

Friends of Henderson Libraries

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supporting Our Public Libraries

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Advocacy, Support, and Communication

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Status Report 2008

Total Members 126

FY Volunteer Hours 6,695 (7/07 – 3/08)

Book Sales Revenue \$9,425. (1/08 – 3/08)

Other Revenue \$550.

HENDERSONFRIENDSBOOKS

The On-line Store

A Friends' book store went on line March 4, 2008 and 22 books were sold in the first two weeks. Gross income was \$381.71, net income about \$267.39. If the same books had been put into one of our local book sales, the net income would have been \$12.50.

The remarkable improvement in our profit is largely the result of one person who wanted to help because of her love of the community and its libraries.

Lorna Butz brought the idea to the Friends book sales staff and volunteered to assist with the project. Within a month, Lorna had consulted with the Board, worked on guidelines and used her expertise to set the store up on Amazon.com.

Lorna became an on-line seller several years ago when she left the work force to raise three children. She estimates she has made \$8800 in sales and has built a reputation as a five star seller. Lorna became aware of the Friends mission while buying books for \$1.00 and reselling them. She realized that our gains could be substantial if the more valuable used books were sold on the internet. Making the decision to give up her profits, she stepped forward.

Lorna begins by helping to sort the books and knows what to look for among the donations. She uses Internet tools to value books and cleans each one. Amazon.com charges 15% commission on sales and there is a merchant fee of \$39.99 per month. At present, a shelf in the Friends office is the base of operation. Inventory is stored there along with packaging materials.

You can visit the store front through a link on our website or by going to amazon.com/shops/hendersonfriendsbooks. Technical and professional books make up the bulk of the 69 book inventory with prices up to \$244. Other volunteers will soon be needed to assist. See the Volunteer Call.

News From the Board

Friends of Henderson Libraries will support One Book Henderson this year with a \$5000 donation to purchase pins and 488 paperback books. The 2008 One Book is "Marley & Me," a dog story.

A recent article in the Review-Journal alerted the Board that many people don't understand the separation of the Las Vegas -Clark County Library District and the Henderson Public Libraries.

Students of The Art Institute will contribute their time and talent to FHL as a community service project. The expected product: an exciting, newly designed website.

Proceeds from Library Tree Lane, our major fundraiser, will be used to purchase a (pre-school) children's book collection for the Green Valley Library. A label in each book will say, "Gift of the Friends of the Henderson Libraries."

Our website will now accommodate PAYPAL transactions.

Mark Your Calendar!

March 28-31

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

April 25-28

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

April 29

Luncheon to Honor Volunteers
Henderson Convention Center

May 10-11

Book Sale, Gibson Library

June 20-23

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

FHL Board of Trustees,
Meets 3rd Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Paseo Verde Library Board Room

Friends' Library Tree Lane fundraiser another success.



A check for \$19,000 representing funds raised from Library Tree Lane 2007 was presented by the Friends Board to the Henderson Libraries on February 21, 2008.

FHL urges you to adopt the conscientious slogan of RECYCLE, REDUCE AND REUSE. Money is short; times are tough. It takes effort to maintain the community services we value and to support the Henderson libraries. To enhance our libraries' everyday operations and growth, we count on your generous donations of books and other materials.

For *Library Tree Lane*, we need big baskets. Did you buy one at the auction and find it doesn't fit your needs? Reuse! Do you have extra holiday décor that doesn't fit in your garage? Reduce! Did you receive a unique gift that doesn't fit in your life? Recycle!

Used books are needed. Your books, CDs, DVDs, audio books or children's books can be brought to the libraries during business hours and you will receive a receipt for tax purposes. Library staff will check the donations to determine if there is anything that can be added to library shelves or put away for the Green Valley Library opening next spring. Items the library cannot use are sold in the Friends' bookstores and during monthly book sales.

Donation Guidelines:

* Items should be in *good to excellent condition*. No soiled, smelly, sticky, chewed, torn or moldy items.

* Hardcover, soft cover, spiral bound and paperback books, both fiction and non-fiction, are always needed.

* Audio materials such as CDs, DVDs, videos, audio books, record albums and cassettes are welcome as long as they are original recordings in original packaging. Do not donate homemade or re-recorded items.

* Magazines such as cooking, crafts, and National Geographic and travel periodicals are welcome. Others do not sell.

Message From the President

Library staff, other board members and I have been asked by several patrons about the recent news article in the Review Journal that dealt with differences of opinion between the Las Vegas-Clark County Library District (LVCCLD) and their Friends group. Some of our newer residents were of the opinion that all libraries in the county were under one umbrella and wondered how our **Friends** group was affected. Please note that the Henderson District Public Library is a separate entity. Our **Friends** group meets regularly with library staff and we have a great relationship.

One facet mentioned in the RJ article was the LVCCLD-Friends book sale. There is no need to go into the logistics of their operation, but rest assured that **OUR** book sales will continue as in the past. Your donations are welcome and necessary. In fact, many of our book-sale patrons purchase books one month, and return them the following month to be sold again! The library inventories all donations, and appropriate books are placed into circulation and/or donated to other organizations. Those that are left go to our monthly book sales.

Enjoy the season and keep **Friends** in mind when you get to that spring housecleaning.

Ron Hughes

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Coming Events

New York Times Bestselling author, Debbie Macomber, will be visiting our library for a Carr Chat on May 8 at noon, at the Paseo Verde Library.

If you haven't attended a Carr Chat before, it's an entertaining, informal conversation between the author, Robyn Carr (local author and library angel), and the audience. You may learn about the author's background and personal life as well as the creative process of writing and the experience of being published.

Debbie has been a guest before and, in fact, was our guest for the **Friends** Christmas Tea in 2006. She has also contributed many books to our fundraisers.

We need to show that we appreciate the author visits with a big turnout. Bring your friends.

For more information on CarrChats, go to <http://www.mypubliclibrary.com/carrchat/>

Friends of Henderson Libraries present Fabulous Fifth on the Fifth Save the Date!

The fifth annual Library Tree Lane Gala will be held December 5, 2008, 7 to 10 p.m. It includes a showcase of festive trees and wreaths and a silent auction of fantastic gift baskets. Plan to join the fellowship, food and frivolity. All proceeds benefit Henderson Libraries.

**« Volunteer Extraordinaire »
Lorna Butz, our on-line book store originator, consultant, and operator.**

Volunteer Call

Volunteer Coordinator Judy Hughes is pleased to report the excellent response to recent calls. Eight people were interested in the Help Desk docent position and the computer assistant position was filled. Our libraries need shelf readers and folks to help with the homebound program. Friends on-line book store and book sales need volunteers. Call the FHL office for more information @ 492-6593.

FRIENDS are admitted to BOOK SALES 30 minutes before the public on opening day of the sale.

Friends get FIRST PICK privilege! You will enter the library before it officially opens; no staff is available. Please avoid bringing children.

On the last day of the sale, usually a Monday, books are sold at \$2 per bag.