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Oro Valley Calls for Author Participation in Book Festival

ORO VALLEY, ARIZ (July 22, 2008) — The Oro Valley Public Library is currently looking for local authors to participate in the 2009 Oro Valley Book Festival. The festival will be held on Saturday, January 10, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

This year's theme is "Open Book to the Future!" The keynote author will be award-winning mystery and horror writer J.A. Jance, a graduate of the University of Arizona. Before becoming an author, Jance sold insurance, worked as a school librarian on a Native American Reservation, and was a teacher. Her most recent work, the Joanna Brady suspense novel "Damage Control" was released in July 2008. The festival will also feature presentations by Arizona Daily Star Cartoonist David Fitzsimmons, book binder and conservator Mark Andersson of Panther Peak Bindery and rare book appraiser Thorn Books. A disc jockey will be present to add to the festivities.

Last year's festival, "Oro Valley Rocks," drew more than 50 local and regional authors, illustrators and cartoonists and more than 4000 attendees.

"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 Book Festival chair Jane Peterson. "With a fun and exciting theme, this is a wonderful opportunity for local authors to reach out and interact with readers while exploring all your town library has to offer."

Authors interested in participating can pick up an application at the Oro Valley Public Library, 1305 W. Naranja Drive, or online at www.orovalleybookfestival.com. Author applications are due September 15, 2008. For more information about the Oro Valley Book Festival, please call Jane Peterson at (520) 229-5302, or visit www.orovalleybookfestival.com.