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Oro Valley Holds Second Annual Book Festival ***More than 50 authors to be featured***

ORO VALLEY, AZ (Oct. 25, 2007) — The Oro Valley Public Library will hold its second annual book festival, “Oro Valley Rocks!” on Sat., Nov. 3 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the library, 1305 W. Naranja Drive. The event is free and open to the public.

The event will feature more than 50 local and regional authors offering book signings, lectures and activities for readers of all ages. Richard Shelton, author of “Crossing the Yard: Thirty Years as a Prison Volunteer,” and “Going Back to Bisbee,” will be the keynote speaker beginning at 10 a.m. Shelton is a Regents’ Professor in the University of Arizona’s creative writing program and is the author of 11 books of poetry in addition to his two published books.

Other activities include entertainment by Jukebox Journey; rare book appraisals and jewelry evaluations; artist-made books and other items for sale; refreshments; and the chance to win raffle prizes.

“Oro Valley Rocks!” is sponsored by the Town of Oro Valley and Friends of the Oro Valley Public Library. For a complete schedule of activities and participants, log on to the library’s website at orovalleybookfestival.com, or call (520) 229-5300.

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MASTER SCHEDULE OF PROGRAMS

The following is a master schedule of programs happening at the Book Festival. For the list of Author Book Signings, [click here](#).

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

The Library: Not Just for English Majors!	Leisure Reading Area
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Interested in learning more about a particular hobby or craft? Come and see how your Oro Valley Public Library can guide you to success. Look for our display featuring numerous exhibitors showing their projects from books they have checked out of your library. Exhibits include quilting, contemporary crocheting, bead jewelry, altered books, molded soaps, bird houses, wooden cutting boards, cedar strip canoe construction, metal forming tool making and fabrication, baked items, and more.

Rate Your Rocks: Jewelry Evaluations	Leisure Reading Area
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A representative from Marshall's Jewelry will evaluate one of two of your fine jewelry items.

In Search of Your Book's Value: Book Appraisals	Leisure Reading Area
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Thorn Books will appraise one of two of your books.

Book Creations	Main Library Floor
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Local Book Artists will show their creations and demonstrate book binding techniques.

Friends Book Shoppe Book & Gift Sale	Friends Book Shoppe
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The Friends Book Shoppe will be open during the festival with over 2,000 books and some gifts. All proceeds benefit the library. Give the gift of a Friends membership.

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

History Can Tickle Your Funny Bone	Program Room
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Join **Rhody Cohon**, award-winning author of the *Blast to the Past* series and the new YA romantic comedy titled, *In the Stars*, will focus on making America's historic figures come to life as real people, sometimes odd people, and people who have feelings and worries and fears just like the rest of us do. She will reveal funny facts, interesting situations, and thrilling stories about some of America's most important figures in order to capture children's interest and drive them to learn more about history. Discover Abraham Lincoln, Walt Disney, Alexander Graham Bell, Martin Luther King, Jr., Sacagawea, Benjamin Franklin, George Washington, and Betsy Ross. **Book signing will follow program at Borders Table at 11AM .**

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Richard Shelton:KeynoteAuthor	Meeting Room
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Richard Shelton, prize-winning author of *Going Back to Bisbee*, has a new book to present, *Crossing the Yard: Thirty Years as a Prison Volunteer*. This book chronicles his successes and failures running the longest running writing workshop within the prison system. He will be accompanied by **Ken Lambertson**, former prisoner and author of *Time of Grace: Thoughts on Nature, Family, and the Politics of Crime and Punishment* in the Meeting Room. **Book signing will follow program.**

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

CountingLittle Geckos	Program Room
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Join author **Charline Profiri** who will discuss her book, *Counting Little Geckos*, for ages 1-6 and teach a gecko song/fingerplay. Children will get their hand stamped with a little gecko. Parents will learn about the free Teaching Guide with 50 activities that accompany the book. **Book signing will follow program in Children's Room at 12pm .**

11:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Hopi&Pueblo Tiles	Meeting Room
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Kim and Pat Messier will showcase their book, *Hopi & Pueblo Tiles: An Illustrated History*, with a PowerPoint presentation on the history of this art form. They will open the floor to discussion. **Book signing will follow program in the Meeting Room.**

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	
TheArt of Children's Books	Program Room
<p>There is more than one way to tell a story. Guy Porfirio explains the process of preparing his paintings for a children's book. He shares preliminary sketches and final paintings from his books and then presents a short video highlighting a day in the life of a children's book illustrator. Book signing will follow program at Borders Table at 1pm .</p>	
1:00 PM - 2:30 PM	
Alive&Kicking	Meeting Room
<p>Professors Kenney Hegland and Robert Fleming, authors of <i>Alive and Kicking: Legal Advice for Boomers</i> will give a lively, entertaining look at legal issues that affect boomers. Andrew Weil, MD raved about this book which puts a very humorous spin on the challenges of aging. Book signing will follow program.</p>	
1:15 PM - 2:00 PM	
Don'tShoot Yourself in the Fuzzy	Program Room
Bunny Slipper	
<p>Jennifer J. Stewart presents....Have you ever wanted to write a Children's book? You may be a good writer, but are you a smart one? Writing for children takes talent, persistence, the ability to get inside kids' heads, and knowing what is age appropriate. Book signing at the Borders Table on the Main Library Floor at 2pm .</p>	
2:15 PM - 3:00 PM	
Prepositionsand More!	Program Room
<p>Cornelia "Connie" Kazal is a former educator, miniature horse owner, and cat lover. Connie is fascinated by words, especially prepositions. Her kitten, aptly called Preposition, inspired Connie to write her children's book. Preposition the Kitten, to teach children about the use of these special words. Connie will read her book several times, discuss it with children and adults, and offer her books and tee shirts for sale. Book signing immediately after presentation in Children's Room at 3pm .</p>	
3:00 PM - 4:30 PM	
Trivalities	Meeting Room
<p>Combine PowerPoint and Trivial Pursuit and you have an entertaining games called <i>Trivalities</i>. Suzi Hileman will put together a set of questions and answers geared to our audience of all ages. Come join in the fun and win prizes!</p>	