane Collins, Joy Tweddle, Laura Cyr, Elaine Schwartz, Teri Biordi, Donna Marchese, Tina Matheson, Kathleen Luttrell, Janett Rice, Glyn Taylor, Dahl Capello, Diane Frisby, Cindi Zidell, as well as myself. Donna Marchese made the beautiful bows for book bundles.

Kristen Jenkinson and Bob Collins spent many hours typing the shopping lists. Tish Campbell worked behind the scenes entering donation information into a database.

The library was decorated by the creative team of Joy Tweddle, Donna Marchese, Andrea Frazier and many from the library staff: Marcie Smedley, Joy Gunn, and Scott Fridly.

Stephen Roybal was a tremendous help moving baskets, supplies and so much more. Cindy Vallar, Laura Cyr and Glyn Taylor organized the wonderful volunteers who sold the chance drawings and worked the gala event. Lois Brown keeping us on track with detailed meeting minutes!

Joy Tweddle worked with designers LaLa Contreras, Evie Garfield, Carla Knoop, Ruth Weis to create lovely Christmas trees that were donated by businesses and individuals to local charities. Joy and her decorating team Elaine Schwartz, Donna Marchese and Glyn Taylor also helped with the gorgeous wreaths and hostess baskets. Web Master Joy Gunn kept up our beautiful website and helped with computer woes! Cindy Vallar worked with Andrew Kelso from the Art Institute creating our printed materials. Cindy has been invaluable in keeping us on schedule and making the whole plan come together. Trudy Casey lent her creative expertise with the computer. **Friends** President Marian Brown and Treasurer Alexandra Costa kept the committee on track. The evening of the Gala went smoothly due to Jeanne Brady. Allen Grant did a wonderful job as MC.

Thank you to all individual donors that help make our baskets beautiful: Terri Biordi, Diana Leslie, Marie Estill, Pat Rissiford, Laura Carroll, Bob and Diane Collins, Bob and Alison Kasner and all the patrons who supported us over the years.