



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

May 1, 2017

WELCOME This is the fourth 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 June 1, 2017. Publication items should be submitted by Tuesday, May 29, 2017.

MAY BOOKSTORE SPECIALS This month there are two authors of the month--**Martha Grimes** and **Patricia Cornwell**. Those books will be **half price** all month. The Bookstore tribute to Mother's Day, May 14, will be half price for **ALL women authors**. This sale will be Thursday, May 11 through Saturday, May 13.

UKE CHECK OUT You can check out a **ukulele** at the library, really! Three ukuleles are available at each Library for a three week check out period. You get the ukulele, an instruction book, a tuner, and a carrying case.



These six brand new, high quality Ohana ukuleles were donated by the **Ukulele Club**. The Club hopes that a loaner will encourage residents to try it out, and possibly join the Club, which offers free lessons and great fun. Learn more about the Ukulele Club at <http://www.scukes.org/>.



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

SEED CHECK OUT You can check out seeds at the Bell Library, really! The **Seed Library** is a collection of open-pollinated and heirloom seeds that you can borrow from, to plant and grow at home. The seed collection depends on donations and seasonality. Different seeds will be available at different times. [See a list of seeds you can borrow.](#)

Your Maricopa County **Library card** is your key to borrowing seeds. You can check-out up to three packets of seeds per month, just as you would books, DVDs, and any other library materials. There are no overdue fines with seeds.

There is no obligation to save and return seeds, especially if you're new to seed saving. As you grow as a gardener and a **seed saver**, it is hoped that you will consider sharing your seeds with the Seed Library community. By saving seeds as a community, we help create local seed stocks that are better acclimated to our desert climate.

The Seed Library is a made possible by a collaboration with [Garden Pool](#), a Mesa organization dedicated to sustainable food practices. **Garden Pool** works toward an abundant and genetically diverse landscape. It

supports gardeners from beginner to expert, and helps teach how to grow, harvest, and save seeds.

SIGNIFICANT BOOK COLLECTION DONATION The Bookstore recently received quite a large collection of books from a generous Sun City resident. The books include World War I, World War II, CIA, spies, history and Chicago politics.



MARICOPA COUNTY READS This is the Library District's fun, online, **summer reading adventure** for participants of all ages. Kids, teens, and adults can win free food from Chipolte. Every participant that reaches 1,000 points will earn a free book.

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

Here is how it works:

1. Create your account today at maricopacountyreads.org.
2. Earn points by reading, completing challenges, and attending library events.
3. Log your reading and activities from June 1-August 1.
4. Win prizes, food, and a free book.

Build a Better World by reading 20 minutes a day, and we'll see you at the library! In 2016, we reached 322 children, teens, and adults with our Summer Reading Program at the Bell and Fairway Branch Libraries. The Friends have been a big supporter of this program. Get involved!

FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK If you are on **Facebook**, stop by our New page and connect to stay up-to-date on Friends News and Bookstore announcements, events, and sales. The page address is: <https://www.facebook.com/suncitylibraryfriends/>. Use @suncitylibraryfriends to search, find, and Tag Us in Posts. Use the LIKE button to JOIN US, and the FOLLOW drop-down menu to set how, when, and how often you see Friends' posts in your News Feed. You can use this QR Code to quickly access the Friends Page.



BOOK BUDDY AVAILABLE

Homebound Sun City residents do not leave for the summer. If you know of someone in that situation who would like library materials delivered, call Judy Wannamaker, Book Buddy Chairperson, at 623-875-0545. Judy will get the information on the person from you, and connect the resident with an available Book Buddy.

BOARD MEETING The next meeting of the Friends Board of Directors will be Thursday, **May 11, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library. This will be the last meeting until September.

BOARD MINUTES The unapproved minutes of the Friends **April Board meeting** can be read in full at <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/>. These minutes will be presented for approval at the May meeting. The Board welcomes volunteers to attend the meeting and speak to any issue.

ASK TOM E The May question comes from a Friends volunteer and Bookstore shopper who asked Tom E, **"How are books categorized and shelved in the Bookstore?"**

The Bookstore prides itself on shelving books in a **user friendly** manner. After books have been

FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

priced in the workroom, they are placed on workroom shelves by category. Those same categories exist on shelves in the Bookstore. When space opens up from a sale, books are brought from the workroom to those Bookstore shelves.

One of the major differences in our Bookstore and others of lesser quality is the **wide variety of categories** we use to shelve books. The following is a list of the categories:

Old Books, Old Mysteries, Poetry, Cozy Mysteries, Art, Westerns, Arizona and the Southwest, Gardening, Animals, Large Books, Cookbooks, Diet Books, Children Books, Small Books, Crafts, Self Help, Home Repair, Travel Overseas, Travel USA, Sports, Medical, Computer, Dictionaries, Games, Collectables, Hardbound Mysteries, Hardbound Fiction \$4-\$6, Hardbound Fiction \$1-\$2, Horror, Sci-fi, Christian Fiction, Large Print, Biography, Civil War, Kennedy, Non Fiction, History and Politics, Fiction Soft Covers, Non Fiction Soft Covers, Mystery Paperbacks, General Paperbacks, Non Fiction Paperbacks, Finance, Oversize or Coffee Table Books, Special Feature Books, 50 Cent Books, Newer Magazines, Older Magazines, Old Magazines, Music,

CDs, DVDs, VHS Tapes and Puzzles.

Wow! That is 55 categories. We think that is great; but here is the best part. A **map** is available to tell you where every one of these sections are in the Bookstore. How is that for service? Now the icing on the cake, our volunteers love to assist you locate something you cannot find on your own. Books Around the Corner really does aim to please. Now, your aim is to come shopping and tell all your friends about Books Around the Corner. That will please us!

Tom E

Email me with your **question, concern, idea** for improvement, **pet peeve** at work, or any **general inquiry** you have.

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



**The best medicine
in the world is a
good book and a
comfortable chair.**