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Henderson Libraries Launches Program for Third Graders **Research shows that students reading at this level more likely to succeed**

Henderson, NV – Don't let the third grader in your life miss out on this exciting opportunity – the Henderson Libraries Third Grade Super Sleuth program has a goal of getting third graders into the library, making those visits a lifelong habit.

According to Henderson Libraries Executive Director Marcie Smedley, “Studies show that students who are reading at grade level by third grade are more likely to attain educational achievement than their counterparts who are not doing the same. In addition, this is a great time to teach students library skills as third grade is when research projects start being assigned at school.”

This mission – if students choose to accept it (and who wouldn't want to?) – requires students to visit the library three separate times to complete three challenges, which include learning library skills (how to look up a book, what a call number is, how to use reference materials, etc.). Just as they are learning these vital and important skills, they will also earn coveted prizes, including a Super Sleuth button and library card wallet.

“We're so grateful that Friends of Henderson Libraries supports this program by providing necessary funding for materials that will cover multiple years of program implementation,” says Smedley. “Look for information to come home from school with your Henderson third grader this fall. We can't wait to work with the students in our community!”

Established in 1944 as a single library in Downtown Henderson, Henderson Libraries operates four locations in Henderson, providing free access to materials, programs, and services to meet the diverse and varied needs of the community throughout Southern Nevada. For more information, please visit hendersonlibraries.com.

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