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## FEBRUARY 2021

**LIBRARY UPDATE** Not much in the way of change in operation has taken place recently. As Brianna King, Library Manager, said, it is “**business as usual.**” The January customer count at the Sun City Library was 5,152, as compared to over 14,000 in January, 2020.

**Library volunteers** probably will not return to work for some time. The Maricopa County Library District has not set a return date.

**Hand sanitizer stands** have been purchased for the Library and Bookstore. The Friends of the Library provided the funds.

**BOOKSTORE HAPPENINGS** A storm on January 25 caused significant **water damage** to one section of the Bookstore. The leaks were near the area of the check-out desk. 35 old books had to be discarded. RCSC is still assessing the damage in preparation for repair.

The following pictures indicate some of the damage, as well as the **hail** that fell in the area.



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**2020 HIGHLIGHTS, FROM YOUR PRESIDENT** Because we closed the Bookstore on March 16, and canceled most of our activities and services for the rest of 2020, we likely think that the past year was unproductive. It gives me great pleasure to share with you some of the events and projects that we were able to accomplish:

Rich Hoffer was assigned as the RCSC liaison to the Friends, replacing Sue Wilson. Board member Jerry Walczak resigned on May 28, after a long association with the Friends.

A Volunteer Mingle with a Valentine theme was held on February 7 in The Gathering Place.

Marcia Davis, past president, designed t-shirts for all 120+ Friends of the Library volunteers. She also canvassed each volunteer as to style and size, collated the order and submitted it to the company. She made great spreadsheets on the project, so that the shirts could be distributed at the planned March Volunteer Dinner. The creative and organizational work involved in this project was substantial. Marcia





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deserves major credit for making this happen.

Board members and others staffed a Friends booth outside the Sun City Branch Library on Saturday, February 28, for the Bell Recreation Center Spring Fling.

The Board did not meet in April or May, but met monthly beginning in June using Zoom, an internet conferencing tool.

Donations of \$1,000 each were made to the Sun Cities Area Historical Society and to the Octogenerian Golf Tournament. We have supported these projects in the past.

A comprehensive evaluation of accepting credit cards in the Bookstore was done, with the Board deciding not to allow credit card purchases at this time.

The Friends planned and carried out a multiple-day honoring of two very special volunteers: Mary Anne McDonald and Sue Painter. Because the March Volunteer Appreciation Dinner had to be canceled, the ladies were treated to flowers, chocolates,

wine, a singing telegram, a card shower, and a car parade in early September.

The Book Buddy program was mostly put on hold during the pandemic. The safety of our volunteers is most important.

An email list of Bookstore customers was resurrected and built upon, by board member Irene Nathanson, so that when the Bookstore reopens, we can communicate about special promotions and other key aspects of the store.

A Bylaws change was made to allow board members to extend their terms in light of the pandemic.

The Book Friends were unable to read to memory care residents, starting in March, due to the pandemic. It is unknown whether this program will be restarted when the pandemic ends.

A major project was begun in 2020 and continues into 2021 to evaluate the 12 or more boxes of financial and other club records. Ultimately a new record retention policy will be compiled. The goal is to consolidate





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and decrease the amount of records retained in physical form.

A Holiday gift bag for each volunteer, which included their new t-shirt, candy, a lovely painted rock, and more was delivered by board members in December.

The board continues to financially support our branch libraries, with funds going for supplies, other resources, and programs.

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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](mailto:tjever40gmail.com). The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the March 2021, issue should be received by Thursday, March 11, 2021.

*Tom Everitt,  
Writer and Editor in Chief,  
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## HUMOR ME

*(Bonus: Check out the quiz  
at the end.)*



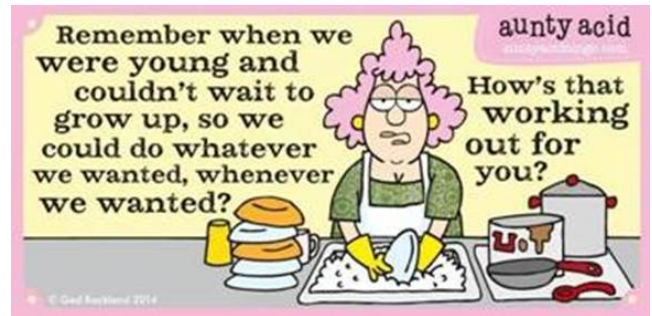
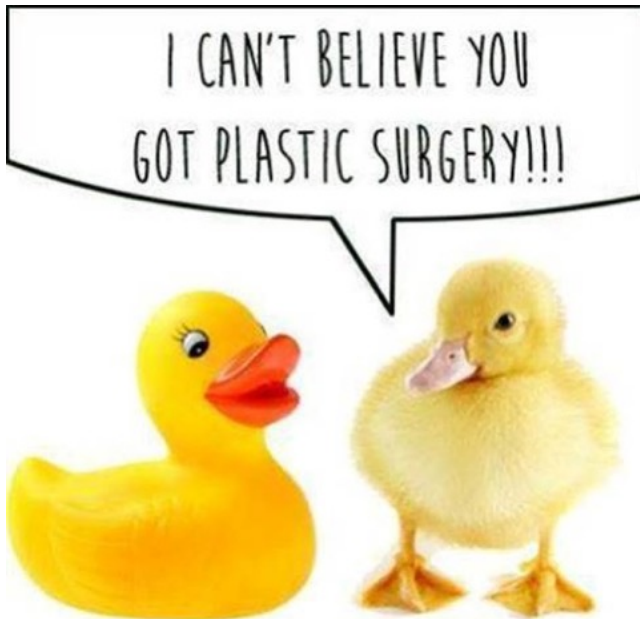


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"Bad news, its curiosity"



Apparently Mac supports Windows now.

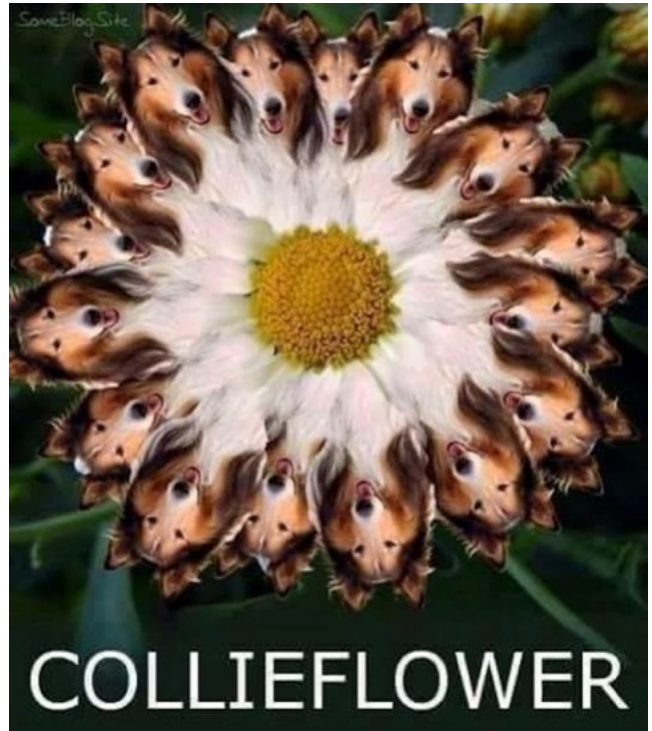


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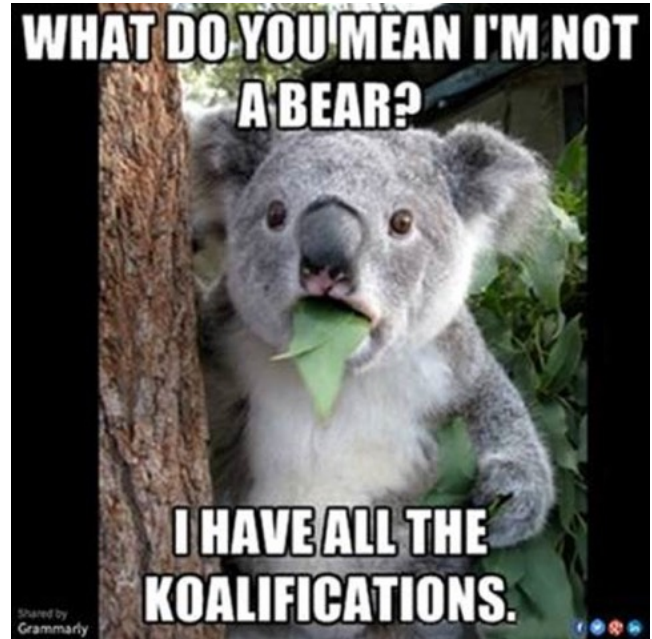
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A police officer called the station on his radio.  
"I have an interesting case here. An old lady  
shot her husband for stepping on the floor she  
just mopped."

"Have you arrested the woman?"

"Not yet. The floor's still wet."



I HAVEN'T LOST MY  
MIND.. HALF OF IT JUST  
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LOOKING FOR IT.



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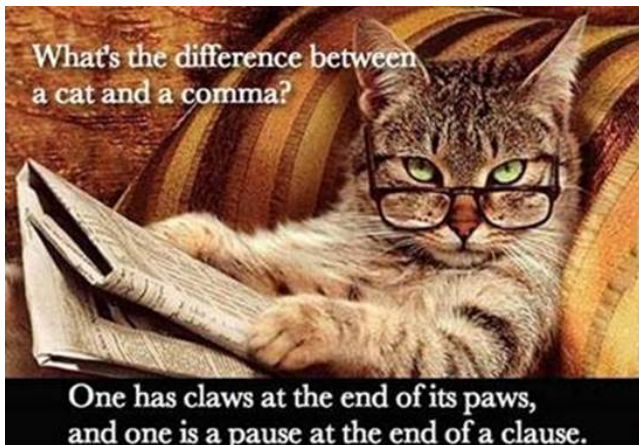
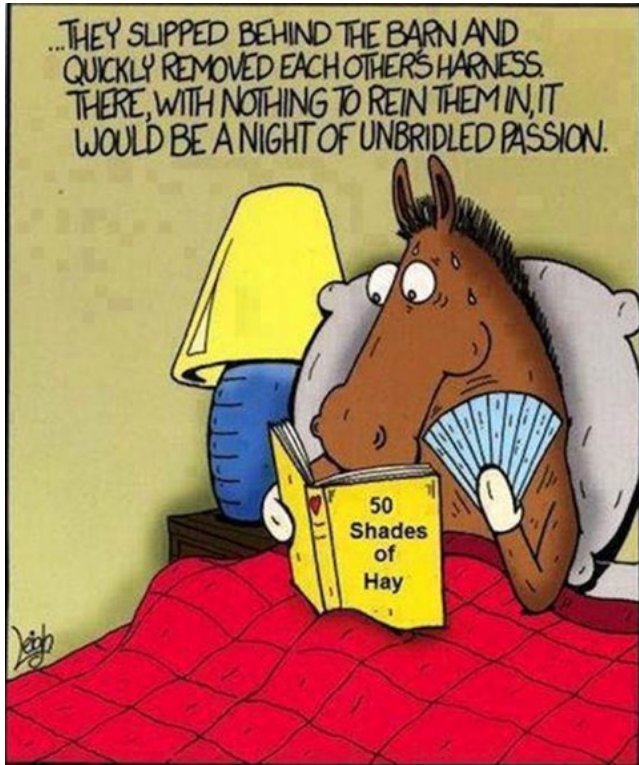


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**THIS MAY BE HARDER THAN YOU MAY THINK.**

**THE ANSWERS WILL BE ON THE TIP OF YOUR TONGUE, BUT YOU JUST CAN'T QUITE REMEMBER THE CORRECT ANSWER.**

**Youngsters, you don't have a chance.**

**01.** After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, the grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Invariably, someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind."

What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_.

**02.** When the Beatles first came to the U.S. In early 1964, we all watched them on The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.

**03.** "Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_!"

**04.** The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed to \_\_\_\_\_.

**05.** 'In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_.'

**06.** After the Twist, The Mashed Potato, and the Watusi, we 'danced' under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go in a dance called the '\_\_\_\_\_.'

**07.** Nestle's makes the very best... \_\_\_\_\_.

**08.** Satchmo was America's 'Ambassador of Goodwill.' Our parents shared this great jazz trumpet player with us. His name was \_\_\_\_\_.

**09.** What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? \_\_\_\_\_.

**10.** Red Skeleton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_ and Red always ended his television show by saying, 'Good Night, and '\_\_\_\_\_.'

**11.** Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.

**12.** The cute little car with the engine in the back and the trunk in the front was called the VW. What other names did it go by? \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_.

**13.** In 1971, singer Don MacLean sang a song about, 'the day the



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music died.' This was a tribute to

\_\_\_\_\_.

14. We can remember the first satellite placed into orbit The Russians did it. It was called

\_\_\_\_\_.

15. One of the big fads of the late 50's and 60's was a large plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. It was called the \_\_\_\_\_-\_\_\_\_\_.

16. Remember LS/MFT \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_\_.

17. Hey Kids! What time is it? It's \_\_\_\_\_!

18. Who knows what secrets lie in the hearts of men? Only The \_\_\_\_\_ Knows!

19. There was a song that came out in the 60's that was "a grave yard smash". Its name was the \_\_\_\_\_!

20. Alka Seltzer used a "boy with a tablet on his head" as it's Logo/ Representative. What was the boy's name was \_\_\_\_\_.

**ANSWERS: On the next page**



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**01.** The Lone Ranger left behind...  
A silver bullet

**02.** The Ed Sullivan Show

**03.** On Route 66

**04.** To protect the innocent

**05.** The Lion Sleeps Tonight

**06.** The limbo

**07.** Chocolate

**08.** Louis Armstrong

**09.** The Timex Watch

**10.** Freddy, The Freeloader and  
'Good Night and God Bless .'

**11.** Draft Cards (Bras were also  
burned. Not flags, as some have  
guessed)

**12.** Beetle or Bug

**13.** Buddy Holly

**14.** Sputnik

**15.** Hoola-hoop

**16.** Lucky Strike / Means Fine  
Tobacco

**17.** Howdy Doody Time

**18.** Shadow

**19.** Monster Mash

**20.** Speedy

Send this to your 'older' friends,  
(Better known as Seniors) It will  
drive them crazy! And keep them  
busy and let them forget their  
aches and pains for a few minutes.