



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY Ten years ago, the Maricopa County Library District took over the operation of the Sun City Library. Remind your friends, and mark your calendars now, for the big all day celebration on **Monday, August 12**. As indicated above, there will be entertainment and food, sponsored by the Friends.

Volunteers are needed to assist at the event. If you would work a two hour shift, please contact Sue Blechl at sueblechl@gmail.com or at 623-972-3409.

DROP IN SUCCESSFUL The Friends first meet and greet session was held on Thursday, July 11. More than 30 Friends volunteers stopped by **just to say hello** to each other over a light snack.



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Opinions seemed to be that the event should be repeated quarterly. The mystery attached to this one was what color the **Friends T-shirts** should be. The results will be announced at the September Friends Board meeting.



For those of you who could not make this event, here is what you missed in the way of **treats**--homemade root beer float cookies, a variety of donut holes, fresh fruit on skewers, vegetable tray, and lemonade. That alone should grab your attention enough to attend the next Drop-In. Stay tuned!

BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The half-price author of the month is **Jack Higgins**. On Friday, August 23 (from 8 to 2) and Saturday, August 24 (from 8-12) will be the next **Fairway book sale**.

During the 10 Year Anniversary celebration on Monday, August 12, a purchase in the Bookstore will give the customer a ticket for a **drawing**. At the end of the day, one lucky winner's ticket will be drawn from the box and will take home a whole bag full of a variety of goodies from the Bookstore.

JACKSON HADLEY'S GOODBYE

Library Supervisor Jackson Hadley has announced that he will be leaving his position and **returning to Utah**. He has been based at Fairway, and has gotten high marks for the many improvements he made in that Library. Jackson sent the following letter to Friends President Marcia Davis:

Dear Friends of the Sun City Libraries,

I wanted to tell you all goodbye and thank you since I was unable to in person. It has been a joy to work with you all, both directly and indirectly. The work you do and the time and

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effort you spend in your respective roles are not only appreciated but also invaluable to the Sun City Library and Fairway Library. We are able to do so much because of your support! I have LOVED my time here and so many things I wanted to do and accomplish I was able to because of the Friends.



Many librarians go their whole career without working with such a strong and supportive Friends group. I'm only a few years into my career and I know that I will have a hard time finding a Friends group that can compare to the

one I have been working with for this past year.

The Friends group embodies one my favorite Dr. Seuss quotes: "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not." You care an awful lot. You are making a difference. Your passion for what you do (and for life in general) is refreshing and inspiring.

Just like with most things in life, you probably don't hear this enough but you are appreciated. Thank you!

I wish you all the best in your efforts and future pursuits.

Farewell,

Jackson Hadley

BOOK FRIENDS NEEDS Additional volunteer **readers are needed** for the new program at **The Inn at the Amethyst**. Located on Union Hills Drive, the Inn is a memory care facility. Volunteer **Linda McKnight** heads up the program. If interested, email Linda at sunlvr318@yahoo.com, or call her at 1-775-351-7693.

BOOK BAGS The Friends have bought cloth, foldable shopping bags for purchase in the Sun City branch

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Library and Books Around the Corner. The bags will be available for those patrons who want something to **carry books** home. The bags cost \$2.00. The venture is a customer service project, offering **publicity** for the Friends. The bag will fold up into that little corner pocket as pictured below.



Bookstore job. She described her time there as “lots of fun.”



MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS Our featured Friends volunteer this month is **Cyndee Hardin**. She has been working at Books Around the Corner for four years. Prior to retirement, Cyndee worked as a registered nurse.

“Being around books and people” are are what Cyndee likes best about her

In her spare time Cyndee is involved in yoga and the arts. She enjoys the symphony, ballet, plays, and art exhibits. She also is a big reader. She likes “everything,” so long as it has a good story.

Cyndee is also a big baseball fan. She has followed the St. Louis Cardinals for years, although now as



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an Arizonan, she also pays attention to the Diamondbacks. Arizona's Spring Training games offer many opportunities for Cyndee and her husband David. They have been married for 50 years.

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 August question comes from Adeline Moore, who asked Tom E, "I just saw another very well written article about the Friends of the Sun City Libraries in the *Sun City Independent*. It is great that the Friends get that kind of publicity. How does that happen?"

First of all, Adeline, the Friends deserve it! The Board is proud of all it does, and wants the residents of Sun City to be aware of Friends activities.

The real answer to your question, however, is that the Friends let Rusty Bradshaw (editor of the *Sun City Independent* and *Sun City West Independent*), know what they are doing, and Rusty is great to follow up

with articles. He knows a good story when he sees it, and the Friends know a good reporter when they see one.

In appreciation of all that Rusty does for the Friends, here is what you can do:

1. If you don't already get the *Independent* delivered to your home, start.
2. When the *Independent* asks for a donation toward their free delivery, give.
3. When you see another well written story by Rusty about the Friends, drop Rusty a note and thank him. RBradshaw@newszap.com

Perhaps after reading your thank you, Rusty will be inspired to Adeline Moore, just to recognize you.

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 September *Newsletter*!



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Information should be submitted to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News for the September 2019, issue should be received by Wednesday, August 28, 2019.

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