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## APRIL 2019

**MARCH MAGIC** This year's **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** held on March 21 was indeed a magic event for Friends volunteers. A total of **80** persons attended the event, 100% of those who indicated they would be there. Thanks to all of you for following through with your reservations!



A **survey** greeted volunteers as they arrived. Board President Marcia Davis requested all to complete it, and indicated the Board of Directors would use it for future planning. The results will be included in a future *Newsletter*.

During introductions, Jackson Hadley, Library Supervisor, stated that the Sun

City Libraries have **20% of all the volunteers** in MCLD (Maricopa County Library District). This figure only includes those volunteers who work in the two Libraries. He commended the volunteers for their great support.

The highlight of the evening was the honoring of special volunteers. Three **"retiring" volunteers** were recognized for their service:



**Valerie Myers** - 12 years

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**Dolores Kuykendall** - 13 years  
(pictured with her daughter)

**Gretchen Fletcher** - 25 years  
(unable to attend)

**Camilla Kuberka** was also recognized for her six year term on the Board.

Two **volunteers of the year** were also announced. Both Ada and Sara work at Books Around the Corner and the Sun City Branch Library. They will be featured in future *Newsletters*.



**Ada Weiner**



**Sara Kuykendall**



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A special recognition certificate was presented to **Karl Watgen**, Fairway Library volunteer, for his continued dedication and job commitment. He had been a previous volunteer of the year. As President Davis said, "He's grrrrreat."



## BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The author of the month is **Tom Clancy**. His books will be **half price** for all of March. The American novelist

was born April 12, 1947 and died October 1, 2013. Seventeen of his novels were best sellers, and he has more than 100 million copies in print. The Bookstore does not have all of them; but the selection is enough that we should have plenty for the sale. Come early for best selection.

January through April on Monday only, **soft cover books** will be half price. These sale items are the larger books with soft covers, as differentiated from standard sized paperback books.

**MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS** Our featured Friends volunteer this month is **Angie Stoops**. She has worked at Book Around the Corner for two years. Besides her Bookstore volunteer work, Angie is president of the Bell Stitchers club. That occupies another three days of her week. In addition to her leadership role with the stitchers, her own speciality is making steering wheel covers.

Prior to retirement, Angie worked as the Executive Assistant to the Director of Finance and Accounting at a government office in Denver, Colorado. Born and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico, she has

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Angie has been married for 34 years. Her husband is a karaoke operator, which she enjoys along with him.

**FRIENDS SUPPORT NOTED** The Maricopa County Library District has recognized the Friends financial support of Morningstar on line. *"Morningstar - Includes independent information about companies, funds, exchange-traded funds, and markets. Access Morningstar to collect financial information, get reliable portfolio analysis, learn about investment options, and find the most up-to-date financial news commentary. Morningstar access is provided thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Sun City Libraries."*

lived in a number of US locations. She moved to Sun City in 2015 as a result of two of her aunts who live here.

Angie "loves working at the Bookstore." Customer service is important to her, and talking to the people who come in to store is fun. Her own reading preferences include about everything, but particularly science fiction.

**MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF** This month's featured staff member is **Elizabeth Hohman**, a Page at the Sun





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City Library. Although she has been at the Sun City branch for about a month, Elizabeth has worked in libraries for the past three and a half years. She worked in the MCLD administrative offices, and as a page in the Peoria library.

Elizabeth is a public administration graduate of Northern Arizona University. In her job as page, she enjoys most the different types of books and other items in the library.

In her spare time, she likes to read sci-fi and fantasy books, and play a variety of video games.

**LIBRARY NEWS** At the March Friends Board meeting, Librarian Vicki Novak, filling in for Library Manager Brianna King, reported on having success with many **music programs** at both Libraries. She also added that the **changing station** at Fairway is in place.

**BOARD MEETING** The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors is Thursday, **April 11, 2019**, 9:30 a.m., North Wing Room, Sun City Library.

## **ADDITIONAL VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER PICTURES**

More **pictures** from the banquet are at the end of this *Newsletter*. Thanks go out to Marcia Davis and Cathy Weyers for their photographic talents.

**ASK TOM E** The April question comes from Fillmore Formmes who asked Tom E, **“How do I suggest a new book or magazine to be available at my library; and what if I want to make another kind of suggestion to improve my library visit?”**

Fillmore, the simple answer is to go to <http://www.mclidaz.org>, click on “Contact Us,” then click on “Ask a Librarian,” then click on “Question, Comment, or Suggestion,” complete the form, and then click on “Send my comment.” Another way is to ask at the Library desk for a suggestion form. After completing it, drop it off back at the desk.

Book and media requests are reviewed annually by the Collection Management Team based on established criteria. Other suggestions are reviewed shortly after submission.





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The Sun City and Fairway Library staff welcome your ideas, and look forward to hearing your suggestions. Users know what they want, and should let those who can do something about it hear about it. You should find the process easy, and will see that the forms are not formidable, Mr. Formmes.

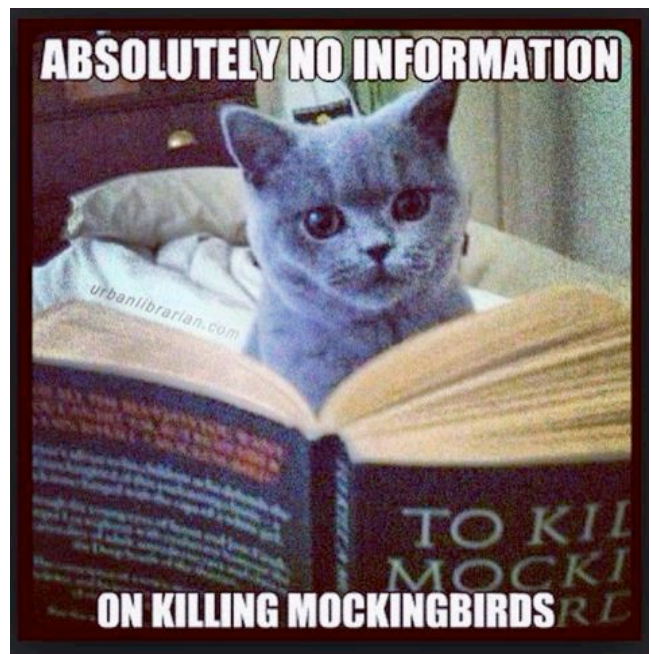
Tom E

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 April *Newsletter*!

*Tom Everitt,  
Writer and Editor in Chief,  
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The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. The *Newsletter* is emailed to volunteers on the first of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available.

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Ruth Polanksy, Volunteer Coordinator  
(left)  
Cathy, Weyers, Event Chair  
(right)







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