



# FRIENDS

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## JANUARY 2023

**BOOKSTORE NEWS** The January half price sale continues on books by authors **Stuart Woods, Robert Ludlum, Nicholas Sparks, and Danielle Steel**, as well as **music CDs**.

In February books on **presidents** and their families, and all **biographies** and memoirs will be half off.

Books Around the Corner will be **closed** on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Bookstore **sales for 2022** in store and online totaled \$43,081.

The Bookstore is **adequately staffed**, and has volunteer applicants on file.

Bookstore customers are being **surveyed** to see where they get their information about monthly sales. The results will be used to determine where and how much to advertise.

**NEW BOARD MEMBERS** **Maria Lafayette** was elected to Board

membership at the December Board of Directors meeting.



With a brief career in banking before starting her family, Maria made the decision to go to college when her children began school. At the age of 31, earning a Bachelor's Degree in business, Maria began a twenty year career in telecommunications. Spending about ten years with Pacific Bell and AT&T, she moved to a young company called Sprint for another decade. Earning a Master's Degree in business while with AT&T allowed her



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many opportunities in Sprint including management of a large billing center for national and major account customers.

The next career move came in 2000 when Maria made the decision to leave management positions and become an individual contributor as a realtor in California. In 2016 she retired. She and her husband now live in Arizona during the winter months and Colorado Springs during the Spring and Summer months.

Retirement allowed free time to pursue personal loves like reading, hiking, and enjoying time with friends and family. As a former volunteer with Friends of the Library in Colorado Springs, she stated, "I am excited to be on the Board of Friends of the Library here in Sun City."

**Sherri Sharp** was elected to Board membership at the November Board of Directors meeting. She submitted the following information about herself.

"Thank you for inviting me to be on the board. I was raised in Boise, Idaho, and spent 44 years in Elko, Nevada. I have two daughters, three granddaughters and one great

granddaughter. I have lived in Phoenix for 16 years, loving the beautiful weather! I love sewing and dancing. I enjoy helping at the Bookstore and working with other volunteers."



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH** Jennie O'Leary, Outreach Coordinator, will be overseeing the Friends presence at two sessions of **Discover Sun City**, being held on January 18, 2023.



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**LIBRARY HAPPENINGS** Our Libraries will be **closed** on Monday, January 16 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr./Civil Rights Day.

**Katelyn Morrison**, Fairway Library Supervisor, is leaving and going to the ElMirage Library as Manager. The Friends Board at its January Board meeting wished her well and thanked her for her service to Sun City.

January **programs** at the Sun City Library include:

**The Camera and Photos Apps for Your iPhone**, 1/23 from 10-11:30 a.m., <https://tinyurl.com/iPhonePhotosSC>

**Crosby, Stills, Nash & Young**, 1/31, from 10-11:30 a.m., <https://tinyurl.com/CSNY-SC>

**SAVE THE DATE** It's been two long years. The **Volunteer Appreciation Dinner** will be happening!

When: Wednesday, March 15, 2023  
Where: Palmbrook Country Club  
Time: 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Entertainment: Jan Sandwich, featuring the Ladies of Song.

More info coming soon!

**CHRISTMAS CELEBRANTS** Two of the Friends Bookstore **volunteers** dress for the occasion.



**REMINDER** With the continuation of COVID, **mask use** is encouraged in the Bookstore because of its close quarters.

## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

I can't believe that January is half over! If we made a New Year's resolution, we have already accomplished two weeks of something, or have perhaps forgotten all about the good intentions. In that



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case, we can start anew - at ANY time of the year!

Making improvements at any time is good for the Friends of the Library, and with the summary of the past year, we look to the new year with purpose and commitment. The Friends are undertaking some study groups, including one on serving the homebound, and another on creating a Public Relations chair position. In addition we are looking at our Volunteer Newsletter (which you are now reading.) We want to find the best way to communicate with our volunteers, as they/you are a major asset to this organization.

We will be reviewing other aspects of our group, too, as we continue to deliver services with COVID and other communicable diseases complicating our lives.

Please work to stay healthy in mind and body!

With appreciation,  
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**NEXT MEETING** The Friends February Board meeting will be at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, **February 9, 2023**, in the North Meeting Room at the Sun City Library.

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 February, 2023, issue should be sent to Tom Everitt at [tjever40gmail.com](mailto:tjever40gmail.com) by Monday, February 13, 2023.

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## JANUARY JINGLES



Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray..



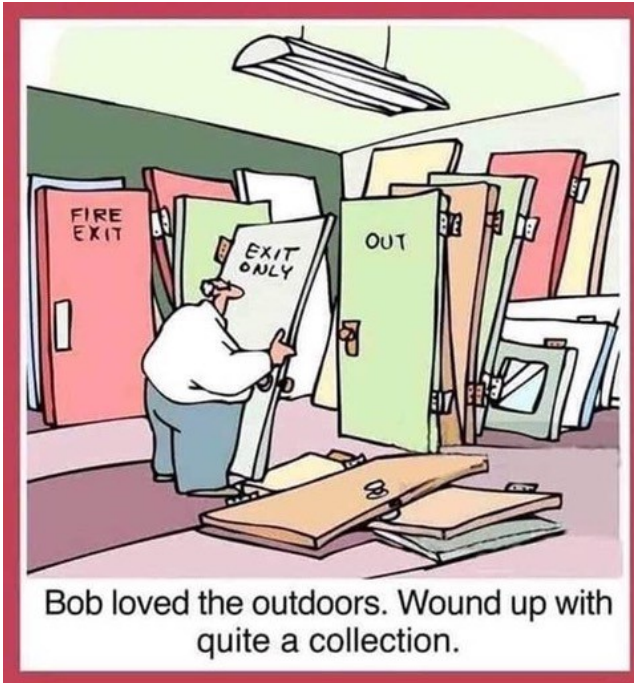


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**I got over my addiction  
to chocolate,  
marshmallows, and  
nuts. I won't lie, it was  
a rocky road.**

**I tried to sue the airport  
for losing my luggage.**

**I lost my case.**

**Every family has  
one weird relative.**

**If you don't know  
who it is, then it's  
probably you.**

**Last year I replaced all the windows in  
my house with those expensive,  
double-pane, energy-efficient kind.  
Today, I got a call from Home Depot  
who installed them. The man  
complained that the work had been  
completed a year ago, and I still hadn't  
paid for them.**

**HHHelloo.....just because I'm blonde  
doesn't mean that I am automatically  
stupid. So, I told him just what his  
fast-talking sales guy had told me last  
year... that these windows would pay  
for themselves in a year.**

**Hellooooo, it's been a year, so they're  
paid for, I told him. There was only  
silence at the other end of the line, so I  
finally hung up. He never called back. I  
bet he felt like an idiot!!!**