



**FRIENDS**  
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# **FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER**

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## **October 2018**

**WELCOME** The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter's* purpose is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. The *Newsletter* is emailed to volunteers on the first of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available.

*Newsletter* content will include Board or committee meeting notices, social event meeting announcements, between meeting communication, special announcements to specific volunteers, proposals for review, Bookstore updates (sales, material needs, special volunteer needs), volunteer news of general interest, meeting minutes when appropriate, or any item of general concern to Friends volunteers.

Any Friend volunteer may submit information to Tom Everitt at [tjever40@gmail.com](mailto:tjever40@gmail.com). The Board President will approve copy before publication.

News for the November 2018, issue should be submitted by Monday, October 29, 2018.

### **BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER**

The author of the month is **Stuart Woods**. His books will be half price all October. He has written more than 75 novels. His first in 1981 won the Edgar Award for best first novel by an American author. His latest will be out October 16. The Bookstore will not have his latest one (obviously); but the selection of his previous works is great. Come see! As you know, the Bookstore has other books, too.

The date for the autumn **Fairway book sale** has not been set, nor has the date for the **January Bookstore sale**. Stay tuned.

Mary Anne McDonald, Bookstore Manager, has requested craft and holiday items for the **Christmas table**, which will open November 5.

**BOARD OPENINGS** Cathy Weyers, Friends Board Development Chairperson, reported at the September Board meeting that the Board is below the optimum number of members. President Marcia Davis encouraged **potential candidates** to attend a Board meeting to see if they might enjoy serving.

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Marcia's invitation is particularly true for current volunteers. Your knowledge from your current job will give you a head start as a Board member. Most of all, however, your experience would be a great help to making decisions that affect all volunteers. The next Board meeting is October 11. Think about it!

**MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS** This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Ada Weiner**. Ada volunteers in the



Library at Bell on Wednesday four hours a week, as well as Books Around the Corner on Monday three hours a week. She has been a volunteer since February, 2000. Shelving books for the Library and operating the cash register in the Bookstore are her primary responsibilities. As with most volunteers, she gets tapped to assist with other special projects as well.

Prior to her retirement, Ada worked in merchandising for the McKesson Corporation in Phoenix. She and her family moved to Arizona in 1965, when her husband went to school at ASU for his engineering degree.

The part of Ada's volunteering that she likes best is the interaction with people. She enjoys helping patrons find what they are seeking.

Originally from South Dakota, Ada and her immediate family are now all in the Phoenix area. She is widowed, has three children, six grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. When not involved with family, she enjoys reading mysteries and historical fiction, particularly author James Michener.



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**LIBRARY NEWS** At the September Friends Board meeting, Brianna King, Library Manager, introduced two new staff members, **Jackson Hadley (Library Supervisor)**, and **Vicki Novak (Librarian)**. Jackson is working on inter generational programs, and Vicki is working on technical programs.

Brianna also announced Fairway will get all **new computers** in September, and Bell will get all new ones very soon. The new computers are all equipped with Windows 10.

Another **evening murder mystery** program will be at the Fairway Library on October 18.

The Library District is working with RCSC on approval for installation of **baby changing stations** at Bell and Fairway. Changing stations are standard at all other MCLD libraries.

Brianna noted that the **charging station** the Friends bought for the Bell Library is being well used. She is checking into whether there is space for one at the Fairway Library.

In summary, whether it is a charging station or a changing station, our

Libraries are always up to something new to serve patrons. As a volunteer, you should be proud to be a part of such a **great organization**, which, by the way, is also great because of your service. Thanks, again!

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR** At the September meeting, the Friends Board approved revised **Board and Committee Responsibilities**. Included in those revisions was the creation of a Volunteer Coordinator position. The position will maintain volunteer data, be a volunteer point of contact, and refer and interview volunteer candidates. **Ruth Polansky** has been appointed as chairperson. Ruth has mailed out a survey to volunteers, and has a good response thus far.

**FARMERS MARKET** October 4 will be the first Farmers Market in which the Library and Friends will be staffing a booth. The market runs from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on Thursday in the **Bell Recreation Center parking lot**.

The purpose of the booth primarily is to **promote the Sun City Libraries**. Library staff and Friends volunteers answer questions posed by those visiting the Market. The Friends

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operation, particularly the Bookstore, are also explained.

This year, the Friends and Library staff will have a booth on four Thursdays--October 4, December 6, February 7, and April 4. Volunteers who would like to assist with this promotional project should contact Sue Blechl at [sueblechl@gmail.com](mailto:sueblechl@gmail.com).

**MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF** This month's featured staff member is **Library Supervisor Jackson Hadley**. New to this job, Jackson previously worked as Youth Services librarian at the Litchfield Park Branch of the Maricopa County Library District. January will count two years of work for the District.

Before his work in Arizona, he was the Children's Librarian in Provo, Utah. Having completed his Master's degree, he was ready for a new challenge. That brought him to Arizona.

Jackson's new job as Library Supervisor means that he is the number two person to Brianna King, Library Manager. He is based at Fairway, where he manages Fairway



staff and programs. Jackson states "the staff" is what he likes best about his job.

Baseball, reading, writing, and movies are Jackson's other interests. His reading focuses on children's literature. He and his stay-at-home wife have two little girls. The daughters, and admittedly their father, have a special interest in super heros.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY** 2019 will mark 10 years since the Maricopa County





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Library District took over the operation of the **Sun City Libraries**. Sue Blechl, Board vice president, requested ideas on how to make note of it in our community be sent to her. Either leave a note in the Bookstore addressed to Sue, or email your idea to [sueblechl@gmail.com](mailto:sueblechl@gmail.com).

**BOARD MEETING** The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **October 11, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

**ASK TOM E** The October question comes from Watts Happnin who asked Tom E, “**I know you have discussed this before, but what ever came of the drive up drop box for the Bell Library?**”

Dear Watts,

Jerry, Walczak, RCSC Board member representative to the Friends Board, reported at the September Friends Board meeting that the project had to be moved to the back burner because of issues with golf courses and storm damage over the summer. He stated he would continue to monitor the status.

As a former Friends Board member, Jerry has been very supportive of the Friends efforts with the RCSC Board. As he completes his term on the RCSC Board, the Friends Board has appreciated his efforts, and wishes him well in his future efforts in serving the Sun City community.

The book drop box is a top priority of the Friends Board. You can rest assured, Watts, that the Friends will continue to work on this project, and this *Newsletter* will keep you informed of the progress.

Tom E

Email me with your **question, concern, idea** for improvement, **pet peeve** at work, or any **general inquiry** you have. Maybe your matter can be featured and answered in the November *Newsletter*!

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