



FRIENDS

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FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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DECEMBER 2022

LIBRARY HOLIDAY HAPPENINGS

Our Libraries will close at 1 pm on Christmas Eve, December 24th. They **will be closed** Monday December 26th in observance of Christmas; and will be closed Monday January 2nd in observance of New Years.

December **programs** at the Sun City Library include:

Make a Dinosaur with the Grandkids on December 29th from 2:30 pm to 4 pm. <https://tinyurl.com/SCDinosaur>

Swedish Death Cleaning on January 10th at 1 pm. <https://tinyurl.com/SwedishDeathCleaning>

Fairway programs include:

Create Your Own New Year's Hat all day on December 30th and 31st. Stop by anytime the Library is open and make a hat!

BOOKSTORE HOLIDAY NEWS

The December half price sale on **everything**, except the Friends book bags, continues.

Books Around the Corner will be **closed** on Saturday, December 24, on

on Monday, December 26, and on Monday, January, 2.

Drop in to see what the January half-price **specials** will be.

NEW BOARD MEMBER **Maria Lafayette** was elected to Board membership at the December Board of Directors meeting.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH Jennie O'Leary, Outreach Coordinator, will be overseeing the Friends presence at two sessions of **Discover Sun City**, being held on January 18, 2023. New brochures will be added to the items to be distributed. Volunteers to staff the table will be selected at the January meeting. The hope is that the Sun City Libraries will have a table next to the one manned by the Friends.

VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT EMAIL ADDRESSES

Starting in January 2023, the *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* will **no longer be mailed** to volunteers who do not have an E-mail address. It is always available to view on the Friends of the Sun City Libraries Inc. website at www.suncitylibraryfriends.org,



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Thanks go to Volunteer Coordinator Ruth Polansky for doing the mailing for the past few years.

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

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends, we are pleased to let you know that our board is not sitting idly by, dreaming of the past. We are actively proposing new ideas for the betterment of our libraries and our community. As a start to planning the new year and beyond, we had a brainstorming session, with no ideas too expensive or outlandish. It was fun to think about something totally new, along with ways to improve what we've done in the past.

Take a little time to read through the items. Each Board member submitted at least one idea; so, this was truly a cooperative project. We have created a few study groups to begin the work of narrowing things down and prioritizing. One group will look at how we serve the homebound community. Another will study how we communicate with volunteers and the public. We're excited to be proactive

and sharing the workload. We know that it will be a good New Year!

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BRAINSTORMING IDEAS

Special Guest was Jeremy Reeder, Executive Director of the Maricopa County Library District.

Ideas/Needs from Glen Brown and Katelyn Morrison – Library supervisors

- Goal: to get people into libraries
- Charging table (for electronics)
- Lego Wall – Fairway
- Screen for Fairway hallway
- Rethink Gathering Place – option Maker Space
- Have a Friends banner/sign at all library programs
- Water bottle filler addition to water fountains

Ideas submitted by Friends Board members

A. To establish connections and partner with area Community Colleges and/or Universities where we can recruit media and Website designer majors to intern with us. This is such a doable achievement! An internship with young, progressive minds can be a win/win scenario where they earn credit and we benefit from their skills and work on our website! (P.S. I have presented this idea to D and if this is not an idea suitable for this specific meeting, we feel strongly about proceeding with it at another time that you see fit). Some area colleges are: Ottawa University in Surprise; Estrella Mountain College, a Maricopa Community College; Glendale Community College, Grand Canyon College, and others still to be googled!

B. To work or partner with area Hospice or Meals on Wheels to develop a reading program for appropriate homebound members. We would have volunteers



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reading to the sick, elderly or dying homebound in their homes.

C. To partner with the Chamber of Commerce in welcoming new residents. We could include a brochure and promotional information to welcome and introduce new families to our libraries and Bookstore.

D. To apply for Grant monies to get and maintain a BookMobile (and pay a driver) to deliver books to homebound families.

E. Electronic Book Buddies: Introduce and provide electronic access (ereaders) to those who are homebound. Provide training for how to use said devices.

F. Utilize younger age groups in our endeavors, e.g. many groups like Honor Society require community service hours.

G. Sponsor an event where people can sign up for a library card (besides at the library).

H. Have some kind of community get together

I. Create a program that can help schools read to children

J. Create a program that helps schools teach or help kids to read

K. Continue with the "honor" book shelf project at Fairway,,,,, & investigate the possibility of moving the existing one at Bell out of the hallway space and into the Library space. If Bell Library could give us some space even on a short term basis we would then have a "system-wide" honor book shelf program to advertise.

L. Maker space

M. Large print books

N. Home delivery (two people suggested)

O. Blue library logo Street signs directing people to library

P. Publicity chair

Q. Have a library service profile in monthly volunteer newsletter Do You Know...?

R. Add a column in SunViews just for Library news

S. Meeting space for Fairway

T. Annual Library Expo – classes, programs, info stations

U. Have a Big Event – trivia contest, spelling bee,

V. Work to become the Readingest City in the US

- Author programs
- Book discussions
- One Read – whole community reads same book and has opportunities to discuss
- Free Little Libraries
- Book Reviews in newspaper
- Local author expo – at tables selling books, autographing, etc.

W. Meet with other Friends groups

X. Give a Sun City Award – best volunteer, most creative fundraising project,

Y. Annual speaker series with well known person – A Conversation with ...

Z. Join United for Libraries – part of ALA for Friends and Trustees

AA. Give grants to community projects

BB. Give scholarships to MCLD employees

CC. Provide city-wide training/support for volunteer education

DD. Provide Library of Things for check out – cake pans, tools (ukuleles already being done)

EE. Automatic doors for ADA restroom

NEXT MEETING The Friends January Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **January, 12, 2023**, via Zoom. If interested in 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 January 2023, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40@gmail.com by Monday, January 9, 2023.

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



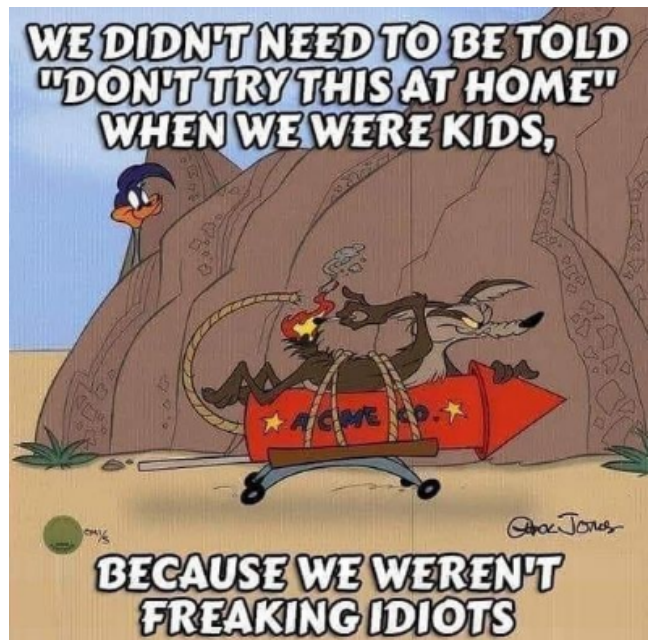
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DECEMBER TICKLERS

So, let me get this straight. I go to the grocery store and buy a pound of sliced ham wrapped in plastic, a loaf of bread in a plastic bag, a gallon of milk in a plastic jug, a pack of napkins wrapped in plastic, a Greek salad in a plastic container, a plastic bottle of mustard, and a plastic bottle of ketchup, and they won't give me a plastic bag to carry it home because it is bad for the environment.



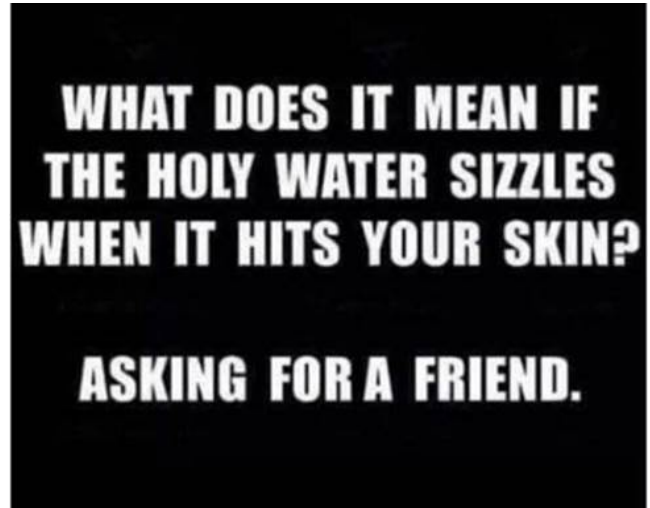
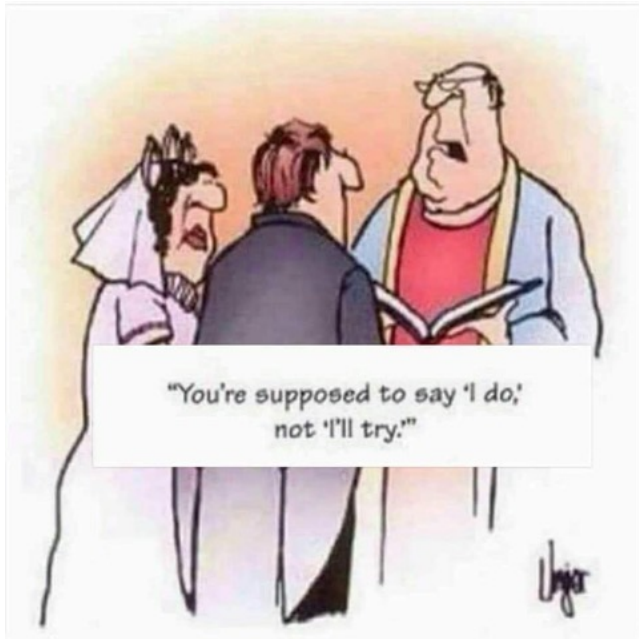


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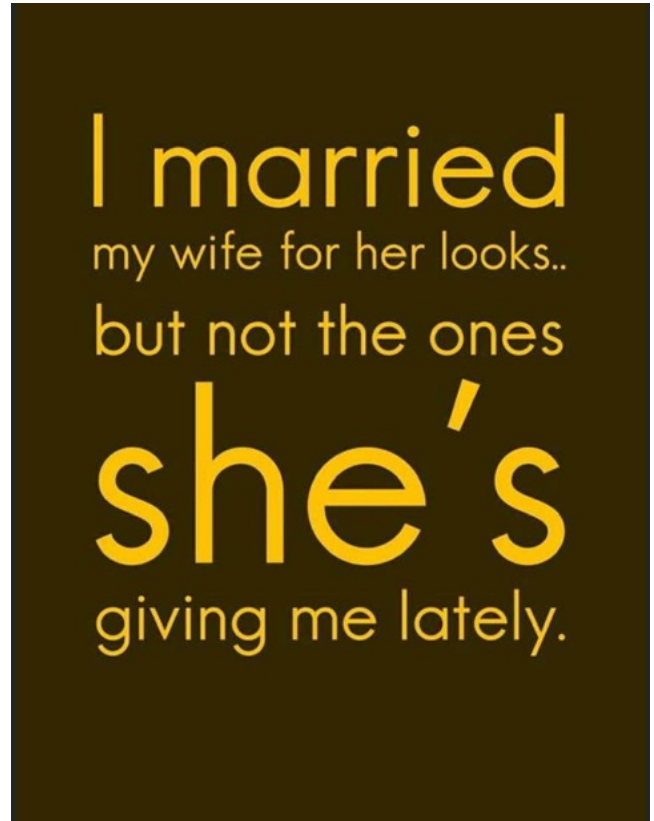
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I cleaned under your bed for you.
You're welcome.





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A PESSIMIST sees a dark tunnel

An OPTIMIST sees light at the end
of the tunnel

A REALIST sees a freight train

The TRAIN driver sees 3
idiots standing on the tracks.

**THE REASON PEOPLE
SAY VINYL SOUNDS BETTER**

ATLANTIC SD 7265

LED ZEPPELIN
HOUSES OF THE HOLY
Led Zep blends and more

STEREO

TWO

1. DANCING DAYS (3:40)
Page - Plant
2. D'YER MAKER (4:19)
Burham - Jones - Page - Plant
3. NO QUARTER (5:57)

**IS BECAUSE THE
MUSIC WAS BETTER**

SHARED ON I'M NOT RIGHT IN THE HEAD.COM

Banana Bread.

**Follow me for more
recipes.**



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