



FRIENDS

of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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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 January 2019, issue should be submitted by Friday, December 28, 2018.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS PARTY Tuesday, December 11, will be the Friends of the Sun City Libraries Volunteer Christmas Fun.



The event will be held in the Bell Recreation Center Social Hall #1 from 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Doors will open at 12:15. A full **lunch** will be catered by Sharkos. Kate Schuman, **guitarist**, will entertain. If you haven't already, please sign up now.

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER Bookstore sales are **up 12%** over last year.

A large table of **Christmas items** for sale is going on now.

The Bookstore **half-price sale** will be Friday, January 18 and Saturday 19, 2019. The hours for the sale will be from 9:30 to 4:00.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH The next **Farmers Market** booth for the Library and Friends will be on Thursday, December 6. The market runs from



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9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the **Bell Recreation Center parking lot.**

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Linda Wilson.** Linda started



volunteering in the Library in October, 1998 after moving to Arizona in September of that year. She began as a sub working in the computer room, as well as shelving. She has worked the last three years in Books Around the Corner.

In the Bookstore, Linda primarily works at the desk checking out customers. She also sorts and puts away paperback and soft cover books. She most enjoys working with patrons helping them find what they are seeking.

Prior to moving to Arizona, Linda was employed as a manager of a McDonald's fast food company in the Chicago area.

Linda keeps very busy volunteering in other Sun City clubs. She has been with Bell Craft for 20 years, assisting in many capacities. She teaches card making classes, too. In her spare time, she enjoys reading historical fiction and light mysteries.

Raised in New York City, Linda spent seven years in the San Francisco Bay area and 20 years in the Chicago area. She has been married for 54 years.

INVESTMENT INFORMATION Our Libraries have available two, new, very beneficial, and otherwise very expensive financial e-resources. Customers can access both of these for **free** with their Library Card. Visit

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mclidaz.org and click “Finances” in the middle of the page.

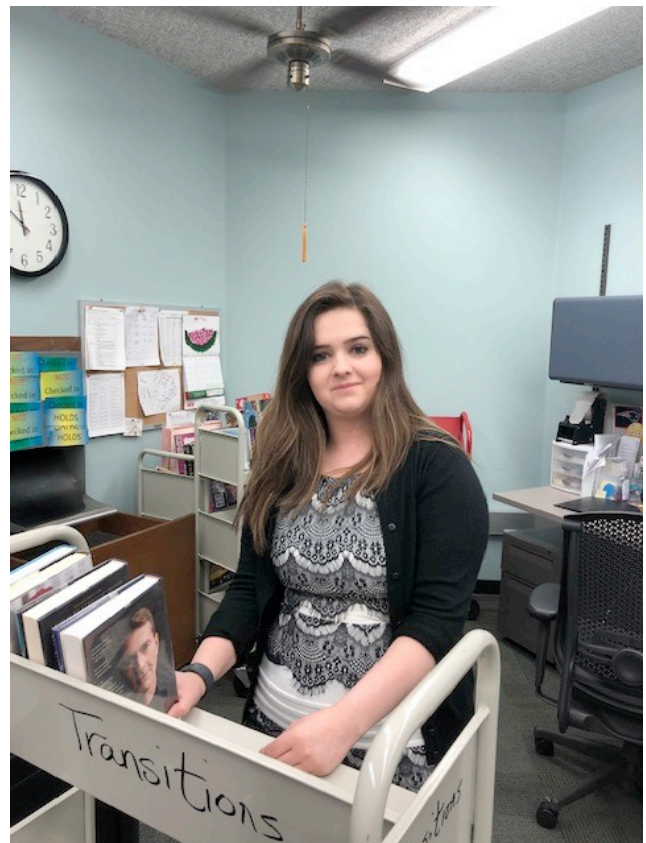
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BOOK FRIENDS Charlotte Klose is recruiting additional **readers** for memory care patients at memory care facilities. Contact Charlotte at 623-337-5337.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month’s featured staff member is **Library Page Mariah Crabtree**. Mariah has been with the Library District for five months. She works at the Sun City branch.



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A current student at Arizona State University, Mariah will graduate this year with a degree in criminal justice. She has lived in Arizona her entire life.

As a page, Mariah checks in library materials, shelves items, and does some customer service. Being “surrounded by books” is what she likes best about her library job.

Avocationally, Mariah enjoys drawing and painting. She also reads mystery, horror, and some non fiction books.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS SHOW

Roberta Hawksworth (left) and Camilla Kuberka (right) are pictured at the Friends **display** at the recent Health and Wellness show.



Library Manager Brianna King was at the Library booth at the show.



LIBRARY NEWS At the November Friends Board meeting, Brianna King thanked the Friends for the new three tier **poster stand**. The stand allows for a better display of upcoming events. She also announced that **after hour programs** have been well received.

An **anniversary team** of Cathy Weyers, Camilla Kuberka, and Brianna will meet to prepare activities and events to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the MCLD/Sun City Library merger.

SUN CITY LIBRARY DROP BOX

Jerry Walczak, RCSC representative to the Friends, reported at the Friends November Board meeting that the



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Library drop box project is active. RCSC is in the process of assigning a project manager and **getting bids**. When done, they will red line the parking area in front of the Library. Marcia Davis reported that a **power driven cart** will be provided to staff for emptying the drop box.

WANTED: BOARD MEMBERS There are several ways to volunteer for the Friends. Being a member of the Board of Directors is one, but a very meaningful one. The Board **sets the direction** for the Friends organization. As a current volunteer for the Friends, you already know the pleasure of helping others in library usage. Your experience would be a valuable asset to the Board.

The best way to assess what it is like to be a Board member is to **attend a meeting**. The next article in this *Newsletter* tells you when and where the next meeting is. The Board meets monthly, September through May. Guests are always welcome.

With a six year term of office, the Board often has positions available. Currently, the Board is hoping to add three members. **Applications** are

available in the Bookstore, or at web site www.suncitylibraryfriends.org.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **December 13, 2018**, 9:30 a.m., North Wing Room, Sun City Library.

ASK TOM E The December question comes from Kent Hackett who asked Tom E, **"I see there a workroom of sorts in the back of the Bookstore. Exactly what goes on back there?"**

Dear Kent,

Workroom is right, Kent! Work goes on back there, a lot of work. Let me briefly explain what all our dedicated volunteers do to have the best used bookstore in our area (so says Tom E in his most biased voice).

When items are donated, they are put in the storage room down the hallway from the Bookstore. As time allows and space becomes available, those materials are moved to the workroom where they are processed.

Every book is evaluated. A scanning system is used to determine if the



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book has significant value. If the book is in good shape, it is priced and shelved in the workroom until space is available on Bookstore shelves. If the book is determined not needed because of subject or duplication, it is donated to another non profit organization. If the book is in non readable condition, it is placed in our recycle bin.

DVDs and CDs are cleaned, reviewed for topic and quality, shelved, or donated.

Puzzles are put together to make sure all the pieces are there. I'm just kidding, Kent, to make sure you are still paying attention. The puzzles are reviewed for quality, however, to make sure the buyer will be satisfied.

All donations are inspected carefully to make sure everything is in good order. Quality is very important to our Bookstore Manager, Mary Anne McDonald. That pride is conveyed to volunteers who demonstrate it to book lovers who come to our Bookstore. With that pride, the quality of our materials, and a joy of assisting patrons, we believe we have a winning combination!

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 January *Newsletter*!

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Books can be dangerous.
The best ones should be
labelled, "This could change
your life." - Helen Exley