

# Friends of Henderson Libraries

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Supporting Our Public Libraries

January – March 2008

## What We Do



Celebrate the Season



## Advocacy, Support & Communication

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### FHL Used Book Sales 2007 Income

Monthly Book Sales - \$23,000  
Book Store Sales - \$17,500

An increase of \$10,987 or **37%**  
over 2006 sales!

### Major Library Projects sponsored by book sales

Video Camera - \$4000  
ONE BOOK Henderson - \$5,000  
Library Management Software - \$8,000  
Book Club in a Bag - \$2,300

### Library Tree Lane Gala raises nearly \$20,000

By Allen Grant

#### Income Earmarked for Green Valley Collection

Friends' 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Library Tree Lane Gala attracted several hundred supporters even on a rainy night in late November at the Paseo Verde Library to raise money for the Green Valley Library's learning materials for young children. The new library is expected to open in early 2009.

"It was the largest crowd we have had to date," said Laura Jane Spina, Co-Chair of the committee. "We certainly appreciate the community's support."

The event raised record donations, according to the finance committee's Marilyn Dail. "We have made a profit in the area of \$19,000, which is our best yet," she said. "We also doubled ticket sales for the Gala event."

This year's Library Tree Lane featured a bevy of activities for children of all ages including a pajama party, a visit by Santa Claus and the Polar Express beginning November 15, and wrapped up with the Gala event on November 30 with Andy and Debi Hafen acting as Honorary Co-Chairs.

Sponsors for Library Tree lane included Bank of New York/Mellon, Republic Services, Allegiant Air, Capitol NorthAmerican, Stephens Press, United Studios of Self Defense and Black Mountain Graphics.

## News from the Board

Happy New Year to all our FRIENDS from the Board and a special message to the book sale crew from Director Kathy Hug:

*What a year Friends has had! The year-long daily commitment by everyone—donators, organizers, sorters, set-up and break-down crews, shift workers, buyers—is astounding. I can remember when such success was a dream. Thanks to Leslie, Midge, Janet, Stephen, and so many others, used books have new lives on many fronts. A toast to continuing success in 2008!*

Membership renewals brought in over \$4,000 in November. Memberships run January to December. Did you renew?

There are many challenges on the horizon. Although the libraries will close on Sundays to meet the budget crunch, two new libraries are planned to open by the end of 2009. Your financial support and volunteer time will be more important than ever!!

The board initiated a financial reserve in order to fund future, substantial library projects. In November the first \$5000 CD was purchased to meet this goal.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**January 25 - 27**

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

**January 15 10:00 a.m.**

FHL Board of Trustees Meeting

**February 21 - 23**

Book Sale, Gibson Library

**Additional Book Sale Dates**  
will be published on the website

All **Friends** members are welcome and encouraged to attend monthly meetings of the Board of Trustees. They are held at the Paseo Verde Library 10:00 a.m. in the board room on the third Tuesday of the month.

Has the Library played  
an important role in your life?

## Are You A Friend?



Friends of Henderson Libraries is part  
of a national movement.

We're in good company. There are thousands of Friends groups all over the United States, each supporting a public library or library district. The groups share information through state networks and the Friends Of Libraries U.S.A.

**Friends of Washoe County Library's** mission statement: *The Friends work actively to strengthen public libraries in Washoe County. Backed by a belief that libraries are uniquely democratic, they promote, advocate for, and seek funding for libraries. Through their projects, the Friends strive to give children an educational head start, encourage literacy and foster lifelong learning and recreation for adults.*

**Friends of the Carson City Library** was formed in 1965 after the State Library announced it would be discontinuing check-out service. As a result of the efforts of the founding Friends members, the Carson City Library opened in June 1966. It is recognized as an exceptional center of information and socialization in the community.

Budgetary constraints, the expanding population as well as the rising costs of books, technology, facilities and staff has caused our libraries to count on community involvement to meet its needs. When you join Friends, you are making a direct contribution to maintaining and expanding the library as a valuable community asset. See our website for more about our mission.

## Message From the President

I have been honored to be president of the board of directors for the past five years. My fellow board members are a pleasure to work with. A former U.S. president once said "The secret to success is to surround yourself with good people and let them do their jobs," or words to that effect. I've been able to do that, so my job as president has been easy. I am also frequently reminded to "stay out of their way".

One problem we are working on is finding accommodations for all our volunteers. Right now, more people volunteer than the libraries can train and supervise. We're working on a new volunteer program and will be ready to implement it after the first of the year. All Friends volunteers who are not yet assigned will soon be contacted regarding this program.

As you will notice, this issue of our newsletter reports many of our accomplishments this past year. I'm sure you will be as impressed as I am. I know Library staff appreciates our efforts.

I hope you and your family had a happy holiday and will have a great 2008. My wife and I are blessed with a great family and our holiday was terrific. We're looking forward to traveling this year, as I am now officially retired. Growing old isn't so bad after all.

Take care---and keep reading.

**Ron Hughes**

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You add value to your membership  
when you participate in book sales!

The sale of used books provides the bulk of Friends' income. Holiday Book Sales brought in \$1,956.50. Please donate your books and other media. All funds go to the library for books or other needs identified by the director and staff. Want to join the sales crew? Call 492-6592. Book sales are labor intensive!

## E-mail Connections

In order to keep our members informed of upcoming events, we frequently send e-mail notices to those who furnish an e-mail address. If you haven't received e-mail from us recently, consider providing or updating your address. This is especially important for our volunteers, as it is the primary method of exchanging information. Send an e-mail to [Friends@hdplfriends.org](mailto:Friends@hdplfriends.org) and you will be added to our list. Be sure to include your full name for identification. In addition, ensure that your e-mail program is set to accept our messages; otherwise, it may 'bounce' back. You can be assured that your e-mail address will NOT be shared with anyone. All e-mail is sent as 'blind copy' so other recipients will not see your address.

## Volunteer Call

Volunteer Coordinator Judy Hughes is working with our librarians to design a volunteer orientation program that will work for new as well as experienced library volunteers. The objective is to identify people with library experience or special skills and place them where they are most needed. People new to library systems and processes will be placed in entry positions where they can be productive as they learn.

The newest volunteers are usually assigned to 'shelf-reading' or 'shelving' which requires attention to detail, good alphabetizing skills, some knowledge of the Dewey Decimal System, and agility, such as the ability to reach top as well as bottom shelves.

## Volunteers Extraordinaire

**Library Tree Lane Committee Members who planned, ran and arranged the events: Laura Jane Spina, Susan Johnston, Joy Tweddle, Florica Hagendorn, Marilyn Dial, Judy Hughes, Janet Mastalir, Jane Felden, Joan Tinker, Kathy Hug, Sue Tanaka, Marian Brown, Andrea Frazier, Diane Collins and Allen Grant.**

**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.