



FRIENDS VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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

JULY, 2017

WELCOME This is the sixth 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 August 1, 2017. Publication items should be submitted by Friday, July 28, 2017.

JULY BOOKSTORE SPARKLERS

Cookbooks will be half price. Soft cover **paperback** books will be half price Mondays throughout the month. Buy one **puzzle** of your choice, and pick a free one from the special table.

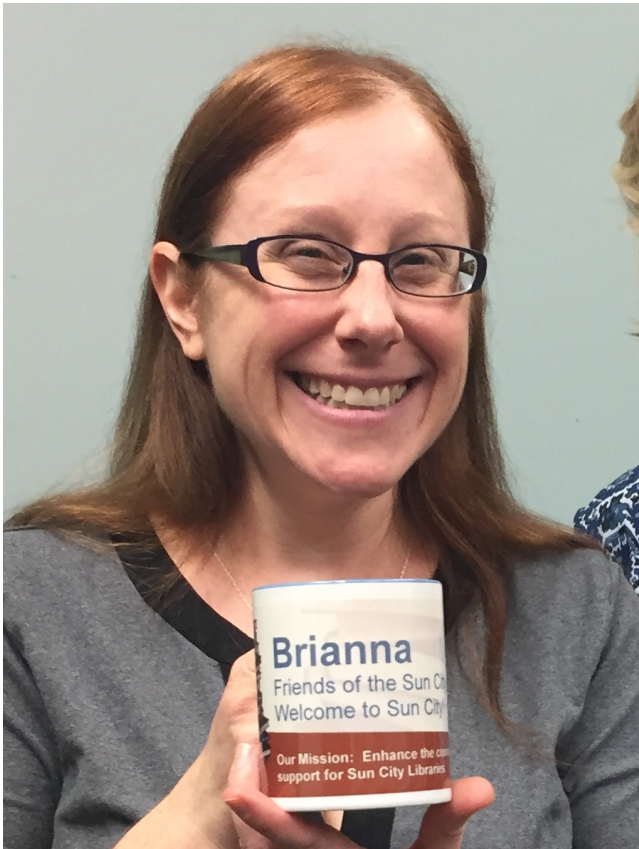
SPECIAL DONATION Donated books keep Books Around the Corner in operation. Since the word has gotten out that we are selling on line, we have received some very nice gifts from appreciative Sun City residents. One such case was a donation of over \$2,000 worth of **Beatrice Potter books**. Tell your friends about us. You would be surprised how many of your neighbors do not even know we exist.

BOOK FRIENDS STORY A big thank you goes out, again, to **Rusty Bradshaw** for a great story about our new Book Friends project. We always appreciate publicity about what we do. **Charlotte Klose**, with support from Judy Wannamaker, has started something of which we are very proud. It is always good to read good news in a good paper by a good writer telling about good workers. That is a good description of the Book Friends program in the Sun City Independent by Rusty Bradshaw telling of the hard work of Charlotte Klose and her **volunteer readers**. "Good goin!"

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MEET YOUR LIBRARY STAFF One of President Marcia Davis' emphasis this year is to learn more about our Library staff. Starting with this issue, we will feature a Library staff member. A place to start could not be better than with the newly named **Library Manager, Brianna King**.



Brianna has been with the Library District for 11 years, starting as a page in the Surprise Library. Before this position, she was working in the District office. The Sun City position interested her because she missed being in a branch library, and she had

worked with a number of the Sun City and Fairway staff.

As a reader, her preference is historical fiction, particularly the Tudor era in England. She also enjoys vegetarian cookbooks. When her nose is not in a book in her off time, she enjoys sewing, something she has been doing and loving since high school. Before her library vocation, her career was as a seamstress in costuming.

Brianna is an Arizona native, married to a software developer for MCLD, and has two cats.

FRY'S SHOPPER? Did you sign up for the **Fry's Community Awards** program as described in the June Newsletter? It is easy, quick, and helps the Friends financially. Follow the instructions at <https://www.frysfood.com/topic/new-community-rewards-program>. The Friends code is 11377. Your support must be updated annually.

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.

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ASK TOM E The July question comes from a Friends volunteer who asked Tom E, “As a volunteer I should know; but I don’t. What is a book buddy, and how does that program work?”

We agree that you should know. All Friends volunteers should know, because we depend on all of you to get the word out. More about that later. First, a little history.

About seven years ago, Mary Goitia, Friends Board member, recognized the need for reaching homebound Sun City residents. She proposed to the Board that we find volunteers who would take library materials to homebound Sun City residents. The Board approved the idea, and the Book Buddy program was born. Mary identified volunteers to help her.

When Mary resigned from the Board, Judy Wannamaker, a Book Buddy and Board member, replaced her as Chairperson. The program has continued to grow under Judy’s leadership and 21 other Book Buddies. Today we are delivering books, puzzles, DVDs, and CDs to 19 patrons. We can deliver anything the library has to offer; but we cannot deliver patrons to the library due to liability.

We are pleased with the number we serve; however, think of this. There are 37,000 residents of Sun City. Do you really believe only 19 of them cannot get to either of our Libraries, and want to? We don’t.

That is where you come in. Keep your eyes open, tell your neighbor, and help us spread the word that ALL of our residents can participate in Library activities, regardless of whether they can get to the Library. To serve as a Book Buddy (training provided) or to refer someone to the program, call Judy at 623-875-0545.

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 August Newsletter!

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