



FRIENDS

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FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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ASK TOM E Yes, I know this usually appears at the end of the *Newsletter*; but there is a reason for it being here.

I do not need to tell you these are different times, although I just did. The rate of change in the COVID 19 virus situation has affected all of us. Attempting to send up-to-date Library information to you is difficult at best. To add a little humor to an otherwise not so humorous a situation, allow me to share the following personal story.

I usually start drafting this *Newsletter* just after the monthly Board meeting. I did so after the March 12 meeting. I then laid it aside for a week or two, at which time I reviewed it to add other items and adjust anything already written.

When that was done this month, I discovered almost everything I had written had changed. Furthermore, I could say “closed” on almost every article and be done with it.

In order to keep some semblance of normal format, I have salvaged what hasn't changed, have gone through it

in a couple pages, and ended with some frivolous things to perhaps cheer you. I hope it works.

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER What a disappointment it was that the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on March 26 had to be **cancelled**. These “uncharted waters” make decisions like this tough; but the Friends Board decided “safety first.”



The **volunteers of the year** and other special honors will be done at a later date. The timing for that will be probably be in the fall.



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FAIRWAY LIBRARY CELEBRATION

April 26, 2020, will be the **10 year anniversary** of the Maricopa County Library District's opening of the new Fairway Library. Library staff and the Friends have postponed the celebration, including food and entertainment, until sometime in the fall.

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

Closed until further notice.

BOOK BUDDIES

Volunteers in the Book Buddy program will **not be delivering** in light of the COVID 19 situation. When the Libraries reopen and the situation is safe for volunteers, Buddies will return.

BOOK FRIENDS

Linda McKnight reported that her volunteers have left the Inn At The Amethyst, and have moved to **The Gardens of Sun City**.

The Book Friends program has been **suspended** in light of the COVID-19 situation. Nursing home visitations are being extremely limited.

LIBRARIES **Closed** until further notice.

The Sun City Library **roof leak problem** still exists. The March rains did not help the situation. RCSC is doing everything it can with a very difficult situation.

BOARD GOALS

The Friends Board at the March meeting adopted goals for the 2020 year. A copy of those goals are **attached** at the end of this *Newsletter* on page 7.

BOARD MEETING

No meetings until further notice.

And now,
a little humor,
a little nature,
and a little
philosophy
to lift your
spirits.



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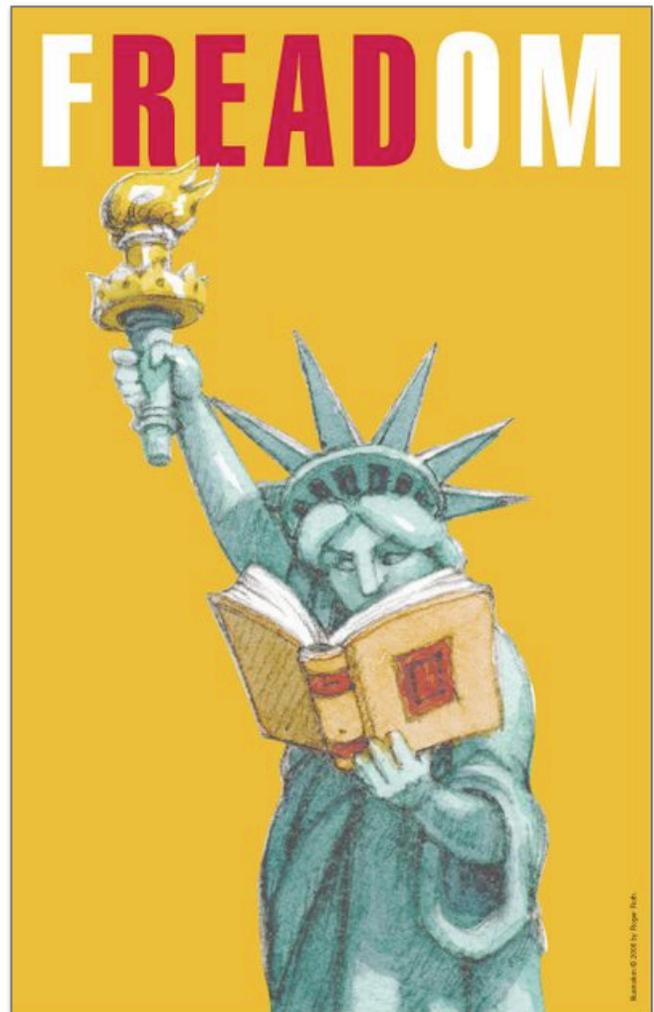
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"I am part of all that I have read."
-John Kiernan

“Well now, when was the last time you ran to a library and took home more books than you could read, like stacked loaves of bread, warm in your arms, waiting to be chewed? When, for that matter, was the last time you opened a book, placed it to your nose, and gave a great sniff? Heaven! The smell of bread, baking! When was the last time that you found a really great old bookstore and wandered through it hour after hour, alone, finding yourself on the shelves? With no list, no intellectual priorities, just wandering, snuffing the dust, plucking the pigeon books off the shelves to read their entrails and, not in love, putting them back, or in love, toting them home? To be lost in time is to find your roots.”

--Ray Bradbury





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Can you find the baby bunny under the cactus?

This is a picture from my back yard this week.



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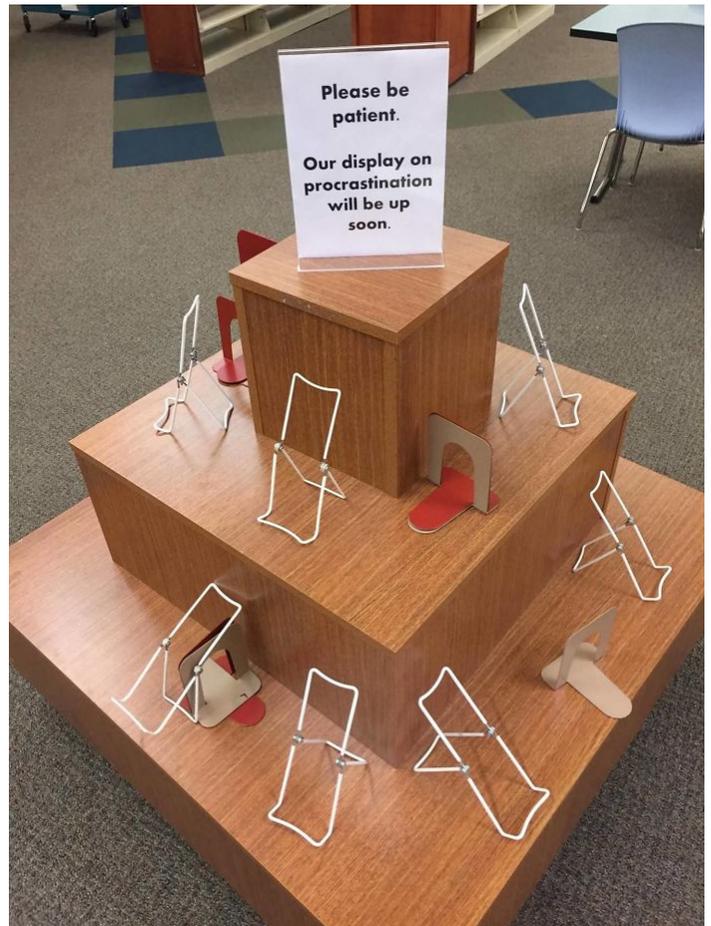
Letters make words,
And words make books.
Books make libraries,
And libraries offer wisdom
To all who wish it."

-Charlotte Klose

A novel is the chance
to try on
a different life
for size.

Marion C. Garretty, b.1917

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l3lyM_kX4hs





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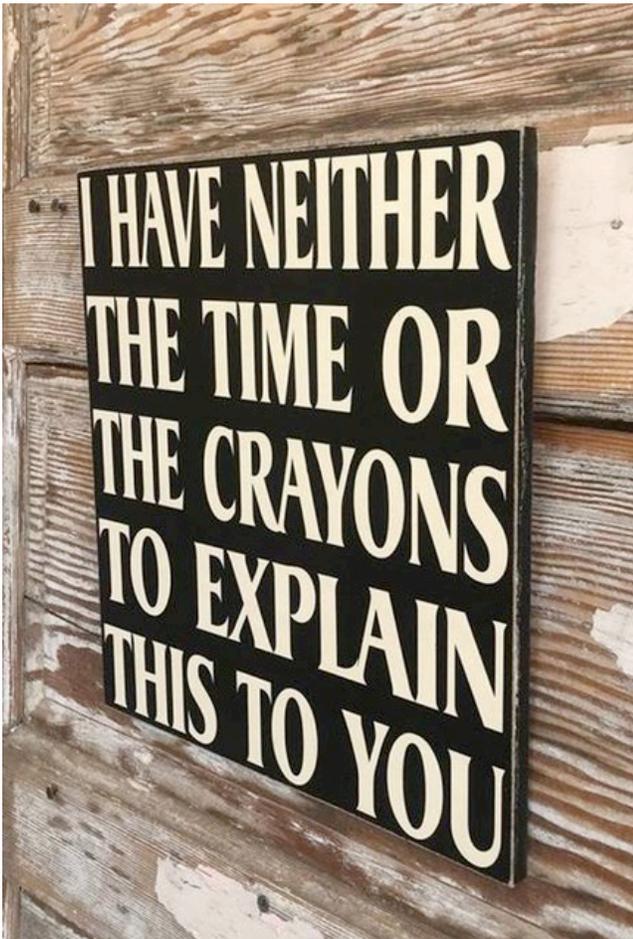
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A flower picture emailed from a Hawaiian friend.



Don't be isolated; call friends and family.

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.

Information or letters to Tom E should be sent to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the May 2020, issue should be received by Tuesday, April 28, 2020.

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2020 Long Term Goals

- Promote lifelong learning within the community
- Continue to enhance our cooperation with the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) and RCSC
- Develop and maintain a strong volunteer program
- Maintain a sound organizational structure, policies, and procedures, with periodic reviews as necessary

2020 Short Term Goals

Library

- Identify improvements in patron's program experience (program room experience, storage, capacity, availability, permanent rental idea, waitlist procedures, etc)
- Manage and fund Library's 10 year anniversary celebration at Fairway Branch in April 2020
- Explore hosting a large competitive event (i.e. Scrabble tournament) to create visibility of Friends and increase volunteer opportunities

Book Buddies

- Continue to investigate and implement ideas to expand Book Buddy program to reach a higher volume of home bound library patrons

Book Friends

- Maintain and strengthen current Book Friend programs
- Develop a list of expectations for both the memory care facility and the volunteers
- Implement new ways to interact effectively with memory care facilities and residents
- Find new opportunities to utilize present book readers even more creatively and to encourage interested new volunteers to join Book Friends as needed

Bookstore

- Update and expand Bookstore signage, including sandwich boards and sales flags
- Explore ideas for increased book sale space and storage needs including off-site options
- Investigate ways to improve on-line sales
- Update Bookstore volunteers' handbook
- Use social media to advertise sales and special promotions

Finance

- Identify volunteers to shadow treasurer (Jessica) and assistant treasurer (Sue P.)

Publicity/Outreach/Web & Records

- Maintain successful outreach program, analyzing efficacy of existing venues and exploring new ones
- Continue to enhance website, increase viewers and explore other social media

Volunteer Coordination & Activities

- Continue to improve communication between volunteer managers and Volunteer Coordinator
- Continue to identify list of volunteer opportunities within the Friends and the community

Board Development

- Develop backup for board officers, program and committee chairs, and bookstore