



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME This is the twelfth issue of the *Friends Volunteer Newsletter*. Its purpose is to keep communication open between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter will be emailed to volunteers, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Delivery will be on the first of the month.

Newsletter content will include Board or committee meeting announcements or reminders, social event meeting announcements or reminders, 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.

The next issue will be February 1, 2018. News should be submitted by Monday, January 29, 2018.

FAIRWAY WINS PUZZLE CHALLENGE Fairway puzzle workers beat their Bell counterparts by completing the 3,000 piece puzzle in 21 days.



They were awarded a small **puzzle trophy** as well as some chocolates for their efforts. The trophy is on display at the Fairway puzzle area.



LIBRARY and BOOKSTORE JANUARY CLOSURES Both Libraries and Books Around the Corner will be closed on **Monday, January 1** (New Year's Day), **Monday, January 15** (Martin Luther King Day), and

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Thursday, January 25 for Library staff training.

FRIENDS LIBRARY DONATIONS

DOUBLE Treasurer Jessica Potter Slider reported at the Friends December Board meeting that the amount of money donated to the Libraries in 2017 doubled the amount donated in 2016.

FRIENDS CLUB PRESENTATIONS

Director Sue Blechl announced at the December Friends Board meeting that President Marcia Davis made the Friends Powerpoint presentation at the New England Club on November 11. The next club presentation will be made at the Iowa Club on January 8.

FRIENDS WEBSITE Marcia Davis reported at the Friends December Board meeting that to date this year the Friends had 13,391 page views and 6,833 visitors, an 18% increase over last year.

BOOKSTORE SALE RESULTS Mary Anne McDonald, Bookstore Manager, told Board members at the December meeting that \$3,791 was made at the recent Bell half-price-sale, and \$552 was made at the Fairway half-price-sale. It appears that another record year for sales is about to occur.

The Christmas Bazaar this year has also been at record pace, with nearly \$700 raised. Mary Anne wants to express her thanks to all the volunteers who made donations for the special sale.

OTHER BOOKSTORE NEWS In preparation for the upcoming Spring Training season, many baseball books are now available.

In response to patron requests, three new book sections have been created--Ancient World, Science, and England and Ireland.

Special tables in the Bookstore have been set up for all books by popular authors, making it easier to find that missing one in your collection.

ON LINE SALES Friends Board Director Tim Geiger announced at the December Board meeting that 75 to 100 books are now listed on line from the Bookstore. Tim has since reported that during the Christmas weekend the Friends had their first sales. A Charles Dickens volume of Christmas favorites and an Agatha Christie set of 44 books were sold. The on line sales are the Friends effort to advertise more expensive books to a larger audience.

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LIBRARY NEWS Jennie O'Leary, Librarian, updated the Friends Board at their October meeting on a number of items. Work continues on the **seed library**. The card catalog, used prior to computer check-out, will be used for seed housing. Fantastic recycling!

The Library is still working on getting **culture passes**. The Maricopa County Library District is too big to have all branches participate; however, the Sun City branch (Bell) is being considered.

January 16 will begin the **Winter Reading Program for adults**. "Read Your Way to Happiness" is to foster a love of reading and engage adult participants with their libraries. Sign up at <https://winter.mclcdaz.org> or at either Library. You can earn points, unlock badges, and win prizes. Get 10 points for every book you add to your reading log. Challenge yourself to long one book each week for a chance to win awesome weekly drawing prizes!

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month's featured staff member is **Library Assistant Sarah Parker**. After moving here from Arkansas in 2013, Anita started as a volunteer with the Maricopa County Library District at the Fairway Library. She has now worked



for the MCLD for two years. In Arkansas she worked in retail and as a Tutor Lab Coordinator for the university where she graduated.

Sarah states that the most enjoyable part of her job is her coworkers. The Friends couldn't agree with her more.

As with many of the Library staff, mystery books are Sarah's preferred reading area, particularly cozy mysteries. She also enjoys Christian Romance books. At home, she is enjoyably entertained by her two cats.

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MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Nichol Hurley**. She has been a Friends volunteer for 14 years. Nichol currently works at Books Around the Corner; but she previously worked six years at the Bell Library.



Nichol moved to Arizona in 1960 from Wisconsin. In addition to other employment, she worked for the phone company for 10 years. She loves her volunteer time in the Bookstore, where she relishes interacting with the people.

Nichol is widowed, has one son, and four grandchildren. She enjoys reading mysteries, doing puzzles, and playing bunco and bingo. She also makes greeting cards through a creative recycling process.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **January 11, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

ASK TOM E The January question comes from a Friends library volunteer who asked Tom E, **“Do other libraries in the Maricopa County Library District have a jigsaw puzzle area?”**

Mae Zing

Dear Mae,

According to Library Manager Brianna King, she believes Bell and Fairway are the only two with puzzle areas.

Mae, as you probably read earlier in the *Newsletter*, there recently was a contest between the two Libraries to see who could do the same puzzle the fastest. The big winner was Fairway, who was presented with a trophy at a special celebration. We covered the big event in this *Newsletter*, just in case it doesn't make the evening national news.

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

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and answered in the February
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