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WELCOME The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter's* purpose 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.

Newsletter content will include Board or committee meeting notices, social event meeting announcements, 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 tjever40@gmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication.

News for the October 2018, issue should be submitted by Friday, September 28, 2018.

BOOKSTORE SPECIAL September brings a real special for author of the month. Both **Dale Brown** and **Clive Cussler** books will be half price for the whole month. The two of them have generated more than 33 *New York Times* best sellers. If you are into thriller novels, yell “bingo,” and hustle to Books Around the Corner while the selection is still at its best. Don't forget to tell your thriller fan friends, too.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS This month our featured Friends volunteer is **Barbara Bailey**. Barbara has volunteered at Books Around the Corner for about four years, after



volunteering in the Bell Library. She started in the Library after moving to Arizona from Indianapolis, Indiana in 2004.



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Barbara finds working in the Bookstore “fascinating.” “There are changes every week.” Assisting the people in their quest is the favorite part of her job.

In her spare time, she “reads a lot.” She enjoys fiction, particularly mysteries and romance books. In addition, Barbara volunteers for a women’s organization in Peoria. Visiting her grandsons in Indiana is also a favorite pastime.

The Ball State University grad said that the Bookstore has been very busy this summer. She feels more Sun City residents are staying in the summer, creating more Bookstore activity.

MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF This month’s featured staff member is **Library Assistant Yolanda Dutton**. Yolanda has worked for the Maricopa County Library District for over 10 years. She has worked at the Fairway Library for five years. Before her library job, she worked as a liaison for foreign students at Thunderbird School of Global Management.

Since Fairway is a smaller branch, Yolanda does a little bit of everything.



“Customer service” is what Yolanda likes about her job. She enjoys talking to people about their book interests.

When not at work, Yolanda enjoys spending time with her three grand babies. She likes being outdoors.



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Bicycling is an important part of those outdoor activities.

Art is her favorite reading topic. Anything to do with art is of great interest.

SUN CITY INDEPENDENT The question some may be asking is, “Did Barbara Bailey get featured as volunteer in this *Newsletter* because of her **front page picture** in *The Independent*? The answer is no; there is no connection. The Friends, however, do want to thank Rusty Bradshaw for the front page picture of Barbara and Janet Fanning, as well of the inside Bookstore story and picture of Bookstore Manager Mary Anne McDonald. If you didn’t see the stories, pick up the August 22, 2018, issue. Rusty is a real friend of the Friends; and the Friends really support the *Sun City Independent*.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **September 13, 2018**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library. After the summer hiatus, hear what happened in June, July, and August; and hear what is planned for the fall.

ASK TOM E The September question comes from Izzy Wright who asked Tom E, “**With so much electronic media available today, are libraries on their death bed?**”

Dear Izzy, You are not the first to ask that question, and certainly will not be the last. Because of a lack of knowledge about all the creative new programs that libraries are offering today, articles appear regularly about the demise of the public library.

There are so many factual stories, Izzy, that I will leave it to you to go on line, in your library if you wish, and find those that speak to you. Tom E will just pass along one that spoke to him. “But despite enduring budget cutbacks and being forced to reinvent their services in the face of the ubiquitous internet, public libraries remain staple institutions in various communities. There’s been an increase in the use of public libraries in the U.S. over the past decade. Services such as public computers doubled in usage in the past 10 years, and libraries saw a circulation increase of 2.46 billion materials in 2010, the highest ever reported, according to a report by the Institute of



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Museum and Library Services.” (Jareen Imam, CNN)

Our Sun City Libraries are growing because they are evolving to meet the needs of our community. Although we are a part of the Maricopa County Library District (MCLD), our Sun City Libraries contain specific materials and equipment just for our specific needs. The Friends of the Library could not be more pleased with the services provided by MCLD.

Izzy, Tom E does not want to bore you with more statistics; but if you want to know how our Libraries are doing, and what our Libraries are doing for you, just ask one of the Library staff members. They will proudly tell you, because they have every right to brag.

In a December 22, 2016, *The Guardian* opinion article, Simon Jenkins stated, “Ever since the days of Alexandria, the library has been the palace of the mind, the University of All. The internet has removed its monopoly on knowledge, but cannot replicate its sense of place, its joy of human congregation.”

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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