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BOOKSTORE OPENING Monday, May 17, the **Bookstore** opened its doors. for the first time in over a year.



Irene Nathanson, Friends Board member, stands by the bulletin board with posted customer comments.

With only a few **restrictions** in place, Mary Anne McDonald, Bookstore Manager described opening day as

“great.” “Patrons were positive, and sales were bustling all day.”



Ada Weimer and Sara Kuykendall welcome customers at the front desk.

ON-LINE BOOK SALES At the June 10 Friends Board meeting, Diane Wysocki and Charlotte Henderson reported on their progress in setting up an **on-line sales program** for special books donated to the Friends. The use of internet sales will provide a larger audience for more valuable books.

JULY BOOKSTORE SPECIALS The July sale will be on **movie DVDs** at three for \$2.00. The July author of the month will be **Stuart Woods**.



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WEB-SITE UTILIZATION Marcia Davis, Board Advisor, announced at the June Board meeting that web utilization for the Friends site is **up 12%** in the last 90 days.

LIBRARY NEWS Brianna King, Library Manager, reported at the June Friends Board meeting that MCLD has moved to Phase 5. That means that **computers are open** again, and the furniture which allows for **seating is back in place**. In person programming and the puzzle table are still not in operation.

Culture Passes are now available to the Heard Museum, Arcosanti, the Desert Botanical Gardens, and the Scottsdale Museum of Contemporary Art. The pass provides free entry for two.

Library volunteers are still not back; but hopefully will be soon.

FRIEND TO FRIEND The May question to Friends volunteers was:

WHAT IS THE MOST EMBARRASSING THING THAT HAPPENED TO YOU IN YOUR LIFETIME?

The following was our one response:

It was fall of 1976 in Madison, Wisconsin. I was walking to the Univ. of Wis. campus for graduate classes in Library Science. I was enjoying the year, my first away from home in Milwaukee. Everything was great - wonderful friends, beautiful campus, courses that stimulated me, and a successful 50 pound weight loss. On my one-mile trek to campus, I was walking against the flow of four lanes of traffic. There were few buildings on the route, with many parking lots and open spaces. With a heavy backpack I could feel a disaster beginning to happen: my underwear, now too large, began slipping off my waist. Soon they were at my hips. Wearing a skirt was a big problem now, as the slippage continued to my knees. How can you pull up your underwear without becoming a sideshow? I went the other route, letting the underwear slide all the way down to the ground, then picking them up and stowing them in my bookbag. I was in full view by the world and I wonder if any of the vehicle inhabitants went home that night and reported what an unlikely sight they encountered that morning! I still tell the



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story, because it's funny and embarrassing and something like it could happen to others. But I hope it never happens to you!—Sue Blechl

With limited response, this will be the last Friend to Friend question. Thank you to those who responded. At least we go out with a good chuckle!

NEXT MEETING At the May Friends Board meeting, the Board voted to meet during the summer months. The next Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 12, 2021, in the Sun City Library meeting room.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

My Dear Friends,

Thank you all for helping to make this last month very successful! With the reopening of the Bookstore, the Friends again became a visible and productive service of Sun City!

Mary Anne McDonald, our Bookstore Manager, and a troupe of dedicated volunteers, got things ready for the reopening, with changes in hours, signage, categories, layout, and cash register! All of our improvements were well thought out, and our operation is better than ever!

The Friends Board will continue to review all of its services, focusing on how to utilize our volunteers, getting the word out to the community, and looking for ways to better serve Sun City. We are pleased to have people interested in serving on the Board. New ideas and perspectives are always welcome, from Board members, from volunteers, from library staff, and from the community.

The Friends Board will meet monthly during the summer, as we strive to continue the "Back to Normal" process after 15 months of the pandemic. We are ready to get our Book Buddy program busy again, delivering books and other materials to the homebound. If you would like to participate, contact our Book Buddies Manager Monica Fallon at mmfallon946@gmail.com or 623-977-7246.

Our biggest need for Book Buddies, though, is to identify book readers, the customers who would benefit. Please consider how you might help spread the word about this service, perhaps through your church, other organizations that you belong to, or



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your neighborhood. We know that there are many people out there, especially during this pandemic time, that would enjoy a regular visit from a Friend bringing books and other library "goodies."

Feel free to contact me with ideas or concerns. Stay cool and safe and well!

Sue B.

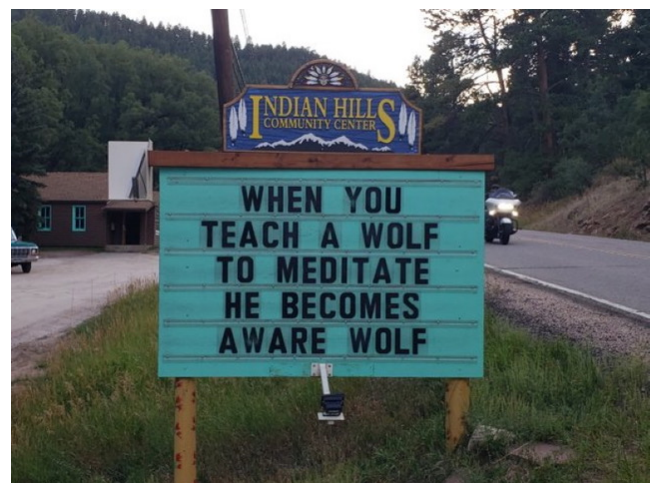
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The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. It is emailed to volunteers on the middle of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Information for the July 2021, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40@gmail.com by Monday, July 12, 2021.

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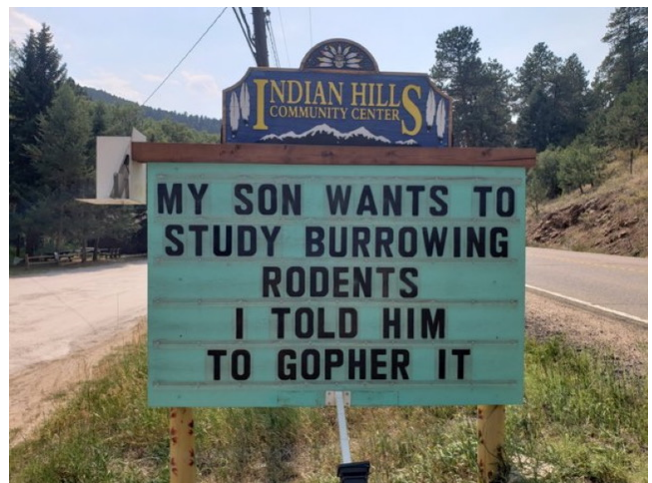
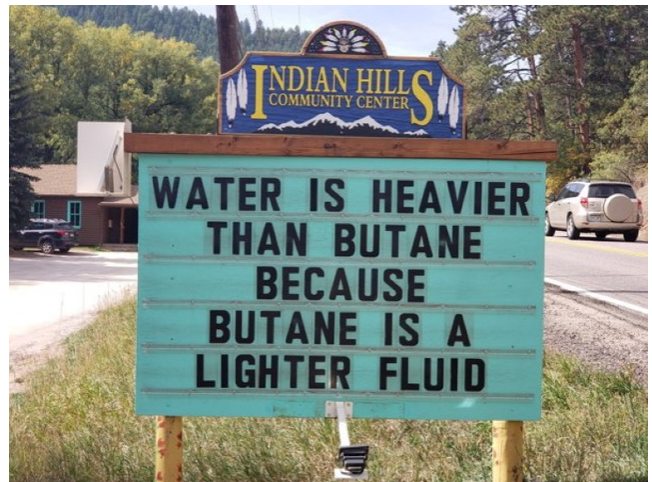


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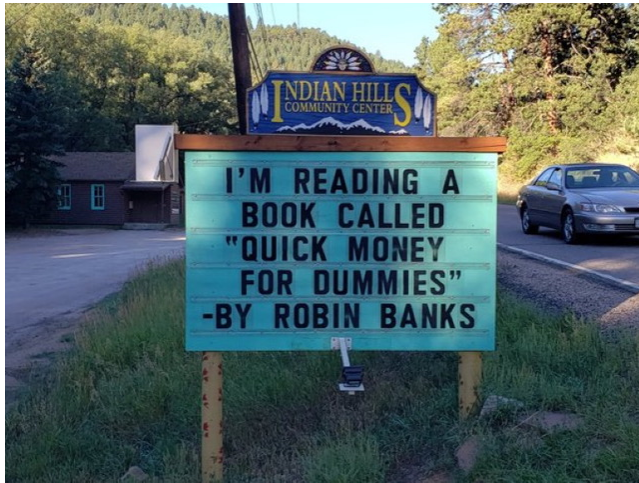


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1. *Dad, are we pyromaniacs? Yes, we arson.*
2. *What do you call a pig with laryngitis? Disgruntled.*
3. *Writing my name in cursive is my signature move.*
4. *Why do bees stay in their hives during winter? Swarm.*
5. *If you're bad at haggling, you'll end up paying the price.*
6. *Just so everyone's clear, I'm going to put my glasses on.*
7. *A commander walks into a bar and orders everyone around.*
8. *I lost my job as a stage designer. I left without making a scene.*
9. *Never buy flowers from a monk. Only you can prevent florist friars.*
10. *How much did the pirate pay to get his ears pierced? A buccaneer.*
11. *I once worked at a cheap pizza shop to get by. I kneaded the dough.*
12. *My friends and I have named our band 'Duvet'. It's a cover band.*
13. *I lost my girlfriend's audiobook, and now I'll never hear the end of it.*
14. *Why is 'dark' spelled with a k and not c? Because you can't see in the dark.*
15. *Why is it unwise to share your secrets with a clock? Well, time will tell.*
16. *When I told my contractor I didn't want carpeted steps, they gave me a blank stare.*
17. *Bono and The Edge walk into a Dublin bar and the bartender says, "Oh no, not U2 again."*
18. *Prison is just one word to you, but for some people, it's a whole sentence.*
19. *Scientists got together to study the effects of alcohol on a person's walk, and the result was staggering.*



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20. *I'm trying to organize a hide and seek tournament, but good players are really hard to find.*

21. *I got over my addiction to chocolate, marshmallows, and nuts. I won't lie, it was a rocky road.*

22. *What do you say to comfort a friend who's struggling with grammar? There, their, they're.*

23. *I went to the toy store and asked the assistant where the Schwarzenegger dolls are and he replied, "Aisle B, back."*

24. *What did the surgeon say to the patient who insisted on closing up their own incision? Suture self.*

25. *I've started telling everyone about the benefits of eating dried grapes. It's all about raisin awareness.*

Lady who goes camping with man must beware of evil intent.

Man who jumps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

Man who runs in front of car gets tired, but man who runs behind car gets exhausted.

Man who eats many prunes gets good run for money.

War does not determine who is right; it determines who is left.

Man who fights with wife all day gets no piece at night.

Man who drives like hell is bound to get there.

Man who stands on toilet is high on pot.

Wise man does not keep sledge hammer and slow computer in same room.

Man who lives in glass house should change clothes in basement.

CONFUCIUS DID NOT SAY:

Man who wants pretty nurse must be patient.

Passionate kiss, like spider web, leads to undoing of fly.



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