

Friends of Henderson Libraries – 2016 Historian Report

2016 Friends of Henderson Libraries Board:

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Historian:	Dahl M. Capello
Immediate Past-President:	Ron Hughes
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2016 Accomplishments:

- On February 18th, Julie Buckley and other representatives from Library Tree Lane presented a check to the Henderson Libraries Board of Trustees for \$41,000 representing funds earned from 2015 Library Tree Lane.
- Friends of Henderson Libraries purchased a memorial leaf for Pat Anger, a longtime volunteer who passed away in February, 2016.
- A memorial dedication was held for Florica Hagendorn, Henderson Libraries staff member. Friends of Henderson Libraries donated \$575 as a memorial for Florica. Some of this money was used to purchase 25 specific titles to complete the science-reading program for young readers, which was initiated by Florica.
- Henderson Libraries completed their branding project and introduced a new brand on March 1st. Friends of Henderson Libraries updated their logo and marketing materials to reflect the branding elements and colors from the new Henderson Libraries brand. Trudy Casey produced new bookstore signs for all branches, incorporating the new Friends of Henderson Libraries logo.

- The third Annual Local Author showcase was held on March 5, 2016 at the Paseo Verde Library. This free event hosted 20 authors. Friends of Henderson Libraries supplied volunteers who worked at the event.
- In April of 2016 Ms. Thornton thanked the Friends for supporting the teen writing context. This contest attracted 184 participants and their families.
- Julie Buckley announced that Trivia night at Shakespeare's Pub was held in April. The total raised was \$280.00 for Friends.
- Marion Brown announced a stone on the giving tree was purchased by Friends of Henderson Libraries in honor of Joan Dalusung, a longtime staff member who provided many years of faithful and loyal service to the Library and made many contributions. Joan resigned from Henderson Libraries to see another opportunity in Washoe County, Nevada.
- Cindy Vallar and Ernest Dale initiated a project to update the FOHL data based to improve functionality and volunteer tracking.
- On July 21st, Marian Brown presented a check to the Henderson Libraries Board of Trustees in the amount of \$170,000. This money was raised from 2016 book sales, donations, and membership dues. Friend's volunteers also provided almost 22,000 hours with an estimated value of \$190,000 and helped staff identify donated materials worth \$130,000 for the collection.
- Friends supported and promoted a Genealogy Fair at Paseo Verde Library on July 22. More than 20 organizations from the Las Vegas valley took part in this event to educate attendees on family history and genealogy resources that are available in our libraries.
- In August, 2016 Friends donated the funds to purchase a book-wrapping device, which will aid in preparing books for circulation and extending the life of books on the shelf.
- FOHL Board members and Marci Smedley participated in a panel at the Nevada Library Association meeting on October 18th at the South Point Resort. The purpose of the panel was to share insights with other Nevada libraries about how to create a successful Friends organization.
- The Art Institute worked with Cindy Vallar on a school project to update Friends branding, marketing materials and website. This website design was presented at to the FOHL Board in October. Roll out of new materials planned for January, 2017.

- Library Tree Lane launched with several efforts to increase awareness and raise money.
 - On October 24th Root Beer floats and books were sold at the Smith's supermarket on Valley Verde.
 - The chance table was open from November 12 to December 2nd, selling chance tickets, Gala tickets, hostess baskets, wreaths, scarves and ornaments. 5 sponsored trees were also displayed for all to enjoy.
 - A Recipe tasting event took place on November 12th to showcase the 2016 Library Tree Lane cookbook .
 - On December 1, 2016 William Kent Krueger, award winning author shared his insights at an event held at the Library.
 - The LTL Gala held on December 2, 2016 netted the library over \$42,000. The event was promoted as the last gala. It was well attended and a big success. What a GREAT WAY TO END THIE YEAR!!

Respectfully submitted

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Historian