

STORE

Books could be available online

Friends committee formed to explore options

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Books Around the Corner, 16828 N. 96th Ave., continues to be closed, but the Friends of the Sun City Libraries board members want to make book sales available in one way or another.

To make that happen, board members formed a committee designed to explore the possibilities of returning to online sales for selected items. The volunteer group, which serves as a support system for the two Maricopa County Library District facilities in Sun City, established online sales several years ago. But when the person who coordinated it left the board, the process became cumbersome.

"Donated books that have high value can be sold online for more than

IF YOU GO:

What: Friends of the Sun City Library board meeting
When: 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8
Where: Via the Zoom meeting app

they would bring in our book store," Tom Everritt, Friends newsletter writer and editor, stated in the March publication.

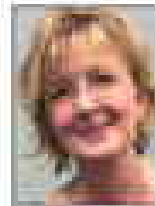
Online sales could be a good option, despite traffic

to the site and the Friends' social media platforms being low.

Marcia Davis, board advisor for web and graphics, said a new Webley platform should help as it is more stable than the previous platform.

"I am now able to make month-to-month comparisons on website activity," she said during the group's March Zoom meeting.

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Marcia Davis

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She attributed the low web activity to the lack of events in the community due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"Despite that, January statistics showed 225 page views and 190 visitors."

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Friends board members also discussed returning to the weekly farmer's market at Bell Center, 16820 N. 96th Ave., for book sales. But the matter was tabled to a future meeting. The board will meet again via Zoom 10:30 a.m. Thursday, April 8.

While there is no firm date for reopening the book store, volunteers



Mary Anne McDonald

continue to make preparations, according to Mary Anne McDonald, book store manager. She tested the store's cash register and it appears to be functioning properly. Other volunteers continue to sort books and organize shelves.

Wall damage caused by heavy rains in January was scheduled to be repaired March 12.

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According to Heirna King, Sun City library manager, county library officials were working toward the next phase of reopening, although no firm date was established for full reopening. Friends board members decided Books Around the Corner would reopen shortly after the libraries, perhaps two weeks following that event.

Friends board members also continued to explore opportunities to keep volunteers engaged while the book store and other events, such as Book Friends and Book Buddies, are on hold. In addition to reactive features in the newsletter, the board decided to make calls to volunteers to see how they are doing and find out if they had anything they wanted to share with others.

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