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## **OCTOBER 2021**

**BOOKSTORE AT FAIRWAY** With great joy, Brianna King, Library Manager, announced at the October Friends Board meeting that a **Bookstore extension** at the Fairway Branch had been approved by the County Board. A motion was approved to spend up to \$1,500 to set up and maintain the Friends Bookstore extension. Additional shelving and lighting will be needed. The Friends will maintain the Bookstore. The Extension will become a reality in **2022**.

**LIBRARY NEWS** At the Board meeting, Brianna also:

1. thanked the Friends for the 125 **flash drives** bought by the Friends. The drives are used for customers who find an important need for them. 25 of the 150 purchased drives were retained for the Friends.
2. announced that the Libraries will be **closed** Friday, December 24, and Friday, December 31.
3. shared that October is **Domestic Violence Prevention** month, and the Libraries are taking donations of new items for Eve's Place.

4. stated no date has been set for start-up of **in-person programs**.

5. told that her staff will be doing a virtual program at 5:00 p.m., Thursday, October 28, called the **Great British Bump Off**.

6. Although **no new Library volunteers** are being accepted now, they will be welcome when the Libraries return to in-person programs.

**BOOKSTORE BLURBS.** Half price specials for October are **soft cover novels** and **audio books**.

November half-price specials will include **Christmas books, CDs, craft books, and soft cover books**.

\$400 was received from a vendor who bought boxes of the Bookstore's older books. \$100 was received as a **donation** from a patron.

**MARCIA DAVIS COMMENDED** Sheila Rooney, RCSC Representative to the Friends Board, passed on kudos to former Friends President, Marcia Davis, for her work done on the **RCSC website**.

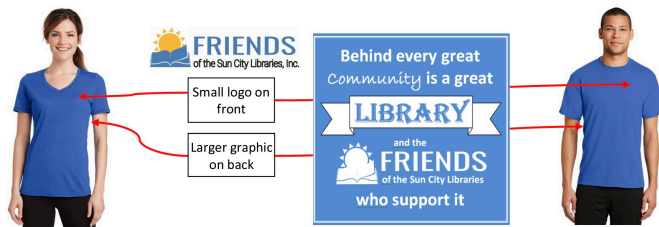
**FRIENDS T-SHIRTS REMINDER** If you are a **new** volunteer, or are a



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Bookstore volunteer wearing the T-shirt to work and have found the need for more than one, don't forget to order a new one. **If you need to**, please notify Ruth Polansky at [rlpolansky@gmail.com](mailto:rlpolansky@gmail.com) or 415-264-1117.



**FRIENDS BROCHURE** Marcia Davis, Friends Web and Graphics Master, is working on a **new brochure** for the Friends. After the Friends President reviews it, the brochure draft will be sent to Board member for input.

**BOOKS FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES** Diane Wysocki, Friends Board member, is looking into **donating children's books** to refugee families.

**NEXT MEETING** The next Friends Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **November 11**, 2021, via Zoom.

## FROM YOUR VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

Hello Volunteers, What a crazy time we have been having. Normal seems so close...

I am so sorry to you Book Buddies and Book Friends that are no longer actively volunteering.

If everything goes as planned, we will have new volunteer ideas sometime in 2022. It amazes me that is the year ahead. Never, would I have thought it would be like this. When I was young, I thought in 2022 we would be in space, living like the Jetsons.

I know that all of you have worked very hard for Friends of the Sun City Libraries, especially the members of the Bookstore team. It is so good to know that even after the times we have had, the Bookstore is thriving. Even with mandatory masks, you have been doing an excellent and thorough job in keeping the space looking tip top and so well organized.

Thank you to all volunteers, you have made a difference!

Ruth Polansky

**FROM YOUR PRESIDENT** Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your



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thoughts and prayers for Mary Anne McDonald and me after our Sept. 25 car accident. I am blessed to have received only bumps and bruises, with no broken bones or other injuries. Mary Anne has a long hard road to recovery, but with your good wishes and friendship, she should improve every day. Your words of encouragement on the phone are important, and your visits are helpful.

The Friends continue to operate the Bookstore, with Covid protections in place. We appreciate new volunteers who help carry the workload.

I am in awe of our three Bookstore managers, Pam Danneman, Cathy Weyers, and Roberta Hawksworth, who have stepped up to share the responsibilities of scheduling, promoting, and organizing the operation. Their many hours of dedicated work and consultation are keeping the Bookstore viable and even thriving. Thank you!

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The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. It is emailed to volunteers on the middle of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Information for the November 2021, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at [tjever40gmail.com](mailto:tjever40gmail.com) by Friday, November 12, 2021.

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## CLARIFYING THOUGHTS

Every box of raisins is a tragic tale of grapes that could have been wine.

I finally stopped drinking for good. Now I just drink for evil.

They say we can have gatherings with up to eight people without issues. I don't even know eight people without issues.

Friend: "Look! Your husband is talking to another girl." Me: "Let him. I want to see how long he can suck-in his stomach."

I have opened a can of worms. They just sit there, the worms. Hardly the chaos that's been advertised.

I think the proper name for older women should be "Queen-agers". That's it. Carry on.

I went line dancing last night. Well ... it was a roadside sobriety test ... same thing ...

Theme parks can snap a crystal-clear picture of you on a roller coaster going 70 mph, but bank cameras can't get a clear shot of a robber standing still.

Did you know that people who look after chickens are literally Chicken Tenders?

The fastest land mammal is not a cheetah ... it's a toddler who has just been asked "what's in your mouth?"

Dear paranoid people who check behind their shower curtains for murderers ... if you do find one, what's your plan?

The more I get to know people, the more I realize why Noah only let animals on the boat.

Facial recognition software can pick a person out of a crowd but the vending machine at work can't



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recognize a dollar bill with a bent corner.

Research has shown that laughing for two minutes is just as healthy as a twenty-minute jog. So now I sit in the park and laugh at all the joggers.

When my wife is mad at me, I tighten all the jar lids, so she has to talk to me.

Covid-19 Fact: 87% of gym members don't even know their gym is closed.

Every day, thousands of innocent plants are killed by vegetarians. Help stop the violence - eat bacon.

I never make the same mistake twice. I do it like, five or six times, you know, to make sure.

Someone just honked to get me out of my parking space faster, so now I just have to sit here until both of us are dead.

My train of thought derailed. There were no survivors.

I know it's time to clean out my purse when my car assumes it's an

extra passenger who isn't wearing a seat belt.

In the 1980s I fell off my bike and hurt my knee. I'm telling you this now because we didn't have social media then.

Some people seem to have aged like fine wine. I aged like milk ... I got sour and chunky.

I still have a full deck; I just shuffle and deal slower.

Crafter's philosophy ... why pay \$7 for it when you can make it with \$92 of craft supplies?

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Bit

More

Humor





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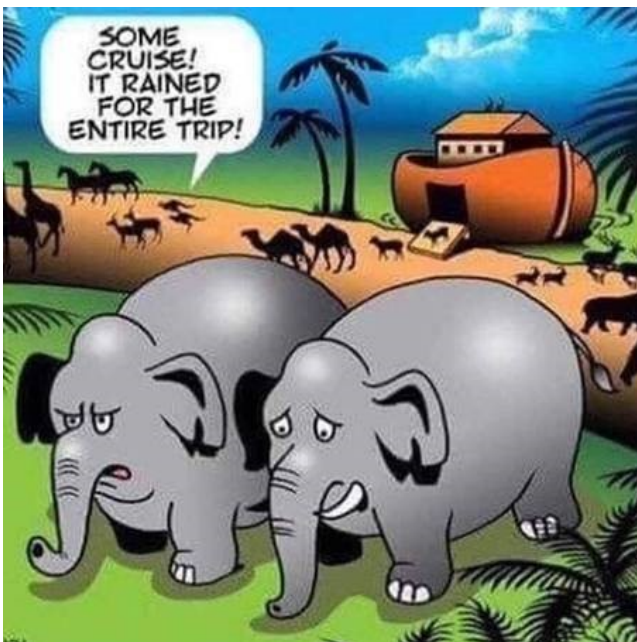
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**It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub. It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house. The difference is staggering.**

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**Today I saw a dwarf climbing down a prison wall. I thought to myself, *That's a little condescending.***

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**MY MIND IS LIKE MY  
INTERNET  
BROWSER.**

**19 tabs open,  
3 of them are  
frozen,  
and I have no idea  
where the music is  
coming from.**

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**People who wonder  
whether the glass is  
half empty or half  
full are missing the  
point.**

**The glass is  
refillable.**

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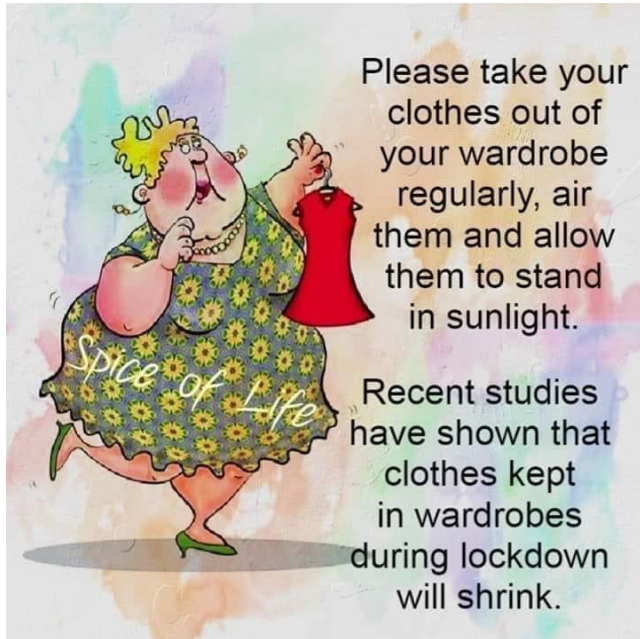


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**They say every piece of chocolate eaten shortens your life by two minutes. I've done the math. Seems I died in 1537.**

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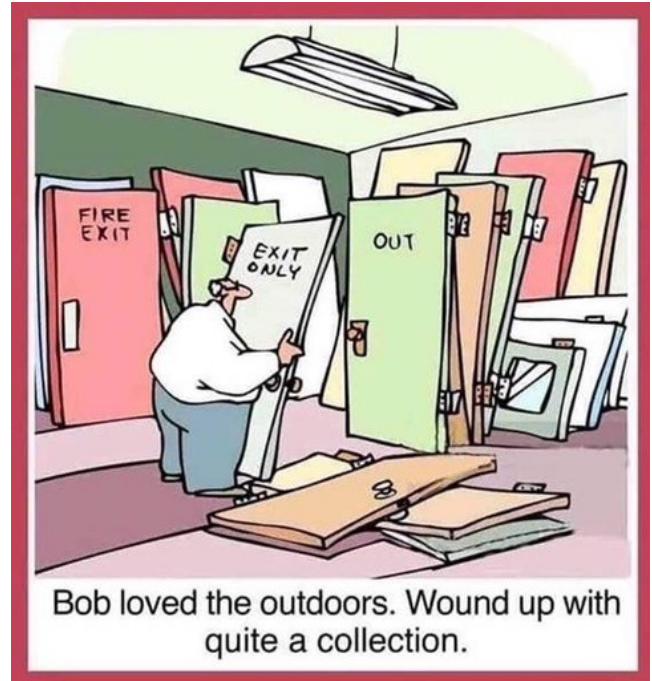
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**I got myself a  
seniors' GPS.  
Not only does it tell  
me how to get to my  
destination,  
it tells me why I  
wanted to go there.**

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**Most people don't  
think I'm as old as I  
am  
until they hear me  
stand up.**

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One  
Last  
Interesting  
Thought

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**I don't always go the extra mile, but when I do it's because I've missed my exit.**

**The inventor of the treadmill died at 54.**

**The inventor of gymnastics died at 57.**

**The world bodybuilding champion died at 41.**

**The best footballer in the world Maradona, died at 60.**



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**James Fuller Fixx credited  
with helping start  
America's fitness revolution  
by popularizing the sport of  
running, died of a heart  
attack while jogging at 52.**

**BUT**

**The KFC inventor died at  
94.**

**Inventor of Nutella brand  
died at 88.**

**Cigarette maker Winston  
died at 102.**

**The inventor of opium died  
at 116 in an earthquake.**

**The Hennessey Liquor  
inventor died at 98.**

**The rabbit is always  
jumping up and down, but it  
lives for only two years;**

**and the turtle that doesn't  
exercise at all, lives 400  
years.**

**SO**

**TAKE SOME REST, CHILL,  
STAY COOL, EAT, DRINK,  
AND ENJOY YOUR LIFE!**