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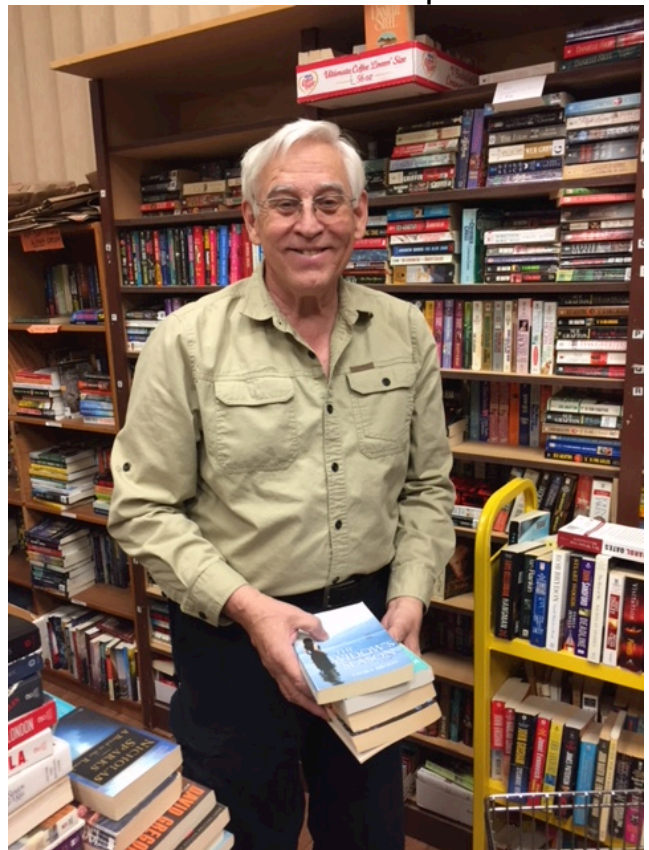
WELCOME The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter's* purpose is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. The *Newsletter* is emailed to volunteers on the first of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available.

Newsletter content will include Board or committee meeting notices, social event meeting announcements, between meeting communication, special announcements to specific volunteers, proposals for review, Bookstore updates (sales, material needs, special volunteer needs), volunteer news of general interest, meeting minutes when appropriate, or any item of general concern to Friends volunteers.

Any Friend volunteer may submit information to Tom Everitt at tjever40@gmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

News for the June 1, 2018, issue should be submitted by Tuesday, May 29, 2018.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Bruce Jacobs**, Bookstore Volunteer of the Year. He is pictured below at Books Around the Corner. He was unable to attend the banquet.



Bruce has been a Bookstore volunteer for about two years. He also volunteers for the Department of Veterans Affairs one day per week. While in the service, he spent some of his time working in libraries. After his service days, he got a college degree



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in psychology, preparing him for his Nebraska work in social services.

Bruce's love for books began early when his mother took him to the local Nebraska library every Saturday. His current reading preference is history. In the Bookstore he enjoys learning what others like to read. He says he likes being around Bookstore customers, as well as the books.

In his non-volunteering time, Bruce enjoys working in his yard. He also has a 50 gallon aquarium where he finds pleasure in raising fish.

BOOKSTORE NEWS Jessica Potter Slider reported in the April Friends Board meeting that **Bookstore sales** are up significantly.

The May author of the month is **Catherine Coulter**. All of her books will be half price. In honor of Mother's Day, all books by **women authors** will be half price Thursday, May, 10 through Saturday, May 12.

The next **Fairway book sale** will be Friday, May 4 and Saturday May 5, 2018.

NEW FRIENDS BROCHURE Marcia Davis distributed copies of the new **Friends brochure** at the April Board meeting. Copies will be available on display racks in the community.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month's featured staff member is **Library Assistant Karla Brailo**. Karla



has worked for the Maricopa County Library District for seven years. She came to Phoenix after being a library assistant for 20 years in a Washington junior high school library.



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Karla's job responsibilities include tending to the audio book, teen, and juvenile sections of the library. She also takes care of the lost and found area at both the Sun City Library and the Fairway Library. She very much enjoys talking to library customers.

She prefers reading psychological fiction. She has been married 38 years, and has two daughters, three grandchildren, and siblings back in Washington.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **May 10, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library.

ASK TOM E The May question comes from Wanda Noe who asked Tom E, "You have written about finding housebound residents who could benefit by having a Book Buddy. How is that project coming?"

Dear Wanda, Arlene Schindler is now the Book Buddy Chairperson. At the April Board meeting, it was reported that there are currently 15 readers and 18 volunteers in the program, and three new volunteers awaiting assignment to a reader.

If you believe there are only 15 Sun City residents who need home delivery of library materials, then you believe the program is doing great. It is, for the 15 being served; but we all know there are many more out there needing the service. Arlene does, and she is hard at work trying to find them.

As has been said in the past, all Friends volunteers can help by letting Arlene know of potential customers. Call the Bookstore (602-651-2014), and leave a message for her.

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 June *Newsletter*!

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