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Oro Valley Calling for Author Participation in Book Festival

ORO VALLEY, ARIZ (July 3, 2007) — The Oro Valley Public Library is currently looking for local authors to participate in the 2007 Oro Valley Book Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2007 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Authors interested in participating can pick up an application from the Oro Valley Public Library at 1305 W. Naranja Dr or online at <http://www.orovalleylib.com/LIBRARY/OVBookFestival/default.htm>. Presenter applications are due August 15, 2007.

This year's theme is "Oro Valley Rocks!" The keynote author will be Richard Shelton, one of America's most distinguished poets and author of *Going Back to Bisbee*, winner of the Western States Book Award for Creative Nonfiction. Many of the activities are paired around the theme, including a partnership with the Oro Valley Parks & Recreation department. A jewelry appraiser and a rock 'n' roll DJ will also be part of the festival.

At last year's festival, "CSI: Oro Valley – Collection, Selection, Imagination," the library hosted more than 30 local and regional authors, illustrators and cartoonists. More than 3,000 participants enjoyed programs and activities, had books appraised and sampled festival fare by local food vendors.

Authors may present a program about their books or do a book signing. Borders, University of Arizona Press and the Western National Parks Association will bring the author's books, if they do not have copies to sell.

"Last year's festival was a huge success and we would like even more local authors to be a part of this year's celebration," said Jane Peterson, Oro Valley Public Library Book Festival chair. "With the fun and exciting theme, this is a wonderful opportunity for local authors to reach and interact with readers and to expose more of the area to the local writing community and all your Town library has to offer.

For more information about the Oro Valley Book Festival, please call Jane Peterson at 229-5302, or visit <http://www.orovalleylib.com/LIBRARY/OVBookFestival/default.htm>.