

# Friends of Henderson Libraries

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Supporting Our Public Libraries

January – March 2009

## What We Do



## Gala & Auction



## Advocacy, Support, and Communication

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## FoHL Successes in 2008:

**Library Tree Lane  
Raises \$20,000**

**Used Book Sales Soar  
to a New High of \$46,261  
Including the on-line store  
(opened in February 2008)  
[www.amazon.com/shops/bevy\\_of\\_books](http://www.amazon.com/shops/bevy_of_books)  
with total sales of \$8,124**

## What is the Library Worth to You?

On Dec. 30, a judge ruled that Philadelphia's mayor cannot close 11 public library branches to save money without the City Council's approval. The decision was at least a temporary victory for library advocates who had staged protests and eventually sued to keep the branches open. Protestors said the branches are important resources to underprivileged communities. Advocate Katrina Clark said, "Libraries are not just receptacles of books; they're places where community members meet, where people grow and learn."

Henderson is also facing tough times. Our libraries have been closed on Sundays for nearly a year. In discussing the library budget, Henderson Libraries Director Tom Fay recently said, "Unfortunately, because of the economy, we haven't added any money in about 18 months."

Your membership in **Friends of Henderson Libraries**, your volunteer hours, your donations of used books, your support of FoHL's fundraisers are more important now than ever. Together, we make a difference.

A note of thanks to Allison Herr who graciously donated a portion of her remaining campaign funds to **Friends**. Ms. Herr is a committed member of our community. In her letter, she said, "...Please accept the enclosed check in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred as a donation..... Public libraries are a valuable resource to the Henderson community, and your hard work as an organization plays a vital role in supporting this resource."

## News From the Board

President Hughes would like to measure members' interest in an annual meeting to be held in September. The agenda would include a summary of **Friends** activities and plans, a review of operational procedures, annual budget and goals. A Henderson Public Libraries update and a guest speaker would be part of the program. Would you attend? Please contact the president with your comments. See page two for contact information.

Kathy DeAngelis oversees the "**Dining for Friends**" program. Local restaurants are being contacted regarding fund-raising partnerships. Chili's was the first to work with us and \$169 was raised during the initial events. Thank you, Chili's, it was indeed easy, fun and successful.

The Book Lover's Calendar for 2009 is a great buy at \$7. Each day features a review of a book that should be read. It also allows the user to register online for a daily calendar page by email.

## Mark Your 2009 Calendar!

**January 16 - 19**

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

**January 19 - 24**

Friends Appreciation Week at Metro Pizza

**January 20**

Board Meeting\* 10 AM, Paseo Verde

**January 23**

Book Sale, Gibson Library

**February 5**

"Dining for Friends" at the Claim Jumper

**February 17**

Board Meeting\* 10 AM, Paseo Verde

**February 20 - 23**

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

**March 17**

Board Meeting\* 10 AM, Paseo Verde

**March 20 - 23**

Book Sale, Paseo Verde Library

\*FoHL Board of Trustees Meetings are open to members and the public.

## Library Tree Lane Decks the Halls



### 400 Guests attended the Fifth Annual Library Tree Lane Gala on December 5

The Fabulous Fifth became fact as Library Tree Lane fulfilled its promise. This major fundraiser of **Friends of Henderson Libraries** brought the community together to garner financial support for local libraries. The 2008 proceeds of \$20,000 have been designated for the purchase of books for the pre-school collection in the Green Valley Library, scheduled to open in 2009 under the administration of Henderson Libraries.

For the festive gala, the Paseo Verde Library sparkled with holiday decorations and music by the Dick Geuder Ensemble. Honorary chairs Rose and Bruce Woodbury greeted other guests that included Congress-woman-Elect Dina Titus (who donated an auction basket), County Commissioner-Elect Steve Sissolak, Henderson City Commissioners Andy Hafen and Amanda Ciphers (who also donated a basket).

Emery's La Barrista provided wonderful food, including the favorite from last year, Bananas Foster. Or was the favorite jumbo strawberries dipped in chocolate? Or the chicken satay with spicy peanut sauce? *It ALL went great with the champagne!*

LTL Committee Chairs Laura Jane Spina and Susan Johnston thanked the many volunteers and sponsors who made the event possible. And a special New Year's wish to Wal-Mart at Stephanie & American Pacific, whose donation of \$1000 pushed the total funds raised over the goal.

## Message From the President

As you can see throughout this newsletter, Library Tree Lane 2008 was a huge success. Many thanks go to the members of the LTL Committee, who meet all year, every month, in order to put it together. These men and women are dedicated to their cause and we all benefit from it. Thanks for all you do. LTL Committee/Sub-Committee Chairs: Laura Jane Spina, Susan Johnston, Joy Tweddle, Amy Gonzales, Andrea Frazier, Diane Collins, Kathy Hug, Justin Liming, Forica Hagedorn, Marilyn Dial, Lois Brown, Jane Fielden, Joan Tinker, Arlene Caruso, Marian Brown, Janet Mastalir, Ron Hughes, Allen Grant, Randi Graber, Judy Hughes.

We recently began a program called **"Dining For Friends."** By eating dinner at selected restaurants on designated nights, **Friends** of Henderson Libraries will receive a portion of your dinner bill. At press time, these restaurants are **Chili's** at Sunset and Green Valley Parkway; **Applebee's** at Eastern and Coronado; and the **Claim Jumper** at Green Valley Parkway and Corporate Circle (at 215). Each will donate 10% of the dinner bill of every table that presents a **FoHL** coupon. You must present the coupon to take advantage of the program. Visit our website and click the events button for details and coupons. Additional information and coupons are also available at all Henderson libraries.

I'm also happy to announce that **Metro Pizza** will sponsor a **Friends of Henderson Libraries Recognition Week**. By presenting your 2009 **Friends** ID Card, you will be given a 25% discount. The event is planned for the third week in January. Be sure to check the website for details. If you haven't yet joined **Friends** or renewed your membership, this is a good reason to do so!

As a new year begins, I would like to extend a special thanks to the book sales crew: our members, volunteers and library staff. They keep the bookstores running and set up sales every month. It is our most profitable fundraiser. The sorting of books, storing, moving, setting up tables, assisting customers, selling, and packing away is an endless cycle for these dedicated folks. The results are extraordinary!

**Ron Hughes**  
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## Overheard at Friend's Book Sales

"Are you kidding me? I just bought this book at Costco for \$17.98! Here it is for \$3!"

"This book is still on the best-seller's list, and it's only \$1 here!"

"We stop by here whenever we're in town and load up on these romance novels. At 25 cents each, I always leave with a bag full."

"I bought all the Harry Potter books for my children at your sales."

"A complete set of encyclopedias for \$20? Are you serious?"

and, from a 12-year old going through a box of National Geographic Magazines, "I read everyone of these I can get my hands on".

These are actual comments from delighted shoppers at our monthly **Friends** book sales. Why *would* you go anywhere else to shop for books?

Thanks to the generosity of our many patrons who donate their gently used books to the Henderson libraries, we are able to stock our branch bookstores and our monthly book sales with amazing books at ridiculously low prices.

All donations are first reviewed by library staff to select books and audio/visual items for the current and future collections of the libraries. Everything that is left, along with library discarded items, is collected by the **Friends** and is offered for sale. It's the ultimate in recycling. And all of the monies collected are given back to the library to purchase new books and other needed items.

Remember, bookstores are restocked daily.

*By Leslie Finzer*

**FRIENDS are admitted to BOOK SALES 30 minutes before the public on opening day of the sale.**

Friends get FIRST PICK privilege! No staff is available. Please avoid bringing children.