

## Brooke Bessesen

# Author at Gridleys Saturday

Author and illustrator Brooke Bessesen will sign her new book, "Zachary Z. Packrat and His Amazing Collections," from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Gridleys.

Her second book, illustrated by Jenny Campbell, was released in July. The title was selected the 2008-2009 Phoenix Public Library Project GOAL Book.

The 40-page book tells the story about a packrat with too much stuff. It is advertised as a book for all ages.

Her first title, "Look Who Lives in the Desert!," is a non-fiction humorous book about wildlife in the American Southwest. The book received several honors and awards.

Her next publication expected in March is "Look Who Lives in the Ocean!" *Arizona Highways* Books is the publisher.

Bessesen spent years on the medical team at the Phoenix Zoo



where she served as a wildlife rescue volunteer. She also is a television producer, producing KTVK's weekly series, "A Brighter Day with Jan D'Atri," as well as stories for National Geographic Channel.

Her writings promote literacy and inspire readers to protect the earth's diverse habitats through awareness and conservation.