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BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

February was a very busy month with both **sales and donations**. Thanks go to the Bookstore volunteers and donors who made this happen.

Recent donations have provided some great books on **trains**, as well as a lot of **classic books**. The history section includes a number of books on **military planes**.

New Bookstore **volunteers** are being trained. With winter-visitor volunteers heading north, replacements have been recruited.

Half-price **March** specials continue on:

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

March specials also include **Children's books** at 25 cents.

Beginning March 21, and going through April 15, the **entire Bookstore** collection will be **half price**.

LIBRARY NEWS With loosening restrictions, lots of **new programs** are being initiated. Virtual programs are also continuing.

Library Manager **Brianna King** recently announced she would be **leaving** her position. In a letter to the Friends Board of Directors, she stated:

"I wanted to let you know that I have accepted a position at the Tempe History Museum and will be leaving MCLD. The last five years have been a rollercoaster, but I couldn't have asked for a more awesome Friends group to work with! You are all amazing, and while I am really excited about my new adventure, it will be bittersweet to leave."

"My last day will be Friday, March 18th. I am working to make this transition as smooth as possible."

"Thank you for everything!
Brianna"

FACE MASK DISCUSSION At the March Friends Board of Director's meeting, a lengthy discussion ensued about the use of face masks in the Bookstore. The Friends Board policy



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had been to follow the direction of the Maricopa County **Board of Supervisors**. When the face mask requirement for staff in the Libraries was lifted, the Friends Board policy would be to end its requirement, too.

Concern was raised in the meeting about the tight quarters in Books Around the Corner. By dropping the mask requirement, might the Board be **endangering its volunteers**. It is very difficult to socially distance in the Bookstore. At the end of the discussion, the Board adopted the following motion which will be posted in the Bookstore:

“Whereas we respect Maricopa County's decision to drop the mask mandate, because of the bookstore's small area, we strongly encourage volunteers and members of the public, when in the bookstore, to wear a mask.”

For the sake of the health of Bookstore volunteers, it is hoped many patrons and volunteers will still wear masks. **Masks will be available** for those who need them.

REMINDER—BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED **New Board members** are being recruited to replace those whose six year term of office are ending. If interested, contact Cathy at cweyers1@cox.net, or leave her a note at the Bookstore.

GREETINGS FROM THE PRESIDENT Dear Friends, Another month has come and gone. The Friends board continues to be proactive in its work, with changes in the bookstore and plans to improve communication within our organization and with our community. We also work to keep our volunteers and the public healthy, by strongly encouraging the wearing of masks.

We are very sad to see Brianna King, our Sun City branches manager, depart for a new job. Brianna has been a joy to work with, especially during the challenging two years of the pandemic. Always cheerful and with a positive attitude, she has gone out of her way to make our bookstore and the Friends effective. As the Friends president, I never hesitated to ask Brianna for help in problem-solving. She will be an asset to her new position in Tempe. We look



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forward to meeting and working with her replacement, and to continuing the positive relationship we enjoy with our libraries.

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NEXT MEETING The next Friends Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **April 14, 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 April 2022, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40gmail.com by Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

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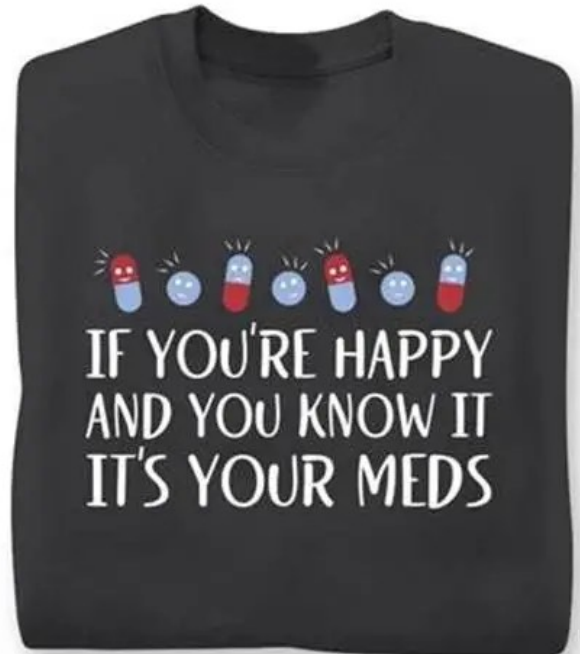


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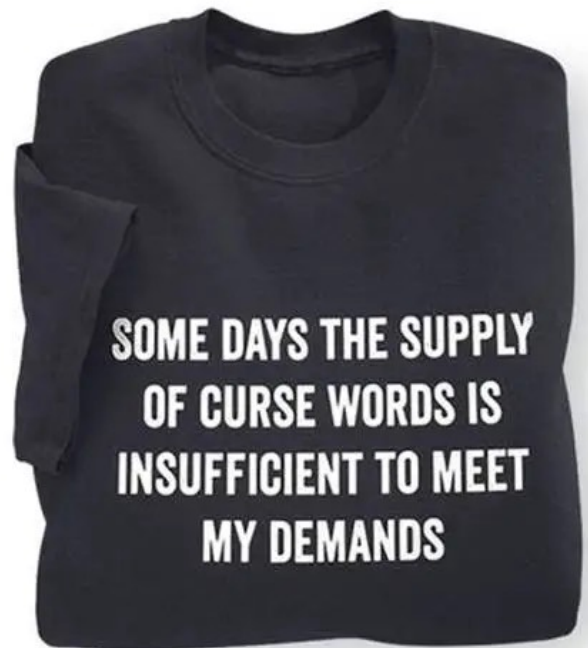


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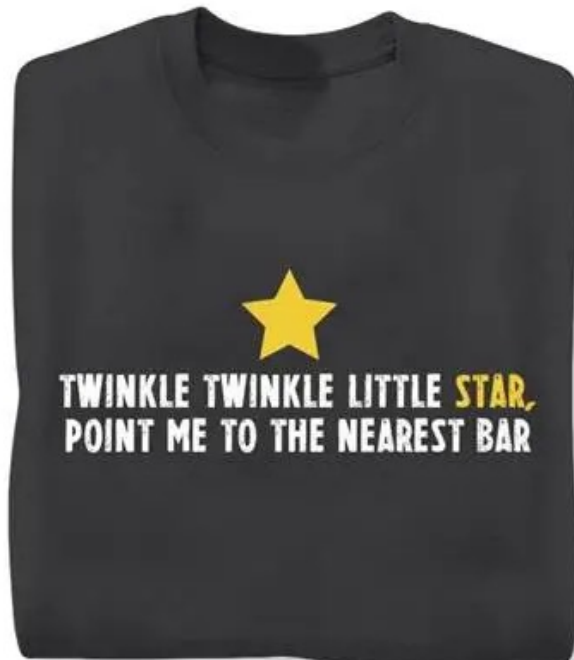
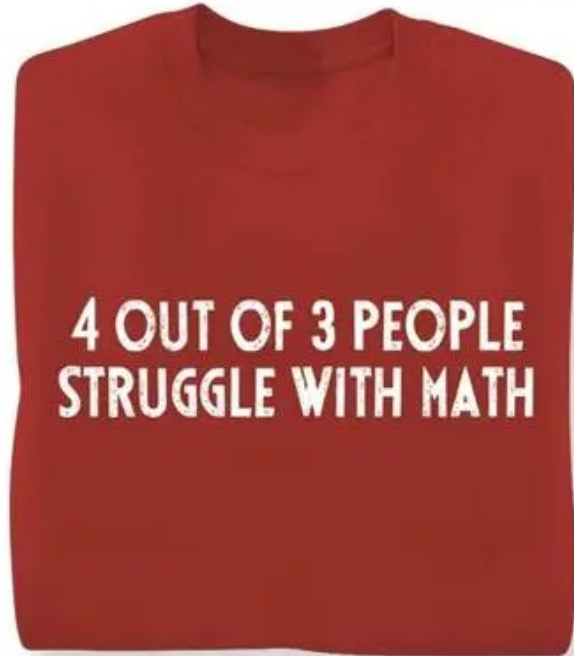


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This Green Thing

When at a store checkout, the young cashier suggested to the older woman that she should bring her own shopping bags in the future, because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my earlier days."

The cashier responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right--our generation didn't have the green thing in its day. Back then, we returned milk bottles, pop bottles, and beer bottles to the shop. The shop sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So, they really were recycled. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen; and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got blunt. But we didn't have the green thing back in



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our day.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every shop and office building. We walked to the shop and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two streets. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throw-away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy gobbling machine burning up 2200 watts. Wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing.

But that young lady is right. We didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV, or radio, in the house--not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of the **state** of **Tasmania**. In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand, because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the post, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not polystyrene or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn petrol just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we



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didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right. We didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank water from a fountain or a tap when we were thirsty instead of demanding a plastic bottle flown in from another country. We accepted that a lot of food was seasonal, and didn't expect to have out of season products flown thousands of air miles around the world. We actually cooked food that didn't come out of a packet, tin, or plastic wrapping; and we could even wash our own vegetables and chop our own salad. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people caught a

train or a bus, and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical socket in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 2,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest pizza place.

But isn't it sad the current generation laments how wasteful we oldies were, just because we didn't have the green thing back then?