

Friends of Henderson Libraries

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Supporting Our Public Libraries

April - June 2010

What We Do



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In 2009, Friends book sales generated \$69,497 from all sources.

Our goal for 2010 is to raise \$80,000 through our book selling activities to offset the materials budget

Library Trustees Recognize Friends Book Store Volunteers

Since 2004 when the Friends took over selling the books and other items donated to the library, nearly \$250,000 has been raised for the purchase of new materials and the support of library programs.

Through monthly book sales, in-branch book stores, and on-line book sales (began in 2008), dedicated volunteers have contributed hundreds of hours sorting, selling and organizing donated items.

Their hard work and dedication were recognized by the Library Board of Trustees at their meeting on March 18. Friends' President, Laura Jane Spina, introduced book sale committee chairperson Leslie Finzer who coordinates the activity of the book sale volunteers.

Ms. Finzer acknowledged the 30 or so volunteers who work tirelessly sorting donations, setting up and selling at the monthly book sales, restocking the bookstores in each branch, and scouting, listing and packaging items sold on-line. Book sale volunteers present introduced themselves to the Board: Midge Wilkerson, Beverly Bowman, Alice Vasquez, Ray Kubovchik, Michael Cohen, Jani Whitty, Jackie Miller, Barb Donohoe, and Julie Buckley.

By Leslie Finzer

News from the Board

After hearing the budget outlook for Henderson Public Libraries, Friends Board set a fundraising goal of \$80,000 for 2010. The Board agreed to transfer \$30,000 from Friends' point of sale account directly to the library in March.

Everyone will play a part in reaching this goal, especially those who donate used books and other media to the library. (Urge your friends and neighbors to donate also and help deliver items fit for resale to the Paseo Verde or Gibson libraries.)

A check for \$21,000 from **Library Tree Lane** 2009 was presented to the HDPL Board of Trustees and Director Tom Fay on February 18.

Past President Ron Hughes turned over his membership chair position to Helene Spaulding. Ron is still a director.

Friends volunteers will be needed to unpack boxes and help set up the new Gibson library during May and June. Call or email your availability.

June 12 is the Summer Reading Program kick-off and **Friends** is funding a number of items, such as banners and games.

Mark Your Calendar!

April 16-19
Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

April 27
FOHL Board of Directors Meet
10 A.M. at the Paseo Verde Library

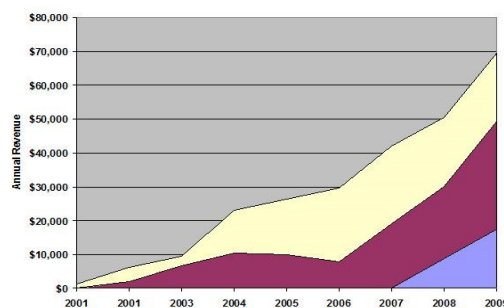
May 8-9
ARTFEST Book Sale, Gibson Library

May 25
FOHL Board of Directors Meet
10 A.M. at the Paseo Verde Library

June 18-21
Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

Internet, Book Stores & Book Sales Chart of Revenue from 2001 to 2009 stretches from \$1,200 to \$70,000

Friends Book Sales Revenue



Amazing Amazon On-Line Store

The **Friends** Amazon booksellers group just celebrated its second birthday with a party! Two years ago in March, Lorna Butz had the idea to sell our donated books on Amazon to increase our revenue from the book sales.

Lorna organized the store, initially called **Henderson Friends Books**, recruited Marilyn Dial to help and the two of them then trained Helene Spaulding, Naomi Sperling and Donna Veline to package and ship the books when they sold. Laura and Carl Darnell and Judy Sbragia were soon added to the shippers. Soon after, the scouts joined forces to help sort through the donated books to find the books appropriate for selling on Amazon.

From these humble beginnings we now have shippers and scouts working every day of the week the library is open, 15 people in all.

Leslie Finzer, Chair of the Book Sales Committee, won the contest for naming the store with her creative entry, **Bevy of Books**.

At the party, Marilyn Dial spoke of our beginnings. Joan Vaughan, the Paseo Verde Branch Manager, told us how our proceeds were helping the Library. Leslie Finzer noted that the Bevy of Books group is doubling its sales volume from a year ago. Laura Darnell spoke about our 100% positive Amazon customer feedback rating, which is highly coveted and hard to maintain. With our care in packaging and customer service, we have achieved it!

Since the members of the crew work at different hours, many were meeting for the first time. It was good to get acquainted. Cake, cookies, goodies, and good conversation helped us accomplish that task.

by Helene Spaulding & Laura Darnell

Message From The President

Thank you to all our Volunteers!

The key to the **Friends of the Henderson Libraries** rests in people like you, who embody the spirit of greatness by saying, "Yes, I can!" Your everlasting contributions and diligence have strengthened the organization and have helped us to be the successful **Friends** group we are today. Thank you, Volunteers, for your inspiring dedication and tremendous example to the rest of the community.

You are our most powerful supporters, our mainstay, as well as the farmers who are planting the seeds for our future growth ... we shall remain indebted to you always. Words alone cannot convey our gratitude for your tremendous contributions. Each of you has given generously, and rarely with the recognition that you deserve.

With great admiration in our hearts for all your endeavors, we want this message to serve as our personal round of applause.

Personally, to bear witness to your passion has been an unexpected perk; I have found it very inspiring. We never could have asked for a more dedicated group of people and we are so very grateful to have you here to help us. It is truly a pleasure and a privilege to work with you. Thank you again for saying, "Yes, I can."

Yours Truly,

Laura Jane Spina

Behind the Scenes

In 2004, the library decided to hand over the coordination and staging of book sales to the **Friends** as a fundraising activity. All donated items are reviewed by library staff for inclusion in the collection if needed. The unused items are then consigned to the **Friends** for sale. The more valuable items are sold on-line. Sale proceeds are returned to the library for the purchase of new materials or the support of library programs.

Very Special People Merit Very Special Awards

Friends' volunteers will be honored with the donation of a book in their name to the Henderson Libraries for every 100 hours they work in a calendar year. A bookplate in each book will record the accomplishment. Ninety awards earned in 2009 will be bestowed at the annual volunteer appreciation event which is being coordinated with the opening of the new Gibson library. The opening is expected around the first of July.

5 Books to:

Ms. Diane Collins

4 Books to:

Ms. Marilyn Dial, Ms. Andrea Frazier, Ms. Marian Brown, Ms. Sydney Cagle, and Ms. Leslie Finzer

3 Books to:

Ms. Liz Dameron, Ms. Kathy Hug, Mrs. Judith Hughes, Mr. Carl Darnell, and Mr. Ron Hughes

2 Books to:

Mr. Richard Durbin, Ms. Linda Hall, Ms. Chloe A. Ducharme, Ms. Laura Jane Spina, Ms. Jani Whitty, Ms. Susan Tanaka, Ms. Trisha Roberts, and Ms. Joy Tweddle

1 Book to:

Ms. Alice Brown, Ms. Julie Buckley, Ms. Miriam Chisloman, Mr. Allen Grant, Ms. Susan Johnston, Ms. Belle Chohanin, Ms. Laura Darnell, Ms. Barbara Donohoe, Mrs. Leslie Dyer, Ms. Sam Giordano, Ms. April Jones, Ms. Lois Brown, Ms. Sharon Carver, Ms. Amy Gonzales, Ms. Trish Harris, Ms. Crystal Kemp, Ms. Evonne Klusman, Ms. Sherrie Marks, Ms. Eva Montgomery, Ms. Judy Pringle, Mrs. Pat Roberts, Ms. Donna Veline, Ms. Donna Lee, Ms. Florence Martin, Mrs. Joanne Oexle, Mr. Terry Rand, Ms. Judith Sbragia, Mr. William Ward, Ms. Midge Wilkerson, Mr. Bryan Manly, Ms. Jean Miller, Ms. Charlotte A. Potter, Ms. Helene Spaulding, and Ms. Ruby Warthan

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.

Books left on the last day of the sale books are sold for \$2.00 a bag!