

# Friends of Henderson Libraries

<http://www/hdplfriends.org>

Supporting Our Public Libraries

April – June 2009

## What We Do



## Love Our Volunteers



## Advocacy, Support, and Communication

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### FoHL Used Book Sales in 2009:

**Jan. 22 \$2,070.35**  
**Feb. 25 \$1,256.98**  
**Mar. 24 \$2,171.53**

### FoHL Book Stores

**Jan. \$2,065.70**  
**Feb. \$1,578.80**

[www.amazon.com/shops/bevy\\_of\\_books](http://www.amazon.com/shops/bevy_of_books)

**Jan. \$1,132.66**  
**Feb. \$1,494.18**  
**Mar. \$1,274.63**

### What Does it Mean to Be a Volunteer?

Volunteers are wonderful people who willingly work on behalf of others without the expectation of pay or other tangible gain. Volunteers make a commitment, not just to cause or community, but to each other. This connection to others -- people with a common goal and shared purpose -- is the spark and the spirit of volunteering. In the month of April, **Friends** and the Henderson Libraries will be recognizing our volunteers.

Currently, 208 active volunteers are working in our libraries. Based on the 12,661 volunteer hours recorded in Fiscal Year 2008, it would have cost the Library an additional \$100,000 to hire employees to perform these duties.

Volunteers assist the Reference, Acquisitions, and Circulation Departments of the libraries and work in the Heritage Room. Volunteers are also responsible for the **Friends** book sales that brought in \$48,565 last year. They work library events, do administrative tasks and contributed 1,649 hours to Library Tree Lane, the major 2008 **Friends** fundraiser that presented \$20,000 to the Henderson Libraries in February.

If you would like to join this impressive force, fill out a volunteer form at any Henderson Library, or from our website, or you may call Volunteer Coordinator Judy Hughes at 270-6955 or email [judyh@cox.net](mailto:judyh@cox.net).

*Contributors: Among Friends newsletter, Friends of the Rogers (AR) Public Library and The Bookmark newsletter, Friends of Winter Haven (IL) Public Library.*

### News From the Board

President Hughes will attend Nevada Libraries Day Apr 14 at the State Legislature to speak in support of our libraries.

Vice President Spina reported the 2009 goal of Library Tree Lane is to fund beginning reading books at every library in the Henderson Public Libraries District.

The board established a free membership classification for library staff and 26 joined.

Appreciation was noted for the donation of FoHL remittance envelopes by Mr. Frank Rechsteiner of Envelopes of Nevada.

A grant of \$5000 will be given to the Gibson Children's Library in memory of Kenna Payne, a deceased former employee.

An additional \$1000 purchase of USB drives was authorized for resale to library patrons.

The Prison Ministry of Community Lutheran Church sent a special thank you to the book sale volunteers who sort through donations looking for bibles.

### Mark Your 2009 Calendar!

**April 17 - 20**

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

**April 24**

Volunteer Appreciation Reception  
Green Valley Library

**May 9 - 10**

Art Fest Book Sale, Gibson Library

**June 13**

Book Sale, Galleria Library

**June 19 - 22**

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

"Dining for Friends" Dates on Website

FoHL Board of Trustees Meetings, held the 4th Tuesday of the month at Paseo Verde, are open to members and the public.

## Library Tree Lane Delivers



**“The Friends of Henderson Libraries, a nonprofit fundraising and volunteer group, presented the Henderson Libraries with a \$20,000 check Feb.19 that represented the proceeds of the group’s fifth annual Library Tree Lane event held in December.”**

*Jeremy Twitchell, Henderson View*

## Our Volunteers

When library staff is asked to name helpful volunteers, they are thrown into a dilemma. Every volunteer is helpful. Those that give regular hours each week are priceless and those that assist with occasional events are prized.

Joan Vaughan, Manager of the Paseo Verde Library suggested Sue Tanaka and Trish Roberts and every other helper that keeps the library functional. Reference Librarian Arlene Caruso suggested Liz Dameron.

Malcolm manager Laurie Orton referred us to Gwen Brown. Gwen loves to promote the libraries and volunteering. She was a Malcolm employee for two years until family required more of her time. She missed her connections with the people of the library and being a volunteer has brought back the personal rewards of knowing that she is needed...that she is providing a public service. With Gwen’s special training she is able to read shelves and keep books in order. She also pulls books for repair, helps set up the carts for shelving, assists patrons at check-out and the copy machine. Gwen is especially impressed with Malcolm’s variety of volunteers, like the intellectually-challenged young people who keep the books clean.

Chloe Ducharme has been helping fill the shelves at Green Valley and Eric is a standout!

## Message From the President

Well, our long winter is over and summer will be here soon. Spring is short-lived in the desert.

Readers of our quarterly newsletter, as well as those that browse our website, are aware that the Henderson Friends group is very active. This is due in large part to the dedication of my fellow members on the Board of Trustees. Unfortunately, several of our board members will no longer be able to serve in their present position due to term limits. The limit is two consecutive terms. Elections are usually held in September.

Our board meetings are open to everyone. We meet the fourth Tuesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., at the Paseo Verde Library. Attend a meeting and see what we do and how you can assist. Let it be known that you are interested in serving on the board or on a committee. You will be warmly received!

Remember, bad things happen when good people sit back and do nothing. It is not always safe to assume that ‘someone else will do it.’ Our libraries need our support.

The official opening of the newly renovated Green Valley Library will be held soon. Stop by on opening day and say Hello. You will marvel at the amount of work our volunteers and library staff put into this massive project. Several thousand books were received, processed and placed on the shelves.

An email was recently sent to Friends members, asking for a commitment to volunteer at the Green Valley branch. If you are a member but did not receive the email, please notify me. If you have not joined Friends, please do so now!

**Ron Hughes**

270-6955 [rondh@cox.net](mailto:rondh@cox.net).

**It is better to have libraries in times of no money than money in times of no libraries.**

~ anonymous

## Book Clubs Are Busy

Henderson Libraries support local book clubs by providing guide-lines and study materials, and by making multiple copies of popular books available for club use. **Friends** has allocated \$10,000 to make these purchases in 2009. That sum will provide 16 new titles that will be shared by the clubs. Available titles are listed on [www.mypubliclibrary.com](http://www.mypubliclibrary.com).

## Volunteer Appreciation Reception

On Friday, April 24, 3-5 p.m., our volunteers become honored guests at a sneak preview of the renovated Green Valley Library. Entertainment and refreshments will be served; and attendees will be the first to check out library materials.

A number of volunteers will feel special ownership of GVL, having invested time and energy shelving the books that have been arriving by the pallet. New branch manager Stephen Platt and staff is very grateful for all that lifting, bending, and pushing!!

## Creative Bookplates

One of the great pleasures of volunteering in the libraries is working with the talented professional staff. A case in point involves a two-year project in the Acquisitions and Bibliographic Services Department. Barbara Bloom, an ABS staff member, designed and prepared book-plates placed in 1,144 books for the opening pre-school collection in the GV Library. The books were purchased with proceeds from Library Tree Lane. The bookplates honor sponsors, major contributors, paid-event participants, and honorees in whose names books were purchased through Two-Gifts-in-One.

*Kathy Hug*

**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.