



FRIENDS
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**FRIENDS
VOLUNTEER
NEWSLETTER**

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WELCOME This is the thirteenth 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 is on the first of the month.

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.

The next issue will be March 1, 2018. News should be submitted by Monday, February 26, 2018.

FEBRUARY SIGNIFICANT DATES

As Friends volunteers, here are some important days this month. February is **Library Lovers Month**. The first week in February is **Children's Authors and Illustrators Week**. The first Saturday in February (the 6th) is **Take Your Child To The Library Day**. That will be tough for most of us. February 9 is **Read In The Bathtub Day**, an easier task. February 14 is **Read To Your Child Day**, again, a toughie. February 20 is **Clean Out Your Bookcase Day**, probably a task for all.

Not mentioned to this point is **Random Acts of Kindness Week**, the second week in February. As a Friends volunteer, that will be an easy task. Your reputation goes before you.

February also marks **one year** of the *Friends Volunteer Newsletter*. You keep sending the news, and I will keep sending the *Newsletter*. Deal?

NEW LOGO You may have noticed the **new logo** for the Friends at the top of this *Newsletter*. We feel it better represents who and where we are. If you like the look, thank Friends President Marcia Davis the next time you see her.



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RCSC LIAISON ASSIGNED **Jerry Walczak** has been assigned by RCSC to be its representative on the Friends Board of Directors for another year. Jerry is a former member of the Friends Board, and has been very supportive of the Friends since being elected to the RCSC Board. The Friends are delighted to have Jerry continue as the RCSC representative.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month's featured staff member is **Library Assistant Nicole Voigt**. Nicole

grew up in Germany. Being bilingual, she was able to work as a translator. After moving back and forth a few times, she settled here in 2002.

In addition to her regular library duties, Nicole is responsible for supply orders for both Libraries. She has worked for the Library District for six years, and in August will have worked in Sun City for two years. She most enjoys dealing with customers at the desk. In her off time, literary fiction is Nicole's preferred reading area.

Hiking and travel are also non-work time favorites. Some of that travel is to visit her two adult children who live in Pasadena, California.

BOARD SETS GOALS At a January 18 work session, the Friends Board reviewed the accomplishments of its 2017 goals and drafted **2018 goals**. The new goals will be presented for approval at the February 8 meeting.

JEREMY READER ATTENDS BOARD MEETING Maricopa County Library District **Deputy Director Jeremy Reader** attended the January Friends Board of Directors meeting. Jeremy thanked the Board for its





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continued support of the two Sun City Libraries. He also updated the Board on joint projects of the Friends and the Libraries.

BOOK DELIVERY VOLUNTEER

NEEDED Particularly during the summer months, the Bookstore needs a volunteer to **pick up donated books** from resident homes. When the resident is unable to bring the materials to the Bookstore, a person is needed to get the books and deliver them to the Bookstore. Although this occurs only once or twice a month, a volunteer needs to be available on call. If you, or someone you know, would assist with this small task, please contact Mary Anne at the Bookstore at 602-651-2014.

FRIENDS FACEBOOK VOLUNTEER

NEEDED Friends Board President Marcia Davis announced at the January Board meeting that a volunteer is needed to keep the **Friends Facebook page** up to date. If interested, call Marcia at 303-514-4511.

ON LINE SALES Due to a job change, Director **Tim Geiger** has resigned from the Board. Committed

as he is to the mission of the Friends, Tim will continue to operate the Friends on-line sales program.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR OPENINGS

Because of changing responsibilities, **Carol Hager** also has resigned from the Friends Board. Carol's leadership and tech talents will be missed. True to her dedication to the Friends, she will remain a Bookstore volunteer. With the two recent resignations, Cathy Weyers, Board Director and Chair of the Board Development Committee, is accepting application to fill the positions. Applications are available at the Bookstore or at the Friends website, <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org> under "Volunteers" at the top of the page. Of particular interest in applicants are persons with strong computer skills.

FRIENDS CLUB PRESENTATIONS

Director Sue Blechl announced that the Friends Powerpoint presentation will be made at the **Handweavers and Spinners Club** on February 5, and will be made at the **Palo Verde Art Club** on March 5.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer



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is **Patty Szoke**. She has been a



volunteer for 11 years, currently in Books Around the Corner. Patty worked in the Bell Library when it was still private, and moved to the Bookstore when the Library District took over. She was involved in organizing and setting up the puzzles and audio visual section. In addition to working the Bookstore front desk

currently, she still is the chief puzzle organizer.

Patty's previous work life was mostly as a bookkeeper. Her favorite part of volunteering in the Bookstore is the friendship of other volunteers, as well as working with the book shoppers. Her personal reading preferences are mysteries and Christian fiction. She calls herself a big reader, and, of course, does a lot of jigsaw puzzles.

Patty has been married for 35 years and has a large family, with the youngest being great grand twins.

LIBRARY NEWS Library Manager Brianna King is teaching a **Hygge class** at the Fairway Library, Thursday, February 15, 4:00 PM. Hygge (pronounced hue-guh) is a Danish word used to describe a feeling or a moment of **warmth, coziness, or contentment**. Explore how to bring this concept into your everyday life by slowing down and enjoying life's simple pleasures. This is an after-hours program in the Fairway Library after closing time. Please register with staff or via website <https://mclidaz.org/>. Volunteers who attended



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Brianna's previous Hygge class give it high marks.

We recently learned of the death of **Grace Miller** at age 97. Grace started working as a volunteer when the Library was private. In 2010, she continued Library volunteering every Monday and Friday until 2014 when she retired with 24 years of service. Grace was the Friends 2014 volunteer of the year. At age 94 she was delivering Meals on Wheels and was volunteering at Boswell Hospital as well as the Library. She was described by the Library staff as "outstanding, reliable, conscientious and a ray of sunshine."

The MCLD **Winter Reading Program for adults** is a fun and informative experience that runs from January 16 to March 16. This year's theme is "Read to your Own Beat," and focuses on adult literacy. It is different from the Summer reading program as follows: 1) it is designed for adults 18 and over, although all can register, and prizes are geared toward adults; 2) there are no secret codes; 3) there are Winter Reading characters; and 4) some County jail adults are participating. Sign up at either library

or at <https://winter.mclldaz.org>. Logging books enters participants in a weekly prize drawing for MCLD branded items, e.g., tote bag, book mark, coffee mug, books. Participants who log at least 100 points are also entered into a grand prize drawing for a membership for two to the Musical Instrument Museum.

As volunteers, we should all be aware of how you make a **Library suggestion for improvement**. We do not have big suggestion boxes; but suggestion forms are available at the main desk of either Library upon request. Patrons can also be directed to go to website <https://mclldaz.org/>, click on "Library Homepage," go to "Ask Us" and click on "Question, Comment, or Suggestion." All suggestions are reviewed once a year by the MCLD collections management team.

BOOKSTORE AUTHOR OF THE MONTH The author of the month for February is **Jack Higgins**. All of his books will be half price.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **February 8, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.



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ASK TOM E The February question comes from a Friends volunteer who asked Tom E, “What is the policy about patrons eating in the library?”

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Dear Hong, Coincidental that you ask this question now, since the Maricopa County Library District just developed a food policy for use in all libraries. I quote it below.

MCLD Food In Our Libraries Policy

- A. Purpose - To ensure a safe and clean environment for all library customers
- B. Policy - 1. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are welcome. 2. Public computer stations are food-free areas. 3. Drinks are allowed at computer stations. 4. Food may be consumed in other library areas. 5. Customers are responsible for cleaning up when they finish.

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 March *Newsletter!*

*Tom Everitt,
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Animal book club