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## FEBRUARY 2022

### BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The Bookstore will be **closed** on Monday, February 21, for the President's Day.

**February** specials continue with half-price on: 1) all **sports** and **games** books; 2) all **John Grisham** books; and 3) all **Clive Cussler** books.

Half-price **March** specials will be:

- Tom Clancy books;
- Sue Grafton books;
- Patricia Cornwall books;
- Science Fiction books;
- Fantasy books; and
- Horror books.

**Children's books** will be 25 cents in March.

**FRIENDS OUTREACH** The Friends had an unmanned table at the 2022 **Discover Sun City** event on January 19, 2022. Jennie O'Leary, Community Outreach Chairperson, set up the table in the Sundial auditorium before the 9:00 to 11:00 morning session, and returned to take it down at the end of the 6:00 to 8:00 evening session.

This was the Friends first outreach event since early 2020. The decision to have an unmanned table was due to the continuing COVID pandemic and concern for the safety of our volunteers.



The next outreach event will be at the **Bell Spring Fest**, Bell Recreation Center, March 12, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., outside the Sun City Library.

**LIBRARY NEWS** The Libraries will be **closed** on Monday, February 21, for President's Day.

A permanent parking lot **sign for curbside pickup** at each Library has

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been installed by RCSC. The Friends providing funds for the signs.

**NEW LIBRARY SUPERVISOR** **Glen Brown** was recently named as the Library Supervisor at Fairway. He submitted the following information about himself and his career.



“Hello! My name is Glen, and I come to the Fairway Library from the Litchfield Park Branch where I was one of our two librarians. Managing a branch and mentoring staff have always been goals of mine, and I am excited to get to do both here!”

“At Litchfield Park my programs

from STEAM programs about racing balloon cars for grade school kids, to chainmail jewelry, to bringing in presenters on Medicare.”

“My favorite genres to read are fantasy and science fiction. I am always happy to chat about either.”

“In my spare time you can find me engaging in one of my far too many hobbies, but mainly cosplay (going to Comic Con dressed up), blacksmithing, and playing Dungeons & Dragons.





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### WAYS TO SUPPORT THE FRIENDS

Purchases made on Amazon or at Fry's can help support the Friends. Both of these organizations **donate to non-profits** when the buyer has designated the non-profit of choice. The buyer must have registered first.

**Amazon Smile:** Go to [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). In the upper left hand corner of the page, directly under the "AMAZON" are the three horizontal parallel lines indicating a menu icon. Click on the menu icon. Then scroll down to PROGRAMS & FEATURES. Click on Amazon Smile, then on Amazon Smile Charity Lists, and in the "search" blank enter "FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARIES INC." There are more than one. Read carefully and select the one from SUN CITY, AZ.

**Fry's:** You'll need to have a Fry's VIP card and then an online account. It's easy and quick. Follow the instructions at <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>. The Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc. code is 11377.

**BOARD RESIGNATION** **Diane Wysocki** has tendered her resignation

from the Friends Board of Directors. The Board accepted it at the February Board meeting, wished her well, and thanked her for her support.

**BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED** At the February Friends Board meeting, Cathy Weyers, Board Vice-President and Board Development Chairperson, emphasized the need for **new Board members**. The six year term limit means new members must be continually recruited.

Current **Friends volunteers** have the background, and should consider the opportunity. If interested, contact Cathy at [cweyers1@cox.net](mailto:cweyers1@cox.net), or leave her a note at the Bookstore.

### EARLY FEBRUARY FUNNIES

Although no one has asked, the emailed "beginning of the month humor" for February was sent about a **week too early**. Rack this error up to hitting the wrong computer key. While preparing it in advance, rather than striking the "save" key, the "send" key was struck. Oops! At least it was only the humor that went out, and not the sender's exclamation when he realized what he had done!





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### CURRENT OFFICERS REELECTED

At the February Friends Board meeting, the current officers were elected for another year. They are:

**Sue Blechl**, President;  
**Cathy Weyers**, Vice President;  
**Joyce Voss**, Secretary; and  
**Jessica Potter Slider**, Treasurer.

### NEW BOARD MEMBER **Diane ("D").**

**Lathrop** was elected to the Friends Board of Directors at the February Board meeting. D is a current volunteer at Books Around the Corner.

### GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can't help using this Valentine's Day as a time to express my appreciation - and even LOVE - for our volunteers, and especially for our three dedicated bookstore managers - Roberta, Cathy and Pam.

These determined and energetic women are organizing and presenting our wonderful resource for maximum effectiveness. Displays, signage, shelving decisions and marketing are all being carried out with creativity and efficiency. For them it is a labor of love. For the rest of us, we admire their work and help to alert all in our community about the bookstore.

I am indeed proud to work with them, and with all of you in support of our libraries and reading!

Sue Blechl, President  
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**NEXT MEETING** The next Friends Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **March 10**, 2022, 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 March 2022, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at [tjever40gmail.com](mailto:tjever40gmail.com) by Tuesday, March 8, 2022.

*Tom Everitt,  
Writer and Editor in Chief,  
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## *Covid Witticisms*

The Official flag of 2020



**Be good to your spouse, Remember, right now they could poison you and it would be counted as a covid death.**

If you're refusing to wear a mask due to concerns your brain won't get enough oxygen, I think that ship has already sailed. 😊



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The best troll of the day



Doctor, when do you think covid 19 will be over?  
Doctor: I don't know, I'm not a Journalist.



**DURING THE MIDDLE  
AGES THEY CELEBRATED  
THE END OF THE PLAGUE  
WITH WINE AND ORGIES  
DOES ANYONE KNOW IF  
THEY HAVE ANYTHING  
LIKE THAT PLANNED  
WHEN THIS ONE ENDS?**

(ASKING FOR A FRIEND)

**So far 2020 is like  
looking both ways  
before crossing the  
street and then  
getting hit by an  
airplane.**



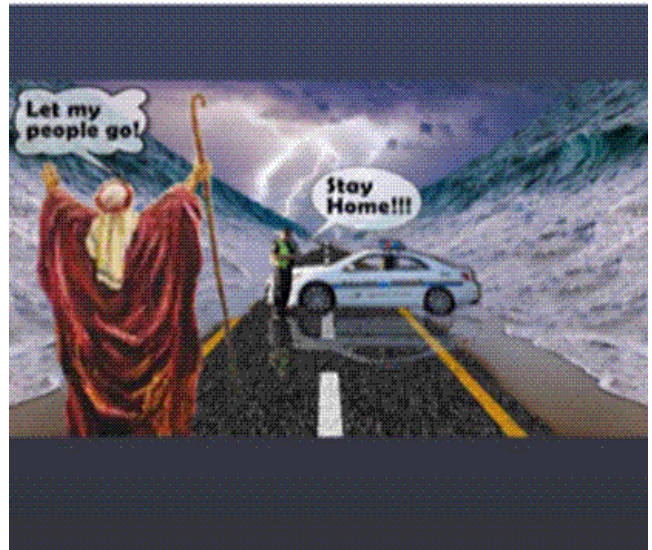


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Travel plans in 2020 be like:





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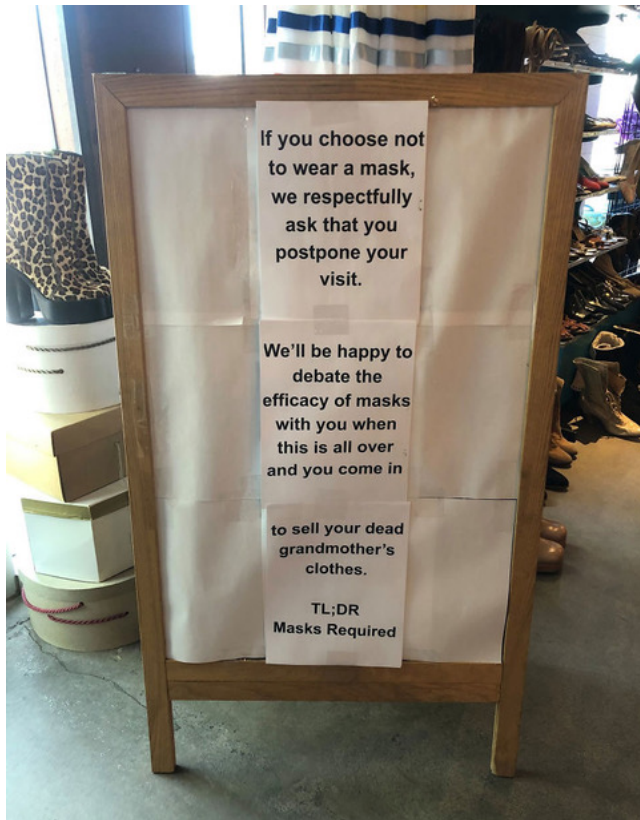


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**There is a spike  
in Covid cases  
because there's  
a spike in  
testing.**

**If we had more  
IQ tests, there  
would be a spike  
in morons, too.**



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Dear Lord,  
Please don't let Brussel Sprouts  
be a part of the cure of Covid-19 Virus.





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### Do You Like Being Old?

I am now, probably for the first time in my life, the person I have always wanted to be. Oh, not my body! I sometime despair over my body - the wrinkles, the baggy eyes, and the sagging rear. And often I am taken aback by that old person that lives in my mirror, but I don't agonize over those things for long.

I would never trade my amazing friends, my wonderful life, my loving family for less gray hair or a flatter belly. As I've aged, I've become more kind to myself, and less critical of myself. I've

become my own friend. I don't chide myself for eating that extra cookie, or for not making my bed, or for buying that silly cement gecko that I didn't need, but looks so avant-garde on my patio. I am entitled to overeat, to be messy, to be extravagant. I have seen too many dear friends leave this world too soon; before they understood the great freedom that comes with aging. Whose business is it if I choose to read or play on the computer until 4 a.m., and sleep until noon?

I will dance with myself to those wonderful tunes of the 40s, 50s, 60s, and if I, at the same time, wish to weep over a lost love ... I will.

I will walk the beach in a swim suit that is stretched





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over a bulging body, and will dive into the waves with abandon if I choose to, despite the pitying glances from the bikini set. They, too, will get old.

I know I am sometimes forgetful. But there again, some of life is just as well forgotten ... and I eventually remember the important things.

Sure, over the years my heart has been broken. How can your heart not break when you lose a loved one, or when a child suffers, or even when a beloved pet gets hit by a car? But broken hearts are what give us strength and understanding and compassion. A heart never broken is pristine and sterile and will never know the joy of

being imperfect.

I am so blessed to have lived long enough to have my hair turn gray, and to have my youthful laughs be forever etched into deep grooves on my face. So many have never laughed, and so many have died before their hair could turn silver. I can say "no" and mean it. I can say "yes" and mean it.

As you get older, it is easier to be positive. You care less about what other people think. I don't question myself anymore. I've even earned the right to be wrong.

So, to answer your question, I like being old. It has set me free. I like the person I have become. I am not going to live forever, but while I am still



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here, I will not waste time  
lamenting what could have  
been, or worrying about what  
will be. And I shall eat dessert  
every single day.

*Received from Mikey's  
Funnies.*

