

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

SEPTEMBER 2019

BELL BOOK DROP Construction of the outdoor **book return** should be under way, and hopefully will be completed by the end of September. This project has been a high priority for the Friends Board for many years. The full cost of the project is being **funded by the Friends**. The RCSC



Book Drop location **map** is on this *Newsletter's* page six.

Many could be thanked for bringing closure to this project, including the Friends Board of Directors for pushing to get it completed. Most of all, however, this project is being completed because of **Sun City citizens**. **Through their bequests** from their estates, funds were available to afford projects like this one. The Board cannot express enough thanks to those who made this possible.

TEN YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Record crowds, lots of positive feedback, and plenty of applause and laughter filled the Sun City Library on August 12. The event, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, was to celebrate 10 years of a wonderful relationship with the Maricopa County Library District.



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

Celebration music included:



The Sun City Ukulele Club



Sylvain Paslier on handpan



Nuance

Balloon animals, face painting, and cookies (800 of them) took center stage throughout the day.

Photos of the Library ten years ago were displayed so that patrons could compare now and then. In addition, the printed plans by the RCSC for the soon-to-be constructed, two-way drive through Book Drop, were posted.

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



Catherine Coulter. Bradford has written 35 novels, and is Sun City eligible at age 88. Coulter writes romantic suspense thrillers and historical romances. She is 76.

There were six winners of the \$6.00 Bookstore gift certificates at the 10 Year Anniversary celebration.

The **Fairway half price sale** in August generated more than \$700. Twice a year books are taken to Fairway for the sale. Moving the books is a lot of work; but the appreciative patrons at Fairway make it worth the effort.

BOOK FRIENDS RESPONSE Five volunteer readers are now involved in the Book Friends program at **The Inn at the Amethyst**. An overwhelming response came from a *Sun City Independent* article. Linda McKnight says they are doing “very well,” and she is “pleased as punch!” Thank you to those who responded to the need.

MEET YOUR VOLUNTEERS Our featured Friends volunteer this month is **Natalie Ball**. She has been working in the Fairway Library on Mondays and Saturdays since January of this year. Before retirement, Natalie



BOOKS AROUND THE CORNER

The half-price authors of the month are **Barbara Taylor Bradford** and

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

worked as an x-ray technician in New York city. After retirement but before leaving New York, she volunteered as a teacher's aide with handicapped children for two years.



Believing that “librarians have the best job in the world,” Natalie looked into volunteering for the Friends after moving to Arizona. “I love the people--my coworkers and the patrons,” she said in describing what she likes best about her job. “Everybody has a smile.”

In her time away from the Library, Natalie is involved in the Rock and Roll Club, and takes in concerts. Working in the Library gives her “first dibs” on the new books. She particularly enjoys reading mysteries.

Natalie has two sons, one in Pennsylvania and one in San Francisco, as well as one grandson.

BOARD MEETING The Friends Board of Directors next scheduled meeting will be on Thursday, September 12, 2019, 9:30 a.m. in the Sun City Library North Wing room. Reports of **summer activities** and **fall plans** will dominate the agenda.

ASK TOM E The September question comes from volunteer Vera Week, who asked Tom E, “**A while back the Friends of the Library article in the SunViews magazine listed a bunch of jobs for Friends volunteers. What kind of a response did you get?**”

Alas, Vera, the response was weak. In fact, three replied and one followed through. Never to be taken down by a less-than-hoped-for response, the ever positive Friends Board is charging on with a new plan.



FRIENDS
of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

Unless volunteers for those jobs show up by “dumb luck,” it will take hard work from current volunteers to seek them out. Tom E bets on current volunteers.

So, in case you do not remember the jobs, Vera, here they are again:

Advertising/Marketing Assistant
Graphic Designer
Board of Directors Member
Book Buddy Assistant
Book Buddy
Book Friends Assistant
Bookstore Handyman
Bookstore Pick Up Person
Bookstore Old Book and On Line
Sales Person
Email Blaster
Event Management Chair Assistant
Event Call Person
Outreach Assistant
Volunteer Coordinator Assistant
Computer Research Assistant
Computer Web Master Assistant
Writer/Editor Back Up

If you or other volunteers know of persons with these talents, contact Ruth Polansky, Volunteer Coordinator. To learn more about these positions, Ruth can be reached by telephone at

415-264-1117, or by email at Coordinatefriends@gmail.com.

Tom E

*Finishing a good
book is like leaving a
good friend.*

William Feather

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 4mymate@embarqmail.com. The Board President will approve copy before publication. News or letters for the October 2019, issue should be received by Friday, September 27, 2019.

*Tom Everitt,
Writer and Editor in Chief,
Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.*



FRIENDS

of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

