



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME This is the eighth issue of the Friends Volunteer Newsletter. Its purpose is to keep communication open between Friends volunteers. The Newsletter will be emailed to volunteers, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Delivery will be on the first of the month.

Newsletter content will include Board or committee meeting announcements or reminders, social event meeting announcements or reminders, between meeting communication, special announcements to specific volunteers, proposals for review, Bookstore updates (sales, material needs, special volunteer needs), volunteer news of general interest, meeting minutes when appropriate, or any item of general concern to Friends volunteers.

Any Friend volunteer may submit information to Tom Everitt at 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

The next issue will be October 1, 2017. News should be submitted by Wednesday, September 27, 2017.

FRIENDS DOLLARS AT WORK The Friends Board has approved the purchase of a presentation **laptop** for Library programs. Also approved were **newspaper subscriptions** for *Value Line* at both Libraries, the *Wall Street Journal* at Fairway, and the daily *New York Times* at Bell. Bell has a new **Library Charging Station** funded by the Friends. (See *Ask Tom E.* for more information.)

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF Our staff member of the month is **Librarian Kate Moore**. She started with the Library District in 2012. Her Masters



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degree in Library Science was earned in 2003. Working with people and helping them find what they are seeking is what she likes about her job. She enjoys reading a wide variety of books, but does like authors Kate Morton and Tana French.

Her responsibilities include program management for Fairway, collection management, and reference books. An Arizona native born in Litchfield Park, she has lived in Arizona her entire life.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS Our featured person this month is another of our 2017 Volunteers of the Year, **Carl Watjen**. Carl has been a volunteer for four years at the Fairway Library. A great believer in volunteerism, he previously gave freely of his time at the Banner Olive Branch Senior Center, which he still frequents and supports.

Carl states he likes everything about his job at Fairway, feeling it is “good for his head and body.” He likes to get to know library patrons, and encourage them to get involved in keeping active, particularly as volunteers. He organizes the reserve books, puzzles, and paperbacks. Keeping the library neat and orderly also is very important to him.



Mystery writers Baldacci and Grisham are favorite authors of Carl. He also enjoys nonfiction books about dogs. His current pet is his son's former show dog. New York, North Carolina, and Florida preceded Carl's move to Sun City when it was time to retire, something he did more than once.

HALF PRICE BOOKS Large print books, **Christmas craft** books, and **Christmas cookbooks** all are half price during September at Books Around the Corner. **Tom Clancy** is the half price author of the month.

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FRY'S COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM REMINDER Beginning September 1, 2017, current Fry's Rewards participants **do not need to reenroll**. If currently enrolled, you will automatically be reenrolled for the 2017-2018 program. If you have not signed up, it is easy, quick, and helps the Friends financially. Follow the instructions at <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>. The Friends code is 11377.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **September 14, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library. In addition to reports on what has been occurring during the summer, the Outreach Committee will be outlining its fall activities.

ASK TOM E This month's question comes from a volunteer who asked Tom E, "**What's that new thing in the Bell Library with the lightning bolt at the top?**"

It is a strange looking thing, isn't it! That tower is a Library Charging Station. The station provides power for any device--phones, tablets, laptops. The six foot tall tower has 16 high power USB charging ports and 26 protected 120VAC outlets. The

Library staff hopes that patrons will get a charge out of using it! That is why the Friends funded the purchase. Charge over to the Bell Library and try it out. It is free, *ie.*, no charge!

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 October Newsletter!

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