

Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.



Celebrating the Start of Fairway Saturday Hours



Library Volunteer

We'd Like to Tell You

- ❑ Who We Are
- ❑ About Our Libraries
- ❑ What We Do
- ❑ How We Got Here
- ❑ What You Can Do
- ❑ How to Keep in Touch With Us



Friends Volunteer Ice Cream Social

Who We Are

- ❑ Our Mission is to “Enhance the community through support for the Sun City Libraries”
- ❑ This includes supporting our two Sun City Libraries



**Sun City Library at Bell Recreation Center
at 99th & Bell**



**Fairway Library at
at Del Webb & Peoria**

About Our Libraries - Facts

- ❑ Last year, Sun City libraries supported approximately **200,000 customers** with almost **400,000 items** in circulation, and **500 programs** (many paid for by the Friends)
- ❑ Sun City has two branches of the 19 in the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) and draws materials from them all



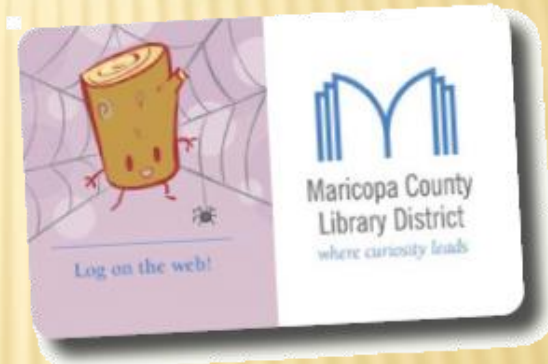
About Our Libraries - Content

- ❑ Books (hardcover, soft cover, large print, free paperback exchange)
- ❑ Media (DVDs, CDs, E-Books, Audio Books)
- ❑ Jigsaw Puzzles
- ❑ Magazines
- ❑ Ukuleles (yes, you heard that right)
- ❑ Low Vision Reader (state of the art)
- ❑ Maricopa County Recorder KIOSKS (convenient recording of documents locally)
- ❑ Variety of on-line databases, (including Ancestry.com)
- ❑ Phenomenally trained librarians (who can help you find just about anything)



About Our Libraries - How To

- ❑ GET A LIBRARY CARD Any resident of Maricopa County (including snow birds) can get a library card. Go to the library with ID and proof of address
- ❑ CHECK OUT up to 50 items per card for the following borrowing periods
 - ❑ DVD 7 days
 - ❑ EXPRESS items 7 days
 - ❑ New Adult Books 14 days
 - ❑ All Other Materials 21 days
- ❑ RENEW YOUR ACCOUNT annually. Visit any library branch with your photo ID and proof of your current local address
- ❑ RENEW MATERIALS that have not been requested by another customer at a branch, by phone or online



What We Do - Financial Support

- Work closely with MCLD and the Recreation Centers of Sun City (RCSC) by providing supplemental financial support for



**Automated Check In
Machine at Bell**

- Furniture (shelves, tables, chairs)
- Equipment (computers, check in machines)
- Programs (speakers, room rental)
- Volunteers

What We Do - Community Support

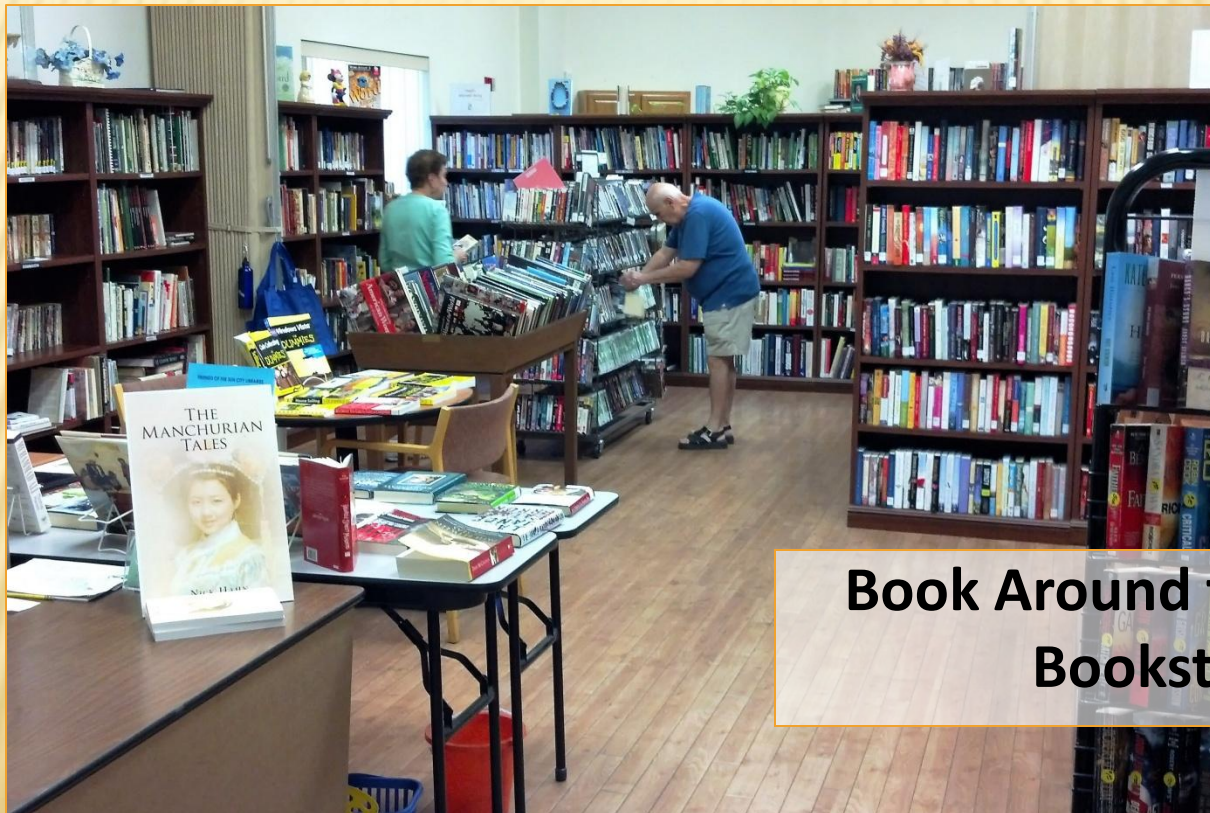
- ❑ Provide the community with other library related things they need (volunteer Book Buddies, Book Friends, and monetary grants, such as a \$5,000 donation to the Del Webb History Museum last year)



Dishing Out Ice Cream at our summer Ice Cream Social

What We Do – How We Do It

- We get the funding to do this through generous donations, bequests, and income (>\$34,000 a year) from our volunteer run **Books Around the Corner**



**Book Around the Corner
Bookstore**

How We Got Here - Early Days

- ❑ **1960** Shortly after Del Webb opened Sun City, the need for a library was recognized. Sun City gave 820 square feet in the Town Hall Center, now the Fairway Recreation Center site, for use as Sun City's first library run by 8 volunteers
- ❑ **1961** An informal "Friends of the Library" group was organized to raise money and to serve as volunteers. It became a non-profit organization in 1971



**Jerry Costin is checking out books to Charles Nearman.
Photo courtesy of the Sun City
Area Historical Museum**

How We Got Here - Expansion

- ❑ **1972** Del Webb made 2,500 square feet available at the Lakeview Recreation Center for a much needed move to larger facilities. The first paid librarian was hired, aided by a volunteer staff of 30
- ❑ **1974** The Webb Corporation made space available in the Fairway Center for a Branch Library. At the same time, planning was underway for a new Bell Recreation Center. The Library didn't just offer books, but also included "Books on Wheels", cassettes, jigsaw puzzles, and Polaroid cameras



**Jerry Costin is checking out books to Charles Nearman.
Photo courtesy of the Sun City Area Historical Museum**

How We Got Here - Transition



1976: The Bell library on opening day. Photo courtesy of the Sun City Area Historical Museum

- ❑ **1984** Always in need of money, the Friends used a variety of fund raising methods, including an annual bridge marathon and a annual fee to obtain a library card
- ❑ **2008** Facing continual financial challenges, the Sun City Library Board voted to pursue becoming part of the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD)
- ❑ **2009** The Sun City Libraries became part of the MCLD. To reflect their new role of support, the nonprofit “The Sun City Library, Inc.” was amended to become “Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.”

How We Got Here - Today

- ❑ Today the Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc. has over 90 volunteers
- ❑ The MCLD managed Sun City Libraries have nearly 700,000 items available to every card holder
- ❑ We've come a long way since 1960, but one thing has remained consistent: Sun City and the Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc. know the immeasurable value of a great community library



Books Around the Corner Bookstore

What Can You Do? - Options

- ❑ Shop at our Bookstore
- ❑ Donate your used books, magazines, puzzles, DVDs, and CDs to our Bookstore
- ❑ Remember us in your Will
- ❑ Sign up for the Fry's Community Rewards Program
- ❑ Volunteer!



What Can You Do? - Volunteer

- ❑ At our Bookstore
- ❑ At either Library
- ❑ As a Book Buddy or Book Friend
- ❑ As a Board Member or a Board Committee Member



What Can You Do? - Why

- ❑ Our volunteers LOVE working with us. We know this, because we surveyed them last year
- ❑ The response was overwhelmingly positive
- ❑ They love the people
- ❑ They love being around books
- ❑ They love helping customers



Volunteer - Books Around the Corner

- ❑ Located “around the corner” in the Bell Library
- ❑ Brings in over \$34,000 a year in sales, all of which go to support our libraries
- ❑ Open Mon-Sat 10a.m to 4p.m.
- ❑ Stock items, cashier, or help people find what they want
- ❑ Work one 3-hour shift a week



Volunteer - Books Around the Corner

- ❑ Sales every month, special interest tables, fun contests
- ❑ Over 50 sections, including the latest novels, classics, biographies, mysteries, cozies, true crime, westerns, children, travel, cooking, health, and much more



Volunteer - Book Buddies

- ❑ Pick up and deliver library materials to people who cannot go to the library
- ❑ Work with the homebound to select library items they want
- ❑ Help keep isolated people engaged

**Pizza's Not the Only Thing
That's Delivered in Sun City!**



If you can't get to the library
The Friends of the Sun City Libraries volunteer

BOOK BUDDIES

can deliver library material to you free of charge!
Call 602-651-2014 for more information

Volunteer - Book Friends

- ❑ We are also excited to be starting a Book Buddy companion reading program called Book Friends
- ❑ Book Friends will read one-on-one or in small groups to residents who cannot enjoy books on their own

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Volunteer - Libraries

- ❑ Work with Bell or Fairway library staff to restock shelves
- ❑ Perform tasks such as labeling paperbacks, removing book labels, or other special projects

**THIS IS HOW
WE ROLL!**



**Come roll with us! Call 602-651-2014
or drop in our bookstore for
information on all of our great
volunteer opportunities.**

suncitylibraryfriends.org

Volunteer - Board of Directors

- ❑ Set the direction for Friends activities
- ❑ Work closely with library staff to determine Library improvement
- ❑ Meet monthly, September through May, second Thursday, 9:30 AM in the Bell Library. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend



Volunteer - Board Committees

- ❑ Choose from standing committees on Activities, Publicity, Finance, Board Development, or Web and Records
- ❑ Work behind the scenes to support the Board and other volunteers



How To Keep In Touch With Us

- ❑ Sign up for our email distribution, where we send you information about our sales and more
- ❑ Like us on facebook®, and watch for special events and announcements

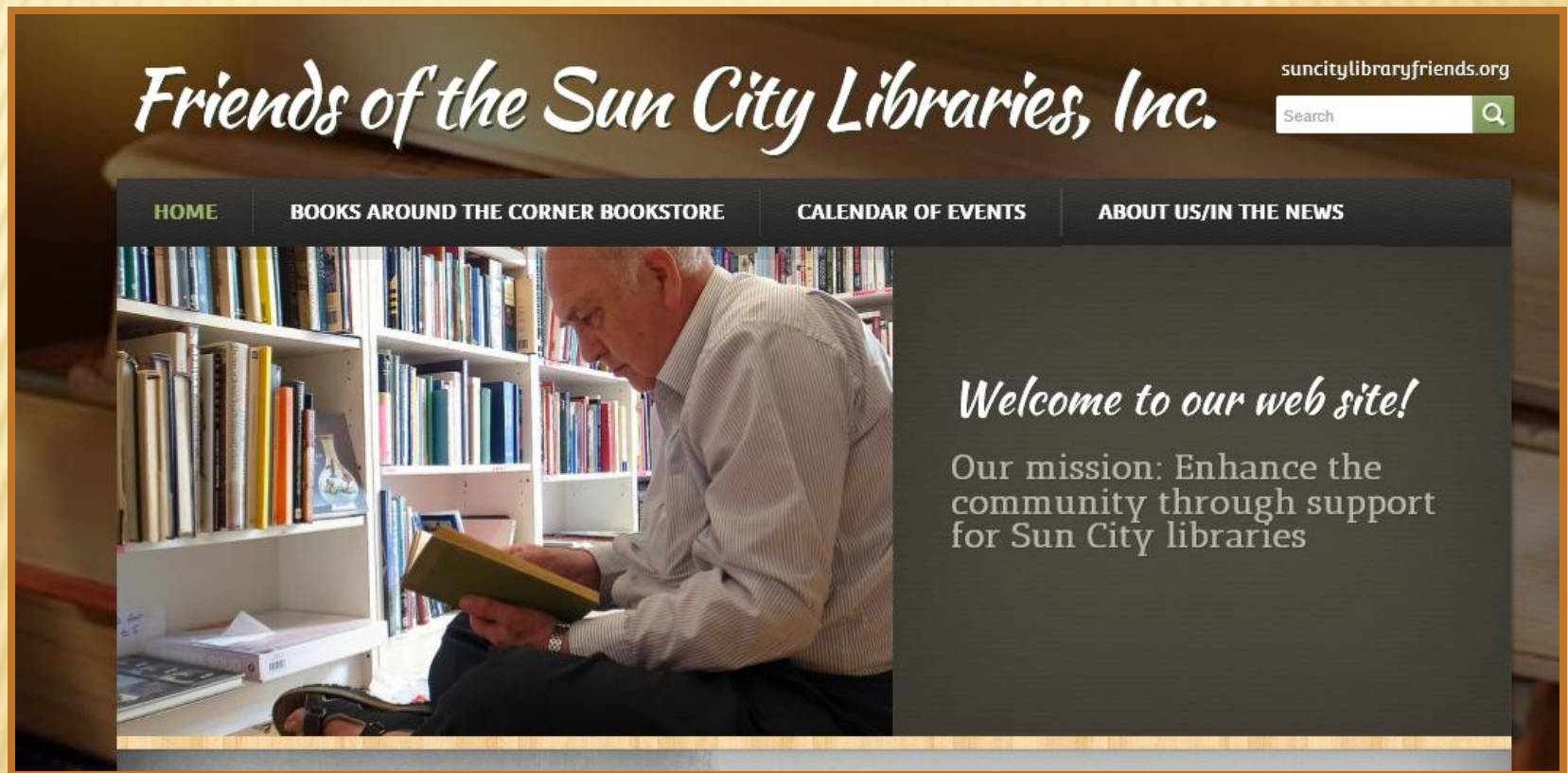


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- Utilize www.suncitylibraryfriends.org



Recap

- ❑ We told you who we are, about our libraries, and a little bit about how we got here
- ❑ We told you what YOU can do if you want to help
- ❑ We went over the many volunteer opportunities
- ❑ We told you how you can keep in touch with us
- ❑ We're giving each of you a handout about the Library and the Friends so all of this is easy to remember



□ Do you have any questions

