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NEW FAIRWAY LIBRARY SUPERVISOR



Katelyn Morrison was recently named Supervisor of the Fairway Library. She replaced Glen Brown, who was promoted to Large Branch Manager at the Sun City Library. Katelyn submitted the following information about herself.

“Hello! My name is **Katelyn Morrison**. I am a reader, baseball enthusiast, and cyclist. I feel like I have lived all over the place, but it really has only been the Midwest and the Pacific Northwest. Until now! I have held interesting library positions that range from a Circulation Supervisor, to an Assistant Collections Manager of a small history museum, to an Early Childhood Librarian. I love supporting and coaching staff and ensuring every reader finds their book. My favorite genres are Fantasy/Sci-Fi, Mystery, YA, MG, Graphic Novels, and Pop Non-Fiction. I love working in libraries, because my day can be filled with Mo Willems, a 3-D print, and helping customers connect with their families.”

“I am excited to work with you all. You are so generous with your time. I look forward to future successful projects.”

LIBRARY LOWDOWN October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. Both of our Libraries have **donation boxes** to accept various goods and sundries.



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All MCLD libraries will be **closed** on Friday, November 11th in observance of Veteran's Day.

The following **programs** are at the Sun City Library:

Shop Before You Drop: Your Funeral Planning Rights & Options will be on October 18 from 1-3 p.m. Register at <https://tinyurl.com/SCFuneralPlanning>.

Color Café. October 20th 1-2:30pm <https://tinyurl.com/ColorCafe>

Apple iPhone Photos. October 21st 10-11:30am <https://tinyurl.com/SCiPhonePhotos>

Club Kanopy. Watching *The American Scream*. October 25th 1-2:30pm. <https://tinyurl.com/ClubKanopyScream>

Cream. Learn about rock's first supergroup. November 1st 10-11:30am <https://tinyurl.com/CreamRock>

At Fairway

SoSco Duo. Flute and Guitar Music. October 29th from 12-1pm. <https://tinyurl.com/SoScoFA>

BOOKSTORE BUZZ The October half price sale continues on all \$1 and \$2 **hardcover fiction** books. Large print books are not included.

In November, all **non-fiction** books will be half off.

Books Around the Corner will be **closed** on Friday, November 11 for Veteran's Day.

At the October 13 Friends Board of Directors' meeting, **Mary Fischer-McKee** was again commended for her outstanding work with on-line sales for Books Around the Corner.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH The Friends will have a booth at the Sun City Home Owners Association (**SCHOA**) New Resident Orientation on Friday, October 21, from 9:30-12:00 Noon at Palmbrook.

FRIENDS BYLAW ADJUSTMENT At the October Friends Board meeting, the Board of Directors approved a proposal to change the **Board members term duration** from six years to three years with an option for one more three year term. The amended language will read: "5.3. Term of



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Directors. Directors shall serve for a three-year term, with no more than two three-year terms in total. Terms begin on the date of the board meeting when they were elected."

REMINDER With the continuation of COVID, **mask use** is encouraged in the Bookstore because of its close quarters.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Our Volunteer Luncheon is this week (Wednesday, October. 19), and it's a fitting time! October 16 to 22 is National Friends of Libraries Week!

We are celebrating the work we and all Friends groups do to support their local libraries.

. [National Friends of Libraries Week I United for Libraries \(ala.org\)](http://www.nationalfriends.org)

A great library needs great Friends!

We are also celebrating the late Mary Anne McDonald, who died one year ago. Mary Anne created and managed the Books Around the Corner Bookstore from 2009 to 2021. We recently installed a photo memorial to Mary Anne in the hall outside the Bookstore. (Picture is on

next page.) Mary Anne gave her all to provide the Friends with a non-profit enterprise that raises funds to support our two Libraries. It's been the lifeblood of our group, thanks to her and all of our wonderful volunteers!

On a different note, are you (or someone you know) experienced in maintaining webpages? We are looking for someone to work with us to keep our website up to date and to be informative and engaging. Contact me for more information.

We say goodbye and thank you to Cindy Daly, a Friends Board member, who has resigned. We wish her well as she embarks on a new adventure by moving to Ecuador. Adios, my amiga!

Happy Reading! Happy Volunteering!

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NEXT MEETING The Friends November Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **November 10**, 2022, via Zoom. If interested in



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attending by Zoom, please contact
Friends President, Sue Blechl.

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 2022, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40gmail.com by Friday, November 11, 2022.

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NOT
FUNNY,
JUST
INTERESTING

'A SHOT OF WHISKEY' - In the old west a .45 cartridge for a six-gun cost 12 cents, so did a glass of whiskey. If a cowhand was low on cash, he would often give the bartender a cartridge in exchange for a drink. This became known as a "shot" of whiskey.

BUYING THE FARM - This is synonymous with dying.

During WW1 soldiers were given life insurance policies worth \$5,000. This was about the price of an average farm so if you died you "bought the farm" for your survivors.

IRON CLAD CONTRACT -

This came about from the ironclad ships of the Civil War. It meant something so strong it could not be broken.

RIFF RAFF - The Mississippi River was the main way of traveling from north to south. Riverboats carried passengers and freight but they were expensive so most people used rafts. Everything had the right of way over rafts which were considered cheap The steering oar on the rafts was



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called a "riff" and this transposed into riff-raft, meaning low class.

COBWEB - The Old English word for "spider" was "cob".

SHIP STATE ROOMS -

Traveling by steamboat was considered the height of comfort. Passenger cabins on the boats were not numbered. Instead they were named after states. To this day cabins on ships are called staterooms.

SLEEP TIGHT- Early beds were made with a wooden frame. Ropes were tied across the frame in a crisscross pattern. A straw mattress was then put on top of the ropes. Over time the ropes stretched, causing the bed to sag. The owner

would then tighten the ropes to get a better night's sleep.

SHOWBOAT - These were floating theaters built on a barge that was pushed by a steamboat. These played small towns along the Mississippi River. Unlike the boat shown in the movie "Showboat", these did not have an engine. They were gaudy and attention grabbing which is why we say someone who is being the life of the party is "showboating".

OVER A BARREL - In the days before CPR, a drowning victim would be placed face down over a barrel and the barrel would be rolled back and forth in an effort to empty the lungs of water. It was rarely



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effective. If you are over a barrel, you are in deep trouble.

BARGE IN - Heavy freight was moved along the Mississippi in large barges pushed by steamboats. These were hard to control and would sometimes swing into piers or other boats. People would say they "barged in".

HOGWASH - Steamboats carried both people and animals. Since pigs smelled so bad they would be washed before being put on board. The mud and other filth that was washed off were considered useless "hog wash".

CURFEW - The word "curfew" comes from the French phrase "couvre-feu",

which means "cover the fire". It was used to describe the time of blowing out all lamps and candles. It was later adopted into Middle English as "curfeu" which later became the modern "curfew". In the early American colonies homes had no real fireplaces so a fire was built in the center of the room. In order to make sure a fire did not get out of control during the night it was required that, by an agreed upon time, all fires would be covered with a clay pot called-a "curfew".

BARRELS OF OIL - When the first oil wells were drilled, there was no provision for storing the liquid so they used water barrels. That is why, to this day, we speak of



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barrels of oil rather than gallons.

HOT OFF THE PRESS - As the paper goes through the rotary printing press friction causes it to heat up. Therefore, if you grab the paper right off the press, it's hot. The expression means to get immediate information.

There, don't you feel smarter now?

**Betcha
Didn't
Know ...**

The liquid inside young coconuts can be used as a substitute for Blood plasma.

No piece of paper can be folded in half more than seven (7) times. Oh, go ahead.. I'll wait...

Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes or shark attacks.

You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.

Oak trees do not produce acorns until they are 20, but peak producing starts at about fifty (50) years of age, or older.

The first product to have a bar code was Wrigley's gum.

The only College in the world with a vegetable as a



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Mascot = Scottsdale
Community College, Arizona
with ARTIE the Artichoke.

The King of Hearts is the
only king WITHOUT A
MUSTACHE.

American Airlines saved
\$40,000 in 1987 by
eliminating one (1) olive
From each salad served in
first-class.

Venus is the only planet that
rotates clockwise. (Since
Venus is normally
associated with women,
what does this tell you?)
(Those women are going in
the 'right' direction...?)

Apples, not caffeine, are
more efficient at waking you
up in the morning.

Most dust particles in your
house are made from DEAD
SKIN!

The first owner of the
Marlboro Company died of
lung cancer. So did the first
'Marlboro Man'.

Walt Disney was afraid OF
MICE!

PEARLS DISSOLVE IN
VINEGAR!

The ten most valuable brand
names on earth: Apple,
Coca Cola, Google, IBM,
Microsoft, GE, McDonald's,
Samsung, Intel, and Toyota,
in that order.

A duck's quack doesn't
echo, and no one knows
why.

Dentists have recommended
that a toothbrush be kept at



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least six (6) feet away from a toilet to avoid airborne particles resulting from the flush. (I keep my toothbrush in the living room now!)

Turtles can breathe through their butts

Remember, knowledge is everything, so pass it on.....

Now go move your toothbrush.

Glass takes one million years to decompose, which means it never wears out and can be recycled an infinite amount of times.

Gold is the only metal that doesn't rust, even if it's buried in the ground for thousands of years.

When a person dies, hearing is the last sense to go. The first sense lost is sight.

Your tongue is the only muscle in your body that is attached at only one end.

The tooth is the only part of the human body that cannot heal itself.

If you stop getting thirsty, you need to drink more water. When a human body is dehydrated, its thirst mechanism shuts off.

Zero is the only number that cannot be represented by Roman numerals.

Kites were used in the American Civil War to deliver letters and newspapers.



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The song Auld Lang Syne

is sung at the stroke of midnight in almost every English-speaking country in the world to bring in the new year.

Drinking water after eating

reduces the acid in your mouth by 61%. Drinking a glass of water before you eat may help digestion and curb appetite.

Peanut oil is used for cooking in submarines because it doesn't smoke unless it's heated above 450°F.

The roar that we hear when we place a seashell next to our ear is not the ocean, but rather the sound of blood

surging through the veins of in the ear.

Nine out of every 10 living things live in the ocean.

The banana cannot reproduce itself. It can be propagated only by the hand of man.

Airports at higher altitudes require a longer airstrip due to lower air density.

The University of Alaska spans four time zones.

In ancient Greece, tossing an apple to a girl was a traditional proposal of marriage. Catching it meant she accepted.

Warner Communications paid 28 million for the



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copyright to the song Happy Birthday, which was written in 1935.

Intelligent people have more zinc and copper in their hair.

A comet's tail always points away from the sun.

Caffeine increases the power of aspirin and other painkillers, they is why it is found in some medicines.

The military salute is a motion that evolved from medieval times, when knights in armor raised their visors to reveal their identity.

If you get into the bottom of a well or a tall chimney and look up, you can see

stars, even in the middle of the day,

In ancient times strangers shook hands to show that they were unarmed.

Strawberries and cashews are the only fruits whose seeds grow on the outside.

Avocados have the highest calories of any fruit at 167 calories per hundred grams.

The moon moves about two inches away from the Earth each year.

The Earth gets 100 tons heavier every day due to falling space dust.

Due to earth's gravity, it is impossible for mountains to



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be higher than 15,000 meters.

Mickey Mouse is known as “Topolino” in Italy.

Soldiers do not march in step when going across bridges because they could set up a vibration which could be sufficient to knock the bridge down.

Everything weighs one percent less at the equator.

For every extra kilogram carried on a space flight, 530 kg of excess fuel are needed at lift-off.

The letter J does not appear anywhere on the periodic table of the elements.

Finally, some fun facts about libraries

- There are more public libraries than Starbucks locations in the US.
- In 2016 there were 1.4 billion in-person visits to public libraries across the US. That's 2,664 visits per minute.
- 95% of public libraries provide summer reading programs for children..
- 100% of public libraries offer access to the Internet and 98% offer free Wi-Fi.