

Friends of the Sun City Libraries, Inc.

Highlights of 2021

Board & Governance

Added Diane Wysocki (March), Jennie O'Leary (April), Joyce Voss (July)
Resigned Charlotte Klose (April), Monica Fallon (August), Pat Bates (August), Linda McKnight (September)
Officers Joyce Voss replaced Pat Bates as Secretary (August)
Approved amending the bylaws to allow for one extra year of service on the board due to the pandemic
Some responsibilities were shifted from person to person during the year
RCSC Liaison Rich Hoffer was replaced by Sheila Rooney

Other changes

Mary Anne McDonald, founder and manager of the bookstore since 2009, passed away on October 28, 2021. Judy Wannamaker passed away on April 6, 2021 and Kathy Shawl, on November 24, 2021. Both were past board members.

Bookstore

A special meeting of the board was held in April to plan for the reopening of the bookstore, following CDC and RCSC guidelines
Closed from March 16, 2020 to May 17, 2021 (a total of 14 months) due to Covid 19.
Changed the hours from 10 to 4 to 9:30 to 3:30 Monday thru Saturday
Ordered refrigerator magnets and bookmarks with new bookstore hours
Replaced the cash register
Three co-managers replaced Mary Anne McDonald when her health declined
Added wi-fi and a second printer
Replaced cashier chairs
Replaced outdoor sign that rolls out each day
Cleaned the storage and sorting areas
Worked to develop a process to sell valuable items on Internet, but the process was not completed
Sold 26 boxes of old or rare books to dealer
Began monthly Newsflash to customer email list to promote bookstore (Irene Nathanson)

Book Friends

Volunteers were unable to read to memory care residents from March 2020 to the end of 2021 and beyond. The program was put on indefinite hold.

Book Buddies

There were few readers and few volunteers to deliver books, especially during Covid. The program was put on indefinite hold (September)

Community Outreach

The Friends did not participate in any activities promoting the organization or the library in 2021, due to Covid.

Finances

Bookstore revenues were good considering Covid restrictions

No Finance Committee meetings in 2021

Requests from libraries were funded as usual

Brochure

Marcia Davis redesigned the Friends' brochure, but printing of the new edition was delayed, due to uncertainties due to Covid.

Donations made to Octogenerian Golf.

No events were held in 2021 to honor volunteers.

Records of the Friends were reviewed and retained or recycled as needed by the officers. Space was made available, because many boxes of papers were eliminated. Official records of the Friends are kept in the Gathering Place closet.