



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

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WELCOME This is the fifth 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 July 1, 2017. Publication items should be submitted by Tuesday, June 28, 2017.

REMINDER TO ENROLL



If you haven't already enrolled:

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

Read 20 minutes a day!

JUNE BOOKSTORE SPECIALS One might as well call June “half price month.” **Faye Jonathan** and **Jessie Kellerman** books will be **half price** all month. The Bookstore tribute to Father’s Day, June 18, will be **half price for ALL men authors** on

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Thursday, June 15 through Saturday, June 17. Finally, every Monday in June, all soft cover **paperback books will be half price**. Spread the word about June 5, 12, 19, and 26.

UPSTAGED STORY ON BOOK SALES ON LINE As promised in the *May Friends Volunteer Newsletter*, we were going to tell you in this issue about our new program to **sell books on line**. As many of you know, Rusty Bradshaw got the story out in the May 18 *Sun City Independent*. We enjoy bringing you our news; but we know better than to compete with the pros. Thank you Rusty, for your front page story.

In case you missed it, click below.
<http://yourwestvalley.com/news/sun-city-friends-book-sales-going-global/>

BOOK FRIENDS The planning for this new venture began in January 2017, when Judy Wannamaker, Friends Vice President and Book Buddy Chair, met with Charlotte Klose, Friends Board member. **Book Friends** was launched as a result. Judy and Charlotte met with the three Activities Coordinators of the two memory care programs located at The Woodmark, 17207 N. Boswell Blvd, Sun City.

In the beginning, Charlotte WAS the program! Later in January, she read in her first half-hour session to one patient who listened silently and attended every session thereafter. Sadly, a few weeks later, she passed away. This was Charlotte's introduction to the memory care programs of The Woodmark. Readers have served in the Specialized Personalized Attention Program, which is designed for later stage memory patients. Now, in June 2017, Book Friends has three readers working with groups of five patients per week. In September, we hope to add two more volunteers.

The Woodmark offers another unique memory program. Monarch Memory Assistance provides services for persons with early stages of memory loss. In the fall, we plan to initiate a slow expansion of our work into Monarch while our already trained volunteers continue reading sessions for the first group.

The highly professional staff at The Woodmark embraces Book Friends with great gratitude and enthusiasm. In the Woodmark's warm, inviting setting, the Book Friends three dedicated readers value the opportunity to get to know and care for their patients. If interested any

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Friends Volunteer should contact Charlotte to learn more about our challenging and gratifying activities at The Workmark. Call the Bookstore at 602-651-2014 and leave a message for Charlotte.

FRY'S SHOPPER? Did you know you can support the Friends just by shopping at Fry's? Sign up for the Fry's Community Awards program. A portion of your purchases will be credited to the Friends of the Sun City Libraries. You will need to have a Fry's VIP card and an online account. It is easy and quick. Follow the instructions at <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>. The Friends code is 11377. Your support must be updated annually.

REMINDER: FRIENDS ON FACEBOOK 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.

BOOK BUDDY CALL NUMBER If you know of someone 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, **September 14, 2017**, 9:30 AM, North Wing Room, Bell Library. Unless a need for a special meeting is identified, no summer Board meetings will be held.

BOARD MINUTES The unapproved minutes of the Friends **May Board meeting** can be read in full at <http://www.suncitylibraryfriends.org/>. These minutes will be presented for approval at the September meeting.

ASK TOM E The June question comes from a Friends admirer who asked Tom E, **"The Friends have such a great organization. Why isn't it publicized more?"**

Thank you for the compliment. At the risk of sounding "stuck up," we agree on your great organization opinion. We also agree we need to toot our horn a bit more.

We attempt to keep our volunteers informed through this **Newsletter**. We also hope to speak to all Sun City

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residents through our monthly *SunViews* article. Rusty Bradshaw, Editor of the *Sun City Independent*, attends many of our meetings and has given us a lot of good publicity, which we very much appreciate. We know, however, that written publication isn't enough.

Our Publicity Chairperson Roberta Hawksworth has generated all kinds of *new ideas* to spread the word on the work of the Friends. Sue Blechl, *Community Outreach* coordinator, has set up booths at a number of Sun City events to tell our story. Jerry Walczak, RCSC Board Director and liaison to the Friends, is a great supporter, and publicizes for the Friends to his Board.

The exciting new publicity idea to be implemented soon is a *Speakers Bureau*. A Power Point presentation has been developed to get our message to Sun City clubs and organizations. Friends President Marcia Davis, with Roberta, Sue, and many Friends Board members have put together a terrific story of the Library and the Friends. We hope to implement the Speakers Bureau this fall.

We are always open to suggestions on how to tell the story of our great little organization. If you have ideas to

offer, I hope you will let us know by telling us at one of our Board meetings (starting again in September) or joining our Publicity Standing Committee to assist. We always welcome new talent!

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 July Newsletter!

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*Books are
humanity in print.*

Barbara Tuchman