

## **FRIENDS OF HENDERSON LIBRARIES WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD**

Several Friends groups connected to public libraries throughout the nation recently submitted applications to the American Library Association in order to be considered for the annual Baker & Taylor Award. **Friends of Henderson Libraries** won the award this year in the category of Friends groups without paid staff. In addition to nationwide recognition, **Friends of Henderson Libraries** will soon receive a check in the amount of \$1,000.

The Baker & Taylor Awards recognize Friends groups for outstanding efforts to support their public, academic and school libraries. The award is given for a specific project culminating in the year prior to application, or based on the full scope of the group's activities during that year. Applications are judged on the following:

- **Planning:** Friends, library, and community involvement, use of resources, appropriateness of the activity, and measurable goals and objectives.
- **Implementation:** Use of resources, public relations, task monitoring, and broad membership involvement.
- **Evaluation:** Assessment of activity or program, measurable results.
- **Innovation:** New idea or implementation, creative involvement of people, fresh use of public relations.
- **Community Involvement:** Broad support by the community in planning and implementation.

The **Friends of Henderson Libraries** application focused on one of the organizations major fundraisers, Library Tree Lane 2008 and emphasized the culmination of two years of raising funds for the collection of pre-school books for the newly opened Green Valley Library branch. The award presentation will be made at the ALA annual conference in July. Bethany Lafferty, assistant branch manager at the Green Valley Library, will accept the award on behalf of **Friends of the Henderson Libraries**

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