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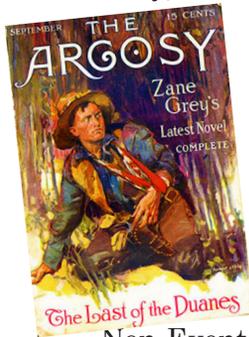
The Alachua County Library District Foundation

providing long-term support to the Alachua County Library District
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ACLD Foundation Hosts its Eleventh Annual Non-Event Gala

Beginning in 2012, the Foundation has hosted an annual Non-Event Gala to raise funds for its work on behalf of the Alachua County Library District and its patrons. The first Gala honored Charles Dickens on the occasion of the 200th anniversary of his birth. This year's Gala is in celebration of the sesquicentennial birthday of Zane Grey, father of the American Western



If you haven't yet read *Riders of the Purple Sage*, *Western Union*, *Lone Star Ranger*, or one of his other more than 90 works, odds are you've seen a Zane Grey film starring Randolph Scott, Tom Mix, Gary Cooper, or Ed Harris, or sat glued in front of the television where Grey's stories inspired a generation of Western screenplays, such as *Dick Powell's Zane Grey Theater*.

Alas, Mr. Grey and his "rustlers, cattle, foremen, sheriffs, and Heaven only knows what" cannot be with us. For our Non-Event Gala, we invite you instead to settle by the campfire next to the coffeepot and enjoy a rousing tale from your Alachua County Library District. While doing so, you might wish to sample a Zane Grey menu of "Strips of dried beef held to the blaze," accompanied by sourdough bread, rotgut whiskey, and water from the ranch's clear stream, along with some dried fruit (the original trail mix) and tinned peaches for dessert.

Your suggested donation of \$100 to the Alachua County Library District Foundation Non-Event Gala shows support for the Alachua County Library District. Every penny of your donation will go to the Foundation's Library Endowment Fund, which over the past decade has provided over \$600,000 to the Library District. Checks should indicate that they are for the Gala, be payable to the ACLD Foundation, and mailed to the ACLD Foundation, 401 E. University Ave, Gainesville, FL 32601. This gift is tax deductible.

