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SEPTEMBER 2021

BOOK BUDDIES PROGRAM ON HOLD As a result of the continuing pandemic, the Friends Board of Directors at its September meeting decided to put the Book Buddies program to rest for now. Volunteer Buddies, who wish to do so, may continue delivering materials to their homebound clients; but the Friends will not actively recruit new readers or clients. Current commitments will be honored.

During the hiatus, the Board will study the program to determine the best way to assist homebound Sun City residents with their library needs.

The Maricopa County Library District sends Large Print books to homebound Maricopa County residents who are otherwise unable to access library materials. These books are checked out for a three-week period, and sent for free via the U.S. Postal Service. Call 602-652-3070 or visit <https://extranet.mclldaz.org/Contact/BooksByMail> for more info.

BOOKSTORE NEWS Books Around the Corner income for the month of

August was \$3,807, almost \$600 more than July. Lots of traffic continues, which is particularly good for the summer months.



September half price specials continue: Jonathan, Faye, and Jesse Kellerman books; Large Print Books; and puzzles with 1,000 or more pieces.

Half price specials for October will include soft cover novels and audio books.



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Filling in for Mary Anne McDonald in her absence are:

Pam Danneman 314-580-2128, cell/text dannpk@sbcglobal.net for scheduling issues.

Roberta Hawksworth 623-866-2543, cell/text rodonh1@gmail.com for questions from the work desk.

Cathy Weyers 602-809-3079, cell/text cweyers1@cox.net for when you cannot reach Pam or Roberta.

FRIENDS T-SHIRTS Last year, Friends T-shirts were distributed to all volunteers who were active at that time. Since then, **new volunteers** have become involved, and Bookstore volunteers wearing them to work have found the need for more than one.

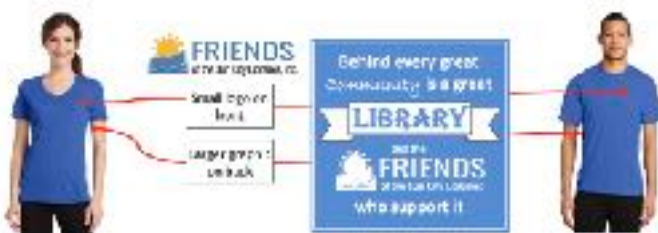
The Friends Board at the September meeting decided to order more T-shirts to meet current and future needs. **If you need one**, please notify Ruth Polansky at 415-264-1117 or rlpolansky@gmail.com.

FAIRWAY SEED DISTRIBUTION CENTER The free garden **seed library at Fairway** is up and running. A grand opening was planned for this month, but due to the rise in COVID cases and cancellation of in-person programs, the event had to be postponed. The Library does hope to host gardening-related programming virtually, and in person again, as soon as possible.

Customers are invited to borrow up to **three seed packets** of their choice each month. No need to return anything to the Library!



The **Fairway Woodworking Club** made the cabinet for the seeds



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Friends President Sue Blechl with Tim, Ralph, and Richard (left to right) of the Woodworking Club.

LIBRARY PROGRAMS The Sun City Libraries are currently offering **virtual programs only**. There are lots of wonderful programs available on a variety of topics like wildlife, iPhone tips, at-home craft projects, history lectures, and more! To learn more go

to <https://mclldaz.org/subject/now/> click on the “Adult” button and then click the playlist menu in the upper right of the video screen (three horizontal bars, and a number like 1/46). You can let the playlist run through all of the programs, or scroll through the list to find the one you’d like to watch! You can also visit the main MCLD events calendar to register for live virtual programs, like our Thoughtful



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Thursday Writing Group: <https://mclidaz.org/eventcalendar>.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING On Friday, August 20, 2021, the Friends Board of Directors met via Zoom and took the following action:

Appointed **Cathy Weyers** as secretary pro tem;
Approved the August 12, 2021, **minutes**;
Accepted with regret the resignation of **Pat Bates**;
Elected **Joyce Voss** as Board Secretary;
Authorized current officers as **signatories for a Wells Fargo checking account**, and deletion of former officers as signatories; and
Accepted with regret the resignation of **Linda McKnight**.

RESPONSE FROM SEPTEMBER 1 HUMOR We got a bit of interesting **feedback** from the “Septhumor” sent out the first of this month. A volunteer wrote:

Enjoyable as always, but watch out for Jefferson quotes. He is (opinion) the most misquoted person ever. As to this quote, “There is no evidence that

the statement originated with Jefferson.” His estate at Monticello labels it “spurious.

This appreciated feedback reminded us of the following: “The problem with internet quotes is that you cannot always depend on their accuracy. – **Abraham Lincoln 1864**”

MONICA FALLON CONTACT

Because of health reasons, Monica Fallon resigned from the Friends Board of Directors. She, however, does not want to lose contact with the friends she made with Friends of the Libraries. She has moved and can be reached at her **new address**, Park Terrace, 2577 W Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023, Apt. 3008, or 602-375-1777 Extension 3008, or mmfallon946@gmail.com.

LETTER FROM MARY ANNE MCDONALD

Dear Friends,
It's been an honor to create the Books Around the Corner twelve years ago and to serve as its manager since then. I am so thankful for the many volunteers who have contributed their time and talents to the bookstore. Together we provided an outlet for



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service, a mechanism for recycling, and valuable fundraising that has benefited our two Sun City libraries.

After being closed for fourteen months because of the Covid pandemic, the bookstore reopened in May 2021. However in June I found that I was unable to do basic tasks, due to pain in my back. Three volunteers, Pam Danneman, Roberta Hawksworth, and Cathy Weyers, stepped up to temporarily assist in the bookstore's operations. I am so grateful for their efforts to help.

My physical health has thankfully improved, but I am unable to do all that is required to manage the store. It is time to pass the reins to the three leaders. I will continue to advise and assist as needed. You may even find me doing a shift or two as a cashier! My heart will always be close to the Friends and the Bookstore, and I am confident that the successes we have built will continue.

Mary Anne

NEXT MEETING The next Friends Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on

Thursday, **October 14**, 2021, via Zoom.

FROM YOUR PRESIDENT During this pandemic, sometimes it feels like time is standing still. And yet for the Friends, things are evolving and moving on.

Our dedicated Bookstore Manager Mary Anne McDonald is easing out of her leadership role, but will continue to provide valuable wisdom and encouragement to the three people she has chosen to take the reins. The Friends Board and I respect this difficult decision, and we know that Mary Anne's health and well-being are the priorities. Our Bookstore is a model of accomplishment, utilizing countless volunteers, and providing thousands of dollars to support our branch Libraries. Mary Anne has left a legacy of community service that cannot be easily matched. We are in awe of the years of dedicated work that signifies the Friends of the Sun City Libraries! From the bottom of our collective hearts, thank you, Mary Anne!

Another program undergoing change is our Book Buddies program. With



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the resignations of chairs Monica Fallon and Linda McKnight, and with COVID still running rampant in our nation and world, we feel that we must put the homebound book delivery program on indefinite hold. The Board will continue to evaluate this and other programs, and will strive to use our volunteers to maximum effect.

In the meantime, if you have an idea for a project or a way to address a community need, let us know. Even though our daily lives are different from a few years ago, and are probably not playing out as we had imagined, we must reassess our resources and our needs to provide useful services and solutions. We are counting on you to help us!

The Friends group may be changing, but our goals and our spirits remain the same! Stay well, and stay in touch!

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The *Friends Volunteer Newsletter* is to improve communication between Friends volunteers. It is emailed to volunteers on the middle of the month, or delivered to their work places if no email address is available. Information for the October 2021, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at tjever40gmail.com by Tuesday, October 12, 2021.

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