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## JULY 2019

**REMINDER** The Friends very first **Volunteer Get-Together** will be held on **Thursday, July 11**, 10 a.m. to 12 noon (drop in any time) in The Gathering Place at the Sun City branch Library.

The event will be an **informal mix** and mingle, an opportunity to get to know each other better. There will be good **food**, good **fun**, with good **Friends**. Come prepared to help 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!

### BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

Relaxing at home on these hot days is better done with a jigsaw **puzzle**, relaxing **music** from a CD, or curled up on the couch watching a **movie** on a DVD. Used puzzles, CDs, and DVDs are all available at the Bookstore at very reasonable prices. **Cookbooks** are also available at half price.

**BOOK FRIENDS EXPAND** **The Inn at the Amethyst**, located in Sun City on Union Hills Drive, has been added to the memory care facilities served by the Book Friends. Charlotte Close, Book Friends Director, announced that **Linda McKnight** has been named Assistant Director, and will head up the program at the Inn. Linda is a retired nurse who has directed three assisted living communities in her career.

Additional volunteer **readers are needed** for the new program. If interested, email Linda at [sunlvr318@yahoo.com](mailto:sunlvr318@yahoo.com), or call her at 1-775-351-7693. Book Friends are an extremely important part of the Friends of the Libraries’ community service. Consider this rewarding job, and/or tell a friend about it.

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**BOOK BAGS** The Friends are buying cloth, foldable shopping bags for purchase in our Libraries. The bags will be available for those patrons who want something to **carry books** home. When the bags arrive, they will be sold in our Libraries at cost (\$2 to \$3).

This venture is not to make money. It is a customer service project, offering **publicity** for the Friends. The bag will fold up into that little corner pocket in the picture below, becoming small enough to go in a purse. Caution!! Remove books first. :)



**MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS** Our featured Friends volunteer this month is **Camilla Kuberka**. Her volunteering with the Friends started in 1999, working in the Library at the Bell Recreation Center. Not too long after that, she joined the Library staff where she worked for five and one-half years.



When Camilla retired from the Library staff at Fairway, she returned to volunteering for the Friends by joining the Board of Directors. She served as



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the Activities Chairperson and kept the volunteer records. Her six year Board term was completed this past winter. Camilla continues to volunteer at the Bookstore, as she has for the past two years.

After her two boys were in school, Camilla started her working career at a car dealership, where she learned bookkeeping. In only six months, she was offered a job of office manager at a Plumbing and Heating business. The job was a big challenge, but she accomplished the task working there for 13 1/2 years.

Prior to moving to Arizona, Camilla had lived in Wisconsin and Minnesota. Sun City had been in her sights for a long time. Today she is involved with bocci, shuffleboard, and ceramics. She served for 15 months on the Sun City Home Owners Association, and is on the RCSC Elections Committee.

Although she reads a variety of books, Camilla's reading preferences are mysteries, particularly those without the gore. She also has a rather unusual book enjoyment, reading cookbooks.

**10TH ANNIVERSARY** The celebration of the Maricopa County Library District taking over the operation of the Sun City Libraries will be on Monday, August 12, 2019, from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be food, fun, and festivities. **Save the date** by getting it on your calendar now! More information will follow.

**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 July question comes from Hercum D. Judge, who asked Tom E, "**Hanging around libraries, as I do, I have some thoughts about how the staff could improve 'things.'** How do I share my brilliant ideas?"

Hercum, the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD) has made it very easy. You really have three options: 1. Tell a library staff member. 2. Go to [mclldaz.com](http://mclldaz.com), click on "Contact Us," click on "Ask a Librarian," and fill out the appropriate form to email to MCLD; and 3. Call 602-652-3000. Option 2 is probably your best bet.





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You can't beat that for simplicity. MCLD loves to get ideas from patrons. Toss your suggestion to them, and let them be the judge of how brilliant it is.

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 August *Newsletter*!

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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.

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 August 2019, issue should be received by Tuesday, July 27, 2019.

