



A Monthly Publication by the Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

## AUGUST 2020

### **PUBLICATION DATE CHANGE**

Starting in September, the *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* will be published **mid month** instead of the first of the month. Most of the monthly information for the *Newsletter* comes from the second Thursday of the month Friends Board meeting. The news will be fresher if the date is changed. Readers should expect email delivery by the 15th of each month, or very close thereafter if the Board meeting is too near the 15th.

**FROM BRIANNA KING, LIBRARY MANAGER** “**Nothing new**, really. Here is what we are continuing to offer:

- Both the Sun City Library and Fairway Library are offering **walk-up pickup for hold items** (and puzzles!) from 8-10am M-F, and Tuesdays from 5-7pm.
- We are offering one-on-one phone calls for customers to get **help with digital device** set-up and using library digital resources on their personal devices. They just need to call (602) 652-3000 or visit [https://](https://www.mclldaz.org/help/schedule)

[www.mclldaz.org/help/schedule](https://www.mclldaz.org/help/schedule) to “Book-A-Librarian”.

- If customers need to renew their library cards, they can **renew online** at <https://www.mclldaz.org/renew> or by calling (602) 652-3000.
- Library materials (including media and puzzles) can be **returned** in the walk-up book drops at Sun City and Fairway, and also the drive-up drop at Sun City.
- Attend **virtual programs** for all ages from libraries across the County with [MCLD Now!](#)

Also, please share a huge thank you to the Bookstore for graciously sharing the **Bookstore’s puzzles** with us, so we have more to offer our customers who need them. We really appreciate it.”

The Friends also financially supported the making of a video on **iPhone Security**, which should be available on line soon.

### **BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER**

The target date for opening on September 8 will not be met. The Bookstore will **not open** until after the Libraries are able to open.



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Notification of reopening will be widespread.

In the meantime, some volunteers will be doing **book culling**, sorting and reorganizing, as well as determining needed changes as a result to the pandemic.

The **air-conditioning** is being turned on at least two hours a day for book protection.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** The Friends have a list of patrons of our Bookstore who have signed up for **email announcements from the Bookstore**. Problem is, we don't have a volunteer to send out occasional messages. If you would consider taking on this task or have questions about it, please contact Sue Blechl, at 623-972-3409, 620-803-2140 (cell), or [sueblechl@gmail.com](mailto:sueblechl@gmail.com).

**BYLAW CHANGE** At the August 13 Friends Board meeting, a Bylaw was changed related to **term limits** of Board members. Because of the pandemic, Board members have had limited or no activity. In addition, recruitment of new Board members has been impossible. As a result, the

Board voted unanimously to extend the time a member is on the Board when there is a pandemic or catastrophe.

Section 5.3.1 of the Bylaws now reads, "A Director will serve no more than six years except when a pandemic or catastrophe, as determined by the Board, occurs. In that case a Director's term may be extended commensurate with the length of such occurrence."

For example, if this pandemic lasts for 11 months, all current Board member terms would be extended for 11 months.

**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT** Happy August, my Friends!

It's hard to find the right words to describe 2020, but dysfunctional, scary, stressful and lonely might work, with a bit of hope.

The Friends are hopeful that we can restore some of our vigor and passion soon, and we are thinking of the days ahead when our Libraries are full-service, our Bookstore is back in



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business, and our lives are full, with activities for the mind, the body and the spirit.

Monica Fallon has been working with some volunteer drivers and readers in our Book Buddy delivery program. We're proud that we can be of some use to the many homebound Sun Citians!

We are considering how we will reopen the Bookstore. What procedures and products might we need to keep volunteers and customers safe? If you have suggestions on this or any other Friends operation, please relay them to me or to a Board member, We are very conscious of our responsibilities and need all the help we can get to do it right!

In the meantime, please continue to be Library and Friends ambassadors, keeping our services alive in people's minds and hearts.

Stay well, stay safe, be patient, please!

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

# TIRED OF OF PANDEMIC HUMOR?



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# HOW ABOUT SOME LIBRARY HUMOR

(courtesy of  
[earlybirdbooks.com](http://earlybirdbooks.com))

**Why are libraries the tallest  
buildings in the world?**

Because they have so many  
stories!

**Why did the cardiologist  
recommend that his patients go  
to the library?**

He heard they're good for  
circulation.

**Why did Dracula go to the  
library?**

He wanted to sink his teeth into a  
good book.

**Why can't you go to the world's  
biggest library?**

It's always overbooked.

**How do librarians flirt?**

They ask for your call number.

**Why did the librarian fall down?**



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He was in the non-fiction section.

**What book did the librarian take out for her cat?**

The Prince and the Paw-purr.

**Why did the librarian get fired?**

He was always checked out.

**How do libraries make sure novels stay warm?**

They give them book jackets.

**Why can't librarians finish mystery books?**

They keep reading between the lines.

**What advice do you get from a librarian?**

Believe in your shelf.

**Why did the ghost keep coming back to the library?**

He went through his books too quickly.

**What did the librarian tell the person who checked out 100 books?**

Don't overdue it.

**Where does the library keep books about Big Foot?**

The large-print section.

**Where does the library keep books about conspiracies?**

Right behind you.



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## Library Puns and One-Liners

The library banned drinks after someone poured milk on the serials.

Librarians love a good joke—they always get the reference.

Dystopian books are so 1984.

Dewey look good together?

Are you a library book? Because I am checking you out.

That book about anti-gravity is impossible to put down.

A book fell on the librarian's head—she only had her shelf to blame.

I can't go out tonight—I'm booked.

That book about Stockholm Syndrome is hard to get into, but by the end it's great.

A man goes into a library and asks for a book on cliffhangers. The librarian says:



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MISSING  
COVID  
HUMOR?

OKAY. HERE'S  
ONE MORE!

The Friends Volunteer Newsletter is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter is emailed to volunteers on the middle 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 [tjever40gmail.com](mailto:tjever40gmail.com). The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the September 2020, issue should be received by Thursday, September 10, 2020.

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