

FEBRUARY 2020

Between Friends

Newsletter of the Friends of the Surprise Libraries



Save the Date!

Bookmark Contest Plaque Presentation

Tuesday, March 3
Surprise City Council Meeting
Surprise City Hall
5:30 p.m.

Read on Greater Surprise

Friday, March 27
City of Surprise Community
Room
1:30–3:00 p.m.

Bookmark Contest Reception & Artist Discussion

Monday, March 30
Northwest Regional Library
6:00–8:00 p.m.

Volunteer News and Updates

Ray Drake (480.949.6233) and **Joanne Heim** (719.338.2633/joanneheim@aol.com) are our **new volunteer coordinators**. Ray is in charge of new and student volunteers, and Joanne is in charge of substitutes. Contact Joanne if you need help finding a sub.

Carol Mains (623.466.5655) is in charge of the book store displays, and you can text her about large donations.

Beth Robertson and **Diane Barish** are working on collectibles and the first edition program. Leave any questions about these programs clipped to their sign-in sheets.

Pictured above, from left: Members of the board judge the bookmark contest, which had 298 entries; Mr. Collier's 5th grade class from Paradise Honors Elem., one of the 2020 Literacy Challenge winning classrooms; Aly Cline and Skip Hall at the grand opening of the Asante Library on February 1.

Q&A with... Manuel DeLeon

Manuel serves on the FOL board, where he is the school grant chair and the bookmark contest chair.

Where is your hometown? I am a native Arizonan; I grew up in north Phoenix. I love Arizona and if I needed to leave it would be very difficult – I love the sun – I tell people that I am solar powered.

Professional and/or educational background?

I am a branch manager for Wells Fargo at the Grand & Reems Branch. I have worked for Wells Fargo for 27 years and have had many roles: teller, banker and branch manager. I attended Rio Salado Community College where I studied business administration.

If money were no object, what job would you want? I love what I do, but I would love to work with a nonprofit that provides both literacy and financial education to children and young adults.

How long have you been a FOL volunteer? On the board? I have been on the board for 5+ years.

What are the most satisfying aspects of your work with the Friend of the Library? Meeting the teachers who submit their grants, the use of the products, and seeing the kids—it is all very fulfilling. It's crazy to think that a book can change a life.

What are you reading right now? The Servant Leader

When you aren't working or volunteering for FOL, what are you doing? Spending time with my wife and our 4 dogs, as we get ready to travel in our RV.



Library News

The new Maricopa County Library at Asante opened on February 1! There was a great turnout, with many folks getting library cards. We have a small area in the lobby with about 400 books, all \$1. **Hollyhock Library** in the old town center is now open 6 days a week (no Friends shop).



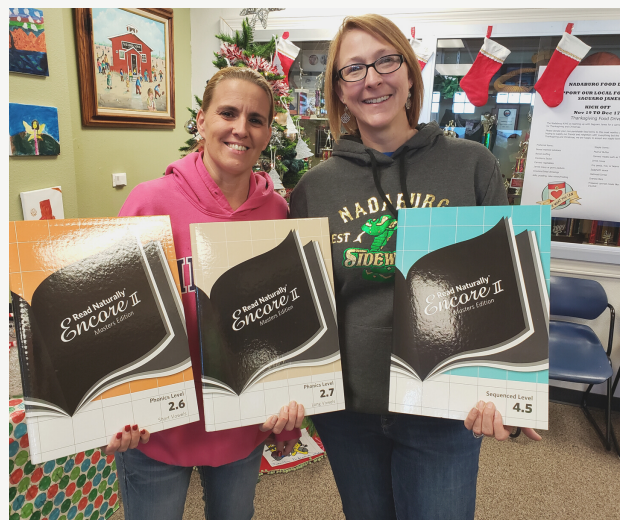
Grant News

The Friends of the Library Board voted on February 14 to approve a \$2500 grant to Christina Ross, a sixth grade teacher at **Desert Oasis Elementary**. The grant will provide six copies of a variety of science-based graphic novel sets (total 426 books) to build fluency and ability in reluctant readers, and the sets will be shared across the sixth grade.

Volunteer #Protips

Don't forget...

1. Recycle bins behind the desk are for books that are damaged. Books that are too old to be put out for sale go on the shelf in the back room for donation.
2. Forms used in addition to the donation receipt:
 - a. hold slip
 - b. teacher discount
3. Be sure you're checking a book's genre before shelving it. There have been a number of biographies, memoirs, and other nonfiction placed in the oversized fiction section.



Above: Nadaburg Elementary special education teachers receive the **Read Naturally** reading fluency program for use with their 2nd–5th graders. FOL granted their \$2100 request in November 2019.