

Friends of the Sun City Libraries

2024 Highlights

Board and Governance

Deletions: Cathy Weyers bd term expired in October. Remained Board Advisor.

Additions: Tom Haugsby (March 2024) and Dan Kellams (October 2024)

RCSC Liaison: Jean Totten to March, Chris Nettesheim April to December

Officers remained the same. President Sue Blechl, VP vacant, Secretary Joyce Voss, Treasurer Jessica Potter-Slider

Note: no board meeting was held in Jan. 2024, due to illness

Board Development Committee Chair vacancy filled by Tom Haugsby

Library Management Changes

- Glen Brown, Manager to April 2024, Nande Marin May 2024 to present
- Janelle Yoder, Supervisor to August 2024 , Renada Augh Kim Sept. 2024 to present

Major Accomplishment – campaign to renew both branch library leases for five years

--RCSC indicated that it wanted to terminate Fairway Branch lease, and have Sun City Branch go to month-to-month. The Friends mobilized the Sun City community to express support for both libraries.

Campaign included

- 20 letters to the editor (Sun City Independent)
- Phone and email communications to RCSC board members and staff
- 100 Yard signs
- Four social media groups in Sun City
- emails to every RCSC club
- Over 3,800 signatures on petitions
- radio interview
- 1,000 library supporters attend April 8th RCSC Member Exchange, with 84 speaking publicly

After leases were renewed, a full-page thank you acknowledgement in Independent. County Board approved the new five-year lease for both facilities on Wed. December 19, 2024. The lease begins on Sept. 1, 2024 and ends on August 31, 2029

Library Projects (examples) funded by Friends

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| • Room Rent | \$3,889 | 24 rooms rented from RCSC |
| • Programs | 12,164 | 38 individual programs |
| • Library Supplies | 3,626 | |
| • Improvements | 10,310 | electrical |
| • Promotion | 1,597 | |
| TOTAL | \$31,586 | |

Bookstore – raised \$45,239 (\$41,813 in store, \$3,426 online)