FRIENDS OF HENDERSON LIBRARIES Henderson, Nevada 2002-2003

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2002-2003 Accomplishments

Friends met for the first time in the new Paseo Verde Library on August 6, 2002
Friends hosted a VIP reception and brunch at the Paseo Verde Library on August 24, 2002. An estimated 3,000 people visited the facility on the official opening day.
Friends helped bring the Art Train to Henderson September 19-29, 2002, for school and public tours. In addition to providing funding, Friends managed dozens of volunteers who conducted the public tours on two weekends. The Art Train consisted of four train cars displaying NASA and space-themed art. Friends collaborated with the Henderson Parks & Recreation Department, the Henderson Chamber of Commerce, Pioneer Americas, and Lake Las Vegas Resort in sponsoring this special event locally. The major collaborator, the Pioneer Americas, Inc., was instrumental in the success of Art Train; the company provided the location, built train track, and supplied security, parking, and signage as well as other monetary and in-kind contributions.

• A Friends Bookstore began operation in the Paseo Verde Library coffee shop. Selected used books are placed in special bookcases for the public to browse and buy. Volunteers stock the shelves. Income from the bookstore for 2002 was \$1,845.53.

Approximately 50 volunteers from Friends took part in the first Vegas Valley Book Festival November 1-2, 2002. The Book Festival is a project of Nevada Humanities.
Library patrons were offered a free year's membership in Friends as part of the opening of the new Paseo Verde Library.

• Friends participated in the beginning session of the Library District's Henderson History Series on April 7, 2003. The series celebrates the City of Henderson's 50th birthday.

• The Henderson Rotary and Friends co-hosted a golf tournament fundraiser.

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