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LIBRARY UPDATE Our Libraries likely will not be back to **full service** at least until the beginning of 2021.

Wi-Fi Hotspot Kits are now available for checkout at the **Fairway Library!** Each kit includes a Chromebook laptop computer and a Wi-Fi Hotspot which can provide internet access at home for three weeks. Chromebooks are laptops with web-browsing capability only. This is a great resource for checking email and browsing the Internet. If interested in reserving one of these kits, please call 602-652-3000 and let them know that you'd like to request a Fairway Hotspot Kit!

The Library Supervisor at Fairway, **Janelle Breedveld**, has accepted a position as the Federal Documents Librarian with the State of Arizona Research Library. While we are all very sad to see her go, we are very excited for her and this new adventure, and wish her the best!

Just a quick reminder that your Sun City and Fairway Libraries are currently offering our Pop-in and

Pickup Service! This means you can **pick up** your items on hold, and **browse** a small collection of our most popular materials and old favorites – you can even pick up a few **puzzles!**



Current library hours are: **Sun City Library** – 9am-7pm on Mondays, 9am-5pm Tuesday-Saturday. **Fairway Library** – 9am-5pm Monday-Saturday. We hope to see you soon!

NEWSFLASH REMINDER As reported in the October *Newsletter*, the *NewsFlash*, the Friends new monthly email, will spread **Bookstore updates** to patrons and other interested parties. Furthermore, it will inform readers about Bookstore



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specials, author **highlights**, **events**, and other relevant alerts. Distribution will not begin until a safe opening date for the Bookstore can be determined. The reopening will be its first news item.

If you, or anyone you know who loves Bookstores, would enjoy getting the *NewsFlash*, please contact Irene Nathanson at IreneorRena@cox.net to add the name to the **mailing list**. 163 already have.

PEN-PAL OPPORTUNITY The Friends Board of Directors have recently learned about a pen-pal program for seniors. The Board is not sponsoring this program; but is merely **passing along the information**.

“**Caring About Seniors**” is basically a way for others to make contact with isolated seniors, particularly in the current pandemic situation. More information is available at <https://www.caringaboutsensors.com>.

The **national pen-pal program** has expanded to local nursing homes, and to cancer patients. Currently, they are working with five nursing homes in the Sun City, Surprise, and Glendale area,

and are looking to add more as they get more volunteers.

Seniors appreciate every letter they receive. At this time, all **letters are mailed** "Attention: Caring About Seniors," 9159 W Thunderbird Road, Peoria, AZ 85381. The letters are then forwarded to local nursing homes and cancer patients nationally. Feel free to send as many letters as you'd like to the above address.

The letters can be whatever length writers want. **Personalized** and cheerful letters go a long way in making the recipients day! Writers can also give some facts about themselves! Readers love hearing **stories**. Ask them questions, and include some personal facts; so, if the residents decide to write back, they can answer them.

The organization is also always looking for people to help get more **volunteers** to help more seniors, whether that be through social media, or just telling friends, family, coworkers, etc. about this program!



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT "Volunteering is the ultimate exercise in democracy. You vote in elections once a year, but when you volunteer, you vote every day about the kind of community you want to live in." Author unknown.

This quote seems appropriate for these times. With the election, the pandemic, and the economic downturn, we are all struggling to make our communities stable and even flourishing. I thank you for your support of our Libraries and the Friends of the Sun City Libraries organization.

While we cannot do much right now to make a positive change, there are other causes, groups and projects that need our help. Area food banks need our financial and volunteer support. Our healthcare system is unbelievably stretched. Our friends, neighbors, and family members are isolated and challenged.

Please find a way to make a difference in the Sun City area so that we may all be better off soon! We give thanks for our blessings, and we

should bestow blessings on those who need our help.

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NEXT BOARD MEETING At the Zoom meeting held on Thursday, November 12, the Board set a date of **Thursday, December 10**, 10:30 a.m. for its next meeting, which will be by Zoom.



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COVID HUMOR

*By now
you may have
seen some
of these.
If so,
enjoy them again!.*

FIRST TIME IN HISTORY

**WE CAN SAVE THE
HUMAN RACE BY LYING
IN FRONT OF THE T.V.
AND DOING NOTHING**

**LETS NOT
SCREW THIS UP**

**It is not boring at all
to stay in the house.
But how come a bag
of rice has 7,456
pieces and the other
bag 7,398?**



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depresso

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adjective

When you are
out of coffee

No toilet paper? Build a backyard bidet!



Wake up.

Check.

Eat toast.

Check.

Shower.

Check.

Eat Lunch.

Check.

Eat dinner.

Check.

Go to bed.

Check.



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The dumbest thing
I ever purchased
was a
2020 Planner

Kinda feeling like the
Earth just sent us all to
our rooms to think about
what we've done.



I eat at a restaurant.
I dip my pinky
into some sauce
and put it to my mouth.
In 2020,
it tastes rich and peppery,
with just a hint
of hand sanitizer.



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Deja Poo

adj. The feeling
of having heard
this crap before.

The Minds Journal.com

Reading gives us
someplace
to go
when we have
to stay
where we are

Mason Cooley

*And, a final
upbeat
thought
about our
situation.*

The Friends Volunteer Newsletter is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter is emailed to volunteers on the middle 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 tjever40gmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the December 2020, issue should be received by Friday, December 11, 2020.

*Tom Everitt,
Writer and Editor in Chief,
Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.*