



# FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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## JUNE 2019

**YOU DROP IN** You are invited to our very first **Volunteer Get-Together**.

**What?** An informal mix and mingle; an opportunity to get to know each other better.

**Why?** Good food, good fun, and good Friends.

**Where?** The Gathering Place, Sun City Library.

**When?** Thursday July 11, 10 a.m. to 12 noon--drop in any time.

**Who?** All Friends Volunteers.

**What Else?** Come prepared to help us solve the mystery of "What's your favorite color?" If you like this "chapter" of our get-together, we can look at making this a regular "series" of get-togethers.



**YOU DROP IN!** We'll see you there!

## AMAZON PREFERRED CHARITY

The Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc. are now an Amazon Preferred Charity. A portion of on-line sales from Amazon can be **donated quarterly to the Friends**. Their policy is to give .5% of their sale proceeds to charitable organizations. If your individual Amazon account is linked to the Friends, the proceeds come to the Friends quarterly.

**Enrolling** is done by use of the site "Smile.Amazon" wherein you establish your existing account or open a new account and choose the Friends. On the very first screen of your new account and under the banner that says, "Welcome (your name)," there will be a drop-down box to "SC AZ." There are three Friends of Sun City Libraries choices--SC AZ (that is us), SC,CA, and SCW, CW,AZ.

Subsequent Amazon shopping must be done by logging in through your **Smile.Amazon account**. There is no difference in shopping through Smile.Amazon and any other Amazon access you might use. By using your Smile.Amazon account, you are linked to the Friends. Amazon will automatically retrieve and link all your



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previous order history, lists, searches, and favorites to your Smile account.

### MORNINGSTAR SUBSCRIPTION

Jeremy Reeder, Deputy Director of the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD), and Andrew Tucker, MCLD Communications Director, reported at the May Friends Board meeting that the Morningstar subscription got off to a late start and only became available in October, 2018. There have been **14,886 searches** since launch, with a quarter of those searches originating from library facilities. MCLD will do outreach during the summer months to improve usage. The Friends donated money to finance the first year of the program.

**LIBRARY LATE FEES** Jeremy also announced that as of May 22, 2019, MCLD will **no longer charge** late fees. This has been a trend in other libraries. Borrowers will be notified after 31 days that the borrowed item needs to be returned or paid for. Failure to comply will result in blocked accounts.

### BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The annual **Father's Day sale** will be Monday, June 10 through Saturday,

June 16. All male authored books, hardback or paperback, will be **half price**.



**BOOK BUDDY** Monica Fallon, Board member and Book Buddy chairperson, reported at the May Board meeting that she has **five new drivers** and is hoping to add a sixth shortly. She is continuing to make contact with adult residences and day-care facilities. Enrolling more men in the program is another of her goals.

**BOOK FRIENDS** Charlotte Klose, Board member and Book Friends chairperson, has recruited Linda



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McKnight to assist with launching of a reading program at a **second memory care facility**. More information will follow after program implementation.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS** Cathy Weyers, Board member and Board Development chairperson, is still looking for persons interested in being Board members. With a six year limit on the Board, **turnover** is continual. Change brings new ideas, but causes continual recruiting needs.

Current volunteers are best prepared to assume Board positions. That is not a requirement, but sure helps. Think about it!

### SUMMER READING PROGRAM

**Beginning June 1**, participants can start logging their summer reading activities for food rewards at Peter Piper Pizza and Rubio's Coastal Grill. People who log 1,000 points can choose a free book from an online marketplace, while supplies last. Participants can earn one point per minute for reading physical or electronic books (including graphic novels), listening to audiobooks, and also for attending library events, completing online challenges and

participating in [community experiences](#).

This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories," which encourages participants to **explore outer space** and exercise their minds by reading at least 20 minutes a day. Participants can earn online badges to keep a healthy competition with family and friends. **Challenge your grandkids!**



"Our summer reading program is fun but it is also the one of the County's major community **literacy efforts**," said Cindy Kolaczynski, Maricopa County Library District Director and County Librarian. Even if participants cannot make it to the library, they can use electronic books and audio books to get points.

The program runs through August 1 in more than 60 public libraries





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throughout Maricopa County. For more information about the program, events, and to register, visit [read20az.com](http://read20az.com).

**BOOK DROP** Sue Wilson, RCSC representative to the Friends Board, reported at the May Friends Board meeting that RCSC is not putting the book drop out for bids, but will handle the construction with their own contractors. She indicated the project will be **starting later** than originally projected, but will be **completed sooner**. The final cost will be less than projected. When the details are known, they will be reported to volunteers.

**MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS** Our featured Friends volunteer this month is **Sara Kuykendall**, library Volunteer of the Year. Sara started volunteering work in the Library in 2000. She went through the transition from private to MCLD, and now works in the Bookstore the second, fourth, and fifth (if there is one) Tuesday of the month.

Sara spent 35 years in education prior to retirement. She taught elementary, junior high, high school, college, and



served as a librarian during those years.

Sara has four children (two in Arizona, two in Texas), seven grandchildren, and four great grandchildren. She spends some summer months in Texas to be with family there; but, about Arizona, she says, "I love it out there." She enjoys her volunteer work because of being with other people, seeing her friends, and working with Ada and Annette in the Bookstore.





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She grew up in Wisconsin. Although all her friends know her as Sara, her family calls her Sally, a nickname given her by her brother at birth.

When not involved in volunteering for the Friends, Sara is in a quilting club, loves to knit and crochet, walks every day at Sundial, goes to the Wednesday night shows, sings in her church choir, and enjoys playing the piano.

**LIBRARY CARD RENEWAL** The following email was received from volunteer **Einar Kvaran**. “I thought that perhaps you could express appreciation or something like that about this service in your next Newsletter. I expect a lot of folks are happy with this service.”

“This morning I received an email letting me know that my **library card was going to expire** in three weeks. I was then offered a chance to renew it online. Being a taker-of-chances I took them up on it. Everything went fine.”

**BOARD MEETING** The Friends Board of Directors will hold **no regular meetings** during the summer months.

The next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, September 12, 2019.

**ASK TOM E** The June question comes from Billy Bythebook, who asked Tom E, “**I understand that the Friends Board does not meet during the summer. How does the operation continue without direction from the Board?**”

Billy, just because the Board is not meeting doesn't mean activities stop. Books Around the Corner continues operating at the same hours, Book Buddies continue to deliver library materials; Book Friends continue reading to adults who cannot read on their own; and Standing Committees continue their work: Publicity notifies the public of events, Community Outreach makes presentations, Finance monitors expenditures, Board Development recruits new Board members, and Web and Records update the website and Facebook page. The organization created by the Board allows activities to continue. These volunteers keep working all summer.

If an event were to occur that required Board action, a special meeting could



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be called. The Friends Bylaws include that provision. Billy, they operate by the book!

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*!

*Tom Everitt,  
Writer and Editor in Chief,  
Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.*

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 should be submitted to Tom Everitt at [4mymate@embarqmail.com](mailto:4mymate@embarqmail.com). The Board President will approve copy before publication. News for the July 2019, issue should be received by Tuesday, June 28, 2019.

*The worst thing  
about new books  
is that they keep  
us from reading  
old ones.*

Joseph Joubert 1754-1824