

Friends of Henderson Libraries

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Supporting Our Public Libraries

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What We Do



Volunteer



Advocacy, Support,
and Communication

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Friends Financial Report January - March 2007

Friends Income:

Book Sales \$6,154.68
Bookstores \$693.85
Memberships \$845.00

Contributions to Henderson Libraries:

IT Software \$8,000
One Book Henderson \$5,000
Book Club in a Bag \$2,500
ABS Equipment \$1,300

How Many Friends Does it Take to Put on a Book Sale?

... how many do you have?

If you have been in the Paseo Verde library during one of the monthly book sales, you know it is a busy place. But you may not be aware of all the work that leads up to sale day.

Donations of books come into the Henderson libraries every day. A librarian first screens the books for the collection, looking for valuable old editions that might be put into special sales and for new books that are good enough for lending. The remaining books are stored for **Friends**. Leslie Finzer, our "Queen of Book Sales," and Elaine Wentz collect books for special donations, then all remaining books go into boxes, usually sorted by volunteers for type and market. This truly is an endless job.

The books are stored in the **Friends** storage unit. A volunteer crew of 6 to 8 hauls books and sets up the sale; another crew takes it down. Midge Wilkerson calls volunteers and sets schedules for the sales table. There are six shifts requiring two persons each to take money and bag books during the 3-day sales. Extra hands monitor and keep the tables in order.

VIP Name Dropping: Lorraine Pessa is a regular book sale volunteer. You may see her at the Paseo Verde Library. Florence Martin volunteers at the Gibson Library and is a book sale veteran.

News From the Board

The **Friends of Henderson Libraries** maintains an office in the Paseo Verde Library. Staffing this office are Marian Brown, Membership Chairman; Kathy Hug, Staff Coordinator; Judy Hughes, Volunteer Coordinator; Toks Damole, Membership Records; Bonnie Saxton, Volunteer Records; and Ron Hughes, Database Coordinator. Because of their dedication, we have doubled their salaries. Effective immediately, these volunteers will get twice as many pats on the back!!

On March 22nd **Friends** board members Ron Hughes, Kathy Hug and Chloe Ducharme and several library staff members traveled to Carson City to join the Nevada Library Association for a day of lobbying the Legislature on behalf of Nevada Libraries.

Friends is funding a Library request for \$8000 to purchase registration and calendaring.

Treasurer Marilyn Dial has a new, more sophisticated software program for financial accounting. This acquisition was required by the leap of **Friends** activities and finances.

Mark Your Calendar!

3	April 13 - 15	14
	Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library	
17	May 6 - 7	New Year Clo
	Book Sale, Malcolm Library	
5	May 12 - 13	8
	Henderson Art Fest	
12	Book Sale Extravaganza on Water Street	15
	Near Gibson Library	
19	November 15 - 30	Holidays
	Library Tree Lane	
	Board of Trustees	by Classes
	Friends of Henderson Libraries	
	Second Tuesday of Each Month, 3:00 P.M.	
	At the Paseo Verde Library	

Friends of Henderson Libraries

Laura Jane Spina and Susan Johnston,
Library Tree Lane Chairpersons

Friends are persons who value libraries as centers of lifelong learning and leisure. Friends contribute money and time to support library services and programs.

Laura Jane, Susan, and many other volunteers that support them, represent the best in service. Their energy and enthusiasm carry them through each year of planning and hard work. The process has begun anew on **Library Tree Lane 2007**, scheduled for November 15–30 at the Paseo Verde Library. This year, the gala reception and auction will be held at the close of the magical holiday display. If you would like to catch a ride on the Polar Express, email us or call 492-6592.

Pick a Library to Help, or Pick Two!

Midge Wilkerson began volunteering 4 years ago as a means of getting out of the house. The library has allowed her to make acquaintances with regular readers and staff. ‘Regulars,’ she says, love talking about books. She works 5 hours per week, divided between the Paseo Verde and Green Valley Libraries, and she is very active in **Friends** book sales. Sale volunteers feel their special reward is getting their hands on the books early! Midge delights in the fact she is able to collect special books that are later given as gifts to family and friends.

Message From the President

Members of the **Friends** Board of Directors and I had the opportunity to attend a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees on March 15th. Our purpose was to present the library with a check in the amount of \$18,000 which was the net revenue from Library Tree Lane 2006. The Chairperson of the **Friends** Fundraising Committee, Laura Jane Spina, acknowledged several volunteers that were involved in making LTL the success that it was.

Listening to Laura’s remarks reminded me how much effort goes into our fundraising activities. Dozens of volunteers work on Library Tree Lane, some attending planning meetings every month throughout the year.

Monthly book sales, another primary fundraiser, require the efforts of several book sorters, set-up and break-down crews and those operating the sales table. You can be assured that their efforts are greatly appreciated.

As President of **Friends**, I sometimes think that I have the easiest job of all. I often think about Ronald Reagan’s theory of management, i.e., “surround yourself with capable people and let them do their jobs.” This certainly applies to our **Friends** group. We have dozens of very capable and dedicated volunteers, all willing to do their part, assisting the library in filling shelves with books and promoting library programs.

Since 2002, volunteers have worked well over 23,220 hours (2,902 days) for the Library. This, of course, has a tremendous impact on the Library’s budget. If volunteers were paid employees, the library budget would need to be increased by at least \$417,960!! **This issue of the Newsletter is dedicated to all Friends Volunteers. Thanks for your caring concern.**

Ron Hughes
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A Heavenly Donation

While the book sale team is sorting books each week, bibles that are found are set aside. The bibles are then donated to Community Lutheran Church for the Prison Ministry. Janalee DiGian and twelve other volunteers from the church visit the Las Vegas City Detention Center every Thursday and Friday night. At the beginning of each visit, bibles and other Christian materials are laid out for the inmates to select and keep. One inmate wrote to Janalee, “Because of your kindness and donation, I spend my time in the Bible you’ve provided. Without God’s work, I would be lost. Thank you so much.”

The Prison Ministry has received more than 150 bibles so far. The Ministry sends many thanks to our patrons who donate the bibles, and to Leslie and her sorters for passing them on.

by Judy Hughes

Pittman Library

The smallest of Henderson’s Libraries is open only 16 hours per week. Still, Pittman has one volunteer who works after school helping Hinman Elementary students with their homework. Leilani Timo is a Senior at Basic High School and National Honor Society Member. The Outreach Specialists working at the Pittman Library, Mary Spiller, Kathy Folger, and Lisa Keffeler, say Leilani is committed, responsible, and very successful with the children.

Lydia Malcolm Library

Catherine Barajas is a senior at Coronado High School. She began working at the Malcolm Library to earn extra credits toward graduation. She works 20 hours a week and enjoys the experience so much that she is thinking about becoming an employee. She’s happy to do any task assigned and likes the variety of things to do, but most of all, she enjoys working with the librarians. All employees are pleasant and helpful. Working behind the desk is a real eye-opener as to how many things librarians do. ‘Cat’ says her family is supportive of her volunteer work and she hopes to continue being part of the library staff.

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. . Library Staff is not available Please avoid bringing children.