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FRIENDS PURCHASE BOOK DROP BIN (Not to be confused with the outdoor book drop) The following is an email from Library Manager Brianna King to the Friends President Marcia Davis: *“I just wanted to take a moment to say thank you to you and the Friends for generously buying us a new through the wall book drop! It came out really nice, and it’s SO quiet!”*

No more headaches from listening to the banging all day! And the new bin holds so many more items than the old one. It’s wonderful!”



SAVE THE DATE Mark your calendars now so that you don’t miss the Friends **Holiday Luncheon**. On Tuesday, **December 10**, 11:00 to 2:00 at the Palmbrook Country Club all Friends volunteers are invited to get together for a holiday celebration. More information will follow in the November *Newsletter*.



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If you are really into marking your calendar far in advance, the **Volunteer Dinner at Palmbrook** will be on Thursday, March 26, 2020.

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The half-price authors of the month are **Stuart Woods** and **Sandra Brown**. Both are prolific writers. Woods has written 85 books, mostly mysteries, and is still writing at age 81. Brown has written 92, mostly romance and thrillers, and is still writing at age 71.

In addition to the half-price authors of the month, **CDs** will be priced at 3/\$1.00 and **DVDs** at \$1.00.

Bookstore **sales** are well ahead of last year's record amount.

The next **Bookstore half price sale** will be in late October, and the next **Fairway sale** will be in November.

Donations of items for the **Christmas boutique** are now being accepted.

BOOK BUDDIES Monica Fallon, Board Member responsible for the Book Buddy program, reported at the September Board of Directors meeting

that she has **eight new drivers and 11 new readers**. She is attempting to establish a working relationship with **Olive Branch**. **Meals on Wheels** is delivering Book Buddy brochures along with meals.

BOOK DROP CONSTRUCTION

Progress is under way! (More **pictures** are on page 5.



LIBRARY NEWS Frank Patterson reported at the September Friends Board meeting that the Sun City Libraries enjoyed a **busier than normal summer**. Frank noted that most libraries are seeing a downward trend of hard copy books in favor of ebooks; but both Sun City and Fairway have defied the trend and have increased the **use of hard copy books**.

Frank introduced Janelle Breedveld, who replaced Jackson Hadley at Fairway. See next article.



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MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF Our featured Library Staff person this month is **Janelle Breedveld**. Janelle worked in the philanthropic sector in Seattle for nearly a decade before relocating to Arizona. While working full time as a Project Manager, she simultaneously held part time positions and internships at libraries to gain experience in the field while getting her Master's degree in Library and Information Science.



In Washington, Janelle worked at Seattle Pacific University Library, Philanthropy Northwest, and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. Since moving to the Phoenix area, she has worked for the New Venture Fund, Litchfield Park Branch Library, Peoria Public Library, State of Arizona Research Library, and Arizona Christian University.

“While I’ve worked in government, public, and academic libraries, my true passion lies in service communities through public librarianship. As a regular customer at the Fairway Library branch, I was thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the staff and support the Sun City community.”

BOARD MEETING The Friends Board of Directors next scheduled meeting will be on **Thursday, October 10, 2019**, 9:30 a.m. in the Sun City Library North Wing room.

ASK TOM E The October question comes from How Kum, who asked Tom E, “I followed the story of the 10 year celebration of MCLD’s operating the Sun City Library. I wasn’t around then. I know Sun City West operates



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their own library. What happened to cause the Library Board to do that?"

Excellent question, How. Non profit Boards usually do not give up the power to make their own decisions. Let Tom E give you the short story.

The Sun City Library Board of Directors a decade ago realized they needed to make a number of updates. Computerization had taken over libraries. Making the conversion was very expensive and beyond the financial ability of the Library. The Library Board approached the Maricopa County Library District to see if they could assist in some way. After much discussion, the Library District proposed to take over the operation, and convert the Library to another branch of the Maricopa County Library system.

Time has proven that to be an excellent decision. Library fund-raising is no longer necessary. The advantages of being a part of a large, well managed organization have proven to be great. Tom E hopes you would agree. If in doubt, Kum see!

Tom E

The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* 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.

Information or letters to Tom E should be sent to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the November 2019, issue should be received by Friday, September 27, 2019.

*Tom Everitt,
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This is the island where the book drops will be located. The Street will be widened to allow cars to pass on either side.



The new sidewalk will allow staff to retrieve items from the book drops.

