

County OKs Fairway library

STAFF REPORT

Denny Nichols shared the good news Thursday at the RCSC Board of Directors meeting.

"It is my pleasure to announce that the Fairway Library location has been approved by the Maricopa County Library District," Nichols said. "Like everyone, they are dealing with a budget crisis, but thanks to great efforts on the part of the RCSC, the Friends of the Sun City Library and county library staff, we were able to get the job done."

Nichols said there is no firm date in place for when the library will open its doors, saying it will take a while to make preparations.

"There is no firm date yet, but they are looking at some time in March," he said.

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Board of Supervisors Chairman Max Wilson praised the move Friday morning, calling it a great addition to the community.

"We are happy to add this facility to our cadre of community services for families," Wilson said. "We don't have to hire additional library personnel to run the library and the lease is a mere \$10 a year. Through our generous partnership with RCSC, we were able to bring this revered resource to the community."

The Friends of the Sun City Libraries will kick in \$150,000 to purchase furniture and \$50,000 for materials.

"We already have a number of materials that will be transferred from storage," said Library District Director Harry Courtright. "It will take us a couple of months to put up shelving, put furniture in place, and arrange the collection to accommodate our "Dewey-less" system."

Sun City Branch Library, just south of Bell on 99th Avenue, opened in April under the library district's banner. For information about MCLD programs and events, visit www.mclldaz.org.

Sun City Library plans fun events for all ages

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With the change over to the Maricopa County Library District, new programs at the Sun City Library were soon to start popping up.

While many of October's events were planned before the county came in, some of them are signs of new things to come.

First and foremost among them is children's programming. Jennie O'Leary, Sun City Librarian in charge of adult's and children's programming, said the hope is that programs aimed at kids will be utilized by grandparents, too.

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Sun City librarian Jennie O'Leary says they have plans for programs to start soon for area residents, one will include a Halloween program for kids.

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"That's what we're hoping. We'd love for grandparents to bring their grandkids in for story hour," O'Leary said. "We're excited about the Halloween story time. We have room for 35 kids and any who come in costume will get some candy."

While there are no plans for children's programs in November, O'Leary said there definitely will be a Christmas story time.

"Last year we had 20 kids show up, so I expect it will be popular again this year," she said.

Some programming aimed at

seniors promises to be very compelling, as well. From 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Oct. 1, there will be a class on consumer protection issues. Oscar Johnson and Debra Boehlke from the Arizona Attorney General's Office will be on hand to discuss topics such as scams and identity theft.

"The scams are a big issue right now, and ID theft obviously is always a concern," O'Leary said. "Oscar and Debra have been lined up to appear for a while, and Oscar will actually be coming to visit us once every month."

This is good news for Sun Citians concerned about the seemingly large increase in scams lately: Johnson will be at the library on the second Wednesday

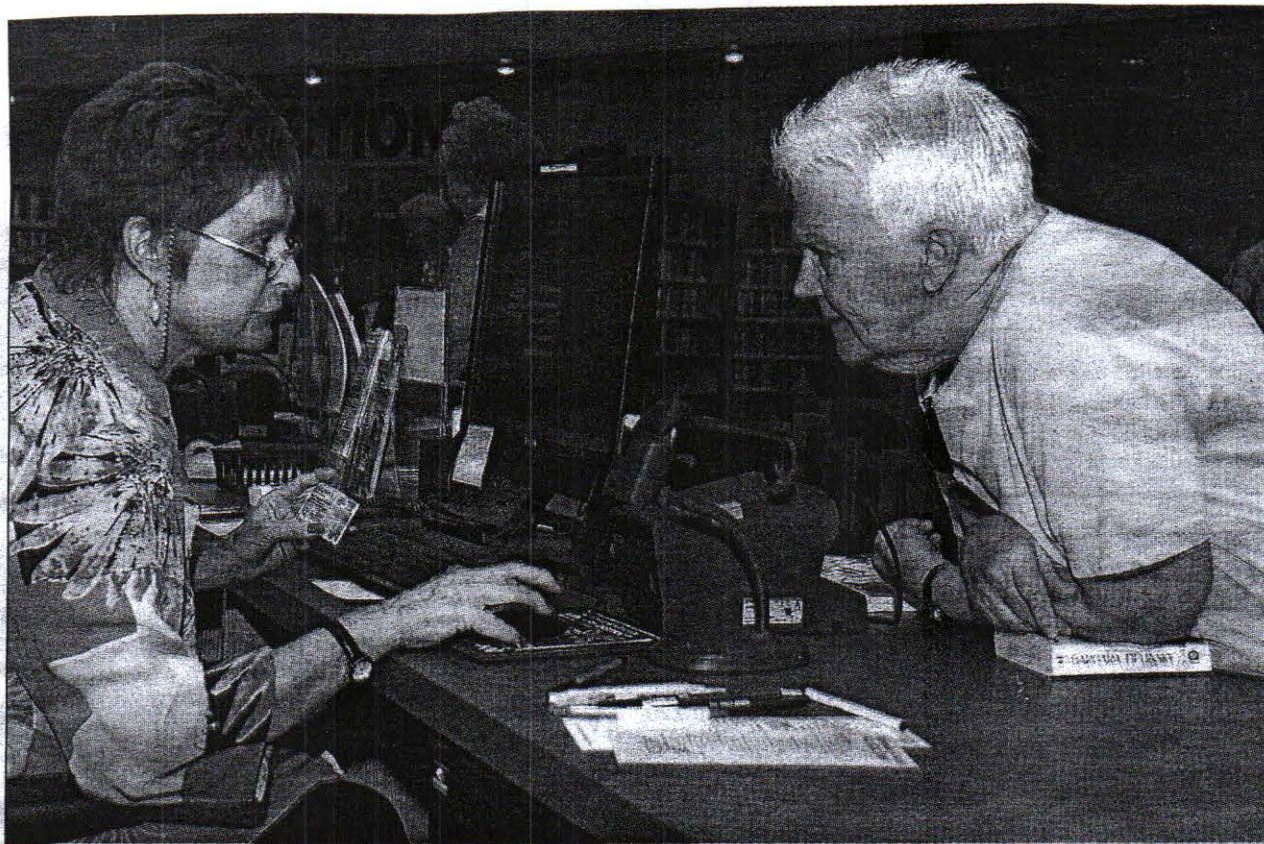
of every month, to answer questions and give updates on the latest issues.

As for how the programs come to be, O'Leary said a lot of that falls to her. If someone has an idea for a program and the library agrees it would be useful, O'Leary goes about making the arrangements.

"We had someone approach us and say they think we ought to have a class on diabetes," she said. "So I contacted the American Diabetes Association to arrange for someone to come out here."

O'Leary said they are looking for program ideas from anyone and everyone.

"We're always looking for more."



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Marianne Teal, left, helps Erna Ferzoco get her new Maricopa County Library District card Monday at the Sun City Branch Library. The card allows patrons to use any county library for free.

Library turns page

Sun City branch opens door in county system

JEFF DEMPSEY
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The Bell Library in Sun City reopened Monday as a branch of the Maricopa County Library District, and after two months of waiting, readers were eager to check out the changes.

"Our volunteers are out there trying to take care of everybody, and in fact I should probably be out there myself," said Mary

Goitia, Sun City Branch manager. "We've had orientations; we did a soft opening; we made preparations; and I'm still nervous. I was still wondering what it would be like today."

Goitia said the county library district decided to do a soft opening Thursday in order to give the library staff a chance to get acclimated to the changes. While no one was told the library was open, Goitia said anyone who wandered in was free to make use of the library's services.

"We needed the time to ease into it, so I think it was a good idea," she said. "We still ended up being pretty busy. I believe we signed up about 60 people for library cards."

One patron who made his way to the library first thing Monday morning was Warren Hoffmann, president of the Recreation Centers of Sun City Board of Directors. Hoffmann, wearing a T-shirt and khaki shorts and carrying an arm-

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ful of non-fiction books on science, said he was there simply as a fan of reading like everyone else.

"I just came to pick up a few books and to get a look at the new place," he said. "And I tell you, I love it. I think it's great. It looks so much better, and it's so much more convenient than it was before."

Speaking as president of the board, Hoffmann said he thinks the county takeover will be looked back on as a great move by future Sun Citians.

"I think if you look at how much more the library has to offer now, I think that yes, the people of Sun City are going to be very happy with the change," he said.

For those who have yet to visit the library at the Bell Recreation Center at 99th Avenue and Bell Road, the changes are obvious.

Gone is the color scheme of slightly different shades of brown, in favor of a brighter look. The shelves have also been arranged in a way that makes the library feel more open.

"I think opening it up the way we did makes the library much more user-friendly," Goitia said. "And there have been a number of other changes toward that goal, as well."

Non-fiction titles have been separated into sub-categories, she said, and the Dewey Decimal System has been done away with in favor of a system that is easier to follow.

"I never liked Dewey anyway, because if you aren't familiar with where the numbers are then it doesn't help at all," Goitia said. "Now, if I want a romance novel I go

to the romance shelves. It's much easier, much more like a bookstore. You can go straight to the genre you like."

The library offers a large bay of computers and a Wi-Fi network that is free to anyone with a library card. Library customers can also check out more titles than in the past.

"We used to allow up to two DVDs for three days, and now you are allowed up to 10 DVDs for seven days," Goitia said. "And the county also allows you to check out up to 50 items at one time."

One feature Goitia said she and her volunteers are trying hard to stress is the availability of more materials outside the library's walls.

"We've heard from a few people already today, and what we are trying to tell them is that whatever you want that is not here can be brought over from another library

very quickly," Goitia said. "They have an incredible amount of material available to them."

The county library district is planning an open house for late October. Officials decided to wait until as many people were back in the Sun Cities as possible. The library is also planning to begin offering programs by the end of September.

"In the future, we hope to offer adult reading programs as well," Goitia said. "In all, we are hoping to have 10-15 programs available to our customers every month." In addition to the library itself, Goitia said the Book Around the Corner is open, too. Located in the Hoover Room of the library, she said the bookstore is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. every day.

"They have an incredible selection of books available," Goitia said. "I hope people will check it out."



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Former U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater

Goldwater offers advice to Clinton

Put the national debt before Hillary

By Lori Baker
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Sun City

Former U.S. Sen. Barry Goldwater has some advice for President Clinton:

"Spend less time defending your wife and work on solving America's problems."

Goldwater, who spoke Wednesday night at a Sun City Library fund-raiser, was referring to Clinton's recent press conference about Hillary's involvement with the Whitewater affair.

"I haven't been able to get hold of the president," Goldwater said, drawing laughter. "He's a young man who is trying. He doesn't have all the answers."

Goldwater said that if he was still in office today, his priorities would be to reduce the national debt and keep Americans out of war.

"We've lost three wars in a row," Goldwater said. "We should stop going to war."

Regarding the national debt, Goldwater said the answer is to eliminate some federal agencies.

But he conceded that it wouldn't be an easy task.

"Are they going to end welfare in New York City, Washington, or Detroit?" Goldwater said. "No, too many people get welfare."

Commenting on a range of topics from forced abortions in China to Arizona's history, the 85-year-old native Phoenician had a captive audience among Sun Citians.

And he told them he still appreciates their loyalty.

"I wouldn't have been re-elected if it weren't for this Sun City," said Goldwater, who served three decades as a U.S. senator before retiring in 1986. He ran unsuccessfully for president in 1964 against
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Lyndon Johnson.

Goldwater and his wife, Susan, donated their time to meet with Sun Citians as a way to raise money for the library. About \$3,000 was generated for the library, which relies on community donations to pay its operating costs.

Sun City resident Doug Kennedy is among the staunch Goldwater supporters who came to hear him speak.

"I have followed Sen. Goldwater for several years, and I voted for him for president," Kennedy said. "I agree with his philosophy and

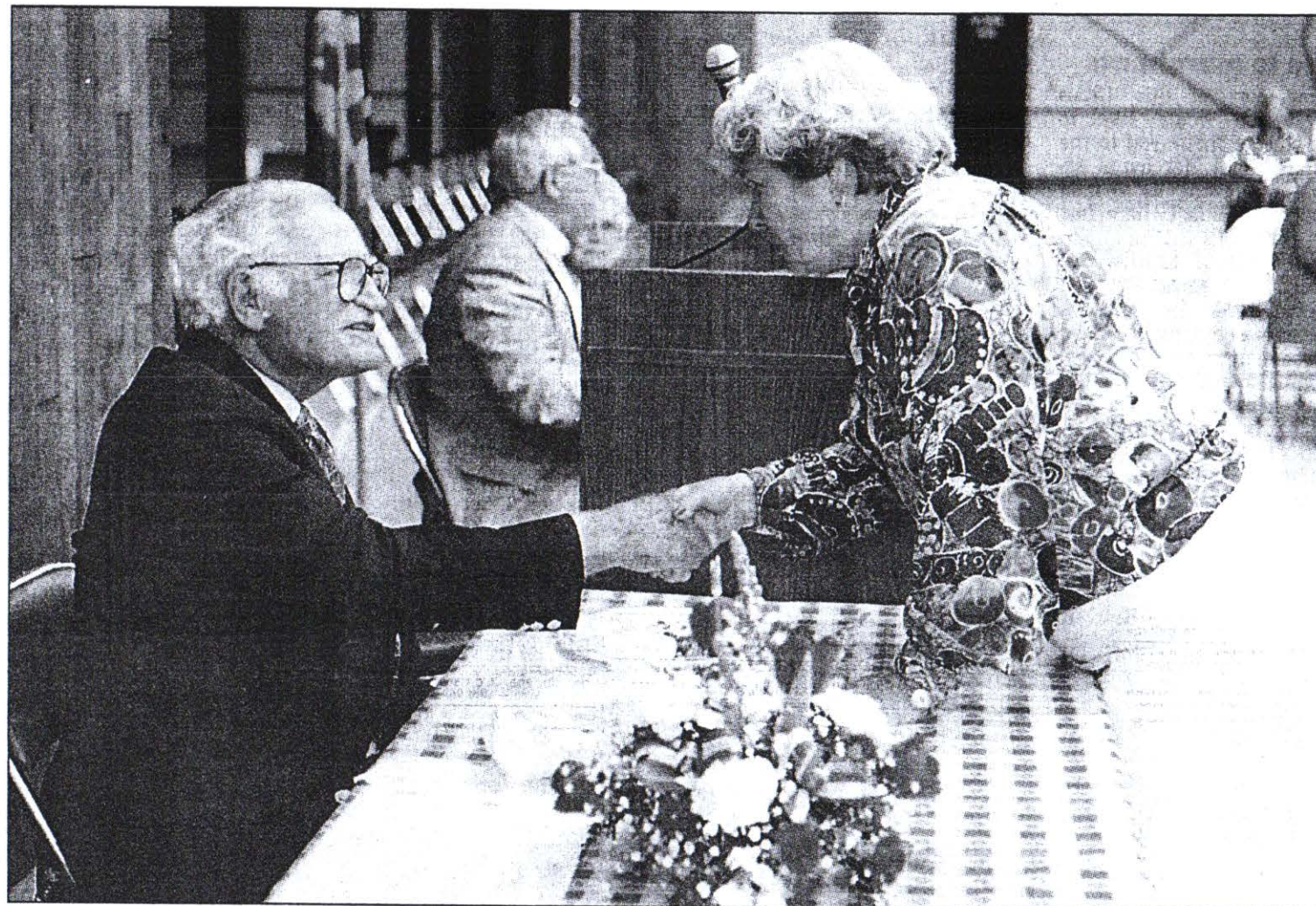
admire his frankness in speaking out on the issues."

An avid hiker and rafter and a skilled photographer, Goldwater also has authored several books.

Among them are "The Face of Arizona," "People and Places," "Down the Green and Colorado Rivers," "Delightful Journey" and "Arizona Portraits."

Other works include "The Conscience of a Conservative," "Why Not Victory," "Where I Stand," "The Conscience of a Majority," "Speeches of Henry Fountain Ashurst," "The Coming Breakpoint" and "With No Apologies."

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Barry Goldwater, in Sun City to raise money for the library, meets new resident Geraldine Clapp, who worked for Lyndon Johnson when he was a Texas congressman. Goldwater later spoke on the state of the nation and had a few words of advice for President Clinton.

Dana Leonard / Staff photographer

Library reports positive

Director optimistic, year starts in black

By IAN MITCHELL
Daily News-Sun staff

Book lending and bookkeeping are Charles Youngman's chief duties as executive director of the Sun City Library.

This year — for a change — both activities are going well.

During January and February the library lent out 59,810 books or other items through its Bell and Fairway branches and the non-profit corporation is more than \$2,100 in the black for the first two months of 1994.

"So far so good," Youngman said. "I'm fairly optimistic about things, because it's (income) sure up over last year."

The library lent 344,524 items in 1992 but lost more than \$31,000. The organization, which is independent of the Recreation Centers of Sun City, has lost money for about the last five years, Youngman said.

This year however, donations have increased, the librarian said.

"I think people are realizing that their recreation fees don't cover all their library services and we've been more aggressive with our programs," Youngman said, "and I think people are realizing that we do more than just circulating books up here."

In January Youngman said the library might have to impose a mandatory user fee if the organization's finances did not improve by August. At present, Sun City residents may use the library without charge.

Although the first two months have gone well, it is too soon to say how the library will be doing by August, Youngman said Friday. "We'll see," he said.

The recreation centers allows the library to use buildings rent-free and pays for insurance, utilities and maintenance. In December the centers board rejected a request by the library board for a \$50,000 subsidy.

An October agreement between the two organizations permits the library to raise funds by allowing non-Sun City residents to check out books after purchasing special \$25 guest memberships.

Youngman said the library has begun issuing the special guest memberships to residents in Peoria care centers.

"We have approached them and we're signing up a few, but we're trying to keep it limited," he said.

So far, about 25 Peoria residents who live in Desert Amethyst or Sierra Winds have signed up for the \$25 guest memberships, said Youngman, who added that he will be visiting Freedom Plaza next week to solicit additional guest memberships.

The library's spring book sale will be from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today at Bell Recreation Center Social Hall, 16820 N. 99th Ave.

With prices of between \$1 and \$5 a hardcover book, the event usually raises between \$2,000 and \$3,000 for the library, Youngman said.

Goldwater regales audience

By J.J. McCORMACK
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Retired Sen. Barry Goldwater provoked laughter, prophesied about the future and indulged in some wishful thinking during a fund-raising dinner for the Sun City Library Wednesday night.

A standing ovation greeted the 85-year-old Republican statesman as he stepped to the podium and again when he left. Goldwater's 30-minute speech was punctuated with humorous anecdotes about national politics and world affairs.

At one point, he joked about how he has become addicted to C-SPAN, the cable television station that broadcasts congressional hearings 24 hours a day.

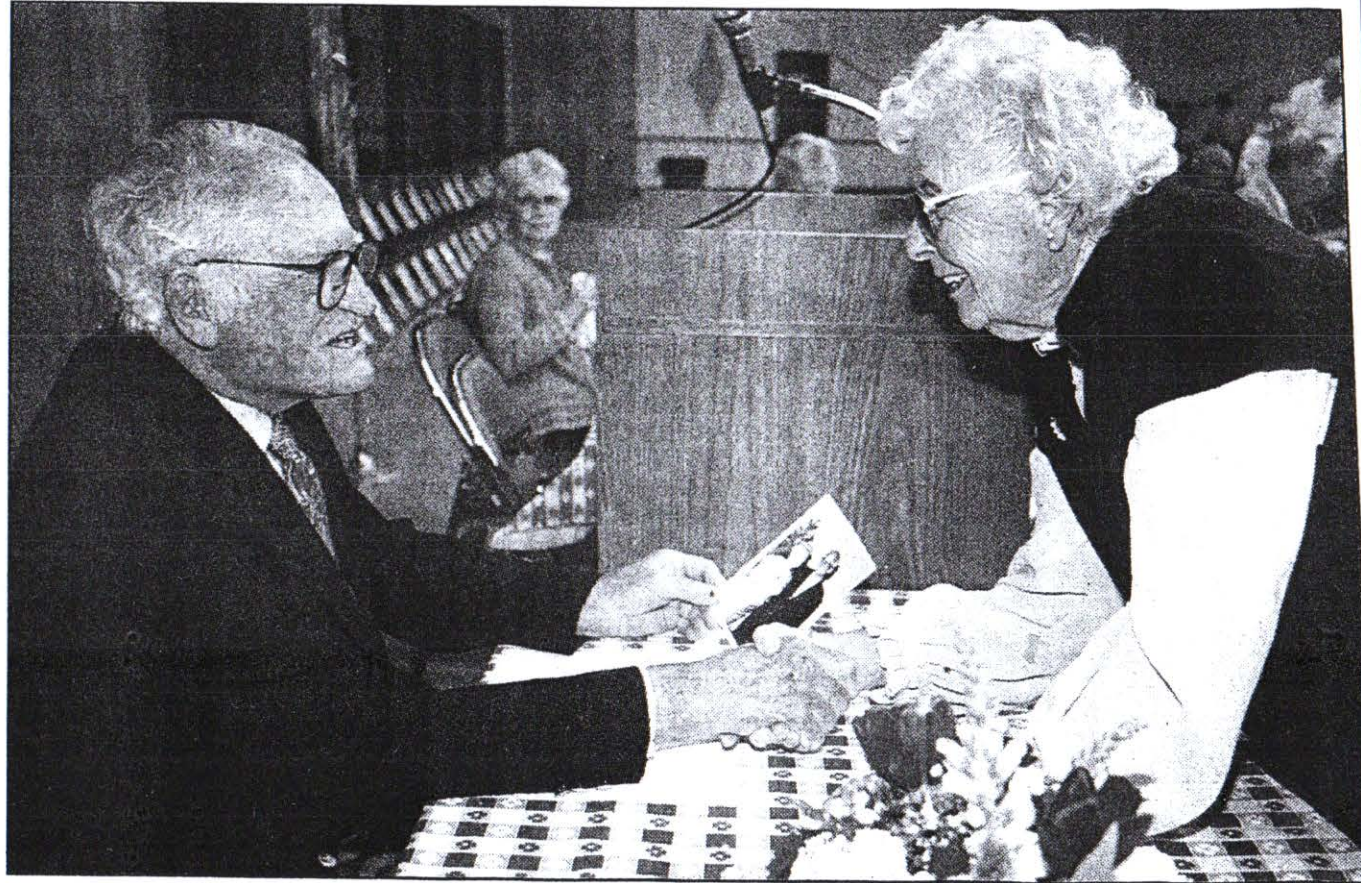
"I sit at the TV all day and watch what those (expletive) are doing," he said.

Commenting on the Clinton administration, Goldwater quipped that the president seems to spend a lot of time defending his wife when it should be the other way around.

He said Clinton doesn't have all the answers — not even half of them — but is trying. "Whoever the president is, we ought to stand by him," he said.

Goldwater told the some-300 library patrons packed into the Bell

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Sun Citian Pauline Box greets Barry Goldwater and shows the former Arizona senator a pho-

tograph she had taken with him in 1965 at Fairway Recreation Center.

Goldwater: Bush erred in gulf war

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Recreation Center Social Hall that Sun City helped him win his last Senate race. "If it hadn't been for Sun City ... I would have got the heck beat out of me."

Asserting that age grants men and women the authority to make prophecies, Goldwater predicted Phoenix would become the fourth largest city in the United States by 2020 or 2030.

He also predicted China would emerge as the world's military and economic power if that country's leaders follow Russia's lead and cast off Communism.

A former Air Force officer and pilot, Goldwater lamented that the United States has lost three wars in a row, the latest being the Persian Gulf War. He said President Bush should have left troops in Saudi Arabia another week or two so Iraqi President Saddam Hussein would be locked up or dead. "Either one would be all right," he said.

Goldwater closed his speech on a patriotic note: "The greatest thing that's ever happened to this world is the birth of America and the birth of freedom.

"There's nothing worse in my book than not being free," he said.

The senator fielded several questions. One audience member asked his thoughts about world overpopulation.

"It's a whale of a problem," Goldwater said.

"If I had an answer I'd be in Washington."

Asked how he would deal with the nation's deficit if he were in office today, Goldwater said, "There's only one way — get out of debt.

"It's going to take a Congress with guts to cut the agencies," he said, adding that the president controls roughly 30 percent of federal coffers.

SC Library taps non-giving patrons

Board considers user fee

By IAN MITCHELL
Daily News-Sun staff

The Sun City Library closed the books on 1993 with a deficit of \$31,000, and if things don't improve this year the private organization may begin charging a user fee.

Librarian Charles Youngman said Thursday that charging a fee is a last resort.

"I'm just from the old public library school that I'd rather raise the money without imposing a fee if we don't have to," he said.

"We're going to get the board involved in

speaking to businesses and going to various community groups and so forth. We're going to do a lot more fund raising."

The library, which is independent of the Recreation Centers of Sun City, has been losing money for about the past five years, Youngman said.

The board of directors of the library will meet Jan. 20 and vote on a proposed \$210,000 budget for 1994, an increase of less than \$10,000 over 1993's budget.

The library's board and staff will be monitoring the financial situation, Youngman said.

"We're going to take a good look at it in

about six months and if things aren't looking good we're going to go to a fee system," he said.

"I still don't want to do that, but we may have to if things don't look better by August."

A mandatory user's fee might cost about \$15 but could be less depending upon the library's finances, Youngman said.

"All this is going to be based on fund raising, so the board's got their work cut out for them and so do I," he said.

About 12,000 people are registered library users, but only 4,000 of those members make a donation to the organization, Youngman said.

"We've decided that we're going to take all our people that have registered with the library, check them against those who have given to the library, and those who have registered but not given are going to get a letter from the board president suggesting to them — very strongly — that they give," he said.

The library relies entirely on donations and interest from its endowment to finance its operations.

Contributions from individuals increased to \$107,000 last year, up about \$10,000 compared with 1992, and gifts from clubs and organiza-

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tions doubled from \$20,000 to \$40,000.

But lower rates have meant that the library receives less income from interest on its \$300,000 endowment, Youngman said.

The organization cut two staff positions last year and has not increased its book-buying budget in several years in an attempt to control costs.

The recreation centers allows the library to use buildings rent-free and pays for insurance, maintenance and utilities. The library board's request for a \$50,000 subsidy from the recreation centers was rejected in December.

An October agreement between the two groups authorizes the library to raise funds by allowing non-Sun City residents to use its facilities, but the guest policy has not been implemented.

Youngman has proposed permitting residents of care centers in Peoria to purchase \$25 guest memberships.

"I still would like to do this," Youngman said. "However, I realize that we're not going to raise enough money (to cover the deficit) ... we'll raise some extra, but it's not going to be enough."

Libraries host young visitors

Storytelling grandmas read to tots

By ROSA De SIMONE
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Once upon a time arrived this week in the Sun Cities where libraries were transformed into the Land of Make Believe for pint-sized visitors.

In Sun City West, reality took a back seat to happy endings Tuesday during R.H. Johnson Library's second Grandmother Storytellers hour.

Led by Billie Gross, a certified clown who had formal clown training in her native New Jersey, and fellow Sun City West resident Crockett Muncie, the event drew about 20 tots.

Muncie and Gross, storytellers for the Arizona Association of University Women, invited the young holiday visitors to sit back and enjoy tales of enchantment.

Using props, Gross told tales of Bongo the monkey and Pandora the princess (who defied her parents by accepting a gift — the proverbial box — from strangers).

"I love storytelling — I've done this all my life," Gross said.

That experience was an asset Tuesday, as Gross lassoed the children's attention with her puppets, animal-shaped



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Rebecca Nicole Madrid, 5, left and Alexandra Southwood, 4, listen to Sun City librarian, Roseann Huff, read the story of Jesus' birth during a children's story hour in the library at Bell Recreation Center.

ries?" one boy would ask at the conclusion of each story.

"Yeah, I've got more," Gross would assure him, delving into her large black bag for yet another character. "I've got all kinds of stories."

So did Muncie, who made an impression with her audience with her rendition of "The Night Before Christmas in the Desert," in which Santa Claus donned denim and delivered presents with a truck rather than a sleigh.

organized by the Sun City West library. The first event, last spring, drew about eight children.

Grandchildren visiting their Sun City grandparents were provided with storytelling Monday. The event featured the talents of Roseann Huff, assistant librarian, Sun City Library at Bell Recreation Center.

"There's not much for people here to do with grandchildren," Gross said. "Of

with them? You have to keep kids occupied."

Storytelling seemed like one option for keeping grandchildren temporarily entertained.

Ruth Stephens of Sun City West took advantage of the entertainment opportunity with her grandchildren, 3-year-old Erin and 6-year-old Julie from Sacramento, Calif.

"They're old enough now that you have to find something for them to do," said the 10-year resident. "Events for children in Sun City West are pretty limited."

Mary Lou Boller, a 14-year resident of Sun City West, brought her 7-year-old grandson, Andy.

"It's something at their level of interest," Boller said. "It was great."

"Storytelling is an art," Gross said. "It doesn't matter how old you are."

Tuesday's spinning of yarns ended with the traditional story of Cinderella. The boys and girls booed at each mention of the wicked stepmother, and inched closer to Gross' chair as the fairy tale's conclusion drew near.

As Cinderella rode off into the sunset with her prince, the children cheered the happy ending and storytelling.

Muncie was pleased with the increased attendance by children as well as their parents and grandparents.

"They were so responsive — they were just darling children," she said as the audi-



Crockett Muncie, a Grandmother Storyteller from Sun City West spins a tale for children and their parents at R.H. Johnson Library Tuesday.

Centers denies subsidy for library

By IAN MITCHELL
Daily News-Sun staff

The Sun City Library apparently will not receive the \$50,000 subsidy it sought from the Recreation Centers of Sun City, but after their boards met last week the presidents of both groups say they're satisfied.

"We agreed that at this point we were not ready to make any statement about any financial loans or anything else," said Donald Manlove, president of the library.

The private organization has operated at a deficit for at least the past five years and is about \$50,000 in the red this year.

"We did not come to a monetary deal, but we developed ways of cooperation and help for each other," said Gerald Unger, recreation centers president.

The recreation centers allows the library to use buildings rent-free and pays for insurance,

maintenance and utilities, but the library is a separate organization and does not receive a direct subsidy from the centers.

An agreement between the two boards signed in October would permit the financially strapped library to raise funds by allowing non-Sun City residents to use its facilities for a \$25 fee.

After library patrons at a November town hall meeting objected to opening the stacks to non-residents, the library board sent the centers board a formal request for a \$50,000 subsidy. The two boards met in a closed session Dec. 3.

The recreation centers board wants the library to exhaust other sources of funding before seeking a subsidy, said Librarian Charles Youngman.

"They still want us to go outside Sun City

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and/or charge a fee," he said.

Youngman said the library board may consider charging residents who use the library.

"We may have to go to that," Youngman said. "I still don't want to do it, but the board may want to do that."

About 4,000 of the 12,000 library members contribute financial support.

Recreation centers clubs could be one source of funds, Youngman said.

The library may also pursue the proposed guest policy, he added, permitting residents in Peoria retirement centers to check out books.

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Paying customers sought: Sun City Library to open doors to nonresidents

By Lori Baker
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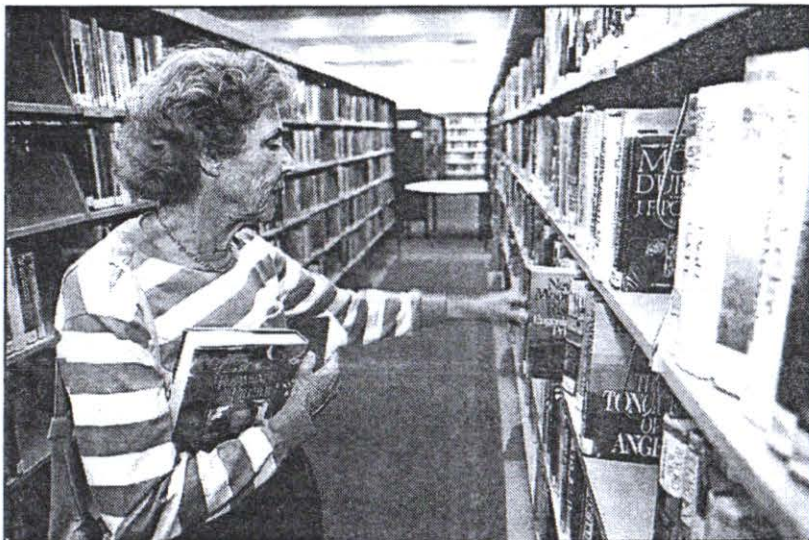
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Russell Gates / Staff photographer

Alice Reinsch of Sun City looks for books in the stacks of the Sun City Library in the Bell Recreation Center.

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space and pay utilities for Sun City's two libraries. But the operating costs are paid with community donations.

The library's 250 volunteers — who work 37,000 hours annually — help keep costs low, Manlove said.

"We'd have to reduce our hours in half if we didn't have the volunteers," he said.

The Bell library, 16828 N. 99th Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and the Fairway library, 10600 W. Peoria Ave., is open from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

In addition, the Sun City Library will host a town hall forum at 1 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Bell center social hall to explore the library's future.

During the past six months, the library has been distributing questionnaires, asking Sun City residents to rate library services and asking what new library services they want.

A report on the results of the questionnaire will be made at the town hall forum.



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The Sun City Library's location in the Bell Recreation Center offers plenty of space for visitors to relax and browse.

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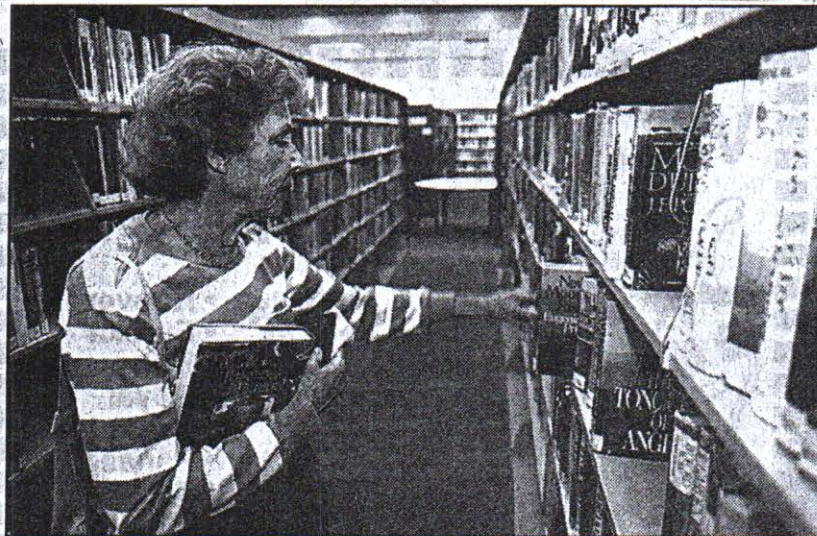
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space and pay utilities for Sun City's two libraries. But the operating costs are paid with community donations.

The library's 250 volunteers — who work 37,000 hours annually — help keep costs low, Manlove said.

"We'd have to reduce our hours in half if we didn't have the volunteers," he said.

The Bell library, 16828 N. 99th Ave., is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and the Fairway library, 10600 W. Peoria Ave., is open from 10 a.m.

to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

In addition, the Sun City Library will host a town hall forum at 1 p.m. Nov. 19 at the Bell center social hall to explore the library's future.

During the past six months, the library has been distributing questionnaires, asking Sun City residents to rate library services and asking what new library services they want.

A report on the results of the questionnaire will be made at the town hall forum.



Russell Gates / Staff photographer

The Sun City Library's location in the Bell Recreation Center offers plenty of space for visitors to relax and browse.

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Sun City Library struggles for funds

Bell, Fairway facilities may be forced to reduce operating hours

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

Library officials say the Sun City Library may be forced to close its doors one or two days a week unless they find a way to boost funds for the financially strapped organization.

"It's the last thing we want to do, but if we're not able to come up

with enough money we may have to," Library Director Charles Youngman says.

Bell and Fairway libraries are running a deficit of more than \$51,000 for the first eight months of 1993, according to Treasurer Douglas Kennedy.

Officials will cut two staff positions Nov. 1 and freeze the book-buying budget to \$55,000.

"The book buying budget has stayed the same for the past three years while the cost of books has gone up 10 percent. So we've been buying fewer (books). Thank God for people donating books to the library," Mr. Youngman says.

Officials say a library the size of the Sun City Library, with a circulation 347,000 in 1992, should have a book budget of \$85,000.

Financial straits are not new to the 32-year-old library.

Last year, it accumulated a \$30,000 deficit by December and a plea to the community for donations brought it within \$2,000 of breaking even, Mr. Youngman says. This year, however, the deficit is much larger, even though donations are up \$3,000 over last year.

"Our expenses are higher (this year). We had to re-carpet Fairway Library because the carpet was beat up and a safety hazard, and we bought two new shelf sections at Bell (Library) because we were running out of room," Mr. Youngman says.

Several options exist to raise funds for the organization, officials say. Closing the library for a few days a week would be a last resort.

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Mr. Youngman says opening the library to residents who live within two miles of the community could help solve the financial dilemma.

Under the proposal, the library would charge neighboring residents \$25 a year for use of the Bell and Fairway libraries. Mr. Youngman says the fee could bring in \$75,000 to \$100,000 per year, contributing substantially to the library's \$210,000 annual budget.

The two-mile area includes Westbrook Village, Ventana Lakes, Coyote Lakes, Sunridge, Freedom Plaza and Sierra Winds, among other developments.

"I know a lot of people in Westbrook Village want to use our library," he says. Others are former residents of Sun City, who have moved to care centers in the surrounding area and wish to have access to the library.

Recreation Centers of Sun City officials, he says, are waiting for a legal opinion to see whether they can allow outside residents to use the facilities. The Rec Centers provide space, utilities and maintenance to the Sun City Library. The library, however, is considered a separate entity from the recreation association.

The Sun City Library is open free-of-charge only to Sun City residents. The library relies upon donations to meet its budget and receives no money from the Rec Centers, Maricopa County or taxes. Because it operates entirely on donations, it operates under a different and more financially uncertain arrangement than libraries in Youngtown and Sun City West.

The R.H. Johnson Library is open



to any Maricopa County resident, although it does not receive funds from the county. It is considered a division of the Recreation Centers of Sun City West, which budgets funds for operating the library, with the exception of new books and magazines. Money to buy these items come from an annual fund drive, Library Director Marcia Lea says.

The Youngtown Library is open to any Maricopa County resident and receives \$20 per year from the county for each person using the library who lives outside of Youngtown. The library is supported by the town and receives money through donations, Library Director Florence Hinrichs says.

Mr. Youngman says the Sun City Library could join the Maricopa

County Library District but would have to allow all residents to use the facility. This would necessitate changes in the library's composition.

"Our collection is geared toward adults. We'd have to buy a lot of young adult (books) and hire a children's librarian."

Another idea to collect funds includes charging Sun City residents \$5 for a library card.

Mr. Youngman says while this is not a lot of money, it would hurt some people who live on fixed incomes.

Others have suggested the Rec Centers give the library a grant each year.

Library officials are asking residents for their input via a survey and plan a town hall forum on the topic at 1 p.m. Nov. 19 in Bell Recreation Center Social Hall No. 2, 16820 99th Ave.

Whatever alternative is chosen, Mr. Youngman hopes to find a permanent solution to the financial crisis.

"The only thing I want to do is find a sound financial base of the library and continue service."

Book marks scar library holdings

By IAN MITCHELL
Daily News-Sun staff

Charles Youngman, librarian at the Sun City Library, likes to look on the bright side — he hasn't found any bacon in his books.

Youngman remembered when he was working in a library in Colorado he came across a patron who used a strip of bacon for a bookmark.

"We haven't had that yet," he said, shaking his head.

But the Sun City librarian has seen just about every other sort of book damage in his three years of working in the retirement community.

Sun City's two libraries have an estimated 92,000 volumes on the shelves, and according to the national averages, up to 10 percent of that collection is lost annually through theft or damage, Youngman said.

The amount of theft and vandalism in Sun City may not be as high as the national average, he said, adding that school libraries often report a high

level of book loss.

"I can almost understand that," he said. "But these (Sun City residents) are people who supposedly know better."

Some of the damage is accidental — people who spill drinks on books or return them full of cookie crumbs — but some of it is intentional, Youngman said.

Library staffers said most patrons are honest and treat books with care, but there are a few who cause problems.

Workers have discovered art books where someone has taken a razor blade and carefully cut out a print. "When we find one like that we usually just discard it or sell it at a book sale," Youngman said.

Diane Jolin, Fairway branch library manager, said one of the biggest problems is with cookbooks — people will often just rip out a page with a favorite recipe, she said.

"Sometimes we get whole sections — eight, 10, 12 pages taken out," said Sue McConnell, who works at the Bell li-

brary.

Another problem: library patrons who like to make notes in the books they borrow, highlighting some sections or writing comments in the margins.

A few readers of romance and mystery series like to mark books with their initials, so they can tell which stories they've read, Jolin said.

"We've started putting notices in our books saying please don't write in our books and telling why," she said.

"It only takes five or six people to mark up a book to where it really looks tacky."

Since the library often has several copies of the same book, marking one volume won't prevent people from accidentally re-reading the same story.

The library staff will help make lists for patrons who want to keep track of their reading, Jolin said.

Some readers censor material that offends them, removing objectionable chapters or blacking out obscenities or

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To your health!

Medical resource library has the answers

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

SUN CITY — Your doctor tells you that you need hip replacement surgery.

And your husband must start a special diet for his heart condition.

Your mind is racing with questions after you both leave the doctor's office.

But you don't have to wait until your next medical appointment to get answers.

You probably can find the information you need at the First Edition medical resource library, 13101 N. 103rd Ave., in Sun City.

It is the only library of its type in Arizona and is among 10 in the nation, Director Jean Kiernat said.

Anyone can use it, not just Sun City residents.

"It's a wonderful resource, and it isn't well known," said Kiernat, an occupational therapist. "We had about 1,500 people use the library in 1992, but we hope many more will use it."

Sun City resident Jean Robertson visited the library for the first time recently.

"It's great to have access to a medical library," Robertson said. "I'm surprised more Sun City residents don't take advantage of this."

The library started in 1988 in part with donations from Sun Health employees and community members. It is part of the Sun Health Choice Health and Lifestyle Enrichment Program.

Six volunteers — most of whom are retired registered nurses —



Tom Tingle / Staff photographer

Elinor Arnold (left) of Sun City receives help with medical information from registered nurse Bonnie Johns at the First Edition medical resource library.

help patrons do research on surgeries, medication, diseases and other medical information. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

There are 550 books, 50 video tapes and 30 medical newsletters available. The Mayo Clinic, Harvard Medical School and Tufts University are among those pro-

viding newsletters.

"The books have any kind of medical condition you want to find out about," Kiernat said. "The medical newsletters provide the most up-to-date information." There also are several pamphlets on health and lifestyle topics.

Books and video tapes may be
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Tom Tingle / Staff photographer
LaDonna Swan (right) talks to Jean Kiernat, director of community health education at the First Edition medical resource library.

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checked out. Videos are on topics such as grief, cancer, exercise, diabetes, cholesterol and mental health.

In addition, the library hosts health care seminars and support group meetings throughout the year.

Support groups are for various medical conditions, including Alzheimer's, arthritis, cancer, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis.

Classes include such topics as memory enhancement, safe driving, sleep changes, nutrition, medication management and autobiography writing.

Exercise programs include yoga and tai chi.

There also are special events, such as skin cancer screenings and

low vision fairs.

Three free seminars are planned for July and August. Registration is not required.

They are:

■ Alzheimer's disease will be discussed from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Monday and Aug. 9. The class is open to care givers as well as professionals.

■ Breast prosthesis demonstrations will be from 1 to 2:30 p.m. July 29.

■ Coping with loss is the focus of a workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. Aug. 12.

■ "Vitamin & Mineral Supplements: Fact vs. Fiction" will be discussed from 2 to 3 p.m. Aug. 23.

More information about the library is available by calling 974-7849.

■ OUR VIEW

Library needs your support

Like many libraries around the country, the Sun City Library is in a financial squeeze. Unlike many communities' residents, Sun Citians can immediately remedy the situation.

Most libraries are public, tax-supported institutions that allow anyone to borrow books and use other services without charge. Many Sun Citians probably don't realize it, but the Sun City Library is not such a taxpayer-funded institution. Neither is the Sun City Library operated on funds from the annual recreation fee. The Recreation Centers of Sun City provides space and utilities in Bell and Fairway recreation centers, but the library is operated by a non-profit corporation in no way connected to the recreation centers.

While 250 volunteers perform a variety of tasks for the libraries, voluntarism can't buy books and pay the salaries of the regular full-time staff. The library is running a \$26,500 operat-

ing deficit on an annual budget of \$201,800.

In a tight economy, many municipal and county libraries are the first to fall victim to the budget ax. Pleas from patrons to provide enough funding to maintain hours and to continue buying volumes often are made to no avail. Sun Citians can have an immediate impact for the good on their library, though, by becoming a member for \$15.

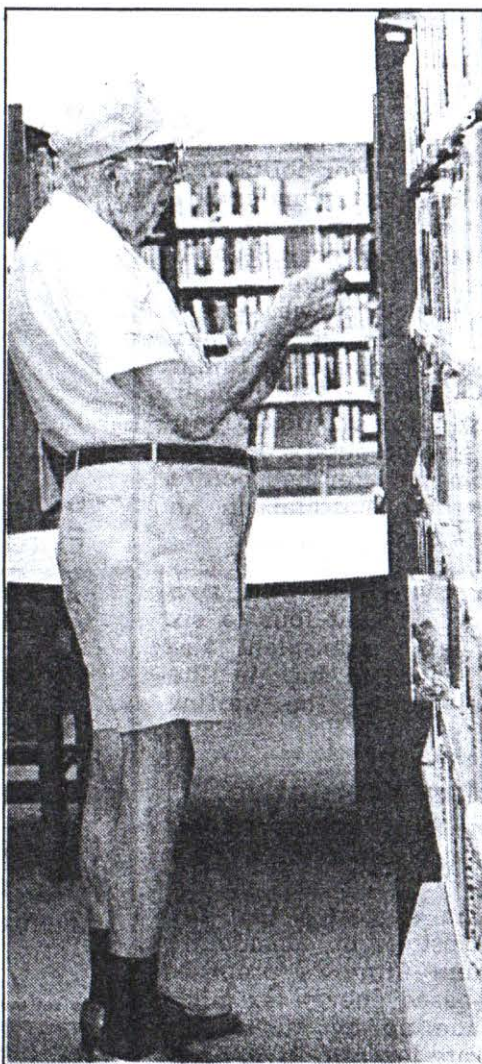
Charles Youngman, executive director of the Sun City Library, says that members number less than 5,000 people — out of more than 43,000 residents in the community and 15,000 who check materials out of the library. Most people probably don't become members because they mistakenly believe their tax dollars or recreation fees are already supporting the library. Now, you know better. Pay the \$15 and become a member of the Sun City Library.

Deficit concerns plague SC Library

Reserve fund falls with interest rates

By IAN MITCHELL
Daily News-Sun staff

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Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Charles Blomquist looks at the selection of books in the Bell Recreation Center Library Friday.

As executive director of the Sun City Library, Charles Youngman oversees two library branches that circulate about 400,000 materials a year.

But this year its been balancing the books, not checking them out, which has become Youngman's main concern.

The library is running an operating deficit of about \$26,500.

The costs of books keep rising, while income from the library's reserve fund drops as interest rates fall, Youngman said.

Unlike the R.H. Johnson Library in Sun City West, the Sun City Library is not open to the general public and therefore receives no funding from the Maricopa County Library District, Youngman said. If the Sun City library relied on tax money for support, it would have to open its doors to county residents, he added.

The library's two branches at Bell and Fairway recreation centers are operated by a private non-profit corporation. The recreation centers provides the buildings and pays for utilities, but the library must pay for expenses such as salaries and books on its own, Youngman said.

The library's 1993 operating budget of \$201,800 includes \$55,000 for books and videos and \$110,000 for salaries.

Youngman said many Sun City residents don't realize their recreation centers fees don't fund library operations.

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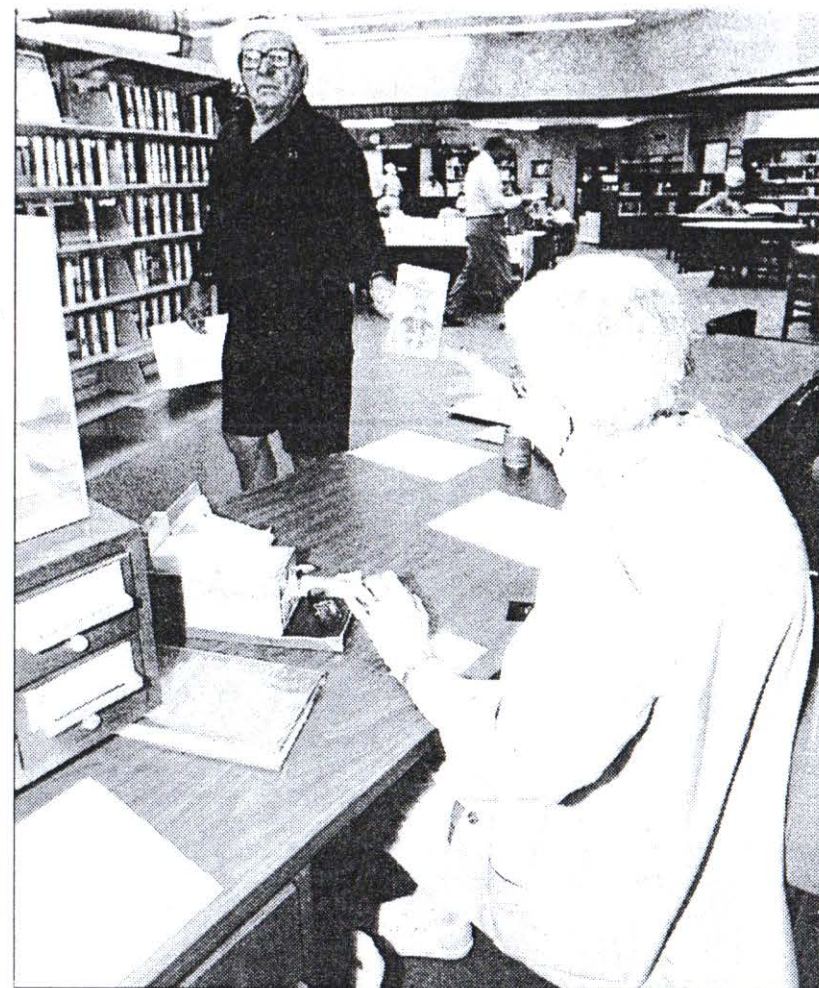
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"There's just a wealth of information," he added.

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Mollie J. Hoppes/Daily News-Sun

Joe Driskell chooses a video with the help of library volunteer Kay Hedberg at the Bell Library in Sun City.

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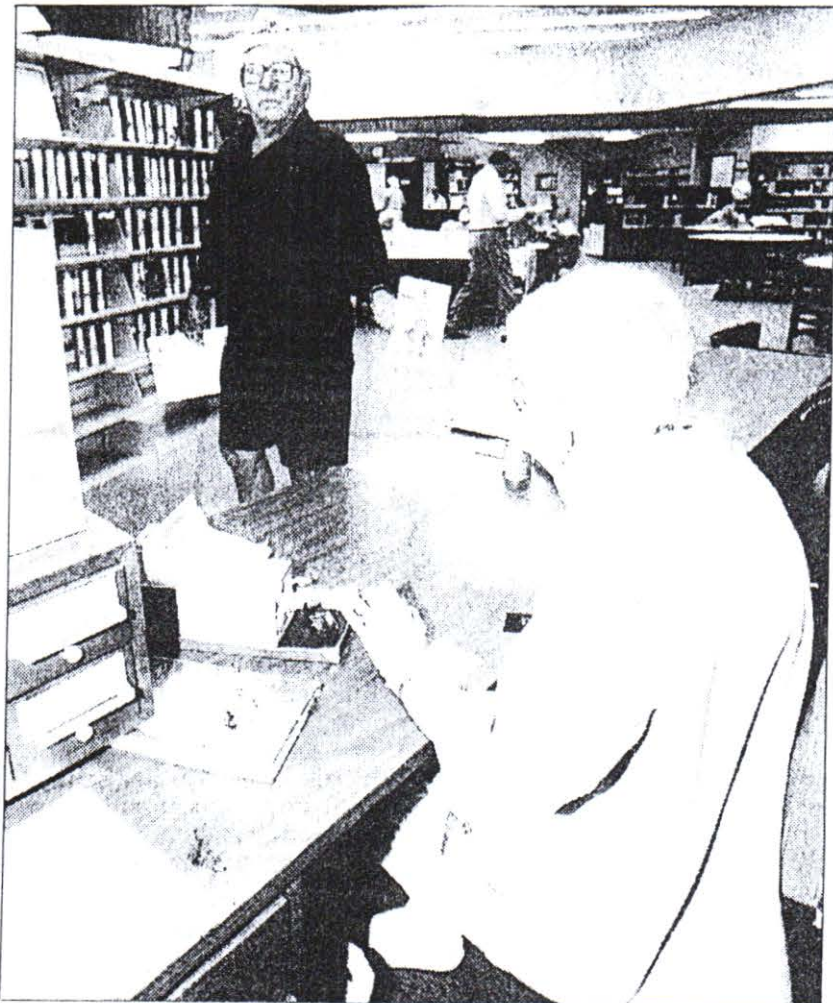
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Need medical information? Check library

By ANNE RYMAN
Sun Cities Independent

Physician-turned-library volunteer knows where to turn to answer questions on health

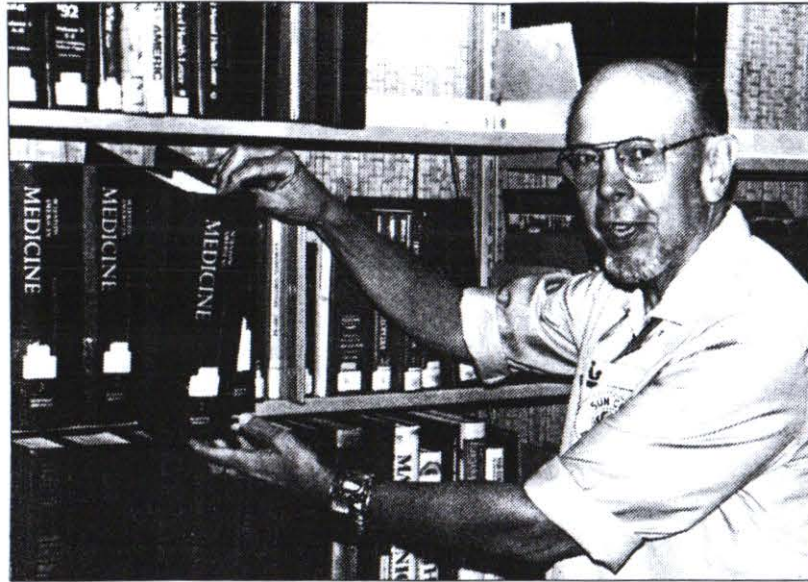
"Is the doctor in?"

The Bell Library has received calls asking that very question ever since Milton Fox, a retired Wisconsin physician, began volunteering at the library five years ago.

He started like most volunteers — providing people with general reference information once a week — but people soon found out he was a doctor and requested answers to medical questions.

"They come in wanting to know what a certain disease is and what kind of treatment they can expect. I'll get the information for them," he says.

The library has a collection of references on treatment, medications, surgery and lists of physician references. A "Scientific American" text is updated with medical information monthly.



When it comes to health-related questions, library volunteer Milton Fox may be the one to ask. He if doesn't know the answer, he certainly knows where to find it.

Another good source, he says, is the "Physician's Desk Reference," a catalog of drugs.

"They'll come in and say, 'my husband has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. How am I going to work with this?'"

At times, he says, answering questions can be challenging.

"I think one of the tougher things I'm asked is, 'what do I think of what my doctor is telling me?'"

Doctors have more than one way of approaching a treatment based on what the physician knows about a patient.

Because Dr. Fox does not have all this information, he tells people he can't second-guess their physician.

But he does provide people with information about their condition

so they can ask their doctor questions.

"It's a challenge because I don't want to undermine the relationship between the patient and the doctor."

He encourages people to ask their doctor questions if they do not understand a medication or treatment.

"The doctor has the responsibility to answer questions because what the doctor has in his records is a representation of you. It was my practice to tell them everything humanly possible, so they had a better understanding of what's going on."

If people understand their health condition, it reduces anxiety and they will be more likely to follow their therapy because they understand why it is necessary.

Library Director Charles

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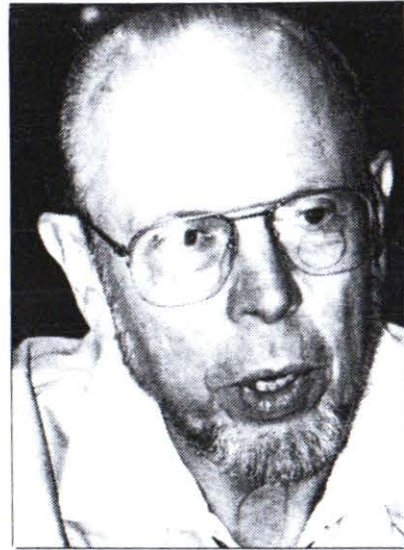
Youngman says Dr. Fox is invaluable to the library.

"I think it's fantastic we have a professional who is not only one of our best volunteers but also answers medical questions."

Since Dr. Fox began at the library his popularity has grown. Many of his former patients who now live in the Sun Cities come in and ask questions and one man even traveled from Holbrook to seek his advice.

"Last week, in the first quarter-of-an-hour, I had five people with medical questions," he says.

Dr. Fox specialized in pulmonary diseases and practiced medicine for 37 years in Wisconsin, Virginia and Arizona and during WWII and the Korean War.



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—Dr. Milton Fox
Retired physician and
volunteer at Bell Library

At times, the medical profession was very demanding.

He began doing what he describes as "pseudo-intensive

care" before intensive care units were set up at hospitals and later set up some of the first intensive care units in two hospitals.

"I did that for 14 years and I really overdid it because my health talked back.

"I rarely had a night I slept through."

Dr. Fox says he really doesn't

miss practicing medicine. He keeps busy by painting, needlecraft, stained glass and baking bread.

"I kept a book of projects, before retirement, of things I wanted to do and I'm doing some of them now."

Library to celebrate anniversary

Facilities growing without government aid

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

SUN CITY — While most libraries across the country rely on taxpayer money to operate, the Sun City Library has not received a dime of government money in its 30 years of existence.

The only government-related contribution was the 2,000 books that Maricopa County donated in 1962 when the library opened at the Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W. Peoria Ave.

During the past three decades, the library has prospered and expanded, with help from Sun Citians who donated time, talent and money.

"We're the only library in Arizona serving the public that relies on public (not government) money and among a few in the country," said Charles Youngman, director.

At 9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sun Citians will join in the celebration of the library's 30th anniversary at the Bell Library, 16828 N. 99th Ave.

The 250 volunteers who donate about 37,000 hours each year to the library will be honored.

"Without these volunteers, we would have to at least double our budget," Youngman said. "If they were paid minimum wage, they would have received about \$157,000."

Volunteers work at the circulation desk and reference desk, doing such chores as labeling and repairing books.

Volunteerism will be the subject of a talk by the 30th anniversary's guest speaker, Anthony Miele from the Arizona Department of Library, Archives and Public Records.

Community donations are used to pay the 13 library employees, buy books and pay other expenses, which will total about \$187,300 this year. About \$25,000 is provided by the Sun City Community Fund, which raises money from Sun Citians.

About 10,000 books are donated to the Sun City libraries annually. Some are put on the shelves, while others are sold at book sales.

The Sun City library spends about \$55,000 a year on new books to keep the
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collection current. There are 60,000 books in the Bell collection and 32,000 in the Fairway collection.

More than 186,000 patrons checked out 359,757 books and other materials in 1991.

"The number of people entering the library was up 8.75 percent over the previous year," Youngman said.

There are large financial research and medical research collections as well as fiction and non-fiction, Youngman said.

Videotapes of travelogues and classic movies, and audio tapes with audio books and music also are popular.

About 1,600 children's books and puzzles are available for visiting grandchildren.

The Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc. provides space at no charge for the Bell and Fairway libraries, and also pays for utilities

and maintenance. Use of the library is limited to Recreation Centers members and their guests.

Since the libraries are not open to the general public, they do not qualify for funding by the Maricopa County Library District.

The original building housing the Sun City library was built by Del Webb Corp., developer of Sun City. When it opened in 1962, it provided services three days a week with a staff of five volunteers.

The library was moved twice before settling in the Bell Recreation Center building constructed by Webb in 1973, and the Fairway library became a branch. In 1990, the Sun City Recreation Centers Inc. paid for an expansion of the Bell library.

The Sun City Library Inc. will have a book sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 11 at the Bell Social Hall, 16820 N. 99th Ave.

Did you know?



Connie Steele Young

Library fete opens sans aide

When other folks who love the Sun City Library gathered at 9:30 a.m. Saturday to celebrate the library's 30th anniversary, long time library volunteer Hazel couldn't be with them.

Guider had to first fulfill her stint with the Sun Health Telephone Reassurance Program at Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital.

"I'll be there as soon as I can," Guider said Wednesday.

She has helped direct the library as president of the board in two 3-year terms.

Despite her commitment to the library, Guider wouldn't give up her date at Boswell. Even for the library's 30th anniversary celebration.

Saturdays starting at 6:30, Guider made telephone checks on some 160 neighbors or friends.

"They either call in or we call them," Guider said.

She and another Sun Health volunteer call regularly and don't complete their list of more than 300 people before midmorning.

Guider's an example of the driving force behind many opportunities available to Sun Citians. As so many, she hasn't used retirement and a full past life as an excuse to just sit or play.

And her continuing efforts benefit her community.

Besides being a Sun Health volunteer, Guider for years has been a volunteer reference librarian with the Sun City Library.

Among the requests that she fields, "I don't think there is a common request," she said, laughing.

Although the library is well equipped to meet patrons' interest in investments, health and medicine, and estate planning, the library offers a good range of other information, said Charles Youngman, executive librarian.

"I believe a lot of our questions come from an argument around the bridge table," she said. "This morning I was asked, 'What is the birth date of Mary Magdalen?'"

She said a lot of people will come in recalling two or three lines from a poem and want to know the title and author.

Sometimes other patrons get into the act of satisfying patrons' need to know.

"Patrons are most gracious," she said. "They're often knowledgeable. They'll overhear a question and turn around and ask: 'Oh, may I help? I think I can.'"

Guider began with the Sun City Library in 1971, the year the library became established as a non-profit organization under Arizona law. With the help of Maricopa County Library which in 1962 loaned 2,500 books to launch a lending service in Town Hall Center. The center later changed its name to Fairway.

She was also one of those on hand when the library moved from Fairway to Lakeview Recreation Center. And again when the library moved to its present location in Bell Recreation Center, 16820 99th Ave.

She told the story Wednesday of how it took a bit of pressure to convince Del Webb that Sun Citians wanted more

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than golf courses and swimming pools.

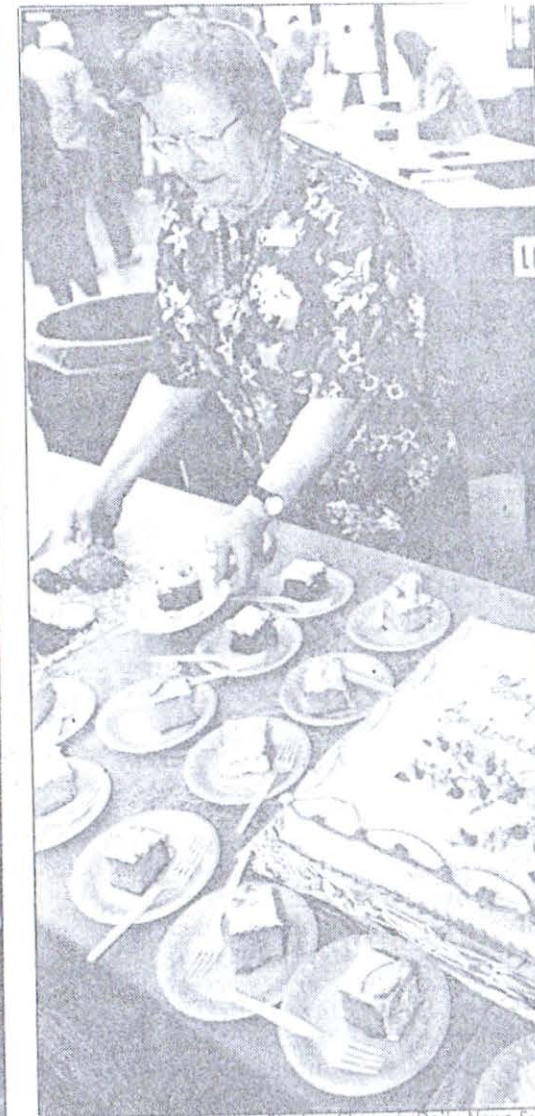
Before he died in 1974, a convinced Webb set plans in motion for a permanent library to be constructed in the soon-to-be built Bell Recreation Center, Guider said.

Finding the manpower to shoulder trays of books from the basement of Lakeview to a truck and onto shelves in the Bell library was no easy task, Guider recalled. Some 15,000 books had to be moved. Today it would mean 92,000 books.

"A lot of people came and helped for half a day," she said. "It took several days and the recreation board did their share of helping."



Jean Kuempel, left, Jean Blaylock and Clarice Wold focus on a globe Saturday in the Sun City Library. The women were among 150 volunteers and library friends who attended the library's 30th an-



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niversary celebration in the main library in Bell Recreation Center. The day featured speeches, plaque dedications and a salute to volunteers. Sue McConnell sets out pieces of birthday cake during the ceremony.

Community health library offers information, advice on self-help programs

By PEG KEITH
Sun Cities Independent

So far as personal health programs are concerned, Helen Bartholomew says, "The more you're actually involved — not just having people talk at you — the more you will succeed."

Ms. Bartholomew, a registered nurse and director of Sun Health Choice Program and The First Edition Library believes in individual health programs. She

also believes there's only so much one person can do for another.

"There are tools," she says. "If I can empower you in some manner, then you are in control."

The more personal control there is over a health program, the more successful it will be, says the program director.

With due respect for Arizona summers, she has launched some self-help programs in July. It's the best time for her to help work out a diet-exercise plan, because there's

more available time.

There's no "wrong" season for setting worthwhile goals.

"I have been trying to find ways. I hear a million and one excuses, and I thought I would try something different this summer."

She encourages the procrastinator. "When you are looking for good health, many times the best medicine is not medicine at all, but rather something you do for yourself."

What types of things can an individual do?

Ms. Bartholomew recommends exercise, diet modification, learning to monitor health through screenings, or improving the overall

quality of life.

The Choice staff can assist in designing individual health-education programs and establish personal goals, she says.

For the person who is serious about losing 10 pounds there are educational models, and instruction for reading (and understanding) food labels. There also are informative programs on cholesterol and fat.

And, there are tips for exercise: walking tapes and weight-control video tapes.

Choice also has an accurate digital weighing machine.

If people could be energized for

suggests, there are ways of dealing with self-defeating behavior.

"We're looking at, down the road, adding to the library. That's another way we have health education."

Another suggestion is that the health-conscious person identify a specific self-defeating attitude.

"Do you love too much ice cream?"

How about the M&M candies?

Ms. Bartholomew confides, "Well, my solution to that is, I don't have any candy jars around. Therefore, I am never tempted. I know myself so well. I cannot go

by jelly beans."

"The only reason I don't eat it is I don't buy it at the store."

Sun Citizens interested in devising health programs specific to their own needs can select program topics, identify attitudes and establish personal goals.

"Set those schedules that are best for you," the health counselor says. "We're glad to help you be your best — physically, emotionally and intellectually."

Her office is located in the Sun Health Resource Center, 13101 N. 103rd Ave., Sun City.

Book-keeping success

Sun City Library gets by without government support, but needs help

By Lori Baker
Staff writer

SUN CITY — Without a dime of government funding, the Sun City Library has prospered for 30 years.

Sun Citians — giving money, books and time — have made it a success.

Donations from the community pay the \$215,000 annual cost to operate Sun City Library Inc.'s main and branch libraries.

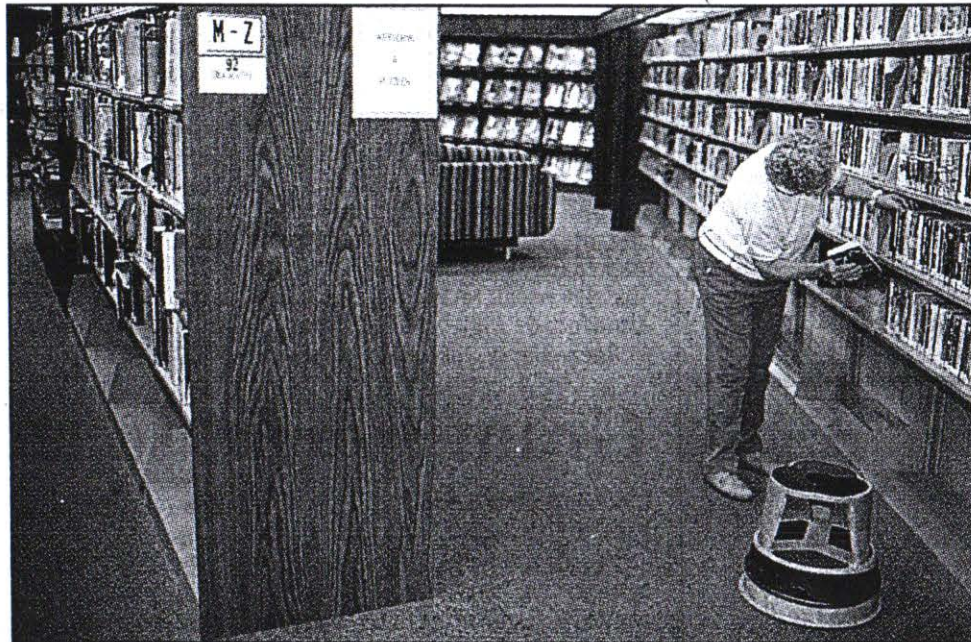
The Sun City Community Fund — which raises money from the public — provides about \$20,000 annually to the non-profit library. About 3,200 sponsors of the Sun City libraries provide regular donations and many patrons give money when they visit the library.

But the library is gearing up for a major fund-raising drive, because it has been experiencing an operating deficit averaging \$6,500 a month this year, said Charles Youngman, director of Sun City Library Inc.

He said he will appeal to Sun City civic groups to raise the needed money.

"We have a wonderful library and we'd like to keep it at the same level as in the past, rather than having to cut our services," said Douglas Kennedy, president of the library board.

Jane Freeman, another board member, said many Sun Citians do not realize that the library receives no government money.



Bernice Sexton restocks shelves at the Sun City Library in the Bell Recreation Center.

Mark Henle / Staff photographer

"Many people who have moved here come from communities where the libraries are tax-supported and they just assume that all libraries are tax-supported," Freeman said.

Because of its 250 volunteers, the Sun City libraries only require 14 paid employ-

ees.

"Our budget would have to be twice as high if we didn't have these volunteers," Youngman said.

Last year, Sun City volunteers donated 32,657 hours to the library, manning the

check-out desk, answering reference questions, alphabetizing paperback books, repairing books and taking books to shut-ins.

The donated labor exceeded what volunteers gave in the Phoenix library system, which serves a population of more than 980,000 people. Phoenix recorded 21,409 volunteer hours at its 10 branches and main library, said Phoenix city librarian Ralph Edwards.

"A private library like Sun City's is truly a rarity these days," Edwards said.

The main library at Bell Recreation Center, 16828 N. 99th Ave., and the branch library at Fairway Recreation Center, 10600 W. Peoria Ave., are in space provided free by the Sun City Recreation Centers. The Recreation Centers also pay utilities and maintenance costs.

About 10,000 books are donated to the Sun City libraries annually, about the same as what is donated in Phoenix.

"We review the books to see if the author has some stature and they must be a subject of interest to people here," said Evelyn Helm, associate librarian in Sun City. "Sometimes, we get books that already are in our collection."

As with the Phoenix library, many of the donated books are deemed not suitable for the library collection, so they are sold.

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Sue Jacobs, a volunteer, mends books at the Sun City Library. Thanks to the library's 250 volunteers, only 14 employees are needed for the library system. Mark Henle / Staff photographer

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Money raised is used to buy other books.

The Sun City library spends about \$60,000 a year on new books to keep the collection current. There are 55,000 books in the Bell collection and 20,000 in the Fairway collection. Nearly 170,000 patrons checked out about 390,000 books and other materials in 1990.

"We have large financial research and medical research collections, as well as fiction and non-fiction," Youngman said.

Videotapes of travelogues and classic movies and audio tapes with audio books and music also are popular.

For visiting grandchildren, there are about 1,600 children's

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Evelyn Helm
Associate librarian
Sun City

books and puzzles available.

"We have fine children's books, not the type you'd buy in the grocery store," Helm said.

Use of the library is limited to Recreation Center members and their guests. Since the libraries are

not open to the general public, they do not qualify for funding by the Maricopa County Library District.

The original building housing the Sun City library was built in 1961 by Del Webb Corp., developer of Sun City. The library was moved twice before settling in the Bell Recreation Center building constructed by Webb in 1973. Last year, the Sun City Recreation Centers Inc. paid for an expansion of the Bell library.

The Sun City Library Inc. will have a book sale and bake sale from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Sept. 28 at Bell Social Hall, 16820 N. 99th Ave.

People power propels libraries

By CONNIE STEELE
Daily News-Sun staff

The library is the first place many people go when they move to Sun City.

Because Sun City's Bell and Fairway libraries are private ventures, not connected to either the state or the county, they rely on contributions from patron benefactors to keep the doors open and the books circulating.



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"People come from towns where libraries are supported by tax money and they don't realize that it's different in Sun City," Library Executive Director Charles Youngman said. "The only way this library can operate is through patrons' generosity."

Library records show about 30,000 books a month circulate in Sun City. In 1990, 169,600 patrons walked through the

Did you know?

doors of the two libraries.

"We have some people who come in here almost every day to read the newspapers," Youngman said. The library subscribes to 15 newspapers from around the country.

"It takes people and money" to run Sun City's libraries, Doug Kennedy, chairman of the library's board of directors, said.

A paid staff of 14 professionals maintains standards and guides the library from governing policies set by the board of nine volunteer directors.

The Recreation Board of Sun City provides the building and pays for utilities and maintenance but the operating funds are raised through board efforts with the help of the staff.

Kennedy joined the board in 1988. Now in his third term as chairman, Kennedy said his greatest contribution has been "applying business principles to a largely volunteer organization."

Last year, volunteers donated more than 32,000 hours to the libraries. They worked behind the front desk, in the stacks and behind the scenes. They assisted patrons, repaired books and organized videocassette and audiocassette collections.

Library spokesmen said the hours and money donated by volunteers is the gas on which the libraries run.

The Dulaney Eye Foundation has given more than \$6,000 since 1985 to establish an audiocassette tape collection. Nearly 1,000 audiocassette tapes offer patrons recorded best sellers, travel guides, books of the Bible and foreign languages. Some patrons check out tapes to enjoy in their automobile while touring.

Ken Worden of the Sun City Computer Club has donated computer services Youngman valued at up to \$10,000.

Dr. Milton Fox and his wife, Mary Jane, have contributed medical books to build "a good medical library" and they work as volunteers each Friday

morning in the Bell Library.

Besides fiction, non-fiction, and reference, the library system contains a small children's corner, periodicals, puzzles, large-print books and videocassettes.

Volunteer services can't be overestimated. Volunteers keep the library budget to a minimum; even so, the 1991 library budget calls for \$210,000.

With investments and contributions providing income, cash-flow can be inconsistent, Kennedy said.

"Our funds are shrinking. Investment earnings have gone down," Youngman said.

For the past six months, the library has been "whittling away" at a deficit that is down to \$4,471.

"If our costs get too high, we'll have to cut back on what we buy each month," Youngman said.

Although "Some people actually come in and give us some money," he said, the library needs more supporters to sur-

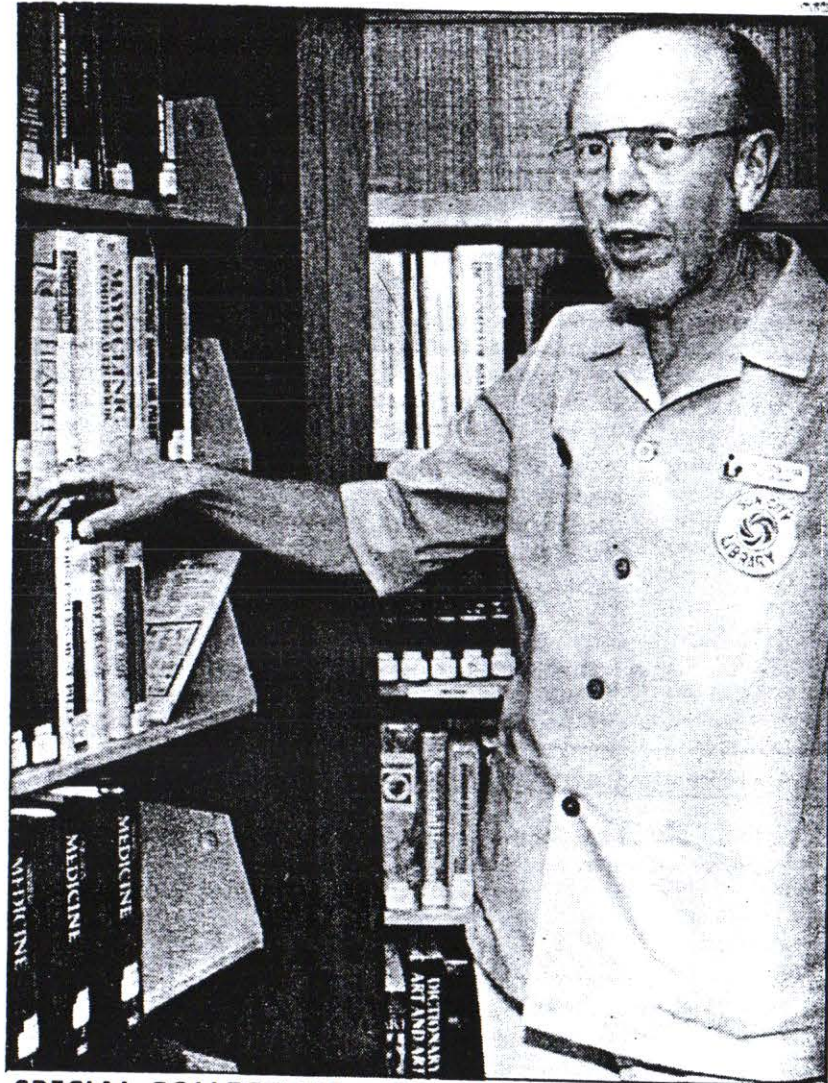
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vive and expand.

"There's a good bit of competition for money in Sun City," Kennedy said.

A memorial gift program allows patrons to honor a loved one by having the name inscribed in the books their donation bought.

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SPECIAL COLLECTION — Dr. Milton Fox stands amid the collection of medical reference books he developed for public use in the Bell Library. Mary Jane Fox has worked with her husband in developing a medical reference library for Sun City readers.



BOUND TO SERVE — Catherine Shaw and Carl Fiel repair torn pages from books at the Sun City Library. Shaw, Fiel and Sue Jacobs repair approximately 125 books each week.

Library helps delve into past

By P. ATWOOD WILLIAMS
Daily News-Sun staff

YOUNGTOWN — Where does a person go to confirm the date that relatives arrived in this country on the S.S. Mauritania or any other ship?

Information like this is available in the Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library now serving the Northwest Valley in a new location in Suite C-6 at 12600 N. 113th Ave.

The organization conducts formal and informal seminars to help people research their family roots.

Since moving from the R.H. Johnson Library last summer, the group is now located in new quarters in the professional plaza. There is a room for the microfilm readers, another for quarterlies and a third for the library, containing books not found anywhere else in the Valley. Inter-library loans are available, and there is a copying machine.

The quarters are cozy with study areas in each room. A monitor in the reception area helps visitors get started with their research.

Since moving into the new quarters in July, 60 new members have signed up. Others join at the monthly meetings, held at 1:15 p.m. third Tuesdays (September through May) in Fountain of Life Lutheran

Church, 15630 Del Webb Blvd., Sun City.

The annual membership fee of \$10 includes free usage of library materials and discounts

on special seminars. Non-members are asked to donate \$2 a day while using research materials. The library is run by donations alone; dues are used

for society expenses.

It takes 35 members to fill all of the volunteer positions in the Sun Cities Genealogical Society. Bill Watson is chairman of the Library Board, which is under the executive board. Serving with him are Karen Hahn and Rex Moorhead.

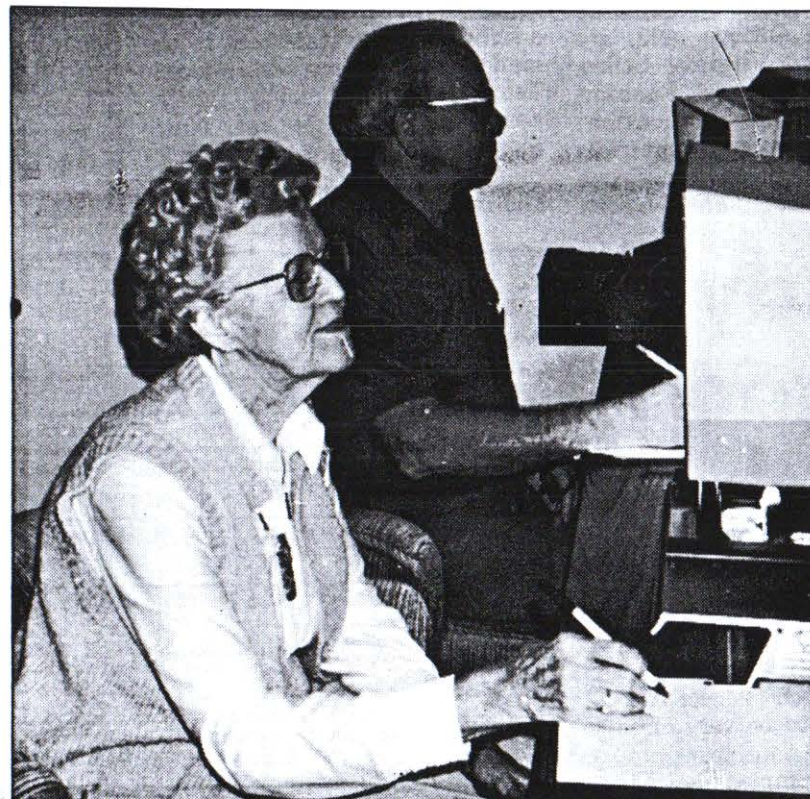
Jeanne Woodford is a volunteer librarian. She spends 10 to 15 hours weekly organizing the other volunteers, who include two monitors daily; does the cataloguing; and fills in when necessary.

"Those coming here to do research need to pinpoint what they are after before coming in," said Woodford. She suggests people get a pedigree chart and fill in as much as possible before coming in to do research. Charts are for sale at the library, she said.

Many requests lately have been about German immigration in this country and the orphan trains filled with city children being sent West for adoption by farm families, she said.

Louise Covault is president of the Sun Cities Genealogical Society and announces an all-day seminar beginning at 8 a.m. Nov. 10 in the Sun City West Community Services Building, 14465 R.H. Johnson Blvd.

Guest lecturer Kip Sperry, a
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CHECKING MICROFILM — Helen Munson and Richard Covault research ancestors on the microfilm readers in the Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library in Youngtown. Library hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays.



Daily News-Sun photos by P. Atwood Williams

PERIODICAL SEARCH — Lorraine Harpur helps Jean and Nelson lines in the periodical room of the Sun Cities Al Sullivan find materials for Schollenberger, Betz and Genealogical Society Library, 12600 N. 113th Ave.

Genealogy group offers workshops

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certified genealogist and fellow of the American Society of genealogists from Ohio, will speak on research methods and sources for tracing ancestry in Ohio and the Midwest including Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Minnesota, Indiana and Kansas; solving pedigree problems; and analyzing records of genealogical value.

"The seminar will assist those tracing their own genealogy," said Lorraine Harpur of Sun City West and chairman of the event.

Sperry will give out handouts and research aids; books will be sold by Root Of It All of Wildomar, Calif. and Marnita Hill of Mesa. Cost of the seminar is \$20 for members and \$25 for non-members. This includes lunch. Reservations: 584-8540.

Woodford conducts mini-workshops on "Know Your Library." They are scheduled for 1:30 p.m. Nov. 7 and 9:30 a.m. Nov. 14.

Others are planned on the state of Virginia at 1:30 p.m. Nov. 14 and Germany, at a date to be announced after Thanks-

giving. There are also many workshops on sources in Eastern states and the Midwest.

Woodford hopes to build up a plat map and atlas collection.

Many items have been donated, such as a refrigerator and small table from an individual and chairs by Setterberg's. The society purchased folding tables but many other items are still needed:

Members think that the Sun Cities Society may be the oldest such group in the state. It was formed in 1972. The society housed its collection of materials in Sun City West from 1984 to 1990. Because the group is not a chartered recreation centers club, R.H. Johnson Library liability insurance through the Recreation Centers did not cover the genealogical collection.

The Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. It is closed third Tuesdays on Genealogical Society Meeting days.

Information: 933-4945.



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PASSENGER LISTS — Mary Ellen Spear studies passenger lists to find when the Spear ancestors arrived on the S.S. Mauritania.

Genealogical Society Library:

By Julia Jones
Staff writer

SUN CITY — May Huber, treasuring the Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library's copies of the first American census, is a little put out that only about half the residents in the Valley completed and returned their 1990 census forms.

Copies of the census of each of the original states, taken in 1790, are a prized part of the collection of the Genealogical Society Library.

And if people today don't get themselves counted, says Huber, a society member, the search for family history will be just that much harder in time to come.

The Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library is in the process of planning a move from the R.H. Johnson Recreation Center in Sun City West to the Valley View Professional Building, 12600 113th Ave., Suite C-6, Youngtown. The move is planned for Monday.

"We had to go," Huber says. "The

Johnson Library needed the space we had, and we needed more."

A contribution from Walter Leck, who owns the Professional Building, will partly pay the rent, she says. All staff members are volunteers.

According to the visitors log, 2,700

people have visited the library since it was organized as a self-sustaining organization of 250 dues-paying members in 1972. Most of those visitors, it may be surmised, were there to pore over the books and periodicals published by other genealogical societies, searching for family history.

The society's collection has an estimated value of \$40,000. Many publications have been donated by members of the group; dues from the membership are applied to purchases, often on a fund-matching basis. Materials also have been donated by researchers who have completed their specific project.

The study of family history has been growing steadily, Huber says. Some searches are triggered by another pastime, such as reading about the Civil War.

Sometimes, she says, people are simply interested in their background. Many want to be able to give their children a picture of earlier days and what sort of people they came from.

"We have so many groups that play bridge out here," Huber says. "And that's fine, but this is intellectually stimulating. It keeps the brain working even if the knees don't."

"And it's a wonderful way to teach history. I've learned more about Pennsylvania in Revolutionary times than I ever could have imagined."

Key to past for families

Although her own family history is interesting, Huber says, it's her husband's lineage that presents a challenge.

"My husband's great-grandfather was named Joseph Morrison Rickey. Morrison is a good Scottish name, and I'm Scottish-born."

"But my husband was born in Pennsylvania, and his people came from Bavaria. I just keep telling him, 'I'm going to show you someplace that you have ancestors of Scottish blood,'" she says. "Looking for something like that is fun, and in the exchange of information with other researchers, you can find lost cousins."

Learning to conduct the search is fun, too, she says. Louise Covault, the society's president, is also past regent of the Agua Fria Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, another organization that values family history. Covault, in fact, has taught classes on the subject at Arizona State University.

"I guess the thing we're most proud of is that we did all this ourselves," Huber says. "We decided we wanted a library and that we would support it. We know, of course, that we won't be able to compete with the Family History Society in Mesa," the genealogical library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, "but we're hoping that we will have the library on the west side that people will turn to."

They're even doing the moving themselves, she says, with volunteers to box the books and drive their vans. The retiring librarian, Rex Moorhead, will oversee packing procedures at Johnson Recreation Center, and the new librarian, Jeann Woodford, will welcome boxes at the new location.

And anyone a visitor finds in or around the Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library at its new location will stand ready to answer a beginner's question: Which side of the family does one research?

"That's easy," Huber says, laughing. "If you can live long enough, you can just do them both."

Library impresses new director

By ROSA DeSIMONE
Daily News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Even Charles Youngman's title reflects that he does a little bit of everything in his new position with the Sun City libraries.

Youngman took over the post of executive director/librarian for Sun City Library Inc. a month ago.

He is responsible for staff administration for both the Sun City Library and its Fairway Recreation Center branch, book selection, assisting with reference work when necessary, monthly statistics and public relations.

"This is the only library I know of in the state of Arizona that appears to be a public library, but is actually a private library," Youngman said.

He has been impressed with how the Sun City Library functions.

"We give all the services a public library does, but we don't get funded like a public library," Youngman said.

About \$200,000 is needed to operate the Sun City main library and the Fairway Recreation Center branch each year.

Youngman is not new to a library whose main patrons are over 55 years of age, he said.

Youngman's last position was in Prescott Valley, where about 60 percent of the population is retired, he said.

Sun City's new executive/librarian has even dabbled a bit in politics as Prescott Valley's town manager for 2½ years.

As an undergraduate student at Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pa., Youngman studied political science and pre-law.



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CHARLES YOUNGMAN — He is the new executive director/librarian of the Sun City Library Inc.

While working for a lawyer, he soon discovered that law was not his field.

"After that experience I said 'Forget it,'" Youngman said.

After graduation, he went to work for McNaughton Book Service, a book rental company for public libraries. It was during his three years there that he became interested in becoming a librarian.

Youngman went on to earn a master's degree in library science from the University of Pittsburgh.

His 24 years of library experience includes legal researcher and head librarian for a major Phoenix law firm, part-time librarian for Arizona State University's west campus and director of Durango, Colo., public library.

Since then he has seen many changes in libraries. "The li-

brary field has become very specialized. The computer has made a big difference," he said.

Although Youngman does not see any transition from the card catalogue system to a computerized system in the near future, it is something they are working on.

For now, he is more interested in serving the library's patrons. Youngman accomplishes this by supplying both libraries with items that the community requires.

He orders many large print books and many popular fiction and nonfiction books for recreational reading, he said.

While the library does not have many research items usually used by students, they do maintain a small children's section for their patrons' grandchildren, Youngman said.

"The first thing they teach you in library school is to know your public. If you don't know the needs of those you're serv-

ing, you're in big trouble," he said.

Perhaps he has been impressed the most by the volunteers and staff.

"I've never seen the number of volunteers they have here. I've been very pleased with the staff and volunteers. The interaction of the staff and volunteers is tremendous. Seeing that type of cooperation is unique," Youngman said.

And evidently, the staff and volunteers are pleased with Youngman as well. "We're lucky to have a person with all his expertise," said Susan Ready, director of the 175 volunteers at the Sun City Library, Bell branch.

"He takes the time to mingle among us, and drop a joke or two," Ready said.

Youngman lives in Glendale with his wife, Julia. They have one daughter, Molly, who is a junior at Colorado State University.

New roots

Genealogy library moves to Youngtown

By CANDACE S. HUGHES
Daily News-Sun staff

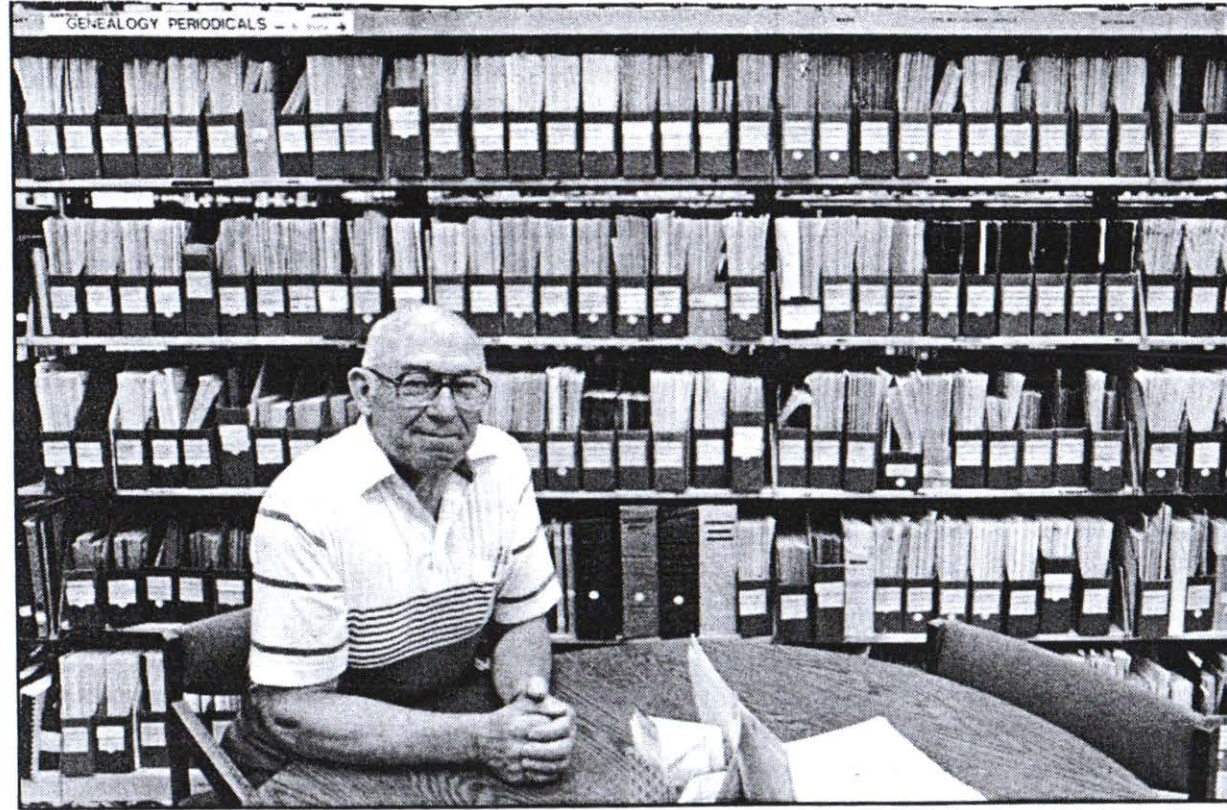
SUN CITY WEST — The Sun Cities Genealogical Society Library will move to rented space in Youngtown around May 15, and donations are being sought for furniture and rent at the new location.

Now housed in the R.H. Johnson Library in Sun City West, the library's materials will be moved to 12600 N. 113th Ave., Suite C6, Youngtown.

Officials at the Johnson Library have asked the society to move to make room for collections that are used more frequently, said Rex Moorhead, the society's librarian.

Moorhead said that in 1988 about 2,600 people signed the society's register when visiting the stacks in the Johnson Library.

The society has approved a three-year lease for 1,026 square feet of space in the Valley View Professional Building in



Daily News-Sun photo by Stephen Chernes

BACK IN TIME — Rex Moorhead sits among some of the thousands of volumes in the Sun Cities Genealogical Society's collection in the R.H. Johnson Library in Sun City West. The collection will move in May to Youngtown.

Youngtown, and will be paying about \$500 monthly in rent. Hours and days at the new location have not yet been announced.

A new librarian, Jeann A. Woodford, also will take over Moorhead's volunteer position after the move. Moorhead said he will continue to work with the Library Committee and serve as acquisitions chairman.

Organized in 1972, the library now has \$40,000 in materials

including a large collection of genealogical periodicals, Moorhead said.

The library has been instrumental in attracting retirees to the Sun Cities area, and Realtors often bring potential homeowners to the library, Moorhead said.

"We were unable to find donated space so the membership refused to let their books go into storage and chose to finance

their own facility," said Louise Covault, society president.

"However, it will take a constancy of contributions and other fund-raising activities to keep us afloat," she said.

Donations may be sent to the Sun Cities Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 1448, Sun City, 85372.

The group is looking for used furniture and equipment to defray the costs of new items, Moorhead said.

HAVE BOOKS, WILL TRAVEL

by Fran Lang

This library keeps on the move



WHEN THE BOOKMOBILE rolled into Sun City recently, librarian Frank Rodriguez was there to help residents Evelyn Parry and Jeann Woodford exchange some books. Rodriguez has been operating the mobile Maricopa County library for 35 years.

What are the three "R's?" How about Readin', Ridin'—and Rodriguez?

This would be Frank Rodriguez, who has been driving a Maricopa County bookmobile into the Sun Cities area since 1954. (That was when a gallon of gas cost 33 cents, and the erstwhile bookmobile was a converted old city bus from Phoenix, vintage 1940s, fitted out with an evaporative cooler, shelves and 1,800 books.)

Rodriguez, then 19 and a temporary vacation fill-in-driver, has been a part of the Northwest Valley's reading scene ever since, and, some say, is as much an attraction to local book buffs as the convenience the bookmobile offers.

Over the years, Rodriguez' patrons and their families have become his friends. In addition to exchanging in-

formation on kids and grandkids, many depend on him to choose their reading materials. "They'll come by and say they want to go shopping and would I just pick out 10 books for them," he said.

The rolling librarian's memory goes a long way back and he usually can pretty much tell what his "regulars" like. There is evidence that he never forgets a face; recently he spotted a familiar one in the bookmobile—a man he hadn't seen for eight years. Rodriguez called the man by name and recommended some books he was sure would be of interest.

Until this past spring, Rodriguez, as bookmobile

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librarian, was responsible for stocking his shelves; a centralized purchase-distribution system has since been implemented by the county.

The readers also enjoy hearing Rodriguez tell of those early days of bookmobiling, when he drove the lumbering old bus and its cargo into Youngtown, then a cluster of 40 to 50 homes surrounded by cotton fields. Sun City was still a gleam in Del Webb's eye, and the roads were of only two kinds: dry and dusty or muddy and rutted.

Today, the veteran driver pilots a sophisticated, custom-made vehicle—a 36 × 12-foot room with 4,000 books—over paved roads, all welcome changes.

But Rodriguez says that his patrons' basic reading preferences haven't changed much—romances and westerns are always big favorites—and he perceives the readership in retirement communities as three distinct groups, with age-related interests.

Early retirees, ages 55 to 64, want a break from recent disciplines of work ethics; they relax with espionage intrigue, case-history murders and modern westerns.

The middle group, ages 65 to 74, enjoy reading about crafts, home decor, health issues and biographies.

The 75-plus group chooses books in large print, concentrating on finances and armchair travel.

And they all love a best seller, especially those they have heard discussed on a television talk show.

Expansion and sophistication of county library services means that eventually some mini-bookmobiles will be routed into the Sun Cities area to accommodate the homebound and nursing homes. The project is under consideration at this time.

County bookmobile stops on alternate weeks are made in Grand Center at 107th Ave. and Grand in Sun City. Service also is provided in outlying areas which do not have their own libraries, including Morristown, Circle City, Wittman and New River, and a regular stop also is made at 91st Ave. and Pinnacle Peak Road in the Campbell Mercantile Center. For information, phone 269-2535.

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Libraries appeal to patron conscience

It's not that Sun City Library patrons are keeping all those books they've borrowed ... it's just that they're keeping them longer than they ought.

On top of that, says one librarian, they're neglecting to pay the fines. Libraries throughout the Valley are getting tough with readers who check out books and fail to return them. Some libraries are even resorting to collection agencies to halt the book-drain.

In Sun City, patrons are prone to place their overdue books in the book drop, says Librarian Sherrie Dux-Ideus. Then, when they're called about it, the reply is often, "I did not have that book."

Ms. Dux-Ideus says,

"People just don't pay their fines. We are glad to get the materials back. But we really do need the money." Sun City Library's fine for an overdue book is 10 cents per day. Library staff person Sue McConnell estimates that some \$125 is due the library from just this summer season's list of uncollected fines, at Bell Center Library.

The library staff is considering a policy proposal to the Library Board of Directors: People who fail to return books, or don't pay the fines, will be forced to deal with restrictions on their borrowing privileges. "We're hoping we don't have to resort to collectors," says Ms. Dux-Ideus.

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While some are looking the other way when it's time to pay, others expect a book to live up to the blurb on its jacket, or else. "It's the rental books," says Ms. Dux-Ideus. "We've had people bring them up to the desk and tell us, 'I don't like the book. I want my money back.'"

What's hot this summer at the library? Paperbacks. "People are checking out westerns and mysteries. They're taking them out by the sack-full." Will the books be returned on time? Or will the library patrons "pay up," if they keep the books past the date that they're due? That remains the biggest mystery of all.

a full view of the scene

Read any good books lately?

By KAREN S. LEONARD
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Maggie was getting tired of spending her nights alone while Herbert dashed from state to state, building his aluminum company into an empire.

So last Friday she wandered down to the hotel coffee shop. The waiter was young, handsome and free after his shift.

Maggie wasn't lonely that night.

Sound like anything you've read lately?

It just might be, say local librarians and bookstore managers.

Romance novels, mysteries, westerns and anything on the best seller list appear to be the hot reading materials.

"Our people are mostly checking out best sellers and large-print romance and westerns,"

says Lois Flury, Youngtown librarian.

"Zoya" by romance writer Danielle Steel, for example, is No. 2 on the Waldenbooks best seller list.

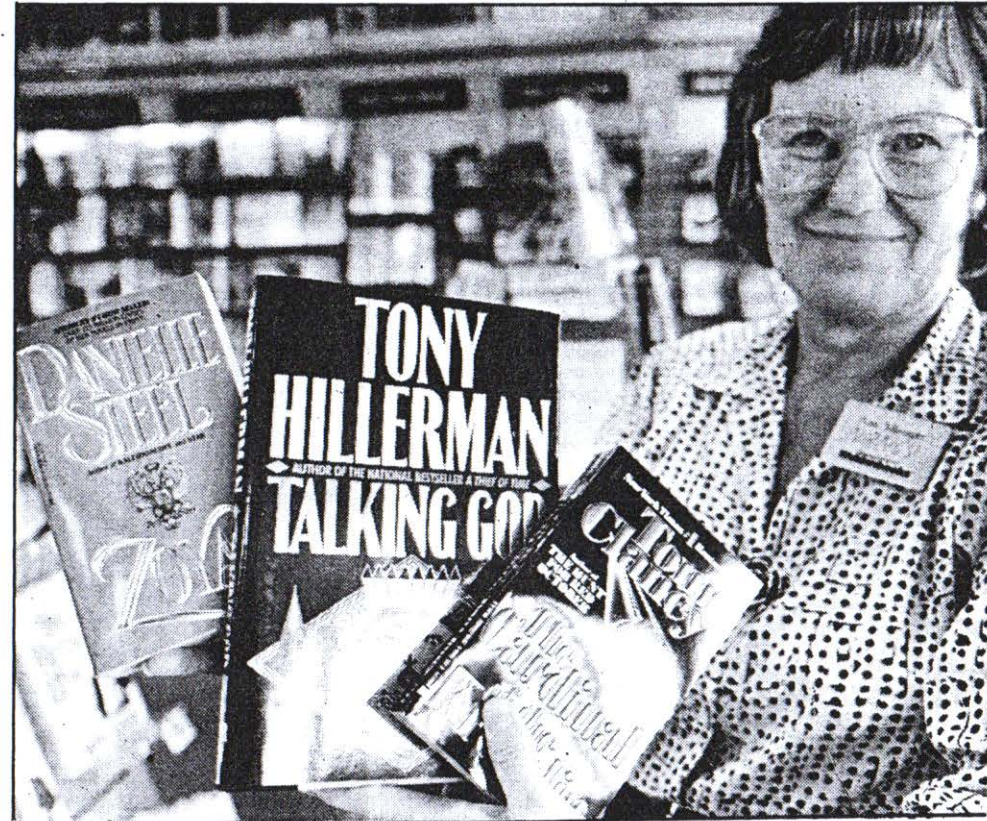
"Whenever she comes out with a new one it's going to be a best seller," says Nancy Coburn, assistant manager of Waldenbooks in Sun City.

Harlequin romance novels are in big demand during the summer months, says Sun City Library's director Sherrie Dux-Ideus.

"Harlequin readers overwhelm us," she says. Sun Citians check out 15 and 20 romance paperbacks at a time.

During the summer months, people going on trips will often take a few paperbacks along, Dux-Ideus says.

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BEST SELLERS — Waldenbooks assistant manager Nancy Coburn displays some of the store's best sellers. She said Tony Hillerman's

books are difficult to keep in stock because people are buying his earlier books as well as his newer ones.

Best sellers sizzle this summer

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And they all agree that best sellers have a broad appeal.

"People of all ages are asking for best sellers," says Andrea Sharps, Glendale Public Library reference librarian.

Steel, the late V.C. Andrews, Stephen King, James Michener, Tom Clancy and Steve Koonz are all popular authors whose books frequent the best seller list.

King, Andrews and Koonz, all horror writers, are popular among the teens and young adults, Coburn says.

Science fiction also is big among young adults.

But there appears to be some difference in what young people are reading during the summer months, Sharps says.

While in school, she says, you will see a lot of people checking out several books on one subject in order to write a research paper. In the summer months, they have more time to read for

their own enjoyment.

Also popular during the summer months are self-help, health and fitness and travel books, she says.

"Travel books — you can't keep anything on the shelves because everybody's planning their summer vacations," Sharps says.

Sun Citian Anne Gromel, for instance, says she likes to read travel books.

"I'm a big reader. I even read cereal boxes," she says.

Gromel also says she likes a good mystery.

She isn't alone.

For instance, Dorathy Kramer of Peoria says she just finished one of several Agatha Christie mysteries.

Coburn says it's the challenge mysteries provide that make them popular among both men and women.

She also said Tony Hillerman's crime mysteries are so

big that they can't keep his books in stock.

Ray Nelson of Sun City West says he and his wife enjoy good mysteries, as well as Michener's novels.

"We've always had a wide, broad reading interest," he says.

But Opal Murray of The Book Trader says when people find a type of story they like they stick with it. So if you're a mystery fan now, chances are you'll be a mystery fan years from now.

"When people get something they like they don't switch over," Murray says.

However, a new type of story is making its way to the top of the best seller list. Technical thrillers like Clancy's "The Cardinal of the Kremlin" are popular, mostly among men, Coburn says.

Also on the male reading list are Zane Grey and Louis L'Amour westerns.

And least you think fewer

people are reading nowadays, the librarians say it isn't so.

In fact, during the summer months reading increases, they say, because it's something to do inside, in the cool.

In Youngtown, for example, Flury says the library has gotten 100 new members within the past two months.

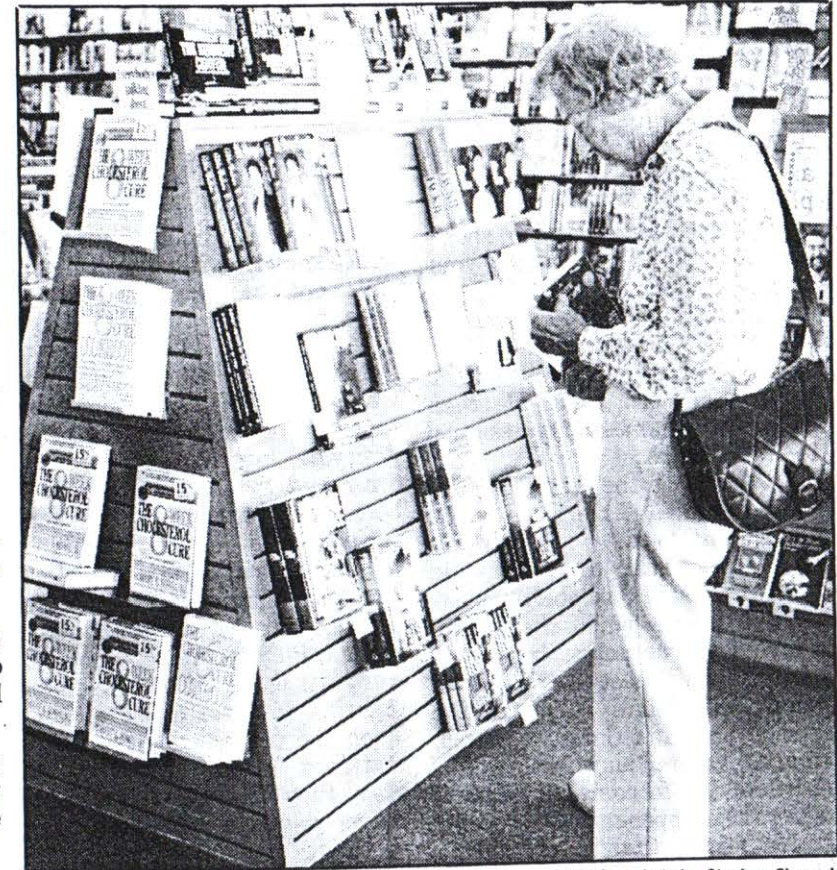
"People read a lot more in the summer because they are shut in," Coburn says.

Nelson says being retired allows he and his wife more time to devote to reading.

And Coburn says if people start reading or being read to early in their lives they will become and stay readers.

"We advocate that you start reading to your child the day you bring him home from the hospital," she says.

And even if your child is reading only comic books, at least he's reading something and he may progress on to something else, Coburn says.



News-Sun photo by Stephen Cherek

CHECKING BOOKS OUT — Gladys Oppenheimer of Sun City West looks over a cassette tape of Stephen W. Hawking's "A Brief History of Time" at the Waldenbooks store in the Promenade, 99th Avenue and Bell Road.

Young librarian directs rec centers facilities

By P. ATWOOD WILLIAMS
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Sherrie Dux-Ideus has always loved reading. Her favorite subjects are history and biography and now genealogy and family histories.

The executive librarian for Bell Recreation Center and Fairway Center libraries, who assumed her duties Sept. 1, is too young at 33 to live in the community whose libraries she directs, but she has joined a church here.

Her husband and three-year old daughter will join her in Glendale this month.

"We are very much impressed with her work as a professional librarian," says Library Board President Douglas Kennedy, who served on the personnel committee which recently polled responses from the paid employees. It was also favorable for the new professional.

Dux-Ideus admits that she is stymied tracking down her German ancestors because she suspects that Dux, her family name, is a shortened version of a longer name. She didn't get very far in research in East Germany because most of the books were not in open stacks at the small university where she tried to begin her studies.

Dux-Ideus has moved the card catalog to make it more visible to those entering the library and has ordered thousands of dollars worth of new reference books "to balance the collection."

She is a student of Abraham Lincoln literature.

"I'm drawn to him because he was president during troubled times and managed during his administration to heal the country. I also admire him because of his humble beginnings," she said.

She admits that she would love to work in a presidential library one day or a state archives, but said she suspects these jobs are politically distributed. She has visited both the Dwight D. Eisenhower and Harry S. Truman libraries and the National Archives.

She was raised in Nebraska and earned her B.A. in history at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and her masters in library science in 1978 from Em-

poria State University, Kansas. She has worked in public libraries and a state institution library in Nebraska. She is a doctoral student in adult education and hopes to take courses one day at Arizona State University.

She was pleased for the opportunity to come to Arizona because she has a form of hereditary arthritis. She has joined the United Church of Sun City.

"This job is a challenge as we are trying to use the space to the best advantage while we are having growing pains," she said.

To date she has moved the card catalog to make it more visible to those entering the library and has ordered thousands of dollars worth of new reference books "to balance the collection," she said.

She anticipates that soon the staff will be using personal computers for record-keeping and cataloging.

"I am very pleased with the quality and numbers of volunteers in our libraries," she said.

New books including donated memorials and books are swelling the collections. And there are now more books for sale in the continuous book sale held in the library.



LIBRARIAN — Sherrie Dux-Ideus, 33, is the executive librarian for Bell and Fairway libraries. She has ordered many new titles to balance the reference collection.

News-Sun photo by P. Atwood Williams

First Edition Health Library Opens

Sun Health Corporation's Community Health Education Programs department opens First Edition, an informative health-resource library, this month. The library, located just west of the Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital in the Thunderbird Medical Plaza, 10503 Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City, will be available for use by residents beginning January 25.

A wide variety of books, pamphlets, audio-visual materials, and articles which focus specifically on the special needs of mature adults will be offered. Topics include the physical, emotional, spiritual and financial aspects of adult living.

"The purpose of the library is to promote vigor, both physically and intellectually," says Helen Bartholomew, M.S.N., R.N., director of Community Health Education Programs. "The library will encourage individuals to become as fit as possible within their realm of limitations, thus creating more enriching lives."

A pocket-sized identification Care Card, designed to streamline admissions procedures to the Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital and Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital, will also serve as a First Edition library card.

First Edition has more than 600 informative materials, with plans of expansion each year to keep abreast of current health developments. The resource library is the result of generous donations from both individuals and businesses.

For more information about the library and how to obtain a Care Card, residents may contact the Community Health Education Programs office at 876-5398.



"Thanks to First Edition, all the information I need to stay fit and healthy is right at my fingertips. What a fantastic concept!"

—Jane Freeman, Sun City

First Edition, a health resource library, opens January 25 to provide you valuable information in your quest for continued good health.

An expansion of Sun Health's Community Health Education Programs, First Edition offers you more than 600 books, pamphlets, audio-visual materials and articles which focus on the special needs of mature adults.

Topics include the physical, emotional, social and financial aspects of adult living. Come in and browse, or check out materials for review at home.

First Edition is located in Suite 15 in the Thunderbird Medical Plaza, 10503 Thunderbird Blvd., just west of the Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital in Sun City. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 876-5398 for details.

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New library is devoted to health topics only

By JACQUE PAPPAS
News-Sun staff

SUN CITY — Area residents will soon have hundreds of books, periodicals and videos at their fingertips when the First Edition library opens later this month.

The library, which will contain materials on health related issues that affect the elderly, is a project that is not only new to Sun City, but a rarity in the nation, said Lee Peterson, senior vice president of Sun Health Corp.

"This idea has been brewing for awhile. There aren't many libraries set up like this in the United States," said Peterson. "This is now an opportunity for people to assemble in one spot and come in and find out about health issues that interest them. It is an extension of the types of services we already offer."

The entire project, which will cost more than \$20,000 has been primarily funded by private donations from area residents, Peterson said.

An open house for the health resource library, 10503 Thunderbird Blvd. in Thunderbird Medical Plaza, will be Jan. 18.

Although the open house is by invitation only, a lecture by Ken Dychtwald will be open to the public in Memorial Hall of the support services building of Walter O. Boswell Memorial Hospital at 2:30 p.m.

The library will be open for service Jan. 25.

"He's (Dychtwald) is a nationally-known figure on gerontology and he's our consultant for getting the First Edition started. He helped with choos-

ing the books that are in the library and made suggestions," Peterson said. "He has been interested in Sun City for a long time."

And the books in the library are not just any books.

They are all concerned with health issues that affect area residents' lives in one way or another, said Helen Bartholomew, director of community health education programs.

The bookshelves at the library are filling up with articles, periodicals and magazines that include topics ranging from Alzheimer's disease to nutrition tips.

"I see the library as a good resource not only for the community but for nursing students or anyone concerned with older people. It's got a different focus, but a great purpose. It gets the people aware of what's going

on," said Bartholomew. "The main focus is not only on health care professionals. It encompasses the entire community."

Bartholomew said a professional art company helped design the library, which captures the essence of individual eras from the 1900s in murals hanging on the walls.

One mural represents the years 1900-1930 with photos of

Albert Einstein, patches quilt work and a promotion for the movie "Gone With the Wind."

The next 30 years are characterized in another mural with movie star Marilyn Monroe, entertainer Lena Horne and the Thunderbird.

A mural focusing on the 1960s to the present displays photos of the first walk on the moon and former president John F. Kennedy.

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"These people in Sun City have lived through so many changes. We cannot ignore that because it is a common bond these residents have with the community," Bartholomew said. "This is just the thread of an idea that started and took time to get going. There is a great intellectual curiosity of the community here."

Bartholomew said Sun Health also sent out letters to local libraries and residents to get opinions as to what kind of health information they are interested in.

She said many of the same policies of local libraries were adopted for the First Edition library.

There is however, no drop box for those wishing to return books after hours.

"People are very positive about this. Librarians in the area have been so helpful and so supportive. We're not a competitor. We see each other as complimentary. Now they have another resource. There are lots of books here that are not sold in the stores," Bartholomew said.

"It (the library) also gives people a warm feeling and I am pleased. I wanted people to feel comfortable," she said. "There are so many libraries that do not make you feel comfortable because of the nature of their environment."

Bartholomew said those who wish to check books out of the library must have a health care card from either Boswell or Del E. Webb Memorial Hospital.

Employees can also check out books with their name badge.



HEALTH LIBRARY — Helen Bartholomew, director of community health education programs for Sun Health Corporation, stands by one one three murals in the new First Edition library that will open Jan. 25. The library has more than 400 books on health related issues. (News-Sun photo)

'First Edition' Library Planning To Open

Sun Health's Community Health Education Programs announces the opening of "First Edition," an informative health resource library available to area residents beginning January 25, 1988.

The library is located just west of the Walter O. Boswell

Memorial Hospital in the Thunderbird Medical Plaza, 10503 Thunderbird Blvd., Sun City. Hours are from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays.

An expansion of the services provided by Community Health Education Programs, the library

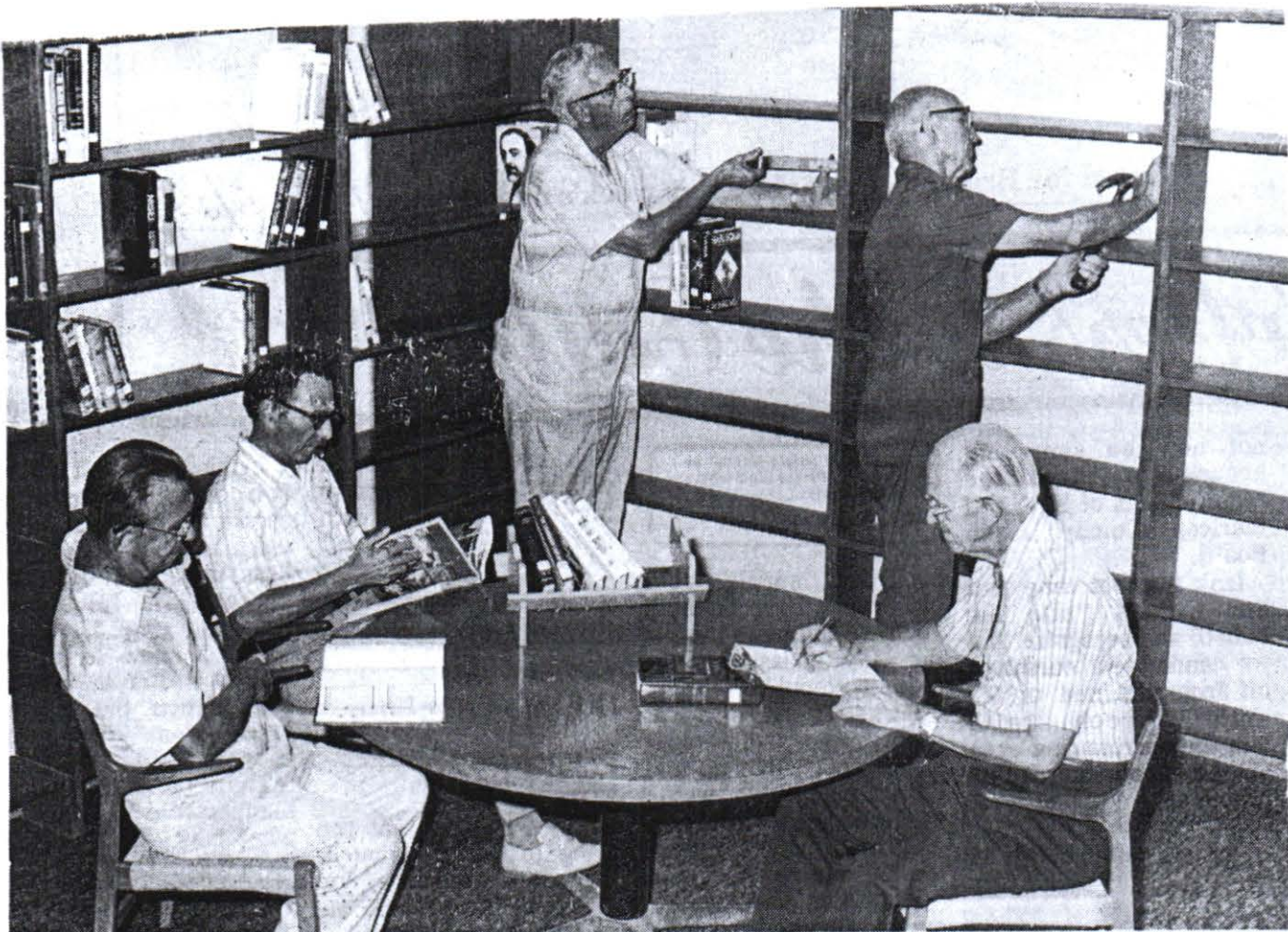
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Assistant Everett Coty, seated at left, Bob Young, president of Sun City Library Inc., and Kingman Eberhart, library vice president, look over new books for Fairway Center branch as Ted McCarrel, standing

at left, first president of Sun City Library, Inc., in 1971, and Julian Roth, assistant, work on shelves. Branch will open in June.

(News-Sun Photo)

Library branch at Fairway to open with 4,000 books

Fairway Center's branch of the Sun City library is expected to have about 4,000 books available when it opens in June.

Recreation Centers, Inc., has allocated enough space at Fairway to make the branch about 50 per cent larger than the

original library there.

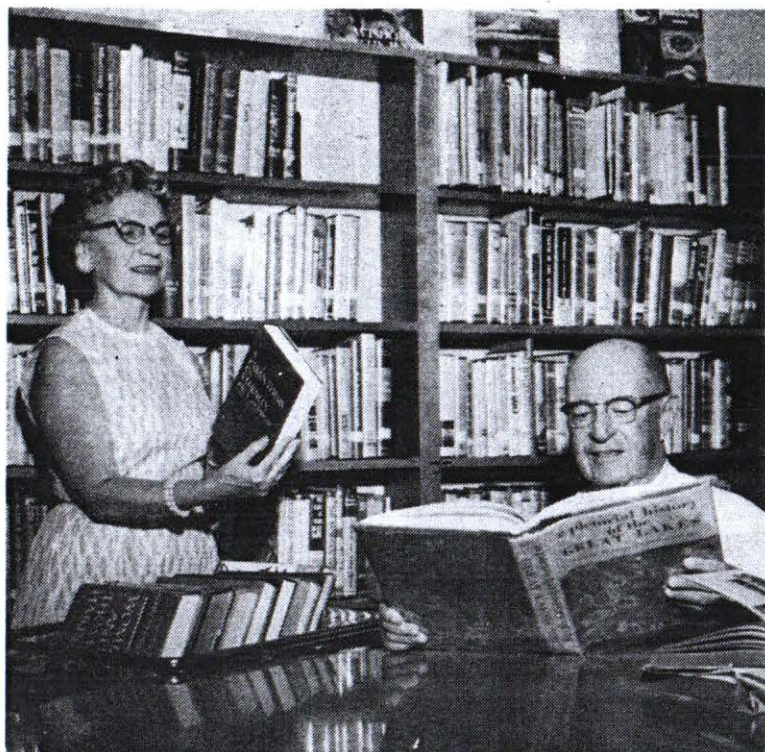
The branch will have more seating space than was available at the library in Lakeview Center and special lighting fixtures are being installed to provide good light for reading.

New wall-to-wall carpeting is being laid this

week and shelving installed. The library has been acquiring books for the past year with the opening of the Fairway Branch in mind.

A librarian has been hired by Sun City Library, Inc., to take charge of the new facility; she will be assisted by 24 volunteers.

Those who wish to volunteer for the new branch may call Mrs. Phyllis Wood at Bell Center Library, 974-2569.



Gertrude Summer and Traynor Bernard look through books in the Sun City Library, vintage 1964, before present spacious quarters were built on Bell Center property.

First library fit SC like tight shoe

By KAREN S. LEONARD
Staff Writer

It all started Feb. 5, 1962, as a shoe-box operation in a 820-square-foot room known as Town Hall Center.

Before that, the Maricopa County Library had been providing a weekly Bookmobile service to Sun City.

Then the Del E. Webb Devel-

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*First library

—From C26

opment Co. (Devco) provided the room, now part of Fairway Center, for the newly organized The Friends of the Sun City Library.

THAT organization was developed under the guidance of long-time librarian Ruth Mildner.

She said working in the small room "was like trying to serve the public out of a clothes closet."

The library opened three days a week with 2,500 books loaned from the county library.

What Mrs. Mildner said she thought would be a few months of volunteer work turned into nine years.

"I'VE NEVER worked so hard in my whole life for nothing," she commented.

In 1963 the Sun City Library Operating Board, made up of five retired librarians, took over the operation.

Mrs. Mildner said she went into the community asking for people to serve on the board because they would be able to accept donations for the library, something she couldn't do in her name.

Another 1,500 books were acquired from contributors and through the Friends of the Library.

HOWEVER, NO more than 4,000 books could be shelved in the limited space, so the library moved in October 1971 to Lakeview Center where a 2,500-square-foot-room was available.

Dorothy Weber, who had worked with the Chicago Public Library, acted as librarian assisted by volunteers until December 1973.

Along with the move a necessity for increased funding and management became apparent to the volunteer-directed service, so the Sun City Library Inc. was established Jan. 7, 1971.

As part of the corporation, a nine-member board of directors was established.

UNDER STATE law, the library was formed as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization and funds were obtained from memberships in the corporation, fees, gifts and individual and club donations.

Former volunteer librarians Mrs. Mildner and Dorothy Weber retired and the first paid librarian, Phyllis Wood, took over with the help of one part-time assistant librarian and two part-time secretaries.

As Sun City and its population grew so did its demand for

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Del E. Webb Co. and Sun City Recreation Centers Inc. board members broke ground for Bell Center—and a separate library building—May 12, 1975. John Meeker, third from left, then was president of Devco.

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even a larger facility.

Thus, Devco and the Recreation Centers of Sun City agreed to include a building for a library in their construction of the recreation center at 99th Avenue and Bell Road.

IN OCTOBER 1974, a branch library opened at Fairway Center with Lucretia Spurlock, previously a volunteer at Lakeview, as librarian.

The ground-breaking cere-

mony at Bell Center took place May 12, 1975, and the Bell Library was opened April 10, 1976.

It houses 52,000 cataloged items including cassette tapes, magazines and books and has 11 paid part-time staff members assisted by 285 volunteers.

The library is 10,250 square feet with a possible 5,400-foot expansion, making it four times larger than the previous library in Lakeview.

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SC librarian honored

By LORAIN TOWNE
Staff Writer

The board of directors of the Sun City Library honored Phyllis Wood at a reception Wednesday in the library at Bell Center.

She is retiring from her position as professional librarian of the Sun City Library.

Phyllis was radiant in a pink dress of classic lines. A dewy fresh cymbidium orchid graced her right shoulder.

HER MOTHER, Ida Perry, wore a matching corsage of traditional lavender hues. She is a Camelot Manor resident.

Ida sat with friends and proudly watched Phyllis greet and converse with many of her friends. She said, "Phyllis has been a wonderful daughter. As a little girl she liked to swim and participate in all recreational activities. She was a member of her high school dramatic club, and played the ingenue roles.

"She showed great interest in reading when she was very young. She graduated from high school and entered college when she was 16. She became a high school English teacher in Unadilla, N.Y. During the summers she studied for her degree in library science. She then became a teacher-librarian."

Jane Freeman, president of the board, chatted with Hazel Guider, a director, and Joe Vandeventer, treasurer of the board. "We have big

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plans for the future," said Joe. "One is to enlarge our Books on Wheels for Sun City, and to add cassettes to the Fairway branch."

"Phyllis is the third librarian we have had," explained Hazel Guider. "The other two are here today—Ruth Mildner, first, and Dorothy Weber, second. The library board is giving Phyllis a life membership for her work and all that she has done for us. She has been grand. I am glad that she can take advantage of this retirement time to enjoy herself."

HAZEL LATER talked with Ruth Mildner and Dorothy Weber who sipped coffee together. Ruth recalled, "I opened the library in '62 and worked for seven years. I have been a librarian in Wayne, Neb., and did some state work there, too."

Hazel added, "Ruth also started the volunteer program for this library. The librarian trains them through their first steps, and then it becomes a matter of volunteers teaching each other. They learn all of the different jobs, and rotate during their shifts, with the exception of the reference workers. There are two reference volunteers on each shift. New volunteers are always welcome."

Dorothy said, "I began to work here in '65, and I worked for seven years. I was assistant librarian of the Chicago Public Library. I have always been interested in weaving. So when I retired from this job, I took it up and thoroughly enjoy it."

Phyllis and three of her staff members admired the large pumpkin centerpiece on the refreshment table. Phyllis introduced them, "Dorothy Butzow, Vi Smith and Edith Kupsko; they work in the office and have little opportunity to see the public. I have enjoyed working with them, and appreciate their dedication throughout the years. Although I am retiring from my job here, I am not leaving Sun City. I wouldn't leave Sun City for love or money," she laughed.

Bud Coffey surveyed his pleasant surroundings of neat shelves of books and the attractive decor. "I have been active with the library for five years. It is pleasant to see the programs that are being planned for the people of Sun City. That is what the library is for. If I am proud of anything, it is the opportunity to work with some of these things that will come to fruition in the future.

"We have fine members on our board. I feel this library is something Sun

City can be proud of. We have beautiful facilities, and I think it will get even better."



Dorothy Butzow, left, Vi Smith, head librarian
Phyllis Wood and Edith Kupsco reminisce about their

years working for the Sun City Library during
Phyllis' retirement reception Wednesday.

(News-Sun Photo by Loraine Towne)



AFTER 10 YEARS as administrator of the Sun City Library, Phyllis Wood is retiring. She will be honored next week for her service to the community. Photo Ray Streib

Phyllis Wood retires from Sun City library, reception, tea slated

By LINDA VON TERSCH

Sun Citians are avid readers, says an expert.

However, after 10 years of ordering best sellers, Sun City Library's director, Phyllis Wood, won't be looking out for the readers' interests anymore. This month Wood retires.

A reception to honor her is at 4 p.m. Oct. 27 at the Bell Library. It's sponsored by the Sun City Library board.

Library volunteers will have a retirement tea at 3 p.m. Oct. 20. The library will be closed at that time.

"I never thought I would get old enough to retire," Wood said. "When you have worked all of your

life, you can't suddenly quit. Work has always been an important part of my life."

Now much of her time will be taken up with swimming, bridge and travel. However, she doesn't want to give up on work completely and may juggle a part-time job.

Shortly after moving to Sun City in 1972, Wood became head librarian. The Unadilla, N.Y., native has worked 30 years in libraries.

The Maricopa County Library loaned the community books in 1962. But, the library quickly became (Please see LIBRARIAN, page B2)

Librarian

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independent of the county system.

A board of directors and a group of interested residents raised funds for the facility. It expanded from Lakeview Center to Bell Center and opened a branch at Fairway. Wood actively directed the expansion, watching membership increase to 15,000.

At the time Wood took over, the library had 6,200 books and circulated about 12,500 materials each month.

"Circulation is about 40,000 a month or 1,600 plus a day now," Wood said.

The library has 49,500 books and materials on its shelves with room for an additional 10,000.

"Sun City people like all types of books and are particularly interested in new best sellers," Wood said.

Handicap facilities have also expanded at the library. The building was adapted for wheelchairs and book cassettes are on loan from the Arizona Library for the Blind. Large print books are also available.

More volunteer hours have been contributed to the library to accommodate the heavy book traffic. There are about 2,200 volunteer hours a month,

compared to 600 a decade ago.

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SC library to introduce cassette collection

An open house will be held at Sun City Library, Bell Center Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m.

The occasion is the introduction of the Lilien Cassette Library, an outgrowth of the record library established five years ago by Kazimir Lilien in memory of his musician wife.

When funds from the Lilien grant became available for the new project, Herb Tutelman, Sun City musician and

one of the founders of the Sun City Musicians Club, was consulted.

He worked closely with Joe Vandeventer of the library board, and he consulted with at least 20 people knowledgeable in the fields of drama, poetry, symphony, light opera, opera, etc. Their input assisted in his final selection of the initial 200 cassettes.

Upon inspection of the some 300 records in the original music library.

Musician Club members found that at least 20 percent had deteriorated beyond use.

John Halleck is the sound engineer who selected and installed the new equipment, and the listening devises for relaxation and-or study are now in place. Tutelman said that sets of instructions have been prepared and members of the Musicians Club with

technical backgrounds and experienced in musical subjects will be assigned on a regular basis to assist in the use of the equipment. This volunteer program is under the direction of Mabel Murphy.

"The cassette library is available to all recreation card holders, just as the book library is," said Hazel Guider, president of the library board.

County bookmobile transports world to residents of Sun City

By Thelma Heatwole
Special for The Republic

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SUN CITY — "The bookmobile is a godsend. I love the bookmobile."

That's how Helen Deesle expresses her sentiments for the Maricopa County Library bookmobile. The spacious unit, wreathed in a rainbow of colors, parks every other Friday at the Grand Avenue Shopping Center.

"The bookmobile people are friendly and Frank knows his books," Ms. Deesle said. "I let him pick out my books most of the time."

She promptly lodged a request to be on the waiting list for the Gloria Vanderbilt book.

Frank is Frank Rodriguez, bookmobile library assistant. He started working on a mobile book unit for the county in 1956 during a high-school vacation. Later, he took the job on a permanent basis.

Sun City resident Gladys Hill has patronized the bookmobile 18 years.

"I like the people and the service and I love the books," she said. "I usually take out six books. I like mysteries and biographies."

Louise Wilson, a former schoolteacher from Long Island, is another bookmobile fan. She favors non-fiction, stories of intrigue and biographies.

"I usually read at night," she said. "I rarely watch television. I retain what I read more than what I see."

Ken Hensel takes out 11 books per visit.

"Even then I run out of books," he said. "I like the choice of books here, and stay on the 'Western side'. My wife enjoys books like John McDonal's."

Rodriguez said an advantage of the bookmobile was the mobility of the books.

"This gives a more diversified selection," he said. "There is a perpetual changeover as books are turned in and then go on to another community."

The bookmobile visits for varying hours and times at 14 communities ranging from Ahwatukee and Cashion to Apache Wells in Mesa and Roadrunner Trailer Park in Scottsdale. In addition, the county library fields a smaller library trailer, the Jackolope, that travels to 22 communities.

Book circulation in the 1979-80 fiscal year for

the large bookmobile was 32,863. The Jackolope lent 15,906 books. There were 1,203 visitors to the bookmobile in July. The Jackolope had 506 patrons.

Marcia Kier Brehmers, library clerk, said Sun City and Ahwatukee were points of largest circulation.

"In the winter, circulation goes very high in Sun City, while in some other areas circulation, due to the children, is up in the summer," she said.

Circulation of books was higher before some outlying communities established libraries. Rodriguez contends, however, the bookmobile was instrumental in getting some of those libraries started.

The air-conditioned, well-lighted trailer measures 28 feet in interior length. The one entrance accommodates a wheelchair but there is no lift. The Del Webb Co. reserves a spot for the trailer in the parking lot at 107th and Grand avenues and provides an electrical outlet.

"No smoking" signs are absent, and a wall placard reads, "Wisdom need only be whispered to be heard."

Rodriguez knows many bookmobile patrons by name and sometimes also knows their problems. Once he was asked to give a young woman in marriage because her father had died.

"An elderly man rode his bicycle to the bookmobile, carrying a thermos bottle," Rodriguez said. "I thought it contained coffee. We chatted. Finally, I found out the thermos contained vodka. Occasionally his wife would arrive in a golf cart to pick him up."

A special-education student patronized the bookmobile during his elementary-school years. Rodriguez was gratified later to learn the student graduated from college.

Sun City has a library but some people prefer visiting the mobile unit. Six area authors have patronized the library, Rodriguez said.

The bookmobile is the fourth to be used in the county. The first was a converted city bus with a collection of 2,000 books and a swamp cooler. Rodriguez had to fill the 60-gallon tank with water on summer mornings.

The current version of the bookmobile carries about 5,000 books. Rodriguez estimates the unit, including books in circulation, handles about 10,000 to 12,000 books a week.

"Friends of the Library" is an organization with the goals of maintaining and upgrading the Sun City Library and Fairway branch.

Sun Citian Rose Sellers, recently elected president, responded to the following questions about her former career and activities in the "Friends" group.

Are you looking forward to your new role as president of "Friends of the Library?"

Rose: "Yes, indeed, but it wouldn't be accurate to say that directing a "Friends" group is a new role for me. I did it for many years before coming here, only we called our organization "The Library Associates of Brooklyn College."

"My official title was Managing Editor, but it was an open secret that I ran it."

Were you educated to be a librarian?

Rose: "Yes. I'm a graduate of the Columbia University School of Library Service. When I was an undergraduate, I was torn between preparing for librarianship or physical education."

"I chose the first because I wanted a profession where advancing years and creaking joints wouldn't make me less effective, but I retained my interest in the second and was the only one at my college who majored in Latin and minored in physical education."

"This dichotomy proved very useful to me as a member of a profession normally conspicuous for its unobtrusiveness. At one faculty party I was introduced by an obviously incredulous master of ceremonies as a 'librarian who, I am told, will perform a sexy hula.' I did, too."

What do you consider your major contribution to the Library Associates?

Rose: "The caliber of our 'medalists,' the recipients of our annual Distinguished Service Award—who usually rewarded us with an excellent after-dinner speech."

"When I told colleagues whom I planned to invite to be our medalist, I was usually chided for optimism. None the less, I wrote and they came—Norman Cousins, Brooks Atkinson, Oscar Handlin, Cleveland Amory, Oscar Brand, Sam Levenson. . ."

Did you enjoy being a librarian?

Rose: "So much so, that there were times when I felt guilty about accepting my monthly check—almost. I began my career at Brooklyn College and retired from the same institution 39 years later."

In which department did you work?

Rose: "It was not one of the traditional departments such as acquisitions, cataloging, circulation or reference work. I was in charge of special services."

"I edited the library's publications, assembled exhibits, gave orientation lectures to freshmen, acted

as pre-librarianship counselor, organized celebrations like National Library Week and was responsible for public relations and publicity."

How did you manage?

Rose: "I prayed that my deadlines wouldn't all happen at once. When that didn't work, I burned the midnight oil. You have to be careful to choose a tolerant husband!"

Aren't many of the activities assigned you neglected, if not omitted, from the schedules of most libraries?

Rose: "Yes, and more's the pity, because they are the ones that give a library a 'personality' which helps attract students, faculty and a good staff."

How did it come about that your library included them?

Rose: "It was due to a happy combination: a boss who believed in a genuine open-door policy and welcomed workable innovations and an employee who thrived on that kind of assignment and was too enthusiastic to be sensible about the work load."

Did these innovations have tangible results?

Rose: "Yes, for the library and for me, too. Our frequent releases to the college publications in which our plans and hopes as well as our accomplishments were made known were largely responsible for the sympathetic treatment received from the students, faculty and campus media."

"Job candidates from various parts of the country would tell us that they read about our innovations in library literature."

"As for me, my activities won me six awards: The John Cotton Dana Publicity Award sponsored by the American Library Association and the Wilson Library Bulletin, 1948, 1951 and 1958; Library Public Relations Council Award, 1952; Special Libraries Association, National Library Week Award, 1964 and Halsey W. Wilson Library Recruitment Award, 1968."

After all that excitement, does the Sun City Library seem tame?

Rose: "Not at all. I am now doing reference work which is not tame. I don't really feel adequate in any area except the humanities so you can imagine the book searching that goes on when I'm asked questions about stocks and bonds, solar equipment, recipes, death and taxes."

Is there any "message" you would like to leave the readers?

Rose: "Yes. Support your library, the most popular recreational activity in our comely community."

"And when you are making use of our collection (more than 41,000) remember that the money to support it comes solely from voluntary sources."



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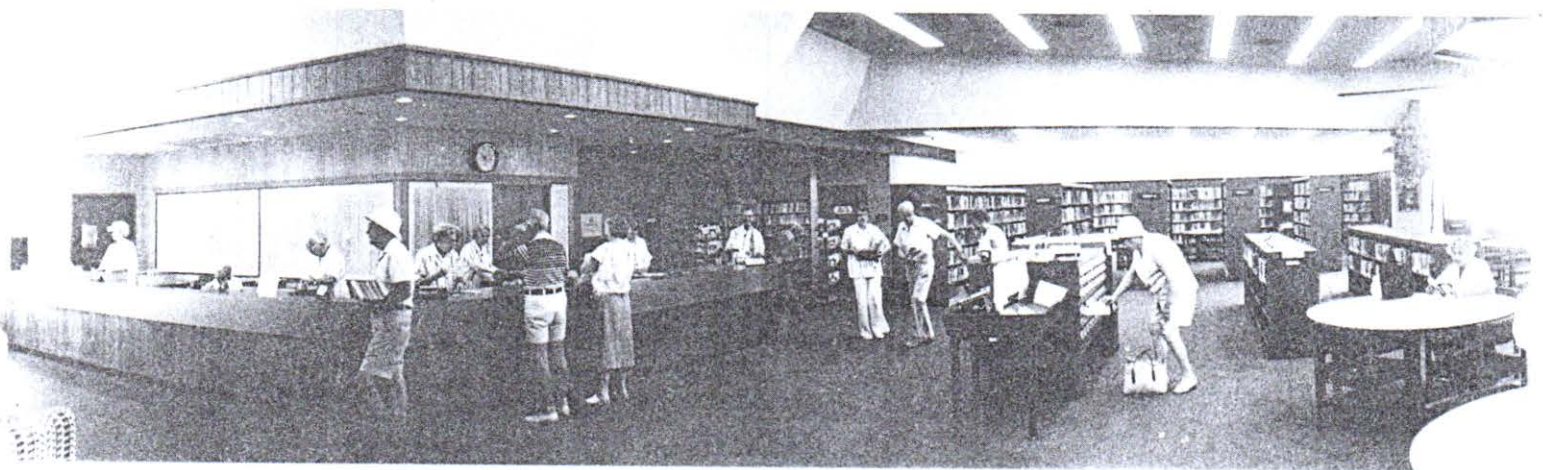
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Sun City Library is a storybook success

By THELMA HEATWOLE

SUN CITY — The spacious Sun City Library in Bell Center is not your conventional public facility, and that fact helps spell its success.

The library is able to keep its paid staff to a minimum because of a small army of volunteers.

In addition, the library receives no tax funds or public money. It depends largely on tax-exempt memberships.

Finally, unlike many such facilities, the Sun City Library is patronized heavily by the community's residents, who are avid readers.

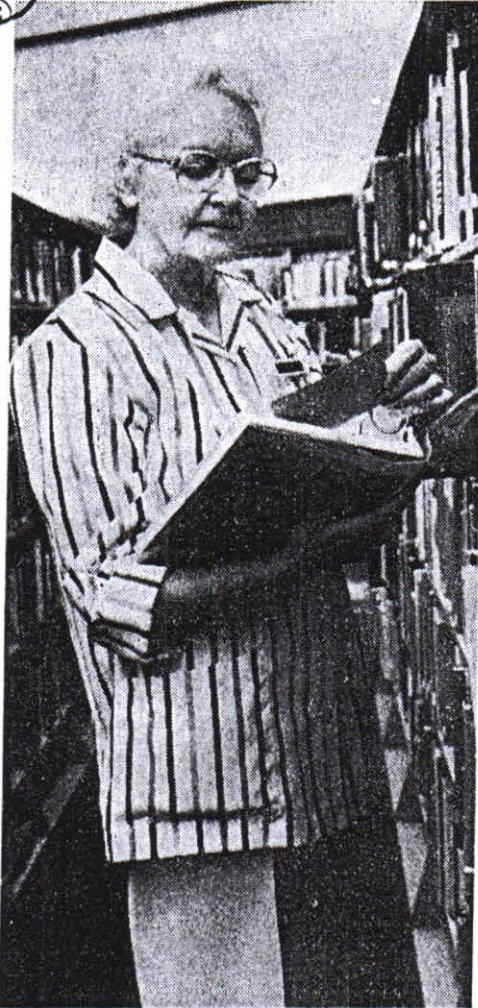
"Reading is indeed a major recreational activity for residents of Sun City," E. Kingman Eberhart, board president, said. "Our libraries are meeting the need."

Phyllis Wood, head librarian, said 144 volunteers serve regularly at the main library and 36 more assist at the Fairway Library.

"Volunteers gave 2,033 hours during June, the month that 35,000 pieces of material were checked out," Mrs. Wood noted.

Volunteers like what they are doing, and they benefit in two ways.

"I meet the loveliest people, and I just love books," Helen Hale explained. "It's a quiet place, and I am a methodical person, so keeping things straight appeals to me. I like to help people find things here."



Republic photo by Thelma Heatwole

Helen Hale reshelves books at the Sun City Library, where she is a volunteer.

Ethel Foster, former school-library supervisor, "likes meeting people, getting out and being of help to people."

Eberhart declared, "I know no other library that has a volunteer group as large, as competent and as dedicated as our volunteers."

Volunteers who serve in reference areas are professional librarians. Others receive special training. The library has the equivalent of three paid librarians and two full-time clerks.

Mrs. Wood said the library's patrons display no reading emphasis. "They read Westerns, mysteries, travel, fiction, non-fiction, the whole gamut," she said. "And even though many Sun Citians eat out a lot, there is a big interest in cookbooks."

Compared with other libraries, few books become overdue, and fewer are lost, the librarian said.

Ann Lighter, a professional librarian who is a volunteer, said, "There are a number of men who come to the library every morning to read the Wall Street Journal. A great many read the large-type books."

Of special interest in this retirement community are financial and genealogical books, children's books for visiting grandchildren, and crossword puzzles and records.

One shelf features books written and donated by residents. The library also contains a growing reference area.

Patrons use their Recreation Centers Inc. membership cards as library cards.

Of the facility's \$75,000 to \$80,000 budget, \$35,000 is spent on books and periodicals, and a similar amount goes for payroll and supplies. Recreation Centers Inc. owns the building and supplies the heat, electricity and janitorial service.

Helping to meet the budget, nearly 6,000 persons have contrib-

uted memberships. Many non-members however, also use the library. Gifts from civic and chartered clubs, the Community Fund, Recreation Centers, Friends of the Library, memorials and bequests also support the facility.

'Library Week' prompts tallies of growth at SC facilities

One word best describes Sun City's two libraries: BUSY.

As heavily used as any other recreational facility, the average daily circulation at the main library at Bell Center now approximates 1,200 items, and that of Fairway Branch library varies from 400 to 500 items.

Patrons of Sun City libraries are familiar with the large number of volunteers, distinguishable by their colorful striped smocks.

Yet the busiest librarian wears no smock. Phyllis Wood, director of both libraries, is a hard-working gracious professional who keeps all departments and personnel functioning smoothly.

The average library user sees only the attractive well-furnished facility, neatly shelved books and periodicals and service-motivated volunteers. Few realize the great amount of meticulous details vital to carrying out of every phase of operation. The major tasks include receiving and readying new books for circulation, typing and filing catalog cards, shelving all materials, checking shelves, ordering new books, registering patrons and answering queries.

Equally important, few library patrons appreciate the fact that the Sun City library circulation figures are reasonably comparable to those of neighboring Glendale.

According to a report published by the State Library Extension Service for 1975-1976, the tax-supported Glendale system which serves a population of 67,300 had a total adult circulation of 243,000 items. Its staff included six graduate librarians and 13 non-professionals whose salaries totaled \$142,329. Book purchases for the library, which is open 66 hours per week, amounted to \$57,683.

Since 1977 was the first full year in which the spacious new Bell Center Library and Fairway branch library were in operation, Sun City figures for that year reveal a total circulation of

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Fairway librarian Lucretia Spurlock totals daily circulation figures, showing steady increase since branch opened in June 1976 to provide close-by service to Sun Citians.



Librarian Phyllis Wood administers both libraries, orders new books and periodicals and supervises over 200 volunteers in addition to her staff.

(News-Sun Photos)

the original cost of facilities, furnishings and operations were carried by the Del Webb Corporation, who then turned them over to Recreation Centers, Inc. The latter now assumes the cost of maintenance and utilities. Income available for purchase of new books and periodicals is derived from the annual memberships subscribed by patrons in the form of contributions to the Sun City Library, Inc.

Without all this assistance, Sun City would not enjoy its current first-rate library program.

However, a third and very important contribution in direct service to patrons is the 23,300 hours contributed by 210 volunteers during 1977.

One needs only to compare relevant Sun City figures for 1972 and 1977 to visualize the expansion in all library-related areas. Sun City's population in 1972 was 21,500; in 1977, 42,000 — a figure that will be substantially higher at the close of 1978.

Book circulation in 1972 totaled 116,000; in 1977, 361,787.

The book collection housed at the old Lakeview Center library was 5,200 in 1972. The total encompassing the Bell and Fairway libraries has risen to 31,000 in 1977, and is also increasing monthly.

The number of patrons contributing to the Sun City Library, Inc. was 1,683 in 1972, resulting in an income from memberships of \$13,945; in 1977, 5,577 members contributed \$42,300.

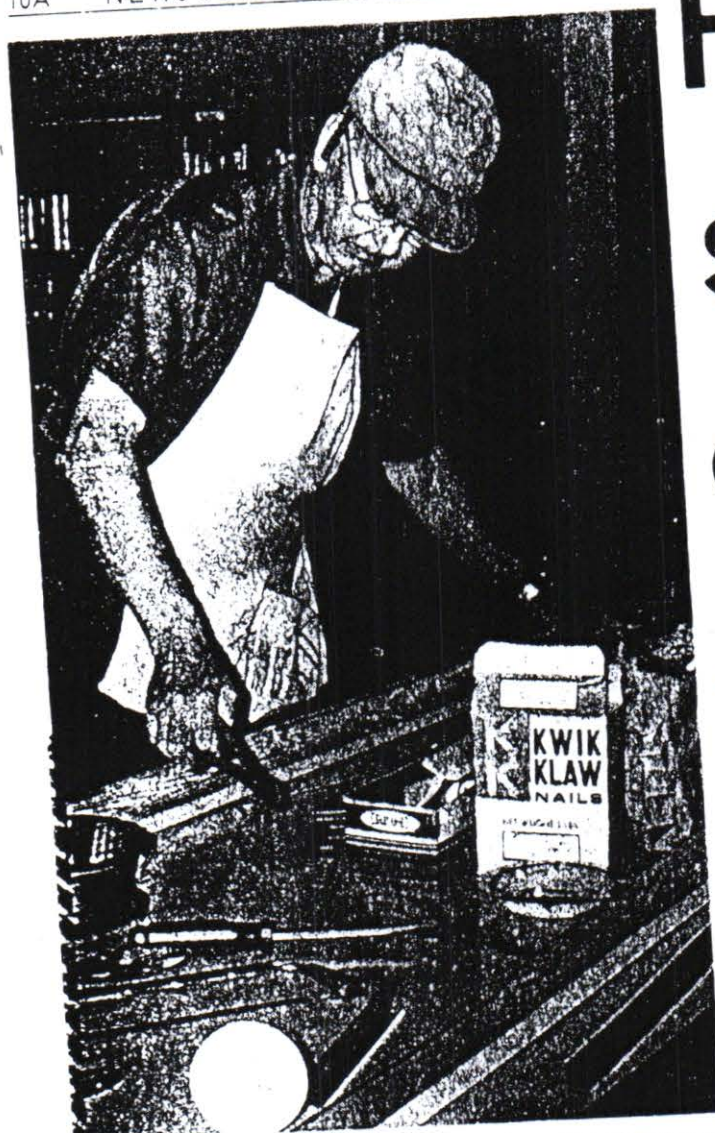
Income from memorials, clubs and the Community Fund in 1972 was \$3,216; in 1977, \$13,600. Understandably no income from Recreation Centers, Inc. was forthcoming until 1977 when it amounted to \$18,000. Meanwhile salaries disbursed were \$886 in 1972, and \$34,880 plus \$3,225 for payroll taxes and insurance in 1977.

While Sun City can point with pride to what must be the most economical operation in the state, and one which meets the professional standards of the state's major libraries, a large contribution to its success lies in the invaluable services of the library volunteers.



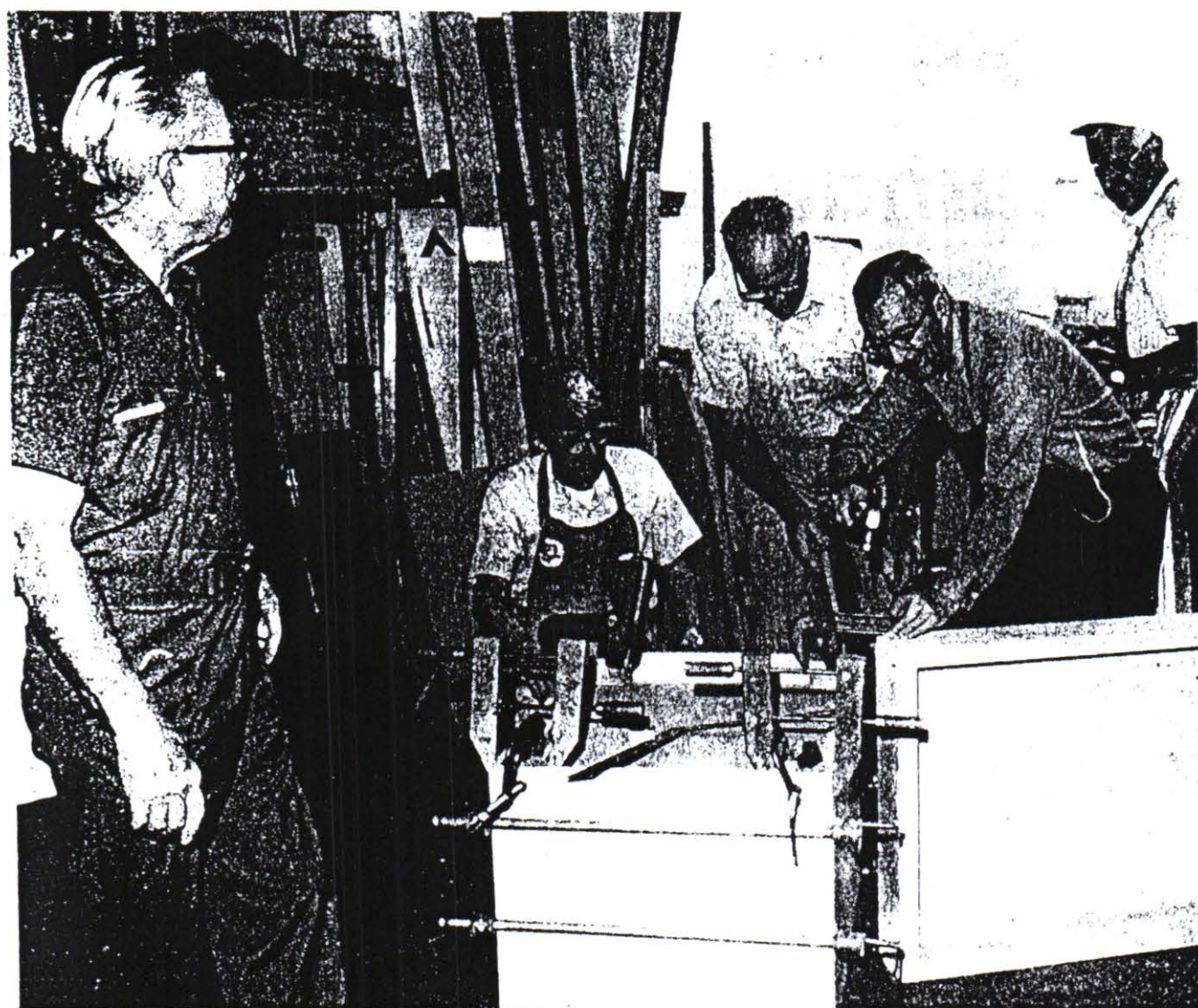
Assistant librarian Betty Hadley and clerks Marion Jeans and Viola Smith (left to right) process new books for both Sun City libraries in the spacious workroom at the Bell Center library facility.

(News-Sun Photo)



Ed Keepin does some carpentry work on the library as its renovation and enlargement progresses. Rec Centers staff and volunteers worked together.

Fairway second edition — gifts of work helped



Fred Hawkins, Sun City Photo Club member, took this picture of Fairway Woodworking Club members preparing shelving for Fairway library. From left are

Andy Curbo, Richard McKeen, Robert Madsen, Finley Fisler and William Madsen.

By MARY DUMOND
Staff Writer

When Fairway Center's new, enlarged, revised and expurgated library—second addition—opens Saturday afternoon, the event will mark more than St. Patrick's Day.

The open house from 1 to 3 p.m. won't feature books; they will come out Monday.

But the open house will highlight the library itself and pay tribute to Recreation Centers of Sun City Inc., the Sun City Library board and a large group of hard-working volunteers and club members.

FOR IT was they—staff members of the Rec Centers and members, together with club members—who made remodeling possible with the \$15,000 that the Rec Centers board had voted for the project.

Saturday's ribbon-snippers will include James Wormley, president of the Rec Centers board; Mrs. Hazel Guider, president of the library board; Mrs. Phyllis Wood, librarian; and Mrs. Lucretia Spurlock, assistant librarian in charge of the Fairway branch.

Fairway Woodworking Club and Bell Metal Club saved Sun Citizens literally thousands of dollars by building the bookshelves and making ductwork for heating and air-conditioning.

THE FINISHED project culminates many months of consulting among members of the library board and the Rec Centers board. Plans were changed several times and final approval was given to remodel two meeting rooms to make one large room for the new library.

Former library quarters have been designated as new meeting areas.

Fairway Woodworking

club built 27 bookcases with 252 three-foot adjustable shelves, two magazine racks, two step stools, one book-drop box, two Formica-topped sorting bins for the workroom and one 6 by 2-foot library sign.

MEMBERS used 2,000 linear feet of pine, 128 square feet of plywood, 64 more of particle board,

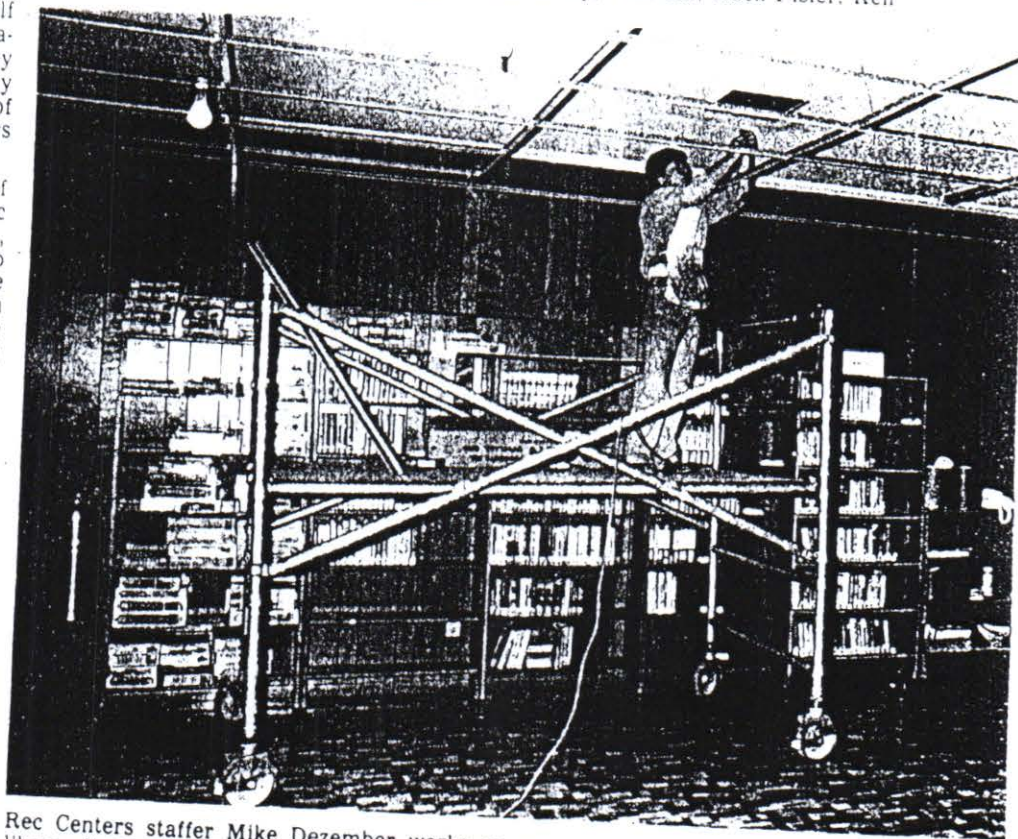
1,200 feet of aluminum strips for adjustable shelving—and more and more materials that ran into more than 200 man hours of work.

Woodworking club members who contributed their time and talent to the library include Ralph Donley, Walter Luci, Herb Lundgren, Butch Cooper, John Musser, Lu Siroky,

Ted Mitchell and Andy Curbo.

Others are Dick McKeen, Bob Madsen, Ted Allen, Andre Wolos, Elliott Schneider, Paul Barth and Frank Balcer.

STILL OTHERS who worked on the project are Bill Dwinell, Ralph Davis, John Sundell, Peter Ostrom, Huck Fisler, Ken



Rec Centers staffer Mike Dezember works on new library lighting and dropped ceiling that hides ductwork and allows ample access to mechanical areas above.

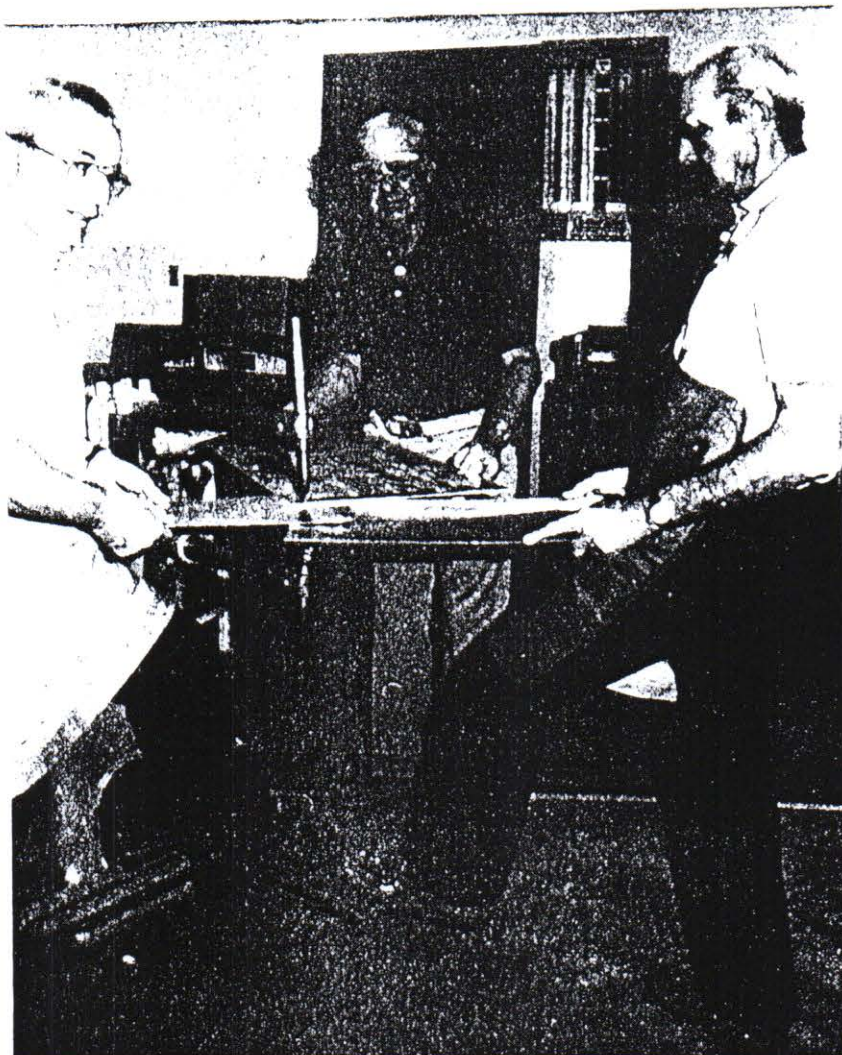
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by Jim Painter

Kittenger and Bill Williams

Bell Metal Club members who worked on the ducts are Don Burke, Don Dalton and Vann Meador.

Regular library hours will begin Monday, the new Fairway branch will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays through Fridays.



Sun Citizen Fred Hawkins photographed three members of the Bell Metal Club as they put together ductwork for Fairway Center's new library. From left are Don Burke, Vann Meador and Don Dalton.

SC Library grown by people who care

Few Sun Citians realize that their library is strictly home-grown. Such widely diverse elements as the Del E. Webb Development Corp. and the Tooth Fairy vaguely have been dragged in for credit.

Neither should have it, actually.

Sun Citians have raised themselves up by the bookstraps, as it were, to their own present literary luxury.

SUN CITY'S library goes back to a woman's beginning leadership, a lot of Sun Citians' work, and the roots of the community itself.

Mrs. Ruth Mildner is a pioneer. She and her husband, Frederick, moved to Sun City in 1960, back in the days when Sun City was a modest gathering of homes in the desert.

Mrs. Mildner also was the first librarian—in fact, the only librarian, unpaid from February 1962 until she retired in 1969.

The library coincides with Mrs. Mildner's first date of service. The first little room was opened in what then was called Town Hall Center.

Now it's called Fairway Center and the library's a whole new ball game.

WHEN THE Mildners arrived, Sun City hadn't the slightest hint of a library.

The Maricopa County Library began bookmobile service here in 1961. Through this, Phoenician Gertrude Thayer learned of Ruth's professional library background and tried to coax her into starting a library.

NOT LONG after Mrs. Thayer talked to Mrs. Mildner a Del Webb public relations man arranged a public meeting for discussion on starting a library.

Mrs. Mildner attended, offered to help, and found herself in charge of a magnificent 820 square feet in the Town Hall Center.

Maricopa County donated 2,500 books to start a library which had no funds. Mrs. Mildner remembers that her out-of-pocket expenses provided pencils, erasers, index cards, and other necessities of clerical life. The minilibrary opened three mornings a week.

Records were kept in shoe boxes.

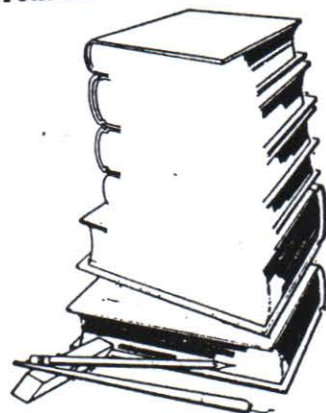
However, besides her own enthusiasm and talent, Mrs. Mildner had a couple of other things going for her:

—SHE WROTE a weekly column on books in the News-Sun to remind people they had a library.

—Webb tour buses stopped to point out the library to newcomers and visitors.

Sun Citians began deluging her with hundreds of books they had brought from back home and for which they had no shelving in their new dwellings.

Help became a real problem. Ruth had eight volunteer assistants her first year and ran that up to about 36 at the time she retired.



AT ONE point Mrs. Mildner asked the News-Sun to print a story asking if there were other librarians in Sun City.

Dorothy Weber, who had been with the Chicago Public Library before moving to Sun City, answered the article. Dorothy, a volunteer in October 1965, worked closely with Ruth until her retirement. Miss Weber succeeded Mrs. Mildner in the unpaid job for three years until Phyllis Wood came in 1972 as the first paid librarian.

She prodded and pried donations from individuals and clubs to help pay library expenses. She suggested formation of Friends of the Library—now a vital group in helping finance the library.

Through Friends of the Library a slate for library board officers was nominated and elected. This put the library in a responsible, accountable position in the community. About the time the library moved to Lakeview Center, a corporate body

was formed to administer its functions. Today it's called the Sun City Library, Inc., formed Jan. 7, 1971.

AFTER HER retirement Mrs. Mildner became a member of the first library board. She kept books the first year, stayed on the board until the move to Lakeview, then continued on the committee planning for the eventual move to Bell Center.

When Mrs. Mildner stepped down as librarian, the library had about 4,500 volumes. Now both the central and branch libraries have more than 30,000 volumes, plus periodicals.

Dorothy Weber, second full-time librarian (also unpaid) was born in Chicago, attended Northwestern University and Mundelein, Ill., College. She attended a Chicago Public Library training school and worked up to assistant at the central library in the Midwestern city.

Mrs. Lucretia Spurlock, full-time librarian at the Fairway Center branch, moved into Sun City when book business was booming.

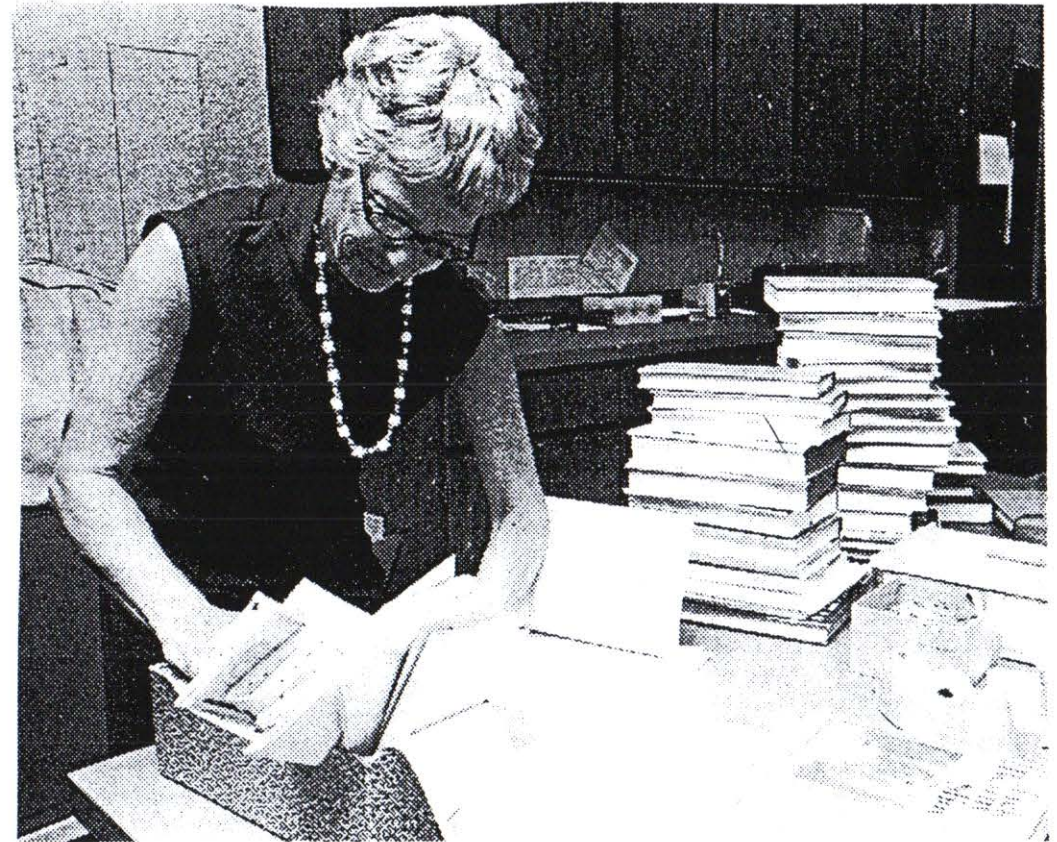
She began as a volunteer at the Lakeview library two years ago, then moved into a full-time paid position when Fairview's new branch opened in June 1976.

Virginia McFadden is a willing substitute when she's needed. The branch boasts about 30 other volunteers.

Mrs. Spurlock, a longtime teacher (so is her husband Ottis) began studying library science at Morehead State University when Spurlock was transferred there. Later she held the college librarian's job, then still later she became a library developer for the elementary school system

in Nankin Mills, Mich. During the 17 years of this part of her career she also earned a bachelor's degree at Eastern Michigan University and a master's degree in reading problems of children.

AT THE Fairway Center are some 4,000 books from the main Sun City Library and another 2,000 borrowed from the Maricopa County Library.



Mrs. Phyllis Wood, 10720 Crosby Dr., is Bell Center library's full-time paid librarian. She finds readers lean heavily towards western sections. Zane Grey's books still are favorites. Average of 1,300 books are checked in and out daily in two branches.

(News-Sun Photos)

The branch is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Meanwhile, back at the main bookworks, Mrs. Wood stepped into the first full-time paid library position in Sun City Dec. 1, 1972.

She majored in social studies and English at the State University of New York in Albany, then received her master's

degree in library science.

Mrs. Wood, after working in the history and literature sections of the Phoenix Public Library, first took over at the old Lakeview library.

"I THOUGHT we would be able to move in and out (to Bell Center) in March," she recalls. "On Feb. 23 we closed and opened April 12. I had worked on it, moving

books on paper, beginning in January."

The paperwork was the hardest, she confesses.

"Actually we moved in one week when we got going. Regular volunteers helped with moving and many, many men volunteered for the one-week job. They worked like demons."

At the beginning of her
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Mrs. Evelyn Sheehan, 10851 Santa Fe Dr., began in old Lakeview library as volunteer, now is paid part-time assistant librarian, maintaining card catalog and reference work in Bell Center.

(News-Sun Photos)

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NOW, BETWEEN the job Mrs. Wood had one assistant and the equivalent of one clerk and 36 volunteers. She could look around at 5,000 books on the shelves and glance down at records of circulation of around 500

and women—work regularly. Of the moving, Mrs. Wood says, "Men moved books in trucks and women shelved. It was a good example of the kind of cooperative venture you can get in Sun City."

SC Library—

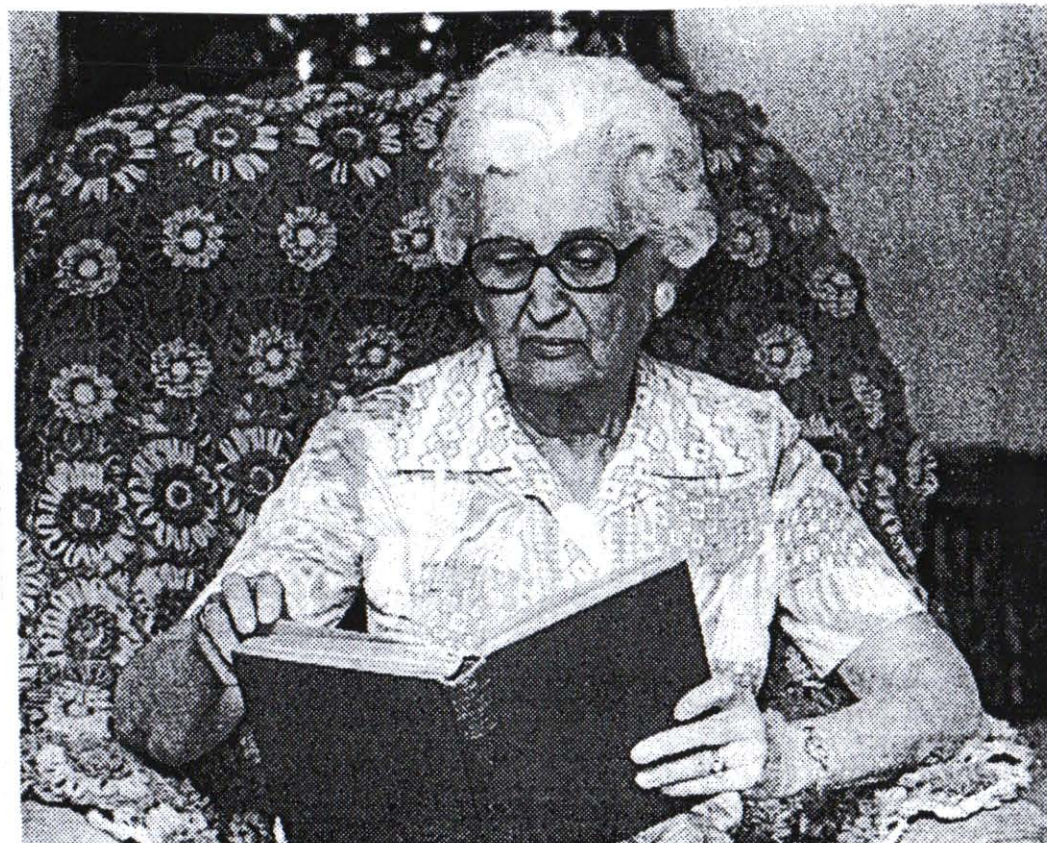
The full-time librarian has two right arms—assistants Mrs. Evelyn Sheehan, and Mrs. Betty Hadley.

Mrs. Sheehan came here in 1972 from Bookfield Wis. She was medical records director for a hospital until her retirement. She began almost at once as a Sun City volunteer at Lakeview, then in 1973 went on salary as a part-time assistant. She maintains the card catalog and helps patrons who need information. She has worked in libraries many years of her life.

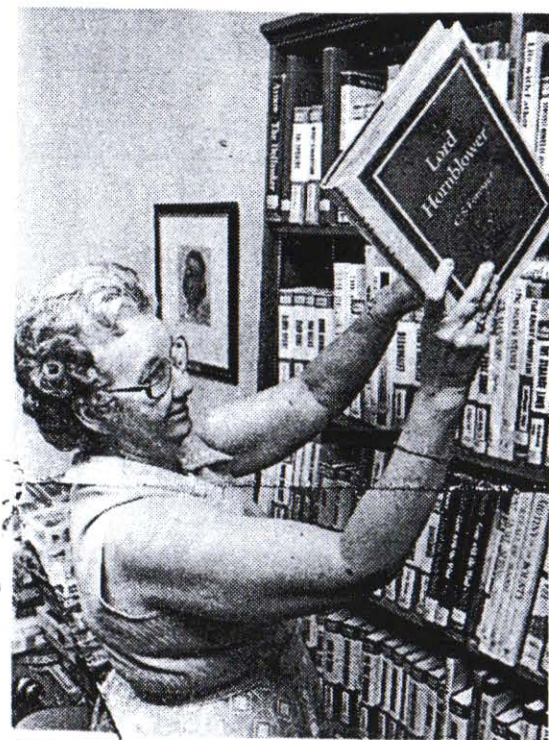
Mrs. Hadley has been a part-time assistant at Bell Center since February 1976. She works in the cataloging department part of the time and is in charge of periodicals as well.

"WE JUST sent in an order," she says, "and we'll have about 90 magazines in stock."

Those range in interest from conservation through women's magazines to such special-interest journals as Arizona history, economics, and handicrafts.



Mrs. Ruth Mildner, 13212 109th Ave., well might be called mother of Sun City Library—she was first volunteer librarian, spurred gifts and work, and laid foundation for today's 30,000-volume institution. Now retired, she still takes keen interest in library matters.



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Mrs. Betty Hadley, 9432 Cedar Hills Cir., N., has been part-time assistant at Bell Center since February 1976. She catalogs gift books and has charge of periodicals, which are "in constant use."

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Friends

Planning fundraising activities for coming year, new officers of Sun City Friends of Library are, from left, Ethel Foster, recording secretary; David Nelson, treasurer; Theodosia Conklin, chairman; Margaret Clark, vice chairman, and Helen Hale, corresponding secretary. Sun City Friends formed in 1961 and boasts 650 members. Group has donated more than \$22,000 to Sun City Library. (News-Sun Photo)

Branch Library Sets Monday Open House

Sun Citians are invited to the Fairway Branch Library's open house on Monday, June 14, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The new library is located in Fairway Recreation Center, 10620 Peoria Avenue.

"New light fixtures will provide excellent illumination and wall-to-

wall carpeting will help to provide a quiet atmosphere," said Kingman Eberhart, vice president of Sun City Library, Inc. The 1356 square feet of space for the branch was allocated by Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

Books at the new branch, a full-service library, may be checked out beginning June 14. It will have current fiction, reference books, paperbacks, magazines and books on large type for readers with impaired vision.

A courier service will be maintained between the main library at Bell and the branch at Fairway so that any book at either location will be available to any library user, Eberhart said. Also, any book in the Valley will be available on interlibrary loan.

Mrs. Lucretia Spurlock, assisted by 20 volunteers, has been hired as the Fairway librarian. The branch's number is 933-7433.

Phase I branch library planned

Plans are being made to establish a branch library in Phase I which would open soon after the completion of the new main library, the Sun City Library, Inc., board of directors announced at their third annual meeting Friday.

After a number of protests had been received from residents in Phase I that the new library would be too far away from them, the research and planning committee set to work under the direction of board member Robert Young to solve the problem and a branch was proposed.

In the meantime, preliminary drawings for the library in the Bell cultural center are under way, the board said. The building will cover 10,250 square feet with room for a 5,400 foot expansion, and will be over four times as large as the present library in Lakeview Center.

SHELVING space will accommodate 40,000 books at one time, and since 25 per cent of the books usually are in circulation, 50,000 volumes may be shelved.

The present library at Lakeview Center holds 14,000 books; however, the corporation will own nearly 20,000

books by the time the new building is completed.

Under the McNaughton lease plan for newly published books, the quantity has been increased from 300 to 400 books per year.

The new structure will seat 120 persons and will include an acoustically-treated room with carpeting and upholstered furniture. Similar in design to Fountainbell restaurant, the library will have rough stucco walls and a tile roof.

BESIDES revealing future plans at the meeting, the board released its annual report, elected several new members, and thanked its staff and volunteers, as well as clubs and merchants in Sun City for their support.

Three local residents, Joe Amery, Sterling Atkinson, and Mrs. Mildred Hamilton, were elected to new three-year terms. Mrs. Marion Mulford was elected to fill a two-year unexpired term, and E. Kingman Eberhart was elected to fill a one-year unexpired term.

The nine-member board will elect its own new officers tomorrow.

SUBSTANTIAL increases in the amount of funds raised through increasing memberships, fees, and donations from clubs and organizations has made it possible to purchase more books this year, the report said.

Circulation exceeded more than 750 books per day, excluding a large number of paperbacks, and in a few days, book circulation exceeded the 1,000 mark.

The increases necessitated additional shelving and professional assistance for librarian Mrs. Phyllis Wood, so Mrs. Evelyn Sheehan, a Sun City resident, was hired on a part-time basis, 15 hours per week.

DURING the past year Jay Titus, general manager of the Recreation Centers, allocated the library an office in Fairway Center where promotional work is conducted. It is open Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

During Friday's meeting, the board had time to thank the News-Sun and the Sun City Citizen for their cooperation in printing library articles.

Local clubs also were thanked for a

promotion letter campaign which resulted in donations amounting to \$12,942, and the Sundial Men's Club was recognized for a donation of \$5,611.

OTHER major contributors were Friends of the Library with a \$1,795 donation, and the Sun City Community Fund, which allotted the library \$3,500.

In addition, approximately 100 volunteers donated 10,430 hours of service, or an average of 200 hours per week. An appreciation breakfast was given in their honor last April.

Released to the board by President Margaret Knapp, the annual report stated that fines for overdue books this year were raised from two to five cents per day, and the reserve book charge was upped from 10 to 15 cents.

A minimum charge of \$3 for three months or less, or \$5 per year, also was levied on persons who do not have current membership or renter cards from the Recreation Centers.

A SURVEY of registered library users in May indicated that fewer than 25 per cent of the users are supporting the library through membership in Sun City Library, Inc., the report continued.

However, "the library continues to grow and to expand its services to Sun City residents," Miss Knapp said.

In total, funds received from membership dues increased 33.2 per cent over last year, funds from memberships increased 31.8 per cent, and from fines, fees, and gifts, the increase was 67.2 per cent.

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YOUR Library Needs Help

Now that the new Sun City Library is located in spacious quarters at the Bell Recreation Center, with plenty of room for books, it is time for Sun Citians to begin "spring cleaning" and search their homes for titles they could donate to the library.

The library, with room for more than 100 readers, is four times the size of the previous Lakeview facility. Library board members note that, as the population of this community grows, and the use of the library increases, the number of books on the shelves must increase even faster. A branch library will be established in Fairway Center, and both the main library and the branch will need books.

The library receives no public funds, and is a non-profit corporation. Accordingly, all the funds for books and periodicals must be derived from contributions made by individuals and clubs. About \$25,000 has been spent each year by the library for new books and magazines and newspapers, but board members note it plans to spend at least \$30,000 this year.

This amount can be raised, they believe, if those using the library will join its supporting organization, if gifts are made by public-spirited citizens, and if civic-minded clubs will give to the library. Books are increasing in price all the time; this is due to a combination of factors, including inflation, higher production and material costs, and mailing costs. It currently costs about \$250 to fill three feet of shelf space.

There is no doubt about it—Sun Citians are avid readers. More than 1,200 items have been checked out in one day from the former Lakeview-based library. During all of 1975, 250,000 books and magazines were checked out. The library is ideal for the handicapped residents here, as there are no steps, curbs or steep inclines at the Bell Center location. Also, those with impaired vision can enjoy books and "Reader's Digest" in large type.

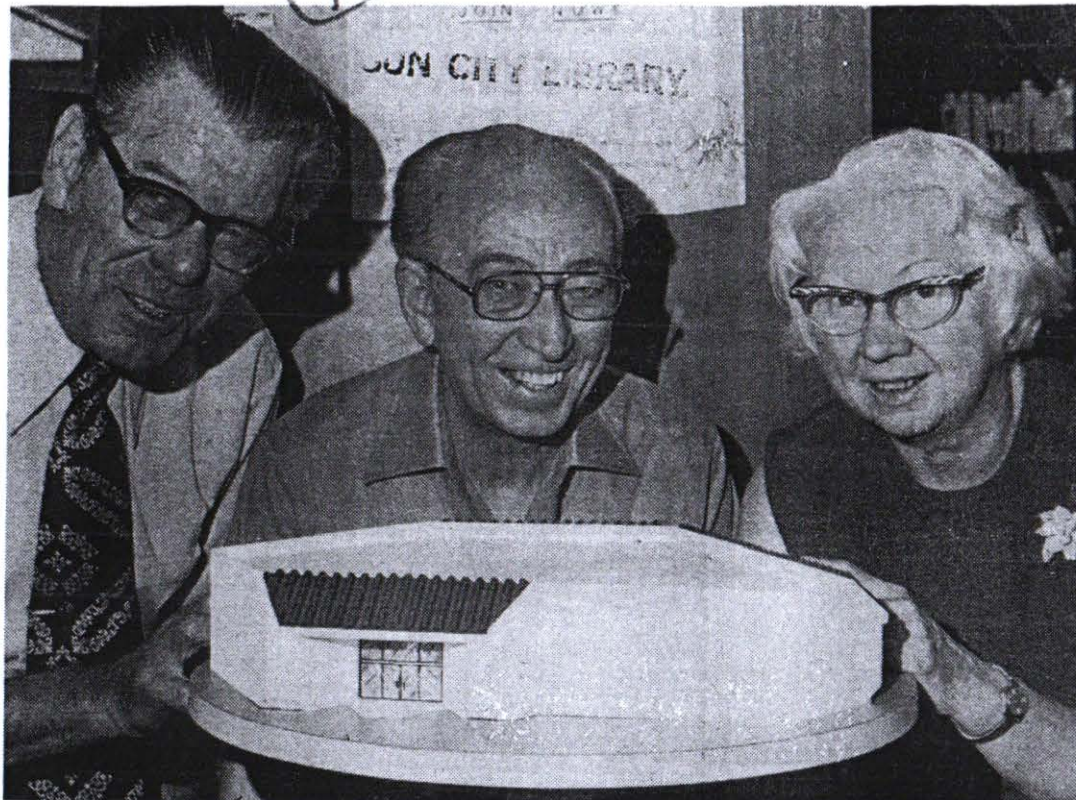
Your contributions, whether books or money, will go a long way.



First meeting

New officers of Sun City Friends of Library are, from left, Bernice Matthews, vice-chairman; Hazel Guider, chairman; David C. Nelson, treasurer; Margaret Clark, corresponding secretary, and Ethel Foster, recording secretary. Officers of 590-member organization held first meeting of new year Monday in Fairway Auditorium.

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Scale
model
shows

Scale model of new Sun City Library, being constructed in Bell Recreation Center, gives visitors to Lakeview Center library good picture of what 10,000-plus square foot modular-shaped building will be, according to Margaret Knapp, right, president of Sun City Library, Inc. Model was built to one-eighth scale by Don McCann, center, one of newer members of Lakeview Woodworking Club. Bill Stinz, club president, advised for project that took 80 hours, complete with green tile roof.

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HISTORY REPEATS:

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Newer, Bigger Library On The Way

By Charlene Paraniuk

History repeats itself. So it goes with the Sun City Library.

As in 1960, 1962, 1971, and now, an increased population and demands for more reading material has brought about the establishment of bigger and more advanced library sources in Sun City.

Beginning with a Bookmobile Service provided by the Maricopa Library for the newly formed retirement community, Sun Citians helped foster, through their patronage, the inception of the Friends of the Library, a 820-square foot library room in Fairway Center, and, when space became restrictive there, they saw an expansion into larger facilities at Lakeview Center.

And now, with groundbreaking formalities behind them, the Friends of the Library can begin

concentrating on a new 10,250-square foot library building included in the Bell Recreation Center being built at 99th and Bell Avenues.

The structure, with room for a 5,400-foot expansion, will be more than four times as large as the present library in Lakeview Center and will accommodate approximately 40,000 books.

The library expects the current number of volumes—14,704—to be increased to 20,000 books by the time the building is completed, and acoustically treated and carpeted it should provide seating for 120 persons.

Furthermore, as the new library would be far for residents in Phase I, a branch will be opened in Fairway Center. Both the branch library and the new library will open together this coming spring with the completion of Bell Center.

From a modest start with 2,500 loaned books, the Sun City Library has increased its annual circulation to 220,000 volumes in 1974. According to a report published by the State Library Extension Service, this is only 4,000 less than the total circulated in 1974 in Glendale where the population exceeds Sun City by approximately 38,000.

Interesting, too, in the Extension report are the 1974-75 budgets for both communities. Glendale operated on an anticipated budget of \$171,481 for the year, while Sun City budgeted only \$45,150—a large difference attributed mostly to salary revenue.

For the first ten years of its existence, the Sun City library was directed by professional librarians on a volunteer basis. The first paid

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Newer, Bigger Library

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librarian, Mrs. Phyllis Wood, wasn't employed until December 1972.

Presently, about 100 Sun Citians serve as volunteer library aides and several others provide secretarial and other services.

The report lists the total cost for Sun City's salaries in 1974-75 to be \$10,394 in sharp contrast with other communities such as Glendale, again, which paid five graduate librarians and 12 non-professionals \$76,166.

Other funds for the operation of Sun City's facilities come from memberships in the corporation, fees, gifts, and donations from individuals and clubs. As Sun City is not incorporated, tax funds are not available to it.

As Margaret Knapp, president of the Library Association, recently stated in a historical review of

the Library Foundation, "In a retirement community, where more people have more time to devote to reading, and for many this is their only recreation, the need for a 'more-than-adequate' library has become especially important."

"Sun City," she went on, "is a 'resort-retirement' community with equipment and opportunities available for all kinds of physical activities; but as Dr. Ethel Andrus, founder of the American Association of Retired Persons, said, 'We're old only if we don't learn and grow.'"

"Therefore," added the Foundation president, "consideration must be given to the group of people served, to the cultural and educational level of the community...A cultural and intellectual center such as a good library is a must for the people of Sun City."



Photo by Cel Parrotta

Library groundbreaking—

Friends of the Library were present at the groundbreaking ceremonies for the new Sun City Library at the Bell Recreation Center. Left to right are Bill Lloyd, chairman of the planning committee for the Recreation Center; Dorothy Allen Jones, chairman of the coordinating committee for the library; Margaret Knapp, president of the library; Bob Young, vice president of the library; Richard Qvale, architectural coordinator; and Curtis Copeland, chief architect.

Library promised for Sun City south

A library facility will be developed in Sun City south of Grand Avenue, according to the board of directors of Sun City Library, Inc., but a decision on the exact location is still pending.

The new facility is expected to be larger than the original library, which was located in Fairway Center and served the entire community until it was moved to Lakeview Center.

The Lakeview space will be closed when the library facility in the Bell Road Recreation Center is completed and the library branch in the southern part of the city is expected to be opened at nearly the same time.

ROBERT YOUNG, chairman of the research and planning committee, is studying the most effective use of floor space and making arrangements for shelves and reading-area furnishings.

The Maricopa County Bookmobile will continue to make weekly stops in shopping centers in Phase I.

In addition, the county library facility will provide between 2,000 and 2,500 books for the new branch. Additional books and materials now housed in the Lakeview facility are being prepared to move to the branch, according to Phyllis Wood, librarian.

"**BECAUSE** the creation of a new library will correspond with the move to the new recreation center, additional volunteers are being recruited now," said Kingman Eberhart, a member of the library board.

Since the Sun City Library receives no public funds and is completely supported by the community, a volunteer corps is necessary to maintain the level of library services, he added.

For the same reason, the library depends on contributions so that books and other materials can be purchased.

A **BOOKMARK**, available free in the Lakeview library, contains a membership blank for persons to join the Sun City Library, Inc.

A separate organization, Friends of the Library, also raises money for the library and many residents belong to both groups.

Information is available in the library or gifts to Sun City Library, Inc. may be sent to David Nelson, 10850 Meade Dr.

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Library Branch Plans Approved

By Charlene Paraniuk

In a board meeting Monday morning of the Recreation Center, working plans for a library branch in the Fairway Center were approved and Bill Lloyd, chairman of the Bell Road Planning Committee, announced the name for the new rec complex would be Bell Recreation Center.

Lloyd said the projected completion date for the Bell complex was set for before June 1, 1976, and added John Meeker, president of the Webb Development Company, said "everything would be activated at the same time." The final meeting for the committee is scheduled for Friday March 14.

The "official" request for the Phase I library project came from Dorothy Jones, chairman of the Library Co-ordinating Committee which drew up points under the proposal for the board's consideration.

In addition to asking for the lounge in the Fairway Center for the new branch, which would be added upon completion of the Bell Center library, the committee indicated most of the furniture and equipment was already available from the Lakeview library and only one change was needed—the removal of a partition in the Fairway lounge.

The board agreed that, although "premature", approval now of the

library extension at Fairway would be a token of good faith to Phase I residents as the old library is being moved so far away from them.

"I think it would be a good thing for the people in Phase I and the community as a whole," suggested general manager Jay Titus. "It would be a practical, reasonable and feasible approach to the problem of division between the two phases."

"Cost, too, would be minimal," added Titus. Explaining the rec

centers already turns over approximately \$15 thousand a year in bingo receipts to the library, he thought there would be little increase in the budget.

"It would be the cheapest and most economical way to get a library in Phase I," he said.

Board members also approved Monday imposing membership restrictions on renters in Sun City. Bill Kent, vice president, said he could not find rental membership stipulations in the rec centers by-laws similar to those governing

homeowners.

To receive a recreation centers' activity card, one member in the home must be at least 51 years of age, and no person under 18 years will be entitled to join. The board agreed to apply the same rules to renters.

After investigation of state insurance laws on bank accounts for corporate and public entities, Allegra Saunders said she regarded any certificates of deposit the Rec Centers might have to be safe. She said recent legislation insured public accounts for up to \$100 thousand, and the only grey area she suspected Rec Centers would have difficulty with was determining whether they were considered a public or private corporation.

Mrs. Saunders also informed the board during her general planning report, she would like to form a committee to determine how the recreation centers fitted into the incorporation question.

Library Building Star Of New Bell Center

A large library building will highlight facilities in Sun city's sixth recreation complex. Groundbreaking for Bell Recreation Center is scheduled for 9 a.m. Thursday, December 12, at 99th Avenue and Boswell Boulevard.

Among those participating in the ceremony will be Del E. Webb Corporation President and Board Chairman, Robert H. Johnson, Recreation Centers board of

directors and executives of the Del E. Webb Development Co., who worked together on the planning and development of the new center.

Bell Recreation Center, contemporary Spanish in design, will be developed in a village setting with covered walkways and sitting areas.

The 10,250 square foot library building will feature reading areas and

shelving for 40 thousand volumes. Patterned with the retiree in mind, shelves will be only six feet high, offering greater accessibility.

In addition to the library, indoor and outdoor sports, as well as arts and crafts facilities will be featured.

An indoor sports center will include a 16-lane bowling alley with snack bar and coffee shop, space for 19 billiards and

pool tables, eight shuffle-board courts, table tennis, exercise room and therapy pool building.

Among the recreational activities on the landscaped grounds will be an olympic-size swimming pool, seven tennis courts, two grassed lawn bowling greens, a bocci court, and Sun City's fourth lighted 18-hole miniature golf course.

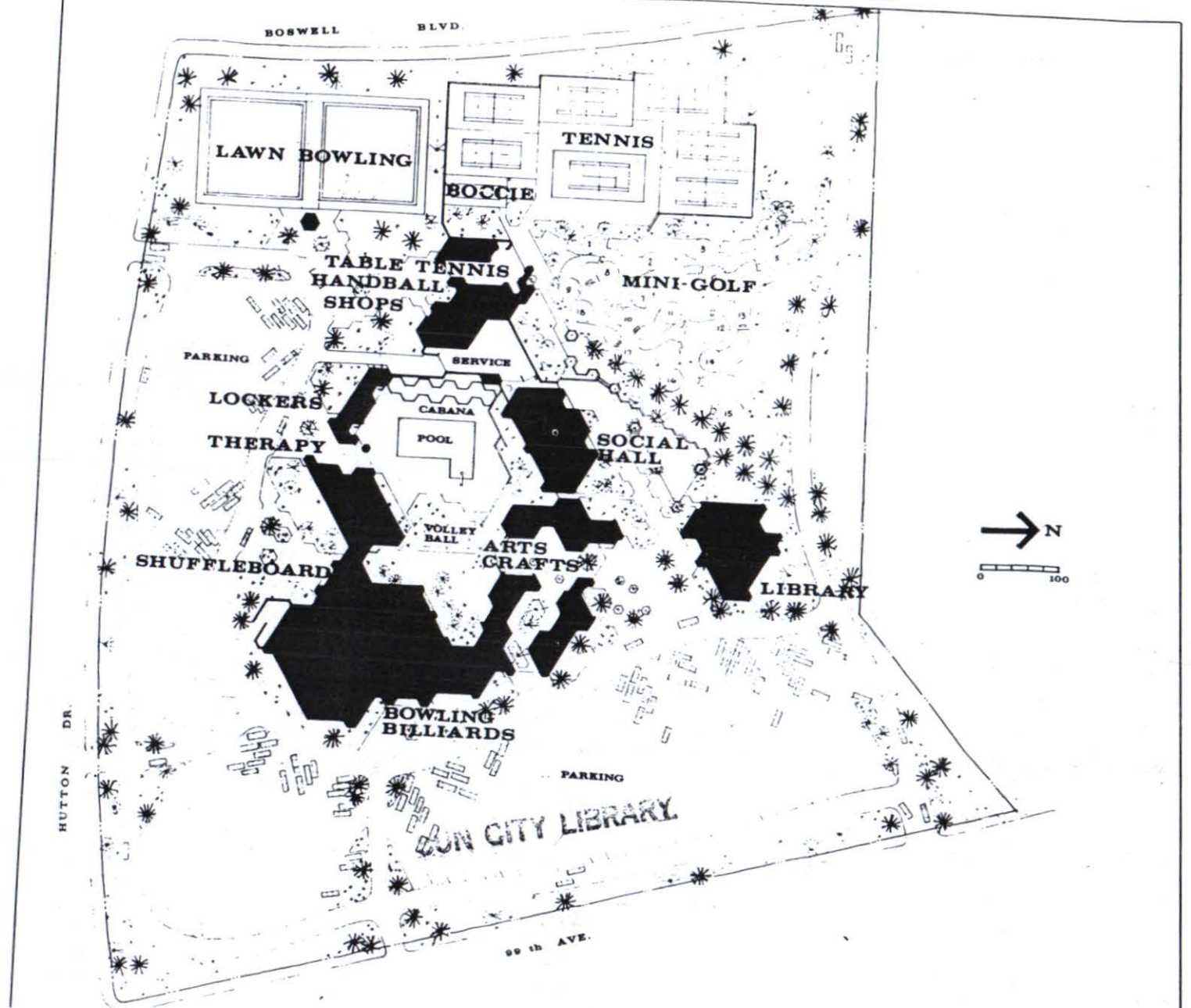
The community's first volleyball and handball

courts will also be part of the new complex.

Arts and Crafts studios will feature lapidary, silvercraft, art ceramics, sewing, weaving, metal and woodworking.

Plans also call for a 650-seat social hall that can be separated by dividers into two smaller areas for meetings or parties, complete with kitchen and food storage.

A Spring, 1976 completion is planned.



BELL CENTER Here is a bird's eye view of the new Bell Recreation Center at 99th Avenue and Boswell Boulevard. Thursday, December 12. A library with facilities for 40 thousand volumes is planned, in addition to sports, arts and Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for 9 a.m. crafts facilities.

Library president reports on year

Sun City Library, Inc., board of directors will meet Tuesday for an organizational session and election of officers.

Three new directors were elected to full three-year terms by members at the annual meeting in the library Wednesday and a fourth director was approved to fill an unexpired term.

Elected to full terms on the board were Mrs. Homer Byrd, 10821 Denham Dr.; Clinton Poertner, 10518 Prairie Hills Cir., and Jean Schureman, 10704 Cameo Dr.

Miss Margaret Knapp, 10850 Venturi Dr., was elected to complete a term that ends in 1975. She had been named to the board earlier to fill a vacancy through this year and has been in charge of memberships.

THEY WILL join K.K. Lilien, Gene Kenny, Robert Young, Ben Gould, and Richard Brown on the board.

Outgoing members are Ted McCarroll, Mrs. John Schaefer, and Richard Welch.

Kenny headed the nominating committee that selected candidates.

LILIEN, president, outlined the corporation's highlights of the past year:

—The first full-time salaried librarian, Mrs. Phyllis Wood, was hired during the year, and a new system of keeping membership records was instituted.

—The Del E. Webb Development Co. announced that a library will be constructed, furnished, and equipped in the recreation center to be built at Bell Road and 99th Avenue, and a research project was undertaken to suggest requirements for the library.

—**DONATIONS** of materials and labor were obtained to remodel existing furnishings and construct additional magazine racks and another registration desk. A rack for paperback books was purchased.

—The library office was rearranged, and office equipment was purchased and installed. The office was organized into operation by volunteers.

—A plan has been proposed whereby Recreation Centers of Sun City would assume operating costs of the library, but not book purchases. The plan is under consideration by the recreation centers board.

—**LIFE** memberships were awarded and plaques installed in the library in recognition of services given by past volunteer librarians Mrs. Ruth Mildner and Miss Dorothy Weber.

—A release of \$1,000 plus \$71.75 interest was obtained from the Sun City Community Fund, where it had been held in trust, and \$3,902 was received in donations from local clubs and organizations.

—Arrangements were made to lease 300 recent issue books.

—**THE CORPORATION'S** insurance program was reviewed and updated.

—New all-time highs were established for total funds received, \$22,825, an increase of 21 per cent over 1972; membership of 2,246 as of Sept. 30; 3,002 book purchases and gifts; a book collection of 10,361, an increase of 2,634 or 34.1 per cent.

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Fairway to house branch library

SUN CITY LIBRARY

Use of the Fairway Center lounge for a branch library upon completion of the main facility at the Bell Recreation Center, was officially approved Monday by Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc.

Although some board members wanted to delay the approval—one said a lot could happen before the Bell Center is completed, while another pointed out the switch would eliminate some meeting space in Fairway—they decided to go ahead and approve the facility now.

THE BOARD also issued fishing and boating regulations for Viewpoint Lake which were only slightly revised versions of past laws.

Fishermen must check in and out

with the monitor at the mini golf building and receive a catch authorization slip. However, because Viewpoint is a private lake, no state fishing license is required.

Only one pole can be used with no more than two hooks on a line. The daily limit is five fish and cleaning them on the lakeshore is prohibited.

FOR BOATERS, the limit is 14 feet in length and six horsepower, gas or electric. Sharp pointed anchors are prohibited and operators were advised to stay 75 feet away from fishermen.

Titus reported that the dues delinquency rate "is a little higher than I would like to see." He attributed the somewhat higher rate to

the recent dues increase, and said a close watch would be kept on delinquents in the next month.

Usage of the pools at Sundial Center is "remarkable," Titus added. In February the main pool was used by 12,376 persons, up from 8,261 the previous February.

BOARD members Mrs. Allegra Saunders and Phillip Bear, who were investigating the relative security of Rec Centers' investment funds, reported corporate investments are insured to \$100,000.

While each said a "gray area" was involved because that figure was for public corporations, they said they were satisfied Rec Center investments were secure.

Sun City Library given 2,000-book collection

By THELMA HEATWOLE

SUN CITY — The Sun City Library fell heir last week to a 2,000 volume personal book collection amassed over a 50-year period.

Donor George Thompson said the books, largely collected by his late wife, had been hauled to their several homes before moving here.

The collection contains contemporary novels and old volumes ranging from "Men of Vermont" published in 1894 to a three-volume history of New York City, published in 1897, and a "Gift Book of (poetry) Gems," copyrighted in 1856.

Miss Dorothy Weber, head librarian, considered original copies of "Elbert Hubbard's Scrap Book" and "The Notebook of Elbert Hubbard" prized volumes. Those and other such first editions discovered as the 33 boxes were unpacked will probably not be added to the library.

"They are collectibles," she explained. "I will try to sell them to a dealer in rare books and buy current books with the money received."

Some books will probably be given to the Visiting Nurse Service, which sells books to help raise operating funds. Others will be catalogued and classified, a chore that will take much time by the volunteer staff at the library, 10626 W. Thunderbird Road.

Thompson, a former executive with Buzza Cardoza greeting cards, said that "to do something for the wonderful folks who live here would be a memorial to my late wife."

"She was always collecting books," he said. "She loved them."

Miss Weber, after inspecting a few of the volume-stuffed boxes, said that the collector's taste in books ran "far and wide."

The first box she inspected contained a copy of Noel Coward's plays. By coincidence, that very day a patron asked if the library contained the book.

Miss Weber promptly catalogued the copy and checked it out — to the delight of the library fan.

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Sun Citians Dorothy Weber and George Thompson browse through old-book collection at library.

Fund drive under way

REPUBLIC Sun City Library is one-of-a-kind

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BY THELMA HEATWOLE

SUN CITY — Statements that the Sun City Library is an amazing, one - of - a - kind operation seem well-founded.

For instance, the library has no visible means of support. It is not tax supported nor is it funded by a foundation.

While recommended standards call for three books per person in a community library, Sun City's has three persons per book.

Yet the library, with 6,500 books (1,900 on loan from the county) is the eighth largest public library in the state.

"Can you imagine that circulation is now running about 130,000 books a year with the 6,500 books?" asked Kasimir Lilien, a member of the library board of directors.

"This is a unique and amazing library," continued Lilien, who provided the statistics. "We now have 48 women, many of them trained librarians, who donate a half day a week service to the library. All help is volunteer except for a part-time typist."

The library was started in 1962 by a group of retired librarians. The county provided 2,500 books and the Del E. Webb Co., community developers, made a room available for the library in the Town Hall Center. Mrs. Ruth Milner became the first librarian and in six months the circulation was 2,000. By the end of

the first year, circulation had climbed to 14,428.

Friends of the Library, a group organized to give support and encouragement, formed a study committee in 1970. That study led to incorporation of the library.

By March 1 this year, the organization had 981 dues-paying members. Dues and contributions to date have totaled \$13,860, of which \$3,550 is earmarked for a building fund. Eight hundred new books and equipment have been purchased.

Last October, the library moved into expanded quarters in the Lakeview Center, 10626 W. Thunderbird Road. Presently, 5,867 Sun Citans have library cards.

Friends of the Library, in its first total community appeal, are mailing out 14,000 solicitations to Sun Citians to become members of the Sun City Library, Inc. Individual, patron, sustaining, sponsoring and life memberships are sought. Individual annual membership dues are \$5.

"We hope that eventually this will result in sufficient membership to produce \$25,000 a year," said Lilien. "This would enable us to have a paid librarian and secretary and to purchase more books. We can't continue to get volunteer service forever. We are living on borrowed time."

"Dorothy Weber, former assistant librarian for the city of Chicago and our head librarian now, retired to Sun

City and she doesn't want to work full time as she is practically doing now," he added.

Lilien said the Webb Co. is sympathetic and interested in the library and added, "there are good plans for the future."

Beginning tomorrow and continuing throughout Arizona Library week, the Sun City Library will hold open house.

Ted McCarrell, library board president, said that many people in retirement find that for the first time in many years they have time and the inclination to pursue cultural interests.

"They are unwilling," he said, "to let their mental capacities atrophy just because they are relieved of family and business. The library is helping to fulfill this need. Indeed, it is our hope to make the library the intellectual center of the community."

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Kasimir Lilien and reference librarian Mrs. Margaritte Hensley confer in Sun City's library, eighth largest in circulation in the state.



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Sun City's Library Head Mentor
Ruth Mildner Knows Retirement Reading Trends

Mysteries Their Forte

by Thelma Heatwole
Sun Citians Like Whodunits for Reading

SUN CITY—Mystery stories provide the favorite reading of the retired citizens who populate this community and avail themselves of the volumes offered at the Sun City library.

Westerns, books on Arizona, travel and hobbies are next in order, according to the head librarian, Mrs. Ruth Mildner. The retirees do little reference work, indicating they read mainly for pleasure and recreation.

"THE PEOPLE reading the most are those who have always read," said Mrs. Mildner, former city librarian in Wayne, Neb. "Generally, they do not take up reading as a new thing in retirement.

"And, patrons have little interest in the good old books. If they have not read Hawthorne's 'Scarlet Letter' or other similar books in the past, they are not apt to now."

Best sellers are in demand and the library maintains a rental shelf to stock the current books. Fees buy three top sellers a month.

Patrons at the library, open from 10 a.m. to noon on weekdays and 6 to 8 p.m. Fridays, checked out 10,000 books last year from the 3,500-book stock. Ninety per cent of the books were provided by the Maricopa County library and the other 10 per cent by the library here.

A COUNTY bookmobile, stationed two days a month at the Grand Avenue shopping center, supplements the library located in quiet quarters at the Town Hall Center.

"In still another factor in retirement reading," Mrs. Mildner pointed out, "eye-sight keeps many from reading as much

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More About

Library

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No books are restricted in the library on the premise that patrons are old enough to know what they are reading. A special supply of books, however, is kept for children visiting their grandparents.

MRS. MILDNER and three other retired professional librarians donate their service. Fifteen other Sun Citians have been trained to check out books.

"Friends of the Library," an auxiliary group, sponsors benefit bridge marathons to aid the library. Big event in the near future is the library's relocation to new quarters to be constructed at the Town Hall Center, 107th and Peoria Avenues.

FRIENDS OF THE SUN CITY LIBRARY
REPORT
DESIGN FOR GROWTH
of the
SUN CITY LIBRARY
1970-1980

INTRODUCTION

At a special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Sun City Library, held in February, a committee was appointed to study the library facilities in Sun City to determine: "Where are we? Where do we want to go? How do we get there?" Sub-committees studied various phases of these questions and after consideration by the whole committee, the results are herein reported.

Mrs. Ruth Mildner, chairman of the Library Operating Board, a founder and protagonist of the Sun City Library, met with the committee and gave valuable assistance on the history of the library, in evaluating the demands on the library of an expanding population, and the costs involved. Miss Dorothy Weber, present librarian and a member of the committee, gave much valuable technical assistance.

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES AVAILABLE

Sun City is a pioneer in the development of resort retirement communities. Its story is told tersely in the following excerpts from a recent Del E. Webb Development Co. advertisement:

"Sun City has become the nation's biggest success story in resort-retirement living. Why? Because it offers a new way of living that Sun Citizens wanted. Here in this arid desert climate they discovered the fun of enjoying outdoor activities all year long in a community designed specifically for them. They enjoy living in a beautiful city where nearly all their needs are nearby .. store, business offices, professional services, churches and recreation.

"For a new outlook on living look at resort-retirement living in Sun City! Sun Citizens enjoy an amazing variety of resort facilities .. four huge, heated swimming pools, lawn bowling, billiards, shuffleboard, tennis, miniature golf .. and a wide variety of arts and crafts."

The above conveys the wide range of recreational facilities available to Sun City residents. The provisions for all types of recreation and crafts are outstanding.

It is quite right to stress the equipment and opportunities available for physical exercise in this "resort-retirement living," but as Dr. Ethel Andrus, founder of the American Association for Retired People, said, "We're old only if we don't learn and grow." Therefore, in this study, consideration was given to the group of people served, to the cultural and educational level of the community, average education, cultural interests, etc., and then a question naturally arose -- should not a cultural and intellectual center be provided for the people of Sun City? for instance, a good library?

A LIBRARY DEFINED

A library cannot be defined simply as a building to house a collection of books, although that may be considered by some as its prime purpose. A library is an organization of people dedicated to:

1. The enrichment of personal lives;
2. The encouragement of continuing self-education;
3. The identification of community needs and their fulfillment;
4. The assembly, preservation and administration of a collection of books, periodicals and related materials;
5. Serving the community as a center of reliable information;
6. Providing its services free to every resident in the community;
7. Providing a quiet atmosphere for reading and rest;
8. Providing access to other libraries for books not available on its own shelves.

HISTORY OF SUN CITY LIBRARY

On June 2, 1960, the Maricopa County Library inaugurated a Bookmobile Service to the then small but growing Sun City. This weekly service was so well patronized that the library sought a means of opening a book depository here. The library was fortunate in finding Mrs. Ruth Mildner residing in Sun City. Mrs. Mildner had been a librarian of wide experience in the administration of large municipal libraries before her retirement. She proposed the organization of The Friends of the Sun City Library, to foster a library and to operate it. The Del E. Webb Company provided a room, shelving and furniture, and on February 5, 1962, the library was opened with an initial loan of 2,500 books from the Maricopa County Library.

The Friends of the Library soon recognized that a special knowledge was required to operate a library, and it turned over its responsibilities to a newly organized group of five retired librarians who formed the Sun City Library Operating Board, on February 9, 1963. This group of volunteers still is responsible for the library and for training and directing the work of the volunteer library aides, now thirty-five in number, all members of The Friends of the Library. The Friends of the Library continues to sponsor the library and is the library's sole significant financial support.

From that small beginning, the library today has over 4,100 subscribers and an annual circulation of more than 100,000 books. Due to lack of space, no more than 4,000 books can be shelved. This is only 1,500 more books than originally provided for less than 400 subscribers, or 10% of the present patronage.

The Library Operating Board feels it has served its purpose and suggests that now the time has come to elect a Board of Trustees of the Sun City Library which would be responsible for the entire corporate operation of the library: finances, operations, and legal affairs. In this report, much consideration has been given to this suggestion.

CURRENT OPERATION

The library now serves a Sun City population of over 14,000 people, 4,100 of whom are registered patrons of the library. It has an annual circulation of well over 100,000 books. The number of books which are shelved in the library in no way meets the standards of the American Library Association, nor the recommendations of the State of Arizona, which are 2 to 3 volumes per resident, or a total of 28,000 to 42,000 books. These include all classifications of reading matter, books for reference as well as for circulation.

The following tabulation shows a few statistics of the libraries of neighboring communities who have built or, in the case of Litchfield, intend to build, new buildings.

	<u>Population</u>	<u>Volumes Shelved</u>	<u>Bldg. Area - Sq.Ft.</u>
Lake Havasu City	5,000	6,000	5,126
Wickenburg	2,500	13,500	4,500
Litchfield	1,600	4,000	--
Tolleson	4,000	11,000	4,000
Sun City	14,000	4,000	820

Glendale, with a population of 30,000 people, has a book collection of 23,000 volumes and has been given "matching funds" to build an addition of 14,000 square feet. This addition, together with its present space, will house 80,000 volumes and related functions. It is expected this will provide service for the 40,000 population expected by 1980.

It is quite evident that the number of books provided for Sun City does not meet the standards of the American Library Association, nor of the State of Arizona. In fact, compared to the smaller neighboring communities, the Sun City Library appears to be no more than a book depository in the desert, a bookmobile without wheels.

FUNDING OF IMPROVEMENTS

Obviously, funds will be needed for any expansion of the library. Several sources of funds are available to the library, some of which are noted below.

Friends of the Sun City Library. The Friends of the Library have been most generous in contributing time and money to the library. Since the start of the library, they have been its main financial as well as moral support. At present, 35 of their members are voluntarily working in the library, and through this help, the library is able to keep open six hours a day, six days a week. The Friends of the Library has a membership of over 600 and will continue to be sponsors of the library.

Sun City Community Association. The following is quoted from the Articles of Incorporation of the Sun City Community Association:

"Article III. The general nature of business in which the corporation is engaged is as follows:

"To do anything and everything lawfully necessary in the interest of the members of the corporation, including, without limitation, the following:

- "1) To establish and conduct a general social cultural, recreational and amusement enterprise for the benefit of its members and do anything and everything lawfully necessary or convenient to accomplish such purpose including, but not by way of limitation, to purchase, acquire, develop, sell, lease, own, operate and manage theaters, play houses, agricultural projects, riding stables and corrals, libraries, etc."

The library can expect annual budgeted contributions from the Association.

Public-spirited Clubs, Organizations, Individuals. Those cognizant of the needs of the library have contributed generously in the past. More contributions may be expected from this source.

Gifts and Bequests. The library has had some help from this source.

Del E. Webb Development Co. Gave space in the Town Hall Center Complex to the library when it was first started. This space is still being used. The Webb Company has always been generous in contributing to the welfare of the citizens of Sun City and most likely will help the library when its needs are made known to it.

Federal, State and County. There are funds available for aid to libraries from the federal, state and county governments.

Improvement District. If, by popular petition of a majority of the citizens of Sun City, a request is made to the State Legislature, an improvement district can be created to build and operate a library. Taxes then can be levied to support it. State law now limits such taxes to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mills per dollar of assessed valuation.

The City of Sun City. Without entering into the merits of an incorporated city government for Sun City, when and if legislation is passed and the community becomes a city, taxes can be levied to cover monies budgeted for the operation of a library and bonds can be issued, if necessary, to cover building the library.

Large Gifts, Endowment Funds. Libraries frequently are recipients of large gifts or bequests from donors who wish to perpetuate the memory of an individual or of a family. Public-spirited citizens of wealth also find great satisfaction in contributing to an institution which gives so much intellectual satisfaction to so many. The library will foster such gifts.

CONCLUSIONS

The following conclusions have been drawn from these studies:

1. The population of Sun City has greatly outpaced the growth of the Sun City Library.
2. The number of books shelved is far from adequate.
3. The lack of a reference section is a handicap to investors, writers, researchers and hobbyists living in Sun City.
4. No space is available in the present quarters for browsing, resting, reading.
5. No space is available for cultural meetings.
6. The corporate structure of the library is too informal for a library with such a large circulation as of now and which is growing at a rate of over 30% annually.
7. The members of The Friends of the Library have given generously of their time in acting as volunteers in staffing the library. They have indicated that they will continue to donate this service, but it now is evident that a full-time, paid, professional librarian and aides will be required to train, guide and advise this staff as well as carry out the technical duties of the staff of a larger library.
8. Assignment of larger quarters is necessary to carry out the functions of a library capable of competently serving the people of Sun City.
9. Plans should be developed for a new library building of sufficient size to meet the requirements of the Sun City community.
10. Sources of funding seem to be available.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are being submitted for further consideration:

1. The election at this time by the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Sun City Library of a Board of Trustees of the Sun City Library. This board will relieve the present Library Operating Board of all its responsibilities and assume entire control of the library.
2. The new board will proceed to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the library and obtain recognition from Internal Revenue Service and from the State Tax Commission, the State of Arizona, of its status as a non-profit organization so that it may be eligible to receive tax-free gifts and bequests.
3. The new board will draw up a program for improving the services of the library with the ultimate goal of having a new building erected to house the many functions of a library capable of giving the people of Sun City the library services they deserve, as well as a library in which the people can take justifiable pride.

4. It is recommended that this program be set up in three phases:

a) Phase One: IMMEDIATE EXPANSION

Obtain the services of a professional director who would head up the present volunteer staff.
Move into larger quarters of at least 2,500 square feet.
During this phase, the focus would be on the development and maintenance of the good will of the community through the chartered organizations, service clubs, churches, business associations, etc., and an expansion of the book collection to about 10,000 volumes by the end of 1972. This would include a modest reference section. During this time subscriptions would be placed for approximately 50 magazines and periodicals.

b) Phase Two: DEVELOPMENT OF BOOK COLLECTION

Financing should be assured by January 1973 and detailed planning for the construction of a library building should start. The population then will have increased to 20,000 with corresponding demands on the library.
The expansion of the book collection will continue with a goal of 20,000 volumes by January 1975. Periodicals will be increased to 150 subscriptions. A complete cataloging of the books by author, title and subject will be made during this phase.

c) Phase Three: OCCUPANCY OF THE NEW LIBRARY

Occupancy of the new library building is the start of an expansion of the library to full service to the community. The library will have been designed to house 50,000 books and other intellectual sources necessary to round out the lives of the community. Part of these will be recordings, large-type books, microfilm of newspapers, magazines, etc., and prints of notable paintings, all of which will be available for loan.

After 1980 the growth of Sun City and the demands on the library will be such as to require development into a Main Library and Branch System. Study of this phase is beyond the scope of this report.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Mildred Britton

Harold E. Deady

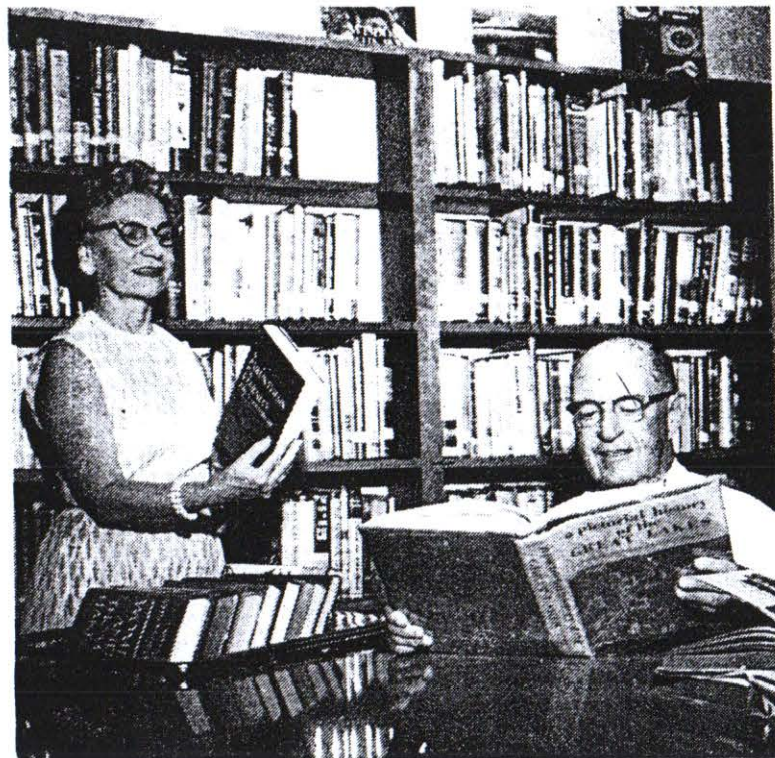
— K. Eugene Kenny

Mrs. Russell E. Lewis

Mrs. Oscar W. Schmidt

Miss Dorothy Weber

— Ted McCarrel, Chairman



Gertrude Summer and Traynor Bernard look through books in the Sun City Library, vintage 1964, before present spacious quarters were built on Bell Center property.

First library fit SC like tight shoe

By KAREN S. LEONARD
Staff Writer

It all started Feb. 5, 1962, as a shoe-box operation in a 820-square-foot room known as Town Hall Center.

Before that, the Maricopa County Library had been providing a weekly Bookmobile service to Sun City.

Then the Del E. Webb Devel-

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*First library

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opment Co. (Devco) provided the room, now part of Fairway Center, for the newly organized The Friends of the Sun City Library.

THAT organization was developed under the guidance of long-time librarian Ruth Mildner.

She said working in the small room "was like trying to serve the public out of a clothes closet."

The library opened three days a week with 2,500 books loaned from the county library.

What Mrs. Mildner said she thought would be a few months of volunteer work turned into nine years.

"I'VE NEVER worked so hard in my whole life for nothing," she commented.

In 1963 the Sun City Library Operating Board, made up of five retired librarians, took over the operation.

Mrs. Mildner said she went into the community asking for people to serve on the board because they would be able to accept donations for the library, something she couldn't do in her name.

Another 1,500 books were acquired from contributors and through the Friends of the Library.

HOWEVER, NO more than 4,000 books could be shelved in the limited space, so the library moved in October 1971 to Lakeview Center where a 2,500-square-foot-room was available.

Dorothy Weber, who had worked with the Chicago Public Library, acted as librarian assisted by volunteers until December 1973.

Along with the move a necessity for increased funding and management became apparent to the volunteer-directed service, so the Sun City Library Inc. was established Jan. 7, 1971.

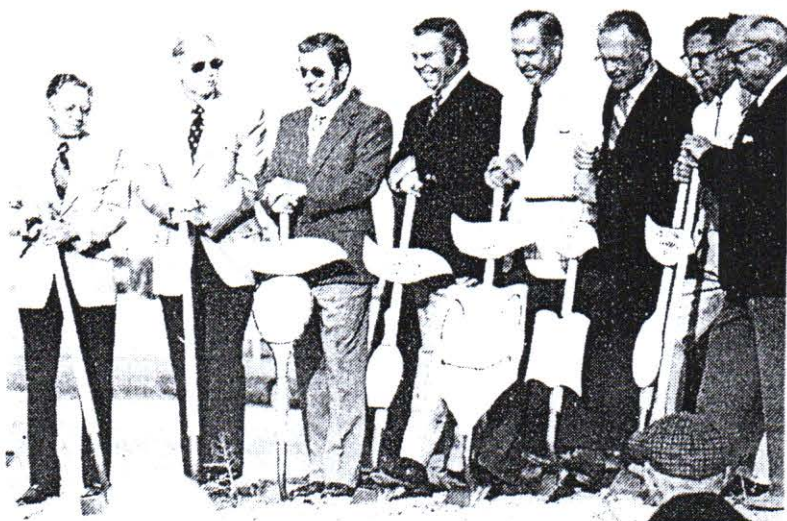
As part of the corporation, a nine-member board of directors was established.

UNDER STATE law, the library was formed as a tax-exempt, non-profit organization and funds were obtained from memberships in the corporation, fees, gifts and individual and club donations.

Former volunteer librarians Mrs. Mildner and Dorothy Weber retired and the first paid librarian, Phyllis Wood, took over with the help of one part-time assistant librarian and two part-time secretaries.

As Sun City and its population grew so did its demand for

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Del E. Webb Co. and Sun City Recreation Centers Inc. board members broke ground for Bell Center—and a separate library building—May 12, 1975. John Meeker, third from left, then was president of Devco.

***First library**

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even a larger facility.

Thus, Devco and the Recreation Centers of Sun City agreed to include a building for a library in their construction of the recreation center at 99th Avenue and Bell Road.

IN OCTOBER 1974, a branch library opened at Fairway Center with Lucretia Spurlock, previously a volunteer at Lakeview, as librarian.

The ground-breaking cere-

mony at Bell Center took place May 12, 1975, and the Bell Library was opened April 10, 1976.

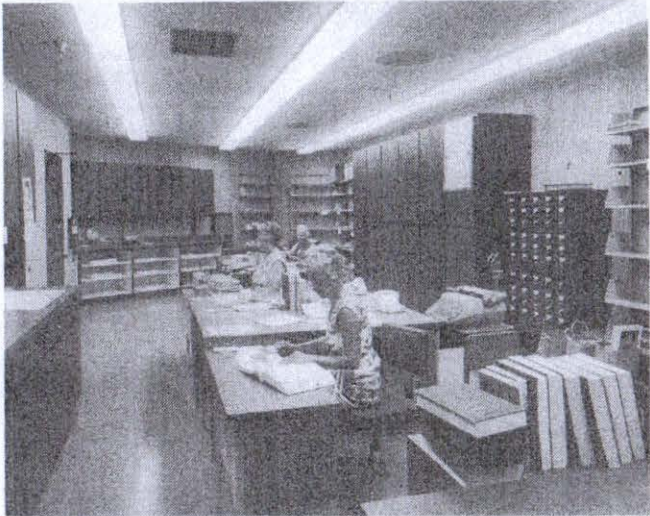
It houses 52,000 cataloged items including cassette tapes, magazines and books and has 11 paid part-time staff members assisted by 285 volunteers.

The library is 10,250 square feet with a possible 5,400-foot expansion, making it four times larger than the previous library in Lakeview.



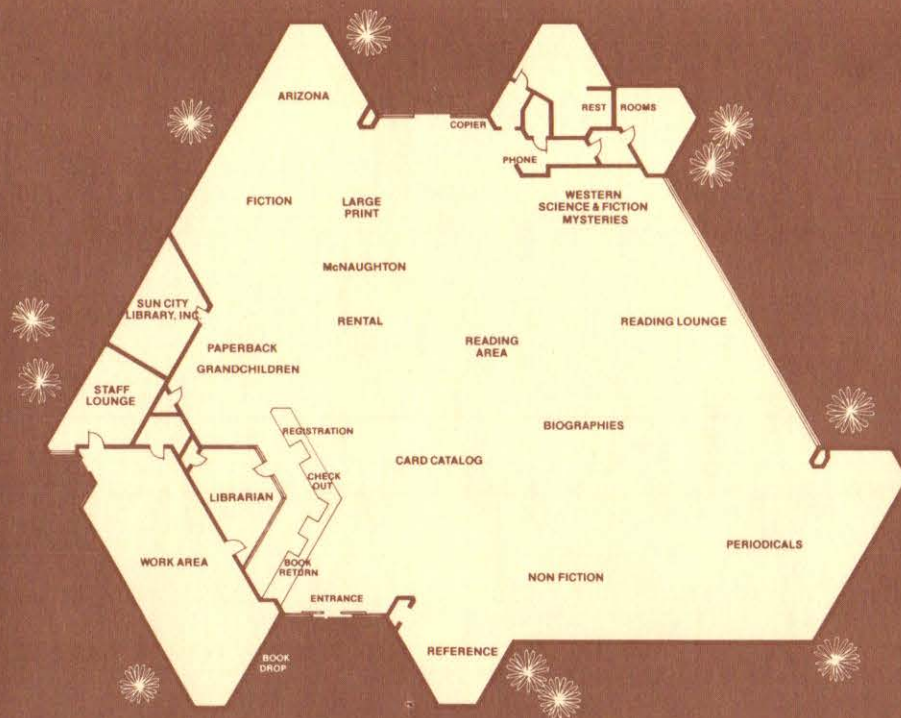
SUN CITY LIBRARY OPENS

Gertrude Thayer, Maricopa County librarian, points out some of nearly 1,400 books county library donated to new Sun City Library, to (from left) Mrs. James N. Birch, county branch librarian; Mrs. Dorothy Weiler, Arizona State Library extension service; Supervisor Barney Burns, and Tom Austin, Del E. Webb Corp. activities director. Sun City Friends of the Library will supervise library in Arts and Crafts Building space donated by Webb firm along with furnishings.

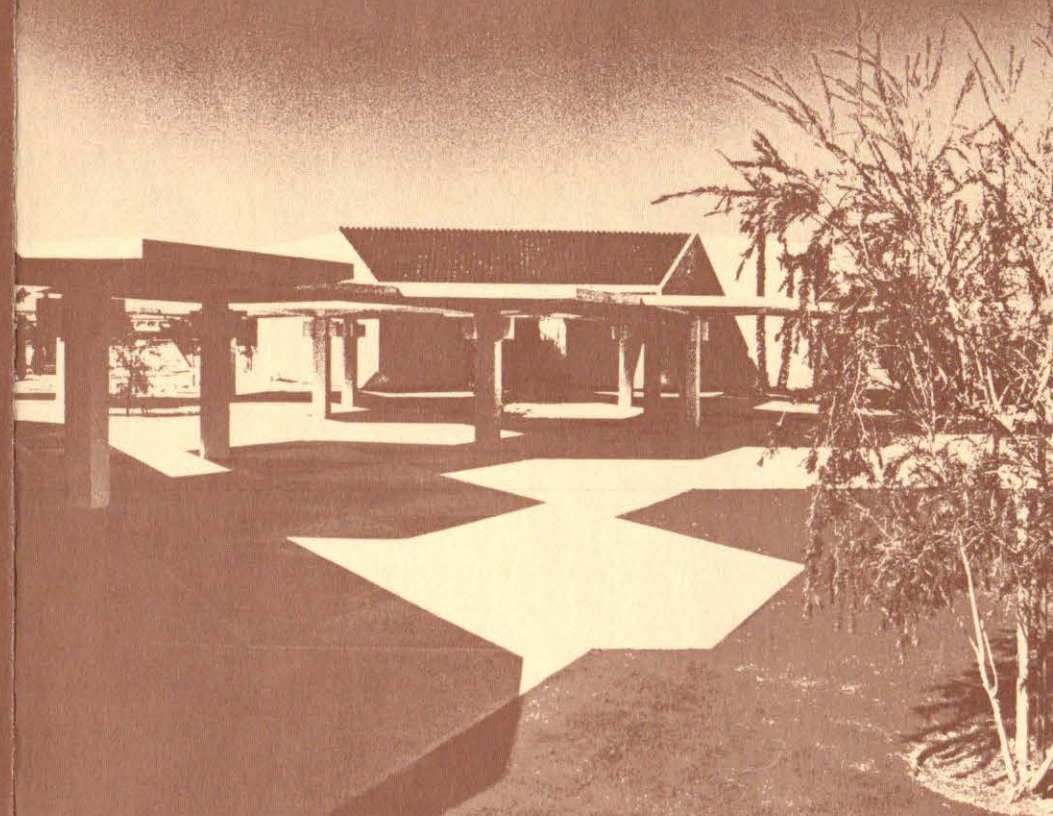


Sun City Library

Photos by Cel Parrotta



SUN CITY LIBRARY



MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES

MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES	DONATION
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 5 PER YEAR
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 15 PER YEAR
PATRON MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 25 PER YEAR
DONOR MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 50 PER YEAR
SUSTAINING MEMBERSHIP.....	\$ 10 PER YEAR
SPONSOR MEMBERSHIP.....	\$250 PER YEAR
LIFE MEMBER.....	\$ 1,000



16828-99th AVE.
SUN CITY, ARIZONA
85351

(Please make check payable to Sun City Library, Inc.)

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ Tel. _____

BELL RECREATION CENTER
16828-99TH AVENUE
SUN CITY, ARIZONA 85351

GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION: *Main Library:* Bell Recreation Center
99th Ave. & Bell Road

Branch: Fairway Recreation Center
107th Ave. & Peoria Ave.

TELEPHONE: Main Library: 974-2569

HOURS: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Mon:Sat. (*Winter*)

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Mon:Sat. (*Summer*)

BORROWING PROCEDURES:

- **BOOKS, RECORDS and CASSETTES** may be checked out for two weeks.
- **PERIODICALS** may be checked out for one week.
- **RENTAL BOOKS** may be checked out for a daily fee.
- **INTER-LIBRARY LOAN and RESERVED BOOKS** may be reserved upon payment of a small fee. The borrower will be notified when it is available.
- **PAPERBACK BOOKS** are loaned on an exchange basis operated on the honor system. You may borrow several and return the same number or more.
- **OVERDUE ITEMS:** A daily fee is charged.

BORROWERS: Any property owner or renter in Sun City may register to use the library with his Recreation Centers card. Guests of residents may borrow books by using host residents' recreation cards. A non-resident pays a \$10 annual fee.

COPY MACHINE: Make your own copy at 10¢ per sheet.

BOOKMOBILE: A Maricopa County Bookmobile is in Sun City every Friday.

GIFT OF BOOKS: Books, paperbacks and magazines are welcome gifts to your library. Please bring them to the librarian for processing before shelving.

MEMBERSHIPS: Your library depends on your membership fee and gifts to finance its operation. Gifts and bequests to Sun City Library, Inc. are tax deductible.

DO YOU KNOW?

YOUR LIBRARY has over 20,000 books: current fiction, biographies, history, travel, hobbies, sports, arts and crafts, and reference books. For readers with impaired vision it has books and Reader's Digests in large print as well as talking books.

YOUR LIBRARY receives new books weekly. More than \$25,000 is spent, each year, on new books and periodicals.

YOUR LIBRARY was founded by volunteers in 1961 under the direction of Ruth Mildner, a retired librarian, who contributed her services free. And, although we now have a professional librarian and a small staff on the payroll, we could not operate without the more than 10,000 hours of unpaid service contributed by more than 100 wonderful, dedicated volunteers.

YOUR LIBRARY was built by the Del E. Webb Development Co. for Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc. as a part of Bell Recreation Center. It has 10,250 sq. ft. (over 4 times the space of the Lakeview Center Library). It has shelving for 40,000 books; seating for 110 readers and expansion capabilities of 50%.

A Branch Library will be located in Fairway Recreation Center in space allocated by Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc., and it will be operated by Sun City Library, Inc. It will be 1½ times larger than the original library.

YOUR LIBRARY is NOT tax supported and does NOT receive any government funding.

- Although the Library is NOT operated by Recreation Centers of Sun City, Inc. they do provide building space, maintenance, utilities and some financial support.
- The Library IS operated by Sun City Library, Inc. This is an Arizona non-profit corporation that depends primarily upon voluntary paid memberships for its operating budget and books. These funds are augmented by gifts, memorials, bequests and donations from individuals, clubs and organizations.
- Gifts are tax deductible.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS — VALUED PARTNERS

The Heart of community involvement starts with volunteers. And the Sun City libraries are indeed fortunate to have an efficient, well-organized volunteer program.

Over 250 regular volunteers check books in and out, keep shelves in order, staff book sale tables, repair books, sort and file, and serve at the information and reference desks.

Annually, the volunteers contribute over 25,000 diligent, dedicated hours in actually operating the libraries. They are, indeed, valued partners.

Other volunteers are members of the Library Board of Directors, who are committed to work not only for the sound management of the library; but also to respond to the needs and interests of our residents.



If you have an interest in the world of books, words, and ideas, and if you enjoy working with people, consider becoming a volunteer. Stop in the library and inquire - or telephone - but get involved.

YOUR LIBRARY

YA

Magazines

LARGE PRINT BOOKS

**reference
service**

CASSETTES

maps

NEWSPAPERS

**Talking
Books**

programs

BOOKS

**Investment
& Business
Services**

The

Sun City

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BELL RECREATION CENTER
16828 99th Avenue
Sun City, Arizona 85351
Phone: 933-9619

LOCATIONS

Bell Recreation Center
16828 99th Avenue

Fairway Recreation Center
10620 Peoria Avenue

TELEPHONES

Bell Library974-2569
Fairway Library933-7433
Board of Director 933-9619

HOURS

10:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.
Bell Closed Sunday & Monday
Fairway Closed Saturday & Sunday

COPY MACHINE

Make your own copies at a nominal charge.

BOOK SALES

Each Library has an on-going book sale table of Library discards and donated books. Monies collected are used to buy new books, periodicals, cassettes, equipment, etc.

BORROWERS

Your Recreation Card is your LIBRARY CARD. You become a library patron when you have your Rec. card "punched" at the circulation desk.



PROCEDURES

BOOKS, CASSETTES, PERIODICALS may be checked out for two weeks.

BOOK "RESERVES" may be enacted for a small fee.

INTER-LIBRARY LOAN books are available upon payment of a small fee.

PAPERBACK BOOKS are loaned on an exchange basis operated on the honor system. Borrow several and return the same number or more. Same with puzzles.

RENTAL BOOKS are available for a nominal weekly fee.

DOLLARS SENSE

FREE LIBRARY? There's really no such thing.

Every library receives financial support from one source or another. Our library is NOT tax supported.

The Sun City Library, an Arizona non-profit corporation, depends on voluntary contributions for the major portion of its operating budget. The buildings, maintenance and utilities are provided by the Recreation Centers Board of Sun City.

We urge each PATRON to become a library SPONSOR-with a minimum \$15.00 per year contribution.

Hopefully, circumstances and love for books, the library and its value to you will encourage you to support the library generously.

In addition; memorials, special gifts, tributes, and bequests from individuals, clubs and organizations are needed to keep our library a distinctive asset in our community.

Contributions are tax deductible. If the company from which you retired gives matching grants to tax exempt organizations, such as libraries, please notify them of your contribution and they will match it.

S. C. Library: A Design for Giving:

\$15 \$25 \$50 \$75 \$100 \$250 or more

CONGRATULATIONS!

You are a card carrying "L" Member:
(we mean the Library Card)

Use your Library often - support it generously

The Sun City Library Incorporated

Bell Recreation Center

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~~Tuesday~~ **thru Saturday**

10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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