



Advocacy, Support, and Communication *For Our Public Libraries*

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October - December 2019

What We Do

LIBRARY TREE LANE 2019



The 16th in an annual series, our holiday celebration begins early in November when the Paseo Verde Library is turned – seemingly overnight – into a shimmering wonderland of Christmas trees, huge wreathes and a mass of dazzling seasonal décor.

The Chance Table will be manned daily by Friends members and you can purchase tickets for a chance to win your choice of prizes. You may also purchase small gift

baskets that are perfect for expressing how much you appreciate hostesses, teachers and so many others in your daily life. Best of all, you can purchase tickets to the gala.

Friday, December 6 we offer our Library Tree Lane Gala, Henderson's premiere community celebration of this Season of Joy. The gala is renown as an evening of good food and drink, gifts, books and prizes, auctions and fun with friends.



These volunteers are a few of the artists and craftsmen who create our winter wonderland and the beautiful gift baskets that will be available for bid in the silent auction.

They have participated for years, planning, designing, and laboring for months to create the unique gifts found at Library Tree Lane.

Who We Are

Friends of Henderson Libraries is a non-profit (501c3) organization with no paid staff. Money raised from Library Tree Lane will be donated to Henderson Libraries to purchase new materials across a variety of different formats for youth, teens and adults. Every donation we receive goes to our libraries.

As our largest fundraiser, Library Tree Lane is a huge effort by volunteers at every level. LTL Chair Julie Buckley still needs event sponsors and donations of gift certificates or gift cards. The goal is over 100 baskets. Twenty-five baskets just need gift cards. With your help, the tradition of providing a festive community gathering and Henderson's event of the season goes on.

COMING EVENTS

Craft & Vendor Fairs

October 26 and December 21. The fairs are held 9 AM to 2 PM at the Paseo Verde branch library.

Monthly Used Book Sales

October 10 – 15 Paseo Verde Library
November 7 – 13 Paseo Verde Library
November 22 – 26 Gibson Library

Volunteers are needed for book sale set-up at the Green Valley and Gibson libraries. The set up is done on the afternoon before the sale. Wear casual clothes and join the volunteers who carry and stack books on tables. See page two for more information on the importance of book sales.

For FoHL Membership & Volunteer Information
go to our website www.hdplfriends.org



Outer Space, Alien Landscapes

By Dahl Capello, Vice-President of Sunset Garden Club and FoHL Director

The Sunset Garden Club did summer projects with an out-of-this-world theme at all three library branches. Henderson Libraries encourage the garden club's interaction with elementary schoolchildren. The club supplies materials and plants and teaches the students basic gardening. Hope you enjoyed the summer as much as these creatures did!

BOOK SALES REVENUE CONTINUES TO GROW!

Leslie Finzer, Coordinator and Director of Book Sales reports with great excitement: July book sales totaled \$3,326.85. Combined with book store revenue and Amazon sales, the July total used book sales revenue is \$15,119.33.

September Stupendous Sale! \$3,121.90 + 2,500 = \$5,621.90
Matching Funds from our Good Friends at Nevada State Bank!

Particularly popular this sale was our giant supply of comic books which we sold for 10 cents each or a box for \$20 (we had 8 boxes). The generous young Mom who buys a lot of children's books to donate to local shelters made her usual big purchase, too.

September Sizzle! \$1,610.90! Abundant paperback and hardcover fiction inventory double stacked under the tables yielded our highest Gibson sale. Our first sale Friday morning was \$71 and business was brisk throughout the day as shoppers carted away boxes of books.

Thank you to all the sale volunteers.

Message from Friends President

Members of the **Friends of Henderson Libraries** Board of Directors are finishing up their two-year commitment. It is hard to believe I have been President of this wonderful organization for two years. I look back on what we have accomplished with a sense of pride but also excitement about how much more we can do in the future.

FoHL was founded in 2000. The organization's vision has been to grow the community of passionate patrons of Henderson Libraries who embrace the value of this important resource. Our mission is to support library programs and services through fundraising and volunteers. We have stayed true to this vision and mission. Our Board believes Henderson Libraries is an amazing resource and an important part of what makes Henderson such a great place to live.

Our libraries offer great quality services and programs to patrons because our volunteers and library staff work together. The library's budgets do not allow for expanding the staff so new programs require a realignment of existing resources. Our volunteers allow for this to happen successfully every day!

Fundraising for Henderson Libraries is dear to my heart. I want our libraries to have materials and programs available to all patrons, young or old, digital or traditional, families, empty nesters, singles. Whether you use the library for books, database research, job searches, computer time, I want it to be a go-to resource. For this to occur, funding is a constant need. Our fundraising efforts (books sales, events, member and donation outreach) are amazing. Is it enough? No, but we will continue to make it a priority. We will make sure **Friends of Henderson Libraries** is in everyone's consideration for support.

So, as the 2019 comes to an end, we hope that you have found value in your many contacts with Henderson Libraries. Please know **FoHL** strives to improve so that we can do even more over the next 20 years.

Cindy Vallar, President
Friends of Henderson Libraries

Members of Friends of Henderson Libraries may enter for book sales a half hour before the sale opens on the first day. The library opens to the general public at 9:00 a.m.