

Friends of Henderson Libraries

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Supporting Our Public Libraries

July-September 2007

What We Do



Artfest



Advocacy, Support,
and Communication

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Friends Financial Report April - June 2007 Report

Friends Income:

Book Sales \$5,690.61
Bookstores \$4,648.04
Memberships \$260.00

Contributions to Henderson Libraries:

**\$140,000 in donated books for
the July 2006 - June 2007 year**

Nevada Libraries Need Friends

Government Funding is Low

Less than one dollar per person is spent by the State of Nevada on libraries. The 2007 Legislature allocated \$1.2 million dollars for the Nevada Public Libraries Collection Development fund. According to the US Census, the 2006 population of our state was 2,495,529 people. The City of Henderson currently funds its public libraries at \$68 per person from property tax and other revenue. In comparison, there are parts of the country where libraries are funded at \$300 per person per year.

That is why **Friends of Henderson Libraries** is so important. We partner with our libraries to enhance services. Throughout the state, **Friends** groups provide support for local libraries. There are over 1200 members of the **Friends of Washoe County Library** in Reno who have raised over \$2 million since 1991.

HDPL Director Tom Fay and **FOHL** President Ron Hughes are coordinating an effort to unite Friends groups across the state into Friends of Libraries, Nevada. FOLN would coordinate and multiply advocacy, support and communication at all levels. The organization would share knowledge and best practices among all library friends groups as well

News from the Board

FOHL Board of Trustees and the Library Tree Lane Committee directed that future proceeds of the fundraiser support the Green Valley Library book collection.

Friends is looking for a few good people to take the leadership path in our organization. Attend the **Friends** board meeting this month or call the office to express interest.

In May, the board recognized that **Friends** is successful because of our collaboration with library staff. A special thank you and good bye gift was presented to retiring Community Relations Director Kristi Price who has been an invaluable colleague.

Friends purchased a large banner to put above the book store shelves at the Paseo Verde Library.

New book bags in marine blue are available for \$10 each. Careful research on durability, capacity and design went into the selection of the bags inscribed with the **Friends** logo.

The **FOHL** board happily shared cupcakes to celebrate a huge milestone: one million items were checked out from Henderson libraries during the 2006-2007 fiscal year.

Mark Your Calendar!

July 13 - 15

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

July 27-29

Book Sale, Gibson Library

August 17-19

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

September 14-16

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

Board of Directors

Friends of Henderson Libraries
Second Tuesday of Month 3:00 P.M.

At the Paseo Verde Library

November 17 - 30

Library Tree Lane

ArtFest was a Bonanza! Thank You, Friends



May 12th was a bright, sunny day and **Friends** were ready to take advantage of the ArtFest crowds. 150 boxes of books and assorted media were hauled to the site of our big tent. A gang of **Friends** arrived early to cover every table with books. Customers were lining up when the sale began at 10 a.m. The price was \$5.00 per bag. Many bags were stuffed to the brim and patrons carried the plastic **Friends** logo bags all around ArtFest. The grand haul was \$2,089!

Sale Coordinator Leslie Finzer thanked the library staff whose kindness made the weekend fun. They labored to get this sale together – hauling boxes, making signs, setting up tables, supplying ice water, and boxing leftovers (how could so many people pass up those Montavani records?).

Because **Friends** care about our libraries and are willing to donate their used books, our book stores and sales are breaking records, generating a combined total of about \$3000 a month.

The next sale is always just around the corner. You may drop off books at the libraries or, if you are unable to come to those sites, call the library at 492-6592 and arrangements will be made to pick up. The books that no longer clutter your shelves, corners and crannies will have a continued life. They will go to good homes or be put on library shelves.

Message From the President

With each issue of the Newsletter, our members are kept abreast of the success of our various programs and activities. Like most non-profit organizations, the Board of Trustees and committee members are responsible for putting these programs together. It is, therefore, imperative that these positions be filled by dedicated men and women.

We are always looking for SOMEONE LIKE YOU to assist. In this regard, we will be conducting the biannual elections in September. If you are interested in taking a more active part in this fine organization, please contact a member of the board. The board meets the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the library, and is open to the public. Feel free to come in and make your interests known.

Our **Friends** group is taking an active role in creating a statewide **Friends** organization. Every Library in the state was recently contacted in an attempt to determine interest in such an undertaking. Please let me know if you would like to take part in this effort. My phone number and Email address are listed below as well as on the website.

Until next month.....

Ron Hughes

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Banned Books Week

September 29-October 6, 2007

Banned Books Week is an annual celebration of the freedom to read. Each year, librarians, booksellers, teachers and countless others take this opportunity to highlight the importance of intellectual freedom and remind us not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted.

Summer Reading Program

“Congratulations on your participation in the Summer Reading Program, which is sponsored in part by **Friends of Henderson Libraries**. You may want to consider joining this great organization!” This is the introduction to a special membership application that is included in each Summer Reading Program book bag. The reward for reading five books is a \$5.00 **FHL** gift certificate.

Book Club in a Bag

Friends has purchased a growing collection of titles for adult, young adult and juvenile book clubs. Recently **Friends** donated \$2,500 for the purchase of 300 backpacks and several display units for *Book Club in a Bag*. A backpack imprinted with this logo and containing everything needed to run a book discussion group is now available at a library near you. The bag holds six (or more) copies of a single title, a discussion guide for that title, a check out form to track who has a copy, book marks, **FOHL** information, and a list of other available book club titles. Henderson book clubs can make requests for specific titles at any Reference Desk.

New Books for Sale

New books can be purchased on-line at mypubliclibrary.com. Click on ‘Book Store.’ The prices are competitive and your purchase will arrive in a few days. Henderson Libraries gets a bit of the profit on every book sold.

Library Tree Lane Update

The storage unit was cleaned out and now holds trees for Library Tree Lane 2007. The LTL committee is ready to receive donations of baskets and gifts for this important fundraiser. The greatest source of revenue from LTL 2006 was the silent auction of gift baskets.

LTL also needs a Publicity Chairman and sponsors. Please consider donating your time. Keep the holiday spirit alive all year.

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. Procrastinators: Books left on the final day of the sale are sold for \$2.00 a bag!