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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. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

News for the December 2018, issue should be submitted by Wednesday, November 28, 2018.

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The Bookstore has seen a boom in **paperback donations** since the closure of the Book Trader. More books mean better selection. Tell your friends.

The autumn **Fairway book sale** will be Friday, November 16 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and Saturday, November 17 from 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Volunteers are needed to set up for the sale on Thursday, November 16 at



9:00 a.m. Volunteers are also needed



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for the sale days. Contact Mary Anne in the Bookstore if you would assist.

E store sales are picking up thanks to volunteer Kathy Quin and her brother.

A large table will be set up for **Christmas items** for sale beginning November 5.

A small round table will hold **mystery books, CDs, and music books**, which will be **half price** all month. This table will change weekly.

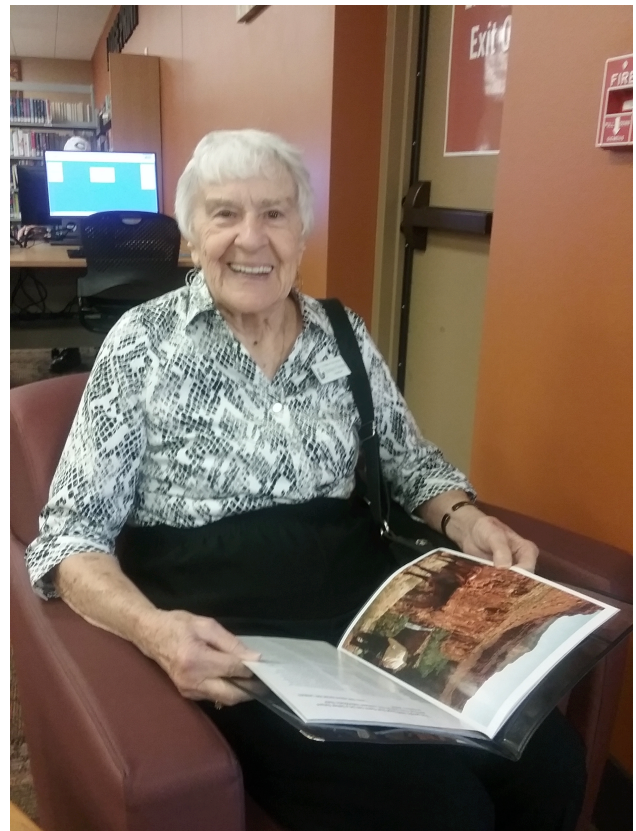
COMMUNITY OUTREACH The next **Farmers Market** booth for the Library and Friends will be on Thursday, December 6. The market runs from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the **Bell Recreation Center parking lot**.

A booth for the Library and Friends will be set up for the **SCHOA New Resident event** and the **Health and Wellness Fair**. Volunteers who would like to assist with any of these ventures should contact Sue Blechl at sueblechl@gmail.com.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY Mark your calendars for Tuesday, December 11, the Friends

annual Christmas party. It will be held in the Bell Social Hall #1 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. **Lunch** will be catered by Sharkos. A **guitarist** will entertain. If you would like to assist Camilla Kurberka, leave a message for her at the Bookstore.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer



is **Barbara Florence**. Barbara worked in the Library at Fairway, in the Library at Bell while the Fairway Recreation



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Center was being rebuilt, back to Fairway when it reopened, and is currently with Book Friends reading to memory care patients. Her volunteer service extends over nine years.

Barbara says she really enjoys working with the memory care adults. Although some adults falling asleep while being read to is an occupational hazard, she has found that reading from magazines like Arizona Highways better keeps their attention. She shares scenic pictures as well as animals which they enjoy.

Before her retirement, Barbara worked as a school nurse at Glendale Elementary school for 22 years. She states that social work consumed much of her time.

A former golfer, Barbara now spends more of her spare time reading Christian books. She particularly likes authors Debbie Macomber and Karen Kingsbury. She also plays a very active role in her church.

Barbara has two sons and two granddaughters. One of her sons lives with her. One of her

granddaughters is currently expecting, maybe with twins (she hopes).

BOOK FRIENDS Charlotte Klose is recruiting additional **readers** for memory care patients at memory care facilities. Contact Charlotte at 623-337-5337.

LIBRARY NEWS At the October Friends Board meeting, Jeremy Reeder, MCLD Deputy Director, provided an update on the status of the *Morningstar* subscription which the Friends agreed to buy. It got caught up in red tape, but is slated for a soft start on November 1. Jeremy asked that we all talk it up with our friends who might not be library users, but who would like to use *Morningstar* and *Value Line*.

Brianna King announced the **Sun City Library computer upgrades** are scheduled for Tuesday, November 13 through Friday November 16. During that time, computers at Bell will not be available. The new computers are all equipped with **Windows 10**.

Jackson Hadley, Library Supervisor, has started a **robotics program** for children at Fairway. He also is

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working on monthly after-hours lectures and music programs.

A **Curiosity Series** kicked off in October at the Sun City Branch at Bell, with an in-depth look at growing orchids.

Brianna requested purchase of a three-tier sign holder for the Bell lobby, and a supply of **earplugs** for library patrons who complain of library noise.

Brianna noted that there have been complaints about long term **parking in the loading zone** in front of the Library at Bell. Jerry Walczak RCSC representative, said he would check to see if RCSC has solutions to solve the problem.

The Friends and Library staff will have a brainstorming session on how to celebrate the **10 year anniversary** of the MCLD operation of the Sun City Libraries. Sue Blechl, Board vice president, has requested ideas on how to celebrate it. Either leave a note in the Bookstore addressed to Sue, or email your idea to sueblechl@gmail.com.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month's featured staff member is **Librarian Vicki Novak**. New to the Sun



City job, but not new to the Library District, Vicki has worked for MCLD since 1991. Previous to this position, she had been at the Fountain Hills Branch since 2007.

A Phoenix native, Vicki got her undergraduate degree in English from Northern Arizona University, and her



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Masters in Library Science from the University of Arizona.

Vicki is in the position made available by Jennie O'Leary's retirement. Her primary assignment is at the Sun City Branch, although she does fill in at the Fairway Branch. She works at the main desk, plans programs for the Sun City Branch, and maintains the Facebook page. Planning programs and working with Sun City "customers" are things she likes most about her new job.

Vicki's own reading preferences are literary fiction and narrative non fiction. She also enjoys going to museums and playing board games. She is a single mom with two children, seven and 17.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **November 8, 2018**, 9:30 a.m., North Wing Room, Sun City Library.

ASK TOM E The November question comes from Howdy Doit who asked Tom E, "**There must be some reason the Library at the Bell Recreation Center is called 'Sun City Library, and**

the one at Fairway is called 'Fairway.' Why not 'Bell' and 'Fairway' or 'Sun City I' and Sun City II'?"

Dear Howdy,

There is a reason, Howdy. Here is how it happened, as best as Tom E knows. When the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) took over the management of the library in the Bell Recreation Center, the new Fairway Recreation Center was under construction, and a library was not in existence at Fairway during most of the construction time. The initial agreement between the outgoing Sun City Library Board and MCLD was for the Bell Center only. Logically, MCLD called it the Sun City Branch. All MCLD libraries have a branch name, much like branch banks. Thus, Sun City Branch was a smart choice.

When the new Fairway Recreation Center building was completed with a new library to replace the old one, MCLD agreed to operate that Library as well. A new agreement for Fairway was consummated. The Library was called the Fairway Branch of MCLD.



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To Sun City residents, having one branch called Sun City and the other called Fairway has been confusing. Tom E has added to that by continuing to refer to the Libraries as Bell and Fairway. That has only perpetuated the confusion.

Starting with this issue of the *Newsletter*, Tom E has tried to make it right by accurately referring to our Libraries by their proper given names. He also has a plan for the January issue of *SunViews*, the RCSC monthly publication, to explain the issue further to the Sun City community. Hopefully, that will begin to clarify the matter in a proper way. Sounds like a good New Year's resolution to him, and hope it does to Howdy, too!

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 December *Newsletter*!

*Tom Everitt,
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*"A novel is
the chance
to try on a
different life
for size."*

Marion C. Garretty