



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Spring is here, and there is so much happening. I want to thank everyone who agreed to work at the Book Festival. The weather was great.

I have been visiting branches like Las Palmas because they seem to need some help with all the little extras that the Friends can provide.

Both Igo and Maverick branches had great sales. Brook Hollow invited me to attend the Staff Appreciation Dinner on April 4. The dinner was great, and the company delightful.

Many of the branches have been locations for VITA, and then they will serve as voting locations for the absentee voting and the City Council elections on May 11.

We are also excited about the libraries like Forest Hills and Brook Hollow that have been renovated. We will get to see Forest Hills on May 19.

We have two libraries that are reaching milestones. Carver Library celebrated their 40th Anniversary with tasty strawberry cake and punch. On June 2, Westfall will celebrate 50 years.

The BookCellar was closed for several weeks and reopened April 13. It will be wonderful to see everyone again!

Summer is around the corner and many members will be traveling. Have a safe, interesting, and restful time. See you May 11.

Linda Arronge

From the Library Director

Library Updates

Ramiro S. Salazar



Anyone visiting the Central Library these days will notice giant white walls blocking off what used to be a space packed full of com-

puters that were available for public use. Behind these walls, great things are happening. Funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, SAPL is building a brand new technology corridor. It will be a space that will house all adult Internet computers with the exception of those already available at the Jobs and Small Business Center and the Texana/Genealogy

department. Floor plans, furnishings, computers, reference desk design and construction plans have all been approved. There will even be a public computer training area, faster Internet capacity, and a technology lounge.

Additionally, the Teen Services department, which resides directly adjacent to the Tech Corridor, will also be getting new computer tables and other furnishings. The total project is scheduled to be completed by July, and we're looking forward to all of the terrific improvements!

During this time, we've relied on the patience of our patrons, staff and especially,

our Friends of the Library as we undertake this immense construction project. We cannot thank our Friends enough for being patient and flexible with their time as we've had to temporarily close the BookCellar while construction has taken place. I am glad we were able to move ahead of schedule with some of our construction and provide the BookCellar with the opportunity to be open during the recent Texas Book Festival-San Antonio Edition.

I hope all of you will visit the Central Library once the new Tech Corridor is open and take advantage of this valuable new resource!

Officers of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library 2013

Claudia Kohler

The officers of FOSAPL have been hard at work since taking over in February of 2013. New officers are **Linda Arronge**, President, **Robert Mason**, Vice President, **Beverly Duran**, Treasurer, **Pat Peak**, Secretary, and continuing officer **Christie Smith**, Membership Secretary.

Can you identify which officer is described below?

1. This officer got a Masters degree in Library Science and then worked at the Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport Research Library.
2. This officer teaches Sing-A-Long to children.
3. This officer is an avid kayaker.
4. This officer met their spouse in the Army Reserves.
5. This officer tubed in the San Marcos River as a child.

Our officers have been busy at their branches and many other branches too, helping with book sales, book nooks, book clubs, staff appreciations, the summer reading program, and the Book Festival. Like moths to the flames, FOSAPL Friends are drawn to books!

Ask any of these busy people or the officers at your branch how you can help!

Answers: 1. Pat Peak, 2. Robert Mason, 3. Christie Smith, 4. Bev Duran, 5. Linda Arronge.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, March 17, 2013

Submitted by *Pat Peak*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, March 17, 2013, at the Parman Branch Library. The meeting was called to order by the President, **Linda Arronge**. Roll Call was read by the secretary. Board Members present were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Jackie Fremming, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzlöff, Robbi Ruppert, Ann Springer, Jill Zimmerman, Aaron Konstam, and Pat Konstam**. The President declared that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes of January 27, 2013: **Jackie Fremming** moved to accept the minutes as published in the March/April 2013 *SAPLings*. **Ronnie Retzlöff** seconded, and the minutes were approved as printed.

Treasurer's Report: **Beverly Duran** provided copies of the Treasurer's report. Net assets for FOSAPL use as of February 28, 2013, are \$71,828.85. YTD income is \$14,846.05. Of the YTD income, \$2010 is membership dues with \$765 of that being Branch memberships. **Pat Konstam** raised a question about the presentation of Book-Cellar Budget expenses. The Treasurer will clarify that entry for the next report. The report will be filed for audit.

Audit Report: **Beverly Duran** also provided a copy of an Audit report prepared by the Audit Committee for January through December, 2012, reviewing deposits, check ledgers, supporting checks from the bank, and supporting documents, noting no irregularities.

The Audit Committee also reported that the Internal Revenue Service Code (Sec.274 (b) (1) specifies that "deductions for business gifts, whether made directly or indirectly, are limited

to \$25.00 per recipient per year." This limitation would affect gift certificates or other gifts given to Library staff members, which many Branch Friends' groups have been doing as appreciation gifts to staff members, particularly at Christmas. The Committee recommended that the Board adopt this limitation for individual gifts. Discussion followed. **Kathy Donnellan**, Assistant Director for Public Service, SAPL, will check SA City policy regarding gifts and recognition awards and report back to the Board.

Library Administration Report: Assistant Director, SAPL, **Kathy Donnellan** reviewed the upcoming projects for the SAPL that will be funded from 2010-2017 General Obligation Bonds. These projects include further enhancements to the Central Library, new library branches in District 2 and District 9, and technological projects throughout the system.

Nancy Gandara asked that consideration be given for book storage for donated books in new installations, especially in the tech-oriented facilities so that Friends groups can collect donated books for book sales.

Library Foundation Report: **Linda Arronge** reported for **Carol Black** that the Foundation has completed installation of the "Holocaust Exhibit" in dedicated space on the second floor of the Central Library and urged members to view the exhibit.

Committee Reports: Book-Cellar: **Tom Nemeth** reported that the BookCellar will be closing March 25–April 15 for renovation and that all books will be half price until the closing.

Membership: **Nancy Gandara** reported in the absence of **Christie Smith**, Membership Secretary, that renewals are running about 36%, considerably

less than previous years. Christie suggested asking Branches to contact their individual membership lists and solicit membership renewals this year. Christie also suggests a change to the Bylaws regarding Life Members as our list is out of date. No action was taken on the suggestions. Copy of the Membership report is attached with these minutes.

Old Business:

Revised Bylaws: **Nancy Gandara** reminded the Board that revisions to the Bylaws were approved at the Annual Meeting in January. She noted that as part of those revisions, a new Website Committee was to be formed. This Committee would be responsible for guiding the work of a Webmaster and that the money to compensate the person in that position had been approved as part of the 2013 Operating Budget. Because she has done a good job as Managing Editor of the *SAPLings* and expressed her willingness to act as our Webmaster, the proposal was to employ **Alana Woods** in that capacity. A question was raised regarding Article VIII, Section 3 in the Bylaws that does not allow compensation to be paid to Board members. **Jose Duran** (acting as the Parliamentarian at the request of the President) questioned whether or not the Bylaws allowed compensating a member of the Friends, citing Art. VIII Section 3, "No part of the income of this corporation shall be distributed to its members, directors or officers..." however someone else pointed out that the same section states that "This corporation may pay compensation in reasonable amounts to its employees or agents for services rendered and

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Patricia Peak	Secretary
Beverly Duran	Treasurer
Nancy Gandara	Immediate Past Pres
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SAPLINGS

Managing EditorAlana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at www.friendsofsapl.com.

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file, emailed to Alana Woods, alana005@yahoo.com, or mailed to her at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

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that the Webmaster should be considered as an employee providing a service. **Pat Konstam** moved that we employ **Alana Woods** as Webmaster for the Friends website within the budgeted amount with any clarifications to the Bylaws to be considered in next year's review. **Ronnie Retzliff** seconded, and the motion passed. **Linda Arronge** stated that **Lyn Belisle** had suggested the following as Committee members: **Beth Graham, Elizabeth Purkey**, and **Nancy Gandara**. **Aaron Konstam** volunteered to serve on the Committee. **Ronnie Retzliff** made a motion to accept those named as Committee Members. **Nancy Gandara** seconded. The motion passed.

Book Festival. **Linda Arronge** encouraged members of the Board to volunteer to help at the San Antonio Book Festival Saturday, April 13 at Central Library as well as venues at the Southwest Craft Center. Shifts will be 3 hours long. There will be a sign-up table for Friends and some accommodation for selling books from the Book-Cellar.

New Business

Arts and Letters Award Committee: **Bob Mason**, Chairman of the Arts and Letters Committee, asked for additional volunteers to serve on the Committee. The duties of this committee are outlined in the Standing Rules, 6D 5 and includes a charge to "describe standards of achievement required of nominees . . ." for the benefit of the Committee and those making nominations. **Pat Peak** volunteered to join this committee.

Next Meeting: The next meeting of the Board of the San Antonio Friends of the Library will be on May 19, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Forest Hills Branch Library.

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:20 p.m. after expressing appreciation to the Friends of the Parman Branch who had provided delicious refreshments for the meeting.



Brook Hollow

On April 4, 36 Friends and staff attended the Brook Hollow Friends annual Staff Appreciation Dinner at el Jarro de Arturo. *Photos on page 7.*

Pat Bjornson

Cody

Cody Library Friends had a successful book sale, beginning with a preview for FOSAPL members Friday afternoon, April 19. Saturday saw a constant flow of patrons, from 10-4. Many patrons returned for the "bag of books" sale on Sunday afternoon. Volunteers set up earlier in the week, including book display and signage for categories. It's always rewarding to receive so many compliments about the organization. And the Friends of Cody are grateful for the many area residents who continue to donate quality books for resale. All proceeds benefit Cody Library.

Susan Bailey

Great Northwest

Great Northwest Friends met Saturday, April 13. We were happy to present a 39" television mounted on an AV cart along with a PlayStation 3 system and four bean-filled chairs to Great Northwest Library. These items were requested by **Stephanie Vazquez**, Great Northwest's new Teen Librarian, to expand the Teen Program. We had a chance to try out the

system and are excited to know the library is already planning to use the television in other programs, too.

Our next book sale will be Saturday, June 8, and the annual Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is planned for Monday, August 5.

Kitty gave us a sneak peak at the quilt that we will be giving away this summer, and it is wonderful! We are sure this year's quilt, called May Flowers, will be a great fundraiser, and we are grateful to the Great Northwest quilters for creating our 4th annual quilt. Please come to Great Northwest to see it and purchase tickets. Tickets will be sold for \$1 each from Memorial Day until the August 5 luncheon when the quilt winner will be announced.

Denise Barlow

Igo

Igo's book sale on April 6 and 7 was a huge success; in fact, it was the best ever! We shared the dates with the Maverick library. The new president of the friends of the Maverick library devised with a plan that could help the sales of both libraries. She designed a coupon that was good at the opposing libraries for a free book, no purchase necessary, if they would but attend the other library's book sale. I think only two out of the about forty coupons that we redeemed were for just the free book. The rest spent extra money to buy more books. Thank you Maverick for presenting the plan to us. We also accepted credit cards this sale as an experiment—it worked well! We accepted Mastercard, Visa, Discover and American Express credit/debit cards via a

"Square" digital program. Our only cost was 2.75% per transaction. Our credit/debit cards accounted for a 20% increase in sales. Many factors could have contributed to our increase (i.e., more bookcases to display the books, first of the month, sharing of coupons, who knows), but it was a great sale.

The "Elderberries" had their meeting on April 4 with a games day, and very good attendance.

The Genealogy club will meet April 16 to the theme of Fiesta Genealogy. Members are to bring their family tree and a snack to share with the rest of the group. Their next meeting will be May 21, and it will be on Hispanic Genealogy. Plan on being there to learn more about "how to" find your roots.

We are already planning our summer programs at Igo. The budget for the summer is more than requested last year because of increased costs of our vendors who participate. Please plan on attending because we will provide summer activities at zero costs to the participants. Please check the TV and/or the monthly calendar for upcoming events.

Tom Hill

Johnston

The Friends of the Johnston Branch Library met on March 27 and approved the purchase of a big "techie gift" and a smaller "tasty gift." The big gift is a 42" TV with an X-Box Connect bundle and Blu-ray player and a mobile cart with a locking cabinet in which to secure the new equipment. A three-year replacement plan for the TV will be pur-

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chased at the same time. No less appreciated was the approval of an HEB gift card for \$100 that will be used for refreshments for special programs throughout the year.

Anyone interested in learning more about the Johnston Branch Friends is urged to contact **Mary Leal**, President, mleal6750@yahoo.com.

Mary Leal

Maverick

Thanks to all our volunteers and patrons, Maverick Friends once again had a very successful book sale. This spring's sale included two new ideas that added to our success. The first was a raffle for an autographed book written by a local author. People, including our librarians and volunteers, were excited about taking chances on the book. The second new idea involved working with Igo Library, which held their book sale the same weekend. Maverick gave a coupon to everyone who made a purchase from us to be used at Igo's sale for a free book, worth up to one dollar. Igo did the same at their sale, offering those who went to Maverick's sale a free book. Each library received between 35 and 45 coupons redeemed by customers, most of whom made some kind of purchase in addition to their free book. An additional advantage occurred when many people from each library learned of the other library and its book sales for the first time.

This June funds raised from the book sale will again help fund the kids' summer reading Kick-off Party on Saturday, June 8, from 1-2 p.m. The theme this year is "Dig into Reading." Funds

will also be used for the Summerfest on July 31.

The program to introduce teens to the library and its use continues to attract good numbers of new participants, and Friends are happy to help by funding refreshments, games, and prizes.

Rosalie Klepac

McCreless

The Friends of McCreless Library look forward to having a great book sale June 21-23. Our president, **Tom Nemeth**, is thinking about having a 21st anniversary of McCreless Friends celebration, so be on the lookout for more information as that develops. In other news, **Cam-mie Brantley**, Branch Manager, credits staff member **Eric Montoya's** innovation and use of a blog for increasing attendance at Teen events. Acquisition of a display rack allows the Young Adult manga collection to neatly fit on one rack. Always seeking improvement, **Katy Brown** has been attending classes for the "Supervisor's Academy" sponsored by the City. With beautification of the library in mind, **Gracie Rendon** has led the McCreless team in decorating for Easter and Fiesta. As summer approaches, the Friends group will once again be lending support for the Summer Reading Program. We plan on paying for treats for the registration event kick-off as well as the final party.

Jill Zimmerman

Parman

March and April at Parman were packed with fun events for all ages. Parman Library Friends provided funds for the new aquarium at the circulation desk. The children

love the two goldfish. It is one more thing to encourage children to love libraries and love reading. We had a Teddy Bear Sleepover where children brought their stuffed animals to Parman to spend the night. The stuffed animals were collected the next day after a fun night romping around the library and a pizza party. The pizza, board games, aquarium and decorations were provided by the Parman Friends.

The Transformation Station (*pictured on page 6*) is a popular place for families to stop and make a quick science, art, or nature project. The Friends provide funds for supplies for this ongoing activity.

During April, the Friends provided funds for a DJ and party supplies for a Teen Dance, a Toddler Dance, and a Senior Prom (Senior as in "55 and older"). We enjoyed hosting and meeting new

We send our hugs and love to our Friend **Rowena Rodgers**. Her husband of more than 60 yrs., **Keith Rodgers**, passed away after a long illness.

Friends at the March "Big Friends" meeting. Thanks to everyone who came!

Karen Fritzlen

Semmes

Our next Friends meeting will be Wednesday, May 1, at 10:30, and our next book sale will be Saturday, June 22, at 10 a.m.

Judy Wilson

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks is looking for someone to submit stories to the *SAPLings*. The Friends hosted a Staff Appreciation Lunch on April 17 (*photo on page 6*).

Leila Hileman

Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell branch is fully staffed. **Tracey Knouse**, our Library Manager, has initiated exciting programs for community outreach, including parent reading nights and computer classes. The new and reupholstered furniture purchased by Friends has arrived. Library staff mem-

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Friends of Great Northwest, **Larry Purkey**, **Denise Barlow** and **Cathy Abbott** present items for the Teen Program to Teen Librarian **Stephanie Vazquez**.

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bers have received many compliments on the additional seating as well as the rearrangement of the collection and the reference desk. Our fitness area is complete with tarp, waste and recycling bins, and bench.

Our Children's Librarian, **Kimbra Cook**, is using "Play and Learn" modules that circulate throughout the Library system. We are getting the new program, "Express Selection." We want to welcome new Teen Librarian, **Betsey Leitko**.

Our next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 18.

Arline Braswell

SAPL Gears Up for Summer

Now that Fiesta is behind us, the San Antonio Public Library is looking forward to many exciting programs over the next several months.

Summer Reading Programs Kick-Off June 1

We are digging up some fun at the library this summer! Programs are offered for adults, teens and children. All sign-ups begin June 1.

The Mayor's Summer Reading Club for children offers the opportunity for kids to keep track of the books they

read this summer. Once they log eight books, they will earn a Reading Club certificate (signed by the Mayor!) and a free paperback book to keep. If your child prefers to listen, that's an option too – listen to and log fifteen books to claim that same reward.

The Teen Summer Reading program is open to ages 13 to 18. Sign up online at mysapl.org and keep track of all the books you read this summer. Every book you read and every library event you attend gives you a chance to enter in a Grand Prize drawing

on August 9. Participate in our end-of-summer Gamefest on Saturday, August 10, at Central and Igo Libraries.

Summer reading for adults is NEW! Bring reading back into your life and show kids that adults love reading too. Also beginning June 1, the Summer Reading Challenge is for everyone 18 and older with a San Antonio Public Library card. How does it work? Read or listen to any three books, audio books and eBooks included, in three months. Keep a log of the books, or register online at mysapl.org. Choose

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Cody Holds Successful Book Sale and Hosts Holocaust Survivor



Hannah Pankowsky (far left in upper left photo), discussing her memoir *East of the Storm: Outrunning the Holocaust in Russia* with members of the Cody Library Thursday Book Club.

"We left behind camp, sunshine, happiness, and summer. We also left behind our childhood." Eleven-year old Hannah Davidson and her family were faced by twin evils: the Nazis rolling into Poland threatening all of the Jewish faith, and the Soviets in Russia, where Buddhists had almost been completely exterminated for their political views. They escaped to Russia, assuming new identities; later lived in Displaced Persons camps; and finally were able to emigrate

Setting up for the book sale are **Lynette Poss** and **Diana Sanchez**.

to Mexico. Hers is an amazing story of spirit, determination, and family. Their harrowing trials to survive during these eight years are recounted by Hannah, now a San Antonio resident. She speaks to school and community groups to keep the memory of the Holocaust alive.

Parman Friends Encourage Children to Love Libraries

To make their library more kid friendly, Parman Friends added a goldfish bowl and a Transformation Station, and they hosted a Teddy Bear Sleepover. View the fun sleepover activities in the slide show at <http://www.friendsofsapl.com>.



The Parman Transformation Station is a popular place for families to stop and make a quick science, art, or nature project. Everyone at the Teddy Bear Sleepover enjoyed pizza.



Thousand Oaks Friends

Thousand Oaks Friends preparing a luncheon in honor of the staff (April 17). One of the two circular book displays recently donated by the Friends.



Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of

LTG Austin W. Betts
Charles McAfee

By

Roberta W. Betts
Eugene and Lucille Teeter,
Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kohler

Donations

Jane Cooper
Elinor Froemsdorf
Rosalinda Garcia
Dr. and Mrs. Robert Gracy
Kathleen Griffin
Marsha Hesse-Oxley
Jean and Keith Hood
David K. Humphrey

Mike Kershaw
Los Bexarenos Genealogical Society
Natalie Masino
Yolanda (Marlene) Richardson
Paul A. Rode
Lucy Reid Wilson
Mark and Lori Wright
Jill Zimmerman

Brook Hollow Teens

Kimberly King

What is happening with the Brook Hollow teens lately? Activities are planned for Teen Time every Tuesday at 4. What really would be awesome is if teens tell us what they want to do. Don't get me wrong, planning the activities is a fun part of the job, but teens come up with the coolest ideas that adults could never think of! So teens, come on over and give some input! During and after each activity, teens can blog about their experience on the SAPL 210 Teen Blog and earn volunteer hours. They can review books and music in the blog for volunteers hours as well.

The Teen Library Leadership Council is another way to earn volunteer hours. This is a long-term deal; teens help initiate, plan, and bring about the activities and ideas they create. A couple of ideas include:

- Want to tutor younger kids? Make a plan for a tutoring day.
- Want to have a gaming contest? Bring it on!

The possibilities are endless! Teens are in control here!

For the Summer Reading Program, the theme for teens this summer is "Beneath the Surface." Teen Time will be moving to 6:30 on Monday nights in June, and lots of awesome activities are being planned!

Questions about Teen Time and the TLLC? Email Brook Hollow's Teen Liaison **Kimberly King** at kimberly.king@sanantonio.gov.

Brook Hollow Friends Staff Appreciation Dinner

On April 4, 36 Brook Hollow Friends and staff attended the annual Staff Appreciation Dinner at el Jarro de Arturo.



Friends **Becky Benesh**, **Shirley and Bennett Stampes**, and **Neal Bjornson** enjoyed their meals and good conversation.



Our special guest, Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, was introduced to Friends and staff.



FOSAPL President **Linda Arronge** visited with some of the Brook Hollow staff. Linda brought Fiesta library medals for our Friends.



Friends **Carolyn Cavazos**, **Ann** and **Karl Springer** enjoy chips and visit before the meal.

Friends of Tobin at Oakwell Purchased New and Reupholstered Furniture for Their Library



Maverick Held a Successful Book Sale



any books you want! Visit our reading lists at guides.mysapl.org/adultsummer2013 for reading suggestions.

And there are lots of great programs and activities happening at all SAPL branches. Visit the mysapl.org to find out more information.

News Know-How for Teens

The San Antonio Public Library is pleased to announce that its Teen Services department has been selected to receive more than \$50,000 in training and support under the News Know-how initiative. The program helps teenagers, grades 10-12, learn skills to assist in distinguishing fact from opinion; check news and information sources; and distinguish between propaganda and news.

The two-week immersion commences in late July and will be held at the Teen Services Department of the Central Library. Teenagers will work with librarians, journalists, and news ethicists in the program funded by the Open Society Foundations and administered by the American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom (OIF). To enhance the program, the San Antonio Public Library has partnered with Nowcast SA, which will serve as the local news media/journalism component for the program. Participants will create projects that will be shared online.

This project highlights that the library is a resource for the community where teenagers can become savvy consumers of news and information in all its formats.

For additional information about the News Know-how initiative or to find out how to apply for the program, please contact Teen Services Librarian, **Jennifer Velasquez** at jennifer.velasquez@sanantonio.gov or at 210-207-2567.

Express Collections at 10 SAPL Branches

The San Antonio Public Library offers the Express Collections program, which is available at 10 branches throughout SAPL. Get the most popular titles and best-sellers without waiting! Our Express Collections are made up of popular book and media titles that are in current high demand. These items can be checked out for seven days and cannot be put on hold or renewed, so they are more likely to be available when you want them. Express Collections are currently available at Bazan, Central, Great Northwest, Johnston, Memorial, Mission, Tobin @ Oakwell, Semmes, Parman @ Stone Oak, and Thousand Oaks locations.

Visit mysapl.org for more information on these and other programs offered by the San Antonio Public Library.

This information is provided by the SAPL Marketing Department.

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11:00 a.m.–3 p.m. every
day plus 3–7 p.m. Thursdays
210-227-9519



The BookCellar took in \$6,596 at its half-price sale in March, raising enough extra money to make up for income lost during the three weeks the store was closed because of construction on the Central Library Tech Corridor on the floor above.

Yet hundreds of unsold books remain on store shelves. To make room for fresh merchandise, the BookCellar Committee approved Chair **Tom Nemeth's** proposal to hold a giant clearance sale during May and June. Most adult books that have been on the shelves for awhile and regularly sell for \$1.00 are priced at 25 cents for these two months. Those that don't sell for a quarter will be free during July. Customers can identify which books are on clearance sale by a colored tag attached to the spine.

The Giant Clearance Event will not include premium-priced books, classics, and most children's books. Those will remain at their normal price. Paperback romances and selected books for children and young adults will cost 10 cents. New books put on shelves during May and June will not be discounted.

The goal is to clear space for thousands of books stored in boxes waiting to be unpacked and to give customers the opportunity to browse and buy newer merchandise. Currently the BookCellar receives as many as 70 boxes of withdrawn library books and private donations each week.

Additional volunteers are needed to help sort and shelve this flood of new books. If you'd like to help and be among the

first to see new merchandise as it is unpacked, please call store manager **Monica Hernandez** at (210) 227-9519.

A reminder to branches holding book sales this summer: you can still get boxes of books, including children's books, from the BookCellar. Just call **Monica Hernandez** to set a time to pick them up.

Nonprofit organizations that need books can also contact Monica to request some. A recent donation of books went to Gemini Ink to help stock Libro Libre, its book giveaway cart at Luminaria, the city's arts festival in March. A large collection of elementary school textbooks was given to the North East Independent School District PTA's annual book sale. In exchange, the PTA distributed bookmarks advertising the BookCellar to sale customers.

If you know a retirement home or senior center in need of programming materials, please tell them the BookCellar has several multimedia memory stimulation kits presenting topics such as music or events of the past designed to boost the memory of seniors. The kits are priced at \$10. Also mention to them the store's collection of large-print books – both fiction and nonfiction – that currently are almost free.

The BookCellar Committee has two new members. **Anna Cleve** is a military veteran who brings retailing experience to her work at the store on Mondays. **Linda Cheatum**, who volunteers on Saturdays and Sundays, is contributing her experience as an academic librarian.

~~ Honors, Memorials and Gifts Form ~~

Honor a loved one, family or friends with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions, or a "just because." Doing so can also be a wonderful, thoughtful and lasting way to honor the memory of relatives or friends. If you like, add a brief note about the recipient of your honors on the back of the form. No donation now? Save the form for future use.

I would like to make the following donation of

\$ _____

☐ In honor of ☐ A special event
Birthday, Anniversary
 Graduation, a Gift, etc. ☐ In memory of

Name: _____

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Please fill out the form, make your check payable to
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
 and mail the form with check to:

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ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts
P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246

Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

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City, State, ZIP: _____

My name and address is:

Name: _____

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Friends Membership Application

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I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

- ☐ BOOKSALES
- ☐ COMMITTEES (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)
- ☐ FOSAPL Board of Directors
- ☐ HOSPITALITY
- ☐ PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION

- ☐ STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
- ☐ POLITICAL ADVOCACY
- ☐ VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR
(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Adult) | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL (Adult) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATRON (Per Person) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING (Per Person) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE (Per Person) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS | \$25 |

FOSAPL membership year is Jan 1 - Dec 31.

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday - Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM (when the Library is open).

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- ☐ NEW MEMBER
- ☐ RENEWAL
- ☐ BRANCH GROUP: _____
- ☐ ADDITIONAL DONATION: _____

Donations are always welcome! Please Specify
 SAPL _____

FOSAPL _____

Branch Library _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2013
Submitted by **Beverly Duran**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL JAN-FEB
BookCellar sales	70,000.00	12,313.46	12,313.46
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(922.19)	(922.19)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	1,383.61	1,383.61
Interest	300.00	61.17	61.17
Membership	8,000.00	2,010.00	2,010.00
FOSAPL INCOME	80,300.00	14,846.05	14,846.05

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	JAN-FEB
Accounting	1,200.00		
Arts and Letters program	700.00		
Bank charges	100.00		
FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)	300.00		
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	695.00	695.00
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	192.11	192.11
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	667.88	667.88
Office supplies	200.00	45.00	45.00
Parking			400.00
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,000.00		
President's expenses	200.00	209.29	209.29
Seed money for new groups	100.00		
Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)	1,000.00		
FOSAPL Budget Expense Total	11,550.00	1,809.28	1,809.28

BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	800.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,000.00	84.34	84.34
Commodities for resale	2,400.00	161.75	161.75
Equipment and maintenance	500.00		
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	810.00	810.00
Printing and copying	400.00		
Recruitment of volunteer workers			
Salary and benefits	8,000.00	1,476.62	1,476.62
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration			
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00		
Book Cellar Budget Expense Total	15,450.00	2,532.71	2,532.71
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	35,000.00		
Donations from FOSAPL members no budget amt			
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members no budget amt		100.00	100.00
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	62,000.00	4,441.99	4,441.99

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	JAN-FEB	YTD
Donations	830.58	
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers	8,875.68	
Memberships	765.00	
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	10,471.26	
Branch Friends group operating expenses	353.10	
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department	14,734.08	

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts

Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	124,056.35
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,010.19
Compass Checking ***-***8736	<u>8,517.80</u>
Total Assets	162,584.34
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(85,931.79)

Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(754.64)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(4,069.06)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	71,828.85

Branch and Support Group Funds

Balance of February 28, 2013

Bazan	1,746.32
Brook Hollow	16,173.99
Carver	2,694.14
Central	981.73
Cody	5,751.50
Collins Garden	1,105.29
Cortez	835.93
Forest Hills	1,362.62
Great Northwest	3,650.06
Guerra	4,635.97
Igo	7,669.30
Johnston	5,079.42
Landa	2,936.25
Maverick	7,626.07
McCreless	753.25
Memorial	1,367.26
Mission	1,269.27
Parman	1,481.12
Semmes	4,257.09
Texana/genealogy	5,724.12
Thousand Oaks	2,168.24
Tobin at Oakwell	2,777.06
Westfall	3,885.79
Total group funds	85,931.79



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Because dates and times change occasionally, please call and verify information.

May-June	BookCellar's GIANT CLEARANCE Sale (11-3 every day, Thursdays 'til 7)
May 18	Tobin at Oakwell Library Friends' Book Sale
May 19	FOSAPL Board meeting, 2:00 PM at Forest Hills
June 1	Sign up for the Summer Reading Program, for kids, teens, and adults (at all libraries)!
June 8	Great Northwest Friends' Book Sale
June 21-23	McCreless Friends' Book Sale
June 22	Semmes Friends' Book Sale
July 21	Brook Hollow Friends' meeting
July 21	FOSAPL Board meeting, 2:00 at Brook Hollow

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Brook Hollow Library
530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-496-6315

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500

Forest Hills Library
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228
210-431-2544

Great Northwest
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-207-9210

McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-532-4254

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-650-9540

Tobin Library at Oakwell
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
210-828-2569