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**Browsers Corner Book Store**  
711 E. Washington St.  
Carson City, NV 89701  
(775) 884-4043

Present Bookstore Hours:

**TUESDAY - SATURDAY**  
9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Holiday closures:**  
**Dec. 24-26 &**  
**Dec. 31-Jan. 1.**

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Carson City Library

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*JOSEPH MODARELLI, VICE PRESIDENT & INTERIM PRESIDENT*

What a year we've had! Normal life was interrupted by the coronavirus, which turned life upside-down. We rolled with the punch, but it changed all aspects of how we operate. The Friends were no exception. The greatest impact was on Browsers Corner Book Store, our major fundraising instrument. During the year, our President Patti Cooper-Smith resigned and I, your Vice President, became Acting President. I have to say that it's been quite a challenge. You'll see a new president in January after the elections and I'll go back to number two.

The FOCCL mission is to help fund the Library's non-capital projects. With Browsers closed, we were having to use funds we'd normally give to the Library instead for our store overhead. This wasn't acceptable. We got the store open in May but only for limited hours. This didn't rectify our cash flow. In reviewing what we could do to maintain our mission, the executive board reviewed the options. This was

difficult because the store operated with a very thin overhead; we don't have much room to trim our expenses. A group of volunteers proposed we go back to an all-volunteer store staff. This would eliminate the paid manager position which would save us enough to get the store back running in the black. The executive board discussed this at length and analyzed the financial impact, expressed concern on all volunteer staffing, and saw this was the only path available to them at the time. The executive board would take on store oversight. We wish to thank Diana Hernandez for her work managing the store and were concerned we had to eliminate her position. Our first responsibility was to FOCCL and its mission.

Browsers has been open for over a month and is showing a reasonable income — covering our overhead — and we're now putting money back into the Library fund.



Library leadership join the Friends for the bookstore's grand reopening in October.

# OFF THE SHELF

By Patti Ferguson

All volunteers are busily getting the store ready for Christmas. In Room 5, you'll find a large selection of holiday items like cookbooks, books on decorating and crafts, fiction movies, and music. These are all priced at \$.25 each. Come see what treasures you can find!

We've been fortunate to be able to rent a storage container lovingly called "Pod" for an extended period of time. The pod is used to store all the donations in quarantine for four days before bringing them into the store for cleaning and shelving. It's important you know no donations can be allowed into the store due to COVID-19. This is being done for the safety of our volunteers and customers. When you come with donations, please leave your donation outside, come in and let us know you've brought books — and we'll show you where they go. Small donations can continue to go into the "beast" dropbox. Large donations over three boxes or bags can be brought in by appointment. We want to make sure we have adequate space for all donations, so no one has to be turned away. Please, if you have large donations call the store, ask for me, or leave a message and I'll call you back. We can set up a time convenient for you to bring in your items.

The store has been doing well since our grand reopening. A big thank you to all the former volunteers who have returned to support the store, and have worked long hours cleaning and organizing. A special thanks to the community for your continued support of the bookstore. We look forward to seeing you soon. Happy holidays from all of us at Browsers. Take care and be safe. (Note, we'll be closed Dec. 24-26 and Dec. 31-Jan. 1.)



## Guidelines for Browsers Corner Book Store Shoppers Include:

- A maximum of 10 shoppers inside the store at any given time.  
(One person in, one person out, etc.)
- Masks/face coverings required for entry.

### **No exceptions will be made.**

- Social distancing practices will be enforced.
- Cash will be accepted but credit cards are preferred.
- No public bathrooms available during this time.

## Browser's Corner Book Store Gift Cards!

Wondering how to celebrate something or show someone you care during this time? If that person likes to read, watch, or do puzzles, this could be the perfect gift. You can treat yourself as well. You'll also be supporting your local library. The gift cards have no expiration date and can be purchased in any amount.

You can also purchase eGift cards at  
<https://bit.ly/browsers-egiftcards>.

## CALLING ALL OFFICIAL FRIENDS!

# You're Invited

**WHAT:** Friends of the  
Carson City Library  
Annual Meeting

**WHEN:** Saturday, Jan. 16,  
2021 | 10 a.m.-noon

**WHERE:** The Plaza Event  
Center | 211 E. 9th St.,  
Carson City

Capacity is limited so  
RSVP to (775) 885-9807  
starting Dec. 14.

This meeting is when we hear what the Friends have accomplished over the year and future plans. We'll also hear from Library Director Tod Colgrove on the Library's year dealing with the pandemic and where they're headed. We'll also take care of business including electing officers and adopting a 2021 budget. Due to the virus, there could be directives issued between now and January that would adjust the event. You'll be getting a reminder/update early in the year.

## NEWS FROM ACROSS THE STREET CARSON CITY LIBRARY

Given the pandemic creating fluctuation in what we're able to do, be sure to check out OverDrive at [SilverStarCoOp.overdrive.com](http://SilverStarCoOp.overdrive.com). A plethora of reads await you for easy, free digital entertainment. Download ebooks straight to your preferred reading device. If you're not sure what to do or have questions, simply contact us at the Carson City Library.



The Library will be hosting the Winter Reading Challenge from Dec. 19 through Jan. 10. Visit [CarsonCityLibrary.org](http://CarsonCityLibrary.org) for everything you need to know about this "Book Like Us" event that encourages reading and offers prizes. Show your progress on social

media using #WinterRead2021!

Reimagining learning, the Library is also bringing robotics technology and engineering to Carson City middle school students in 2021. Using analog and digital learning, students will build components of a bionic fish, elephant and chameleon over the three-day Bionics Camps designed to encourage STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math)-related career exploration and development.

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### Holiday Shopping on Amazon?

Use [Smile.Amazon.com](http://Smile.Amazon.com) and select "Friends of Carson City Library" as your charity. Amazon will donate 0.5% of your total purchase to FOCCL. Then you'll have done a lot of your holiday shopping as well as helped out a worthy cause!



# FOCCL NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

This year, FOCCL will elect a new President and Treasurer as noted in the bylaws. We've worked on finding people interested in serving in these positions and were lucky enough to find a volunteer for each position. Sena Loyd is the candidate for President, and Phillip Patton has agreed to run for a full-term as treasurer (he has been filling out Sandy Osheroff's term).

## HOW THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC IS AFFECTING THE FRIENDS

The coronavirus is affecting the Friends in two very big ways.

First, all the donations you make to Browsers have to be quarantined before they can go into the store for sale. This means you can no longer bring inside your small bag of magazines, paperbacks, puzzles, and other items — as they could contaminate the store. Instead, you must feed them into the “Beast” dropbox out front if possible. If that's not possible, leave them outside the door and come in; let a volunteer know they're out there, and they'll let people in the back know so they can come out and take them to the back of the store for quarantine. Also, when you make an appointment to bring in your boxes of donations, you should be told to (at the appropriate time) bring them to the back gate — see the donation sign, and someone will meet you there to get them unloaded and put into quarantine.

The other way the pandemic is affecting Friends is all the protocols we have to do to have the store open and still keep our volunteers and customers safe. For example, all volunteers working in the store must wear a mask and gloves at all times. They get their temperatures taken when they come into work and are asked to not come to work if they're sick. While they're working, they must keep an eye on the incoming customers and make sure guests are wearing a mask or give them one when they come in. They must also keep track of how many people are in the store at any one time. Our capacity for this is 10 customers and two volunteers. So far, customers have been very cooperative and we've had no problems.

Between customers, the volunteers must disinfect counter tops and door handles as well as any other surfaces customers may touch, not to mention the phone, check-out screen, credit card reader and other items. Please be patient with us as in our minds, we're running through this list to make sure we've done everything necessary.

Also, with things getting worse, please wear your face mask everywhere you go. Don't take part in large gatherings and, as much as we want, don't spend Thanksgiving with anyone other than your immediate household. Meet with other family

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members and friends virtually so you'll all still be around next year to hopefully spend Thanksgiving all together.

We know human contact is important when you're spending most of your time at home, and we know reading and doing puzzles are two of the most popular things to keep your mind occupied. So, please continue to come in and see us, and we'll do our best to offer you newer books and puzzles to while away your time.

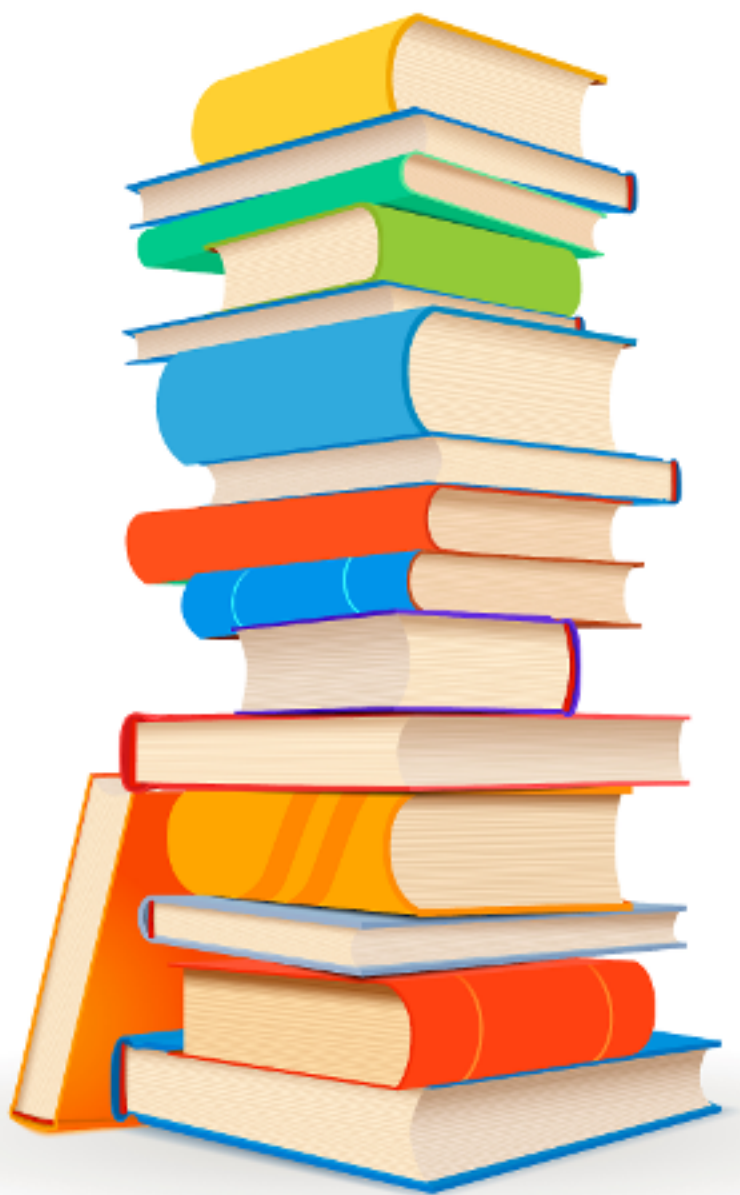
Thank you for your patronage!

*Browsers Corner Book Store Volunteers*



The library's main fundraising arm, Browsers Corner Book Store, reopened this fall with an all-volunteer staff and to reveal a clean, tidy, spacious, and streamlined used bookstore ready to serve customers safely and happily.











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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

Please pass this  
along to a friend  
after reading!

☐ Yes, I want to be a ☐ new FRIEND or  
☐ remain a FRIEND of the Carson City Library.

Enclosed is my payment (check, cash or credit card)  
for my annual tax-deductible membership that  
runs for 12 months from the time I join.

**Individual/Family Membership:**

\_\_\_ Basic \$20  
\_\_\_ Sponsor \$50  
\_\_\_ Benefactor \$100 and above  
\_\_\_ Memorial Donation \$100 and above  
in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

**Business/Corporate Membership:**

\_\_\_ Contributing \$100  
\_\_\_ Supporting \$250  
\_\_\_ Sustaining \$500 and above

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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I also want to be a FRIENDS volunteer. My interests are:

\_\_\_ Board Member \_\_\_ Committee Work  
\_\_\_ Browsers Corner \_\_\_ Newsletter  
\_\_\_ Book Store \_\_\_ Other Interests  
\_\_\_ Special Programs