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THE LIBRARY LATEST MCLD will continue limiting public access to its libraries in order to ensure we are doing all we can to keep our staff and community safe during this crisis. During this time Curbside Pickup will continue giving contactless access to our physical collection, MCLD Now will continue streaming unique and engaging programs, and our Book-A-Librarian serviceis available for one-on-one virtual professional assistance. Our eMedia resources also provide access to thousands of books, movies, music and TV, and our electronic research and learning platforms give access to classes, professional development and more. We thank everyone for their patience and understanding and will keep our cardholders updated as we continue moving forward.

Starting the week of July 13th, our walk-in pickup hours are M-F 8am-10am, and now also Tuesdays 5-7pm. (all MCLD branches) We will continue to have puzzles available at both Sun City and Fairway during those hours.

LIBRARY STAFFING NEWS Santo Maglio has retired. Many Friends know Santo from his many years in the Sun City Library, as well as his keyboard entertainment at a recent Friends annual banquet. We wish him a very happy retirement.

John Guiliano and Karla Brailo have resigned. Beckie Clark has joined the staff as a library assistant.

THE BOOKSTORE LATEST Books Around the Corner has a target date of Tuesday, September 8 to open, the Tuesday after Labor Day. The Friends Board will determine at its August meeting whether that timeline can be met. Opening will probably not occur until the infection curve goes down.

Protective materials have been purchased for volunteers and patrons.

Donated books cannot be taken before opening.

BOOK BUDDIES LATEST Two new readers and one new volunteer have joined the program as a result of a Book Buddy article in the *Sun City Independent*. Some of the volunteers



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are back delivering according to the new guidelines.

Homebound residents who would like Library materials delivered to their homes should contact Monica Fallon at <u>mmfallon946@gmail.com</u> or 623-977-7246.

Library volunteers who will not return to their positions until late summer or early fall, who would like to be a Book Buddy volunteer in the meantime, should contact Monica.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT I wish I had magic words that would make our world healthy and sane. Instead I can only offer my resolve to do my part in containing the virus by staying in, wearing a mask, plus washing and disinfecting. Our mental health requires reinforcement, too! Keeping in touch with friends and family means a lot, along with a positive attitude. I'm so glad that our Friends Board is using Zoom to continue our business as much as possible. It's invigorating!

I would be happy to set up a Friends volunteer Zoom session, where we can visit and cheer each other on, or share challenges. If you would like to participate, it's pretty easy. I ask that you email me or call me, and I'll put you on my Zoom list. We'll have a Volunteer Mingle from the safety of home! We could have three or thirtythree! We could meet weekly or as often as you like! No rules, just fellowship!

Email me at <u>sueblechl@gmail.com</u> or give me a call to participate, 623-972-3409.

Sue Blechl

NEXT BOARD MEETING At the Zoom meeting held on Thursday, July 9, the Board set a date of Thursday, August 13th, 10:30 a.m. for its next Zoom meeting.



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TIRED OF OF PANDEMIC HUMOR?

HOPE NOT.

HERE IS MORE.





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TEXAS CORONAVIRUS PREVENTION

Wash your hands like you just got done slicing jalapeños for a batch of nachos and you need to take your contacts out.

(That's like 20 seconds of scrubbing, y'all.)









READING.



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Yesterday my husband thought he saw a cockroach in the kitchen. He sprayed everything down and cleaned thoroughly. Today I'm putting the cockroach in the bathroom.

DOES ANYONE KNOW WHICH PAGE OF THE BIBLE EXPLAINS HOW TO TURN WATER INTO WINE?

ASKING FOR A FRIEND.

A home schooling mom posted that her kid called her on the phone from his room and told her he missed the bus and won't be in today!! PEOPLE KEEP ASKING "IS COVID 19 REALLY THAT SERIOUS?"

LISTEN UP

CASINOS AND CHURCHES ARE CLOSED

WHEN HEAVEN AND HELL AGREE ON THE SAME THING

IT'S PROBABLY PRETTY SERIOUS



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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 or letters to Tom E should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40@gmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the August 2020, issue should be received by Tuesday, July 28, 2020.

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