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**AN EVENING WITH BESTSELLING AUTHOR J. A. JANCE,  
TO BE HELD AT DOUBLETREE REID PARK ON APRIL 12, 2003 AT 6:00 P.M.  
*Dinner to benefit student scholarships for the School of Information Resources & Library Science at the University of Arizona***

TUCSON, ARIZONA—The University of Arizona School of information Resources and Library Science (SIRLS) is pleased to announce a Benefit Dinner and Talk featuring *New York Times* bestselling author J. A. Jance, author of the J. P. Beaumont and Joanna Brady mystery series. All proceeds go to the Scholarship Fund of the School of Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona.

The title of J.A. Jance's talk will be "Librarians and Libraries Change Lives." According to SIRLS Director Brooke Sheldon, "For those of us who eagerly await each successive J.A. Jance mystery, this is a rare treat. We can meet this fabulous writer, and also help finance the education of future librarians at the University of Arizona." Ms. Jance will also be signing copies of her books; Tucson's mystery bookstore, Clues Unlimited, will donate 20% of the evening's book sales to our cause. A Silent Auction will also be held.

The dinner will be held at the DoubleTree Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way in Tucson, Arizona. Places at the dinner cost \$100.00 a seat, of which \$70.00 is tax-deductible. Please make checks out to U of A Foundation/SIRLS and mail to J.A. Jance Benefit Dinner, c/o Kris Hogeboom, SIRLS Business Manager, School of Information Resources & Library Science, 1515 E. First St., Tucson, AZ 5719. Visit [www.savesirls.org](http://www.savesirls.org) for menu information, or contact: Ginger Cullen, at [cullen@u.arizona.edu](mailto:cullen@u.arizona.edu); phone: (520) 544-0797 or Kris Hogeboom at [sirls@u.arizona.edu](mailto:sirls@u.arizona.edu); phone: (520) 621-3565.

**ABOUT AUTHOR J.A. JANCE**

New York Times best-selling author J. A. Jance was born in South Dakota, brought up in Bisbee, Arizona, and now lives with her husband in Seattle, Washington, and Tucson, Arizona. Among her most famous creations are J.P. Beaumont, Seattle homicide detective, and Cochise County Sheriff Joanna Brady. Her most recent work, *Partner in Crime* teams the two protagonists as they work to solve the murder of an up-and-coming African-American artist in Cochise County, Arizona.

In addition to her distinguished career as a writer, Jance also worked as an educator at Pueblo High School and as a librarian on the Tohono O'odham Nation's reservation west of Tucson. She is a Distinguished Alumna of the master's program in Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona, and received an Honorary Doctorate of Humane Letters from the University of Arizona in December 2000.



**EVENT:** *Dinner featuring bestselling author J.A. Jance, to benefit the School of Information Resources & Library Science at the University of Arizona*  
**DATE:** Saturday, April 12, 2003 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.  
**COST:** \$100.00 per seat (\$70.00 is tax deductible) Make checks payable to U of A Foundation/SIRLS  
**LOCATION:** DoubleTree Reid Park, 445 S. Alvernon Way, Tucson Arizona  
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