

From the President



Dear Friends,

Great day SA! The weather has just been lovely! The branches have had many book sales. Also many branches including Memorial, Johnston, and Collins Gardens participated in the National Night Out. At Johnston they also celebrated the reopening of the Library after a major makeover. They had a magician that was enjoyed by young and old alike. In the crowd was Councilman **Ray Saldana**. He said he was happy to see so many people at Johnston Library. **Mary Leal, Marshall and Jeanne Mundorff** and other Johnston Friends provided refreshments. The Friends were also at the Ka-Boom playground at Carver on Saturday, September 28. **Judy Wilson, Rachel Sanchez**, and I made many peanut butter, jelly, and peanut butter & jelly sandwiches. People worked hard and were happy to see the food. Carver Friends President **Antoinette Franklin** found many friends to work on the project. It was a fun day.

The BookCellar had the Annual Tent Sale. Many volunteers showed up to work many hours and many days. We will evaluate if October was a good time for the sale. For the first time, the BookCellar used the "Square," a device that allowed us to accept credit card payments. People asked if they could use the system to pay for their Friends membership. We had to say that we could not do it at this time—but soon.

DO put the dates for the **November Board meeting** (November 17 at Cody Library) and the **January Annual Meeting** (January 19 at Central Library) on your calendars and plan to attend! We have a busy year ahead of us so be sure to renew your membership—read the article on page 6 for more details.

As we close out 2013, we are so thankful for our active and generous membership and wish you all a joyful holiday season.

Linda Arronge

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Celebrated The 2013 Arts & Letters Awards Sunday, October 20, 2013 Central Library Gallery

John Coleman

John Coleman is a native of the small rural town of Saluda, S.C. Coleman came to San Antonio in 1963 after leaving the Army. He did not begin painting when he first arrived,



John and Shirley Coleman

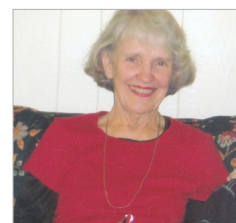
but was encouraged by his wife, Shirley, whom he married in 1965, to pick up his hobby again. In 1978, he graduated from St. Philip's College with an associate degree in art, but mostly he was self-taught. In 1984, he co-founded the San Antonio Ethnic Arts Society. The society helps local artists and supports them in their community. John has exhibited his work throughout the greater San Antonio area. His work has also been in the Smithsonian American Art Museum and several books, *The Harmon and Harriet Kelly Collection of African American Art* and *Something All Our Own – The Grant Hill collection of African American Art*. Fans of his work also include former San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell who owns one of his paintings.

Susan Oaks

Susan Oaks is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and has been a working artist since 1973. She has been teaching at the Southwest School of Art for several years. She

also teaches for Arts San Antonio and the San Antonio Museum of Art, teaching all ages from young children to senior citizens. Her art

work has been exhibited from New York City to Los Angeles, as well as many sites in San Antonio. Susan's fiber art works are unique and the ideas behind the work are as important as their physical representations.



Susan Oaks

Andrew Thornton

Andrew Thornton, actor, director and teacher, grew up in San Antonio. He graduated from the Uni-



Andrew Thornton

versity of North Carolina School of the Arts as a Drama major. During his senior year there, he was privileged to perform at the Moscow Art Theatre. After spending almost a year studying and traveling in Moscow, Andy came back to the States and lived in such diverse places as Austin, Boerne, New York City, Delaware, and California. He helped start an grassroots theatre company in rural Delaware which toured the east coast with all-original musical theatre productions; this company eventually moved to the Lake Tahoe area and even garnered a photo and article on the front page of the *New York Times* arts section.

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, September 15, 2013
Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, September 15, 2013, at the Carver Branch Library. The meeting was called to order by President **Linda Arronge**. Friends of Carver Branch President **Antoinette Franklin** welcomed the Friends Board to Carver. Roll call was read by the Secretary.

Board members present were **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Beth Graham, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Karen Matson, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzlaff, Rowena Rodgers, Virginia Wong, and Jill Zimmerman**. Three members had previously asked to be excused. The President declared that a quorum was present and thanked the Carver staff and Friends for the refreshments.

Approval of Minutes of July 21, 2013: Jackie Fremming moved to accept the minutes as printed in the August/September 2013 *SAPLings*. **Karen Matson** seconded, and the minutes were approved as printed.

President's Report: **Linda Arronge** reported there had been positive support for the Library requests at the City of San Antonio Budget meetings. The Westfall Branch has been undergoing a big clean-up project and has made books available to other library branches. Some wooden carts may still be available. The BookCellar is looking forward to their annual Tent Sale on October 4-6, as well as the Preview sale for Friends members on October 3. Check the website and *SAPLings* for more information.

Treasurer's Report: **Beverly Duran** provided copies of the report. Year-to-date income for FOSAPL is \$57,611.20 as of August 31, 2013. Year-to-date expenses are \$5,100.71, about half of the budgeted amount for the year. The account balance for all branch and support group funds is \$84,545.10. BookCellar sales through August were \$53,916.90, less \$4,054.33 withheld for sales tax payable to the state. The report will be filed for audit.

Library Board of Trustees Report: Jean Brady

On behalf of the Library Board, Jean thanked the Friends for their efforts to represent the Library at the City budget meetings. Although the Bookmobiles were lost, we did manage to keep most of the proposed cuts to current library hours, and the Board will be working to help manage some of the other changes. Jean asked the Friends to continue the pressure for library advocacy, particularly with your elected Council representatives.

Library Administration Report: Dale McNeil

District 2 has a meeting scheduled regarding the new library in that Council District on September 30. On September 25, there will be a meeting of the Board to discuss the Child Internet Protection Act, regarding filters on library computers, once again a controversial subject. The new playground at Carver Library will soon be underway as well as improved parking and exercise equipment. Dale mentioned that playgrounds have been seen as great additions to library sites.

Makeovers at Guerra and Johnston, which had a re-do on the air conditioning and heating

systems, are nearly complete and Reopen Open Houses are scheduled in October.

Regarding the budget, the library was able to retain approximately the same percentage of city budget funds as previously. There will be three makeovers this year. The Bookmobiles were eliminated but we didn't lose library hours which were proposed, primarily due to citizen advocacy and the increase in some city fees. Further action on the future of the Genealogy/Texana and local History Department and its employees will be worked on with the Library Foundation. The Briscoe Western Art Museum will probably have two library employees assigned. Procedures involving payment for fines and fees at the library, including use of on-line payment and credit cards, are being developed for 10 locations at this time. Four locations have library employees handling requests for birth certificates and immunization records under a Vital Records program. Library staff members are involved in discussion about the Express books (i.e., the lease program). Questions about usage, feasibility, and costs are being considered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: **Christie Smith** reported that the current membership total is 902. The Executive Board discussed the various categories of membership at their Board meeting and noted that we only have a few organizations currently using the Business category; the most we've ever had is 8. We have also gone back and forth over a Teen category. Christie would like to chair a task force to re-

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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.

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SAPLINGS

Managing Editor.....Alana 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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view the membership categories and make a recommendation to the Board regarding categories of membership. Volunteers should contact Christie (xts@sbcglobal.net).

Arts and Letters: Bob Mason reported that the A&L Committee met and selected 3 candidates for the 2013 Arts and Letters Awards, which will be presented on October 20 at 2:00 p.m. in the Gallery of the Central Library. The Awardees are: **John Coleman**, a well-known local folk artist; **Andrew Thornton**, an actor involved in many civic theater activities in San Antonio; and **Susan Oaks**, a fiber artist. All Board members are encouraged to attend. We will have refreshments and music. The Committee is still hoping to find a Branch group to act as hosts. We want to make this an important event in the San Antonio art community so, hopefully, all the Friends will participate as hosts for this event. Next year, the committee is recommending we start earlier in the year to identify candidates for this award, maybe as early as March.

Media Website Committee: Nancy Gandara, Committee chairman, and **Alana Woods**, Webmaster, gave a presentation and demo of the new web-site which will be available soon as www.friendsofsapl.org. The addition of PayPal for payment of membership fees should be an advantage to Friends members. There was

discussion of the requirements of PayPal, the costs and how they could be budgeted. Nancy will continue to work on procedural questions and urges members to visit the new website. Take time to look at the new colorful and active pages.

BookCellar Committee: Tom Nemeth, BookCellar Committee Chair, reported that the BookCellar had one of its best sales days yesterday, with receipts of \$657. Total sales for the year as of today are \$66,221. Tom asked for volunteers to help with the set-up on Thursday for the BookCellar's annual Tent Sale. Monday following the sale is free book day for Friends groups from the Branch libraries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Bylaws for new FOSAPL Groups. The proposed by-laws for the Friends group at Las Palmas were distributed. The Pan Am Friends group is also organizing, but their proposed by-laws were not available. **Linda Arronge** said she would email a copy to all Board members. There was discussion about requirements in FOSAPL's by-laws for the organization of new groups. **Christie Smith** stated she would need the membership data for the Board members for each group before the November 17 FOSAPL Board meeting when any new group's by-laws would be voted on. There was further discussion about

making it easier for new groups to organize and hold book sales and encouraging, rather than discouraging their participation. A motion was made by **Antoinette Franklin** that the bylaws prepared by the Las Palmas Friends organizing group and the Pan Am group be made available to FOSAPL Board members for their review and be considered for action at the Board meeting on November 17. **Pat Konstam** seconded, and the motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

The President appointed a Budget Committee for 2014, **Beverly Duran**, **Judy Wilson**, and **Linda Cheatham** have been asked to serve, and additional Friends were urged to volunteer.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Branch Friends' Library book sales, Hispanic Heritage programs and other events were mentioned. **Carver** hopes to open the Ka-Boom playground on October 28. **Arts and Letters Awards** will be made on October 20 in the Gallery at the Central Library at 2:00 p.m.

Next Meeting: The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library will meet on **Sunday, November 17, 2013, at Cody Library at 2:00.**

Arline Braswell moved to adjourn the meeting. **Pat Konstam** seconded. The meeting was adjourned.



Cody

Cody Friends will be having our Fall book sale Nov 8-10. Fri, Nov 8, will be the Preview for Friends from 1-3. Saturday hours are 10-4. Sunday hours are 1-3. We have about 20,000 volumes, including many sets, premiums and textbooks.

We will be hosting the FOSAPL Board meeting in November as well.

Susan Bailey

Igo



Igo Elderberries present Roadside Memorials: An Emerging Death Ritual Complex, Monday, Nov. 4, at 4:30.

For thousands of years, many civilizations around the world have celebrated the Day of the Dead at the beginning of November to honor their beloved deceased with gatherings, gifts, and rituals.

In that tradition, **Deborah Wagner**, UTSA Anthropology Professor, will present her field research dealing with roadside memorials. She will discuss that commemorating those who have died has taken many different forms in various cultures.

Irene Scharf

Maverick

The Maverick Friends enjoyed another successful book sale on Sept. 21 and 22. Each sale seems to have its own pace. This one was steady. It was great to have the time to visit with some of our regulars.

An order has been submitted for six more end panels for

the shelves. We think this will be enough to finish placing end panels on all of the shelves that can accommodate them.

Nov. 16 will be a busy day at Maverick. Adult Services Librarian **Ben Longoria** has scheduled three programs:

•**Noon—Dr. Jennifer Steele** from Trinity University will give a presenta-

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tion on her specialized area of Nanoscience.

•**2-4:30—A résumé-writing workshop** will be held in the Nani Falcone meeting room.

•**3-4—The Fiesta Flute Choir** will perform in the main library.

The Friends' next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Nov. 5. High on our agenda will be finalizing plans for our annual holiday dinner, which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Dec. 3.

If you're in our area on Nov. 5, we hope you will join us for our meeting. Friends are always welcome at Maverick.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The McCreless Friends held a very productive general meeting planning several upcoming events. **Tom Nemeth** reported that our treasury is low, which is great! This means the group has been doing well supporting our branch library. So to build up our funds again, it was decided to hold a book sale outside of the library and not attached to a "book" event. Instead, on Nov. 2, from 12-5, our Friends group will be at Appliance Warehouse off Carolina St. and IH37, along with low riders and musical groups at a family-friendly event. We will cull the selection of books to match the audience and see if we can connect with a new group of people. Never fear, though, we will also hold a book sale at McCreless library the weekend of Dec. 7-8. Volunteers will be needed for both events.

In addition to these book sales, our group is very close to implementing a "passive book sale" where books will be available on a book cart in the Library for selection and

payment through a locked collection box. All these funding efforts will go to show appreciation by supporting a staff Christmas party and purchasing items on Branch Manager **Cammie Brantley's** wish list. During the meeting, the members took a little trip down memory lane while discussing the 21st anniversary of the McCreless Friends founding. **Paula Massengale** has started creating posters showcasing members and activities over the years at McCreless Library. We are asking everyone who has ever been involved with McCreless Library or the Friends to contact **Tom Nemeth** with stories, pictures, memorabilia, and any remembrances of contributions and Friends' activities in support of McCreless Library. Tom can be reached at 210-797-8446. All former McCreless Friends members and library employees are being sought for their contributions to this big event, which will be held Sunday, Feb. 9, 2014.

Other McCreless branch news includes a new phone number for McCreless Library, which is 210-207-9170, plans that, by next year, cash payments will no longer be accepted for anything, and news that Librarian **David Liserio** is leaving to go back to being a school librarian.

Jill Zimmerman

Parman

The Friends of Parman Library will hold our annual book sale on Nov. 9 from 10-4 at the Parman Library. We have thousands of gently used books for sale. Most hardbacks are \$1.00, and most paperbacks are 50¢. All proceeds go to the Parman Library to fund children and community programs.

Karen Fritzlen

Semmes

Fall—my favorite time of the year. Cooler weather and Thanksgiving. Semmes Friends have much to be thankful for as we review our past year: loads of books that were donated to our three successful book sales resulting in earnings of more than \$4,300 to the Semmes Friends account; enthusiastic new and steady Friends who have been ever-ready to plan, set up, and staff the book sales; and great library staff who make it a pleasure to be at the library. The smiles on the faces of our book sale shoppers not only as they peruse the inventory but also receive their change back after having purchased bags full of books are a reminder that we help serve the community through what our funds enable the library to buy, and provide readers of all ages the opportunity to build their own personal collection of books. During the peak of our very hot and very dry August, Good Samaritan **Angelo Garcia**, a Wash Tub employee (The Wash Tub is directly across Judson Road from Semmes), ran across the street to stamp out a brush fire that had started in the shrubs along the library's Judson Road wall. His quick action averted what could have been significant damage to the library and landscape. On behalf of the Library, Semmes Friends were happy to be able to reimburse Angelo for the cost of his shoes that melted during his heroic act and give him a little bit extra to thank him for his quick action. So, all things considered thus far in 2013, every day has been a thanksgiving day. We look forward to continued bounty and service throughout the rest of 2013 and into 2014.

Christie Smith

Tobin at Oakwell

The Friends of Tobin at Oakwell met on Sept. 10 and Oct. 8. We are preparing for our Nov. 16 book sale. All FOSAPL members are invited to attend our Preview sale from 4-6 on Friday, Nov. 15. The new Tobin logo book bags will be available. Our Book Cart continues to do well.

A new digital picture frame is being installed and loaded to highlight Friends membership and purchases and photos of Branch programs that the Friends have sponsored. It will also feature upcoming Tobin programs and events. Plans are to update it every two to four weeks.

We welcome our new Children's Librarian **Ariel Cummins**. She and our Teen Librarian **Betsey Leitko** have many exciting programs planned for their groups. Come and Go Crafts, Teens and Family Fun, Lego Club, and Teen Advisory Council are well attended. Toddler Time has grown. Our Friends have approved approximately \$1,300 for program support since May.

Our Volunteer Coordinator, **Rita Corey** has developed a spread sheet to keep track of volunteer hours.

Membership Chairman, **Alan Hildreth** has updated our e-mail database.

Joan Hildreth, our Immediate Past President, former Secretary and Vice President, and longstanding active member of the Tobin at Oakwell Board, has resigned but will continue to work with book sales and other activities.

Tobin is due for improvements in 2014. Our Library Manager, **Tracey Knouse**, is developing plans for this.

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Thank you again to all who donate books and support our library.

Arline Braswell

Westfall

Westfall Friend's fall book sale is scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 2, 10-4:30 and Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:30-4:30. Set-up for this sale will be Friday, Nov. 1. Please come out to help prepare for the sale.

The Friends of Westfall have recently purchased a cafeteria/picnic table, a DVD cleaner/restorer, DVD shelf holders and Dewey decimal posters, periodical shelving, and a mahogany frame for Westfall's 50th anniversary celebration plaque.

Our new Adult Services librarian is **Karen Sagun**. She was previously working at Thousand Oaks Library.

Pat Cummins

Young Pegasus



YOUNG PEGASUS Annual Poetry Competition

Poets up to age 18, submit your original poem.

Winning poems will be published in the **Young Pegasus Anthology**.

Poems accepted Sept. 15 through Dec. 15. For more information, visit guides.mysapl.org/youngpegasus.

Maverick Book Sale



Premium book baby at Maverick book sale

Parman Staff Appreciation Dinner

Parman Friends held an appreciation dinner for the Parman staff at the end of August. We played games and all of us (Friends and staff) made a tile art project. After the meal, there was a short presentation, and gifts were exchanged. Each Friend was given a unique framed piece of art that was made by the Parman staff.



Semmes Book Sale



Semmes motley book sale crew!



From the Library Director

2014 Fiscal Year Budget



As you are probably aware, the City of San Antonio has adopted its new budget for the 2014 Fiscal Year.

The good news is that we will not be reducing branch library hours as had been proposed and there will be an addition of \$2 million for improvements and repairs of our buildings as part of this new budget. This is welcomed news.

While we are disappointed that the adopted library budget for 2014 includes the elimination of the Bookmobile service and the restructuring of Texana as cost reduction initiatives; we are thankful that the 2014 budget includes some additional resources. The Library will receive an additional \$1.5 million in capital funds in 2014 for various capital improvements including extreme library makeovers at Carver, Cortez and Tobin at Oakwell Branch Libraries. These projects will be performed following the same model as those that took place at Forest Hills, Guerra, Thousand Oaks, Johnston, and Carver Branch Libraries in 2013.

The 2014 budget also includes funding for two full-time positions to support the operations of the Library Portal at the Briscoe Western Art Museum. Speaking of the Briscoe, we are pleased to report that on October 26, the Briscoe Western Art Museum (the former Main Library on Market Street) will officially open, and with it, so will the Library Portal. It will be a space where visitors can relax and enjoy print and digital information about South Texas and San Antonio history as well as be enlightened about our local culture. Users of the Library Portal will also have access to information about places to visit to learn more about the historical spirit of our great city.

Additionally, we are creating two new spaces at the Central Library - the Marie Swartz Art Resource Center and Café Commerce. Both of these are under construction and will be open soon for use by our patrons in the near future. Details about these projects will be coming soon as they near completion.

Overall, the new budget year will bring many positives and will allow us to continue to impact our communities through the transformative power of information, imagination, and ideas.

Ramiro Salazar

FOSAPL Membership November-December 2013

Christie Smith

(www.friendsofsapl.org)

BookCellar: 210-227-9519

Well, Friends – here we are again – ramping up for winter, a hectic holiday season, the New Year, FOSAPL's 50th Anniversary, etc. As you read this, you have or will soon receive the FOSAPL Membership renewal letter and membership envelope. If you've been following the reports from the media committee, you recall that we are working to get a PayPal account, which will enable online payment of membership dues, donations, honoraria and memorials. We are not there yet (but close) so please plan on sending your renewals (donations and memorials) in soon by the traditional way – a check in your membership renewal envelope. THANK YOU FOR BEING A FRIEND!

Over the past two years or so, we've piloted a few initiatives that I'll expand on below. The point to each of them has been to optimize the Friends' funds so we can give the most back to San Antonio Public Library (SAPL)! We value your input, not only on the various changes we pilot, but on anything related to FOSAPL membership and operations. Please send your comments to the email address above or leave a message with the BookCellar (above) for a call back.

Membership Cards: FOSAPL stopped sending membership cards two years ago. Although we have a supply of cards that we continue to send out on request, we stopped this activity because the cards, themselves, serve no particular purpose and add an ever-increasing postage expense. In addition to tax-deductible support to the SAPL, the principle benefit to belonging to FOSAPL is admittance to the BookCellar and branch library book sales ahead of the opening day crowds. Additionally, only FOSAPL members may volunteer in the BookCellar. Of course, FOSAPL could not conduct the individual book

sales and program support activities at each branch without their FOSAPL members, and each of us draws great satisfaction in the hands-on support of our local branches! Do you or the branches need a membership card to prove your affiliation? No! Current member lists are provided to all branches holding preview sales (because we all have misplaced a membership card at one time or another!). In response to some Friends who noted that we provided no acknowledgement of membership, the 2012 initiative was a post card "acknowledgement/thank you" for membership that included a BookCellar coupon for one free book. Interestingly, very few of these coupons have been redeemed. Can you use your cancelled check as your receipt for FOSAPL support? Do you have another preference? Please use the contact information above for input and feedback.

SAPLings – online or in print? Last year we also tried to reduce the printing and mailing expenses of producing our newsletter, *SAPLings*. For each Friend for whom we had an email address, we would send only an electronic *SAPLings* UNLESS the Friend specifically requested a paper copy. Friends for whom we have no email address automatically get a paper copy. Besides saving paper, printing and mailing costs, electronic *SAPLings* can be viewed in color (printed editions are only in black and white) AND the viewing size can be adjusted to visual comfort when read online. We publicized this several times throughout the year and modified our membership envelopes to enable Friends to check if they wanted a paper *SAPLings* or would read the newsletter online. Some Friends with email addresses still have requested paper copies (and yours truly often refers to paper copies that get returned). Re-

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ports from our email programs indicate, however, that only 41% of Friends with email addresses actually open the email to which the SAPLings link is attached! That means we are not communicating effectively with 59% of Friends! So – at least for the immediate, we will resume mailing paper *SAPLings* to everyone unless you tell us if you prefer to read the newsletter online.

Branch affiliations. Did you know that through your FOSAPL membership you may affiliate with one branch Friends group as part of your general membership? When you designate a branch group for affiliation on your membership envelope, \$5.00 of your membership fee is transferred into that branch group's account for use at that branch. You may also affiliate with more than one branch (and many Friends are affiliated with several branches) by sending \$5.00 for each additional branch of affiliation. HOWEVER, you must indicate your branch affiliations each year. Otherwise, your total membership fee goes into the general FOSAPL account whose funds are distributed to SAPL periodically throughout the year.

The FOSAPL Membership Year is from January 1-December 31. We do give new members who join in the last 3 months of the year (Oct-Dec) a bonus of 3 months membership in the current year and membership for the full following year. (That is, join in Oct, Nov or Dec of 2013 and receive membership for 2014 also!) If you joined late in calendar year 2013 but before October, THANK YOU for being a Friend and please do renew for 2014. If you joined in October (or later) and receive a membership renewal letter, why not give the membership envelope to a friend or give a gift membership to a friend, relative or colleague?

Lastly, **Life Members.** Life members join by way of a one-time contribution of \$250. These fees are held in a separate account and upon notification of the death of the Life Member, FOSAPL makes a donation of \$100 to SAPL in memory of the Friend. Life members continue to receive the annual renewal letter and envelope with the request to complete the contact information to help us make sure our database is accurate. Also, Life Members' affiliations with branches expire each year just as they do with Friends in other categories of membership. Life members only have to fill out the branch desired for affiliation to have \$5.00 transferred into that branch's account.

I hope this article answers some of the questions about how FOSAPL operates and that you will renew your membership for 2014 early. We have an exciting year ahead with new Friends groups forming at the Las Palmas and Pan American libraries, our 50th Anniversary celebration being planned, and watching the construction of 2 more new branches in city Districts 2 and 9. Everyone needs a friend, and SAPL needs you!

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
Telephone (210) 227-9519



The Book Cellar will hold its annual half-price clearance sale the week after Thanksgiving. The sale begins Monday, Dec. 2, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 8, during regular store hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. every day plus 3 p.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 5. Premium priced books – including art books – will be half their marked price. Other books and media will sell for half their normal price of 25¢ to \$1.00. The only items not marked down will be easy readers and book bags.

The Tent Sale on October 3-6 brought in \$5,559 as thrifty shoppers loaded up on bargain books and media, especially books for children. The Thursday evening preview sale attracted 12 new FOSAPL members. Committee chairs who organized the sale included **Bob Mason**, tent set-up; **Tom Nemeth**, tables; **Andrea Mason**, children's books; **Linda Aronronge**, volunteer recruitment; **Stephanie Serrata** and **Linda Cheatum**, cashiers; **Linda Aronronge**, **Rowena Rodgers**, and **Ruth Galindo**, volunteer lunches; and **Pat Konstam**, news media publicity. In addition to doing social media publicity and flyers, store Manager **Monica Hernandez** held everything together. A total of 48 volunteers worked on the sale, including 10 from Valero Energy's retiree group. A big thank you goes to all of them.

A thank you also goes to seven Rackspace volunteers who

recently spent a day working in the children's area. They were attracted by the store's Facebook page, which is designed and maintained by **Monica Hernandez**.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for people who keep the store going and their guests is scheduled for Nov. 11, when Central Library and the BookCellar are closed for Veterans' Day. To be held at Liberty Bar this year and funded by Friends of the Library, the luncheon is one of the perks awarded to volunteers. If you would like to explore joining the BookCellar crew and becoming eligible for the benefits and satisfactions working there offers, please call BookCellar Manager **Monica Hernandez** at (210) 227-9519.

The BookCellar will be closed also on Sunday, Nov. 17, for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon (which limits access to Central Library). It will close for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, Nov. 27-29; for Christmas on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 24-25; and for New Year's on Tuesday and Wednesday, Dec. 31-Jan. 1.

As you prepare for the holidays, think of the BookCellar as a good place to find affordable gift books for friends and relatives as well as resources for crafting, decorating and cooking for Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas and Kwanzaa. Take advantage of the Dec. 2-8 half-price sale.

2013 Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony





Andrea Mason, Andrew Thornton (actor), and Robert Mason, Chair of the A&L Committee. Susan Oaks with her presenter Edith Speert. Awardees John Coleman (artist), Susan Oaks (fiber artist), and Andrew Thornton. Cathy Dean and San Antonio Public Library Director Ramiro Salazar. Shirley Coleman (2nd from right) with friends. The group was treated to a sample of Thornton's next play, Wittenberg. Brant Sankey entertained before the ceremony. A sample of the Arts & Letters award. Samples of Coleman's art and Oaks' vessels. Bob Mason, Nancy Gandara, Mary McAfee, and Ramiro Salazar. Photos by Lyn Belisle and Andrea Mason.



~~ 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

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Please fill out the form, make your check payable to

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and mail the form with check to:

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Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

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City, State, ZIP: _____

My name and address is:

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City, State, ZIP: _____

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Membership Application

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ ☐ UNLISTED ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH

Email Address: _____

☐ I'll read the newsletter electronically OR ☐ Send newsletter to me via US mail

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales
<input type="checkbox"/> Committees (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> FOSAPL Board of Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality
<input type="checkbox"/> Publicity & Communication | <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation Events
<input type="checkbox"/> Political Advocacy
<input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering in the BookCellar (<i>Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4-hour shift.</i>) |
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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.

☐ Please send me a membership card.

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday–Wednesday from 11–3 and Thursday from 11–7 (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**

Mail this form and your check to: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246

Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2013
Submitted by **Beverly Duran**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL JUL-AUG
BookCellar sales	70,000.00	53,916.90	16,549.59
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(4,054.33)	(1,257.35)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	2,215.94	100.41
Interest	300.00	257.69	68.92
Membership	8,000.00	5,275.00	65.00
FOSAPL INCOME	80,300.00	57,611.20	15,526.57
BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	JUL-AUG
Accounting	1,200.00	360.00	80.00
Arts and Letters program	700.00		
Bank charges	100.00	41.50	24.00
FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)	300.00	24.75	
FOSAPL insurance	1,000.00	695.00	
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	470.15	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	2,035.81	487.23
Office supplies	200.00	168.11	66.92
Parking			400.00
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,000.00	684.57	
President's expenses	200.00	209.29	
Seed money for new groups	100.00		
Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)	1,000.00	411.53	411.53
FOSAPL Budget Expense Total	11,550.00	5,100.71	1,069.68
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	800.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,000.00	567.04	93.61
Commodities for resale	2,400.00	1,750.47	967.98
Equipment and maintenance	500.00		
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	1,046.00	—
Printing and copying	400.00		
Recruitment of volunteer workers	—		
Salary and benefits	8,000.00	5,532.84	1,493.16
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	—		
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	112.06	75.00
Book Cellar Budget Expense Total	15,450.00	9,008.41	2,629.75
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	35,000.00	17,500.00	
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	487.50	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	400.00	100.00
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	62,000.00	32,496.62	3,799.43
FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME		JUL-AUG	YTD
Donations		1,268.97	7,400.06
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers		5,834.18	43,389.49
Memberships		45.00	1,705.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME		7,148.15	52,494.55
Branch Friends group operating expenses		375.14	5,467.79
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department		11,839.06	51,384.25

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	144,112.06
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,039.96
Compass Checking ***-***8736	<u>5,397.83</u>
Total Assets	179,549.85
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(84,545.10)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(268.56)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(1,412.94)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	93,323.25

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of August 31, 2013

Bazan	821.34
Brook Hollow	15,908.46
Carver	2,957.18
Central	1,006.73
Cody	4,062.48
Collins Garden	1,339.99
Cortez	1,447.45
Forest Hills	1,205.06
Great Northwest	3,002.03
Guerra	3,631.13
Igo	7,768.61
Johnston	4,630.69
Landa	831.90
Las Palmas	225.90
Maverick	6,729.77
McCreless	398.08
Memorial	3,763.76
Mission	1,952.66
Parman	2,702.63
Semmes	4,817.69
Texana/Genealogy	5,142.69
Thousand Oaks	2,561.95
Tobin at Oakwell	5,494.07
Westfall	2,142.85
Total group funds	<u>84,545.10</u>

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In 2003, Andy came back to San Antonio and began working at his alma mater, Churchill High School, and had great success with the speech students as well as the theater students there. In 2008, Andy left the public school system and became an actor and director for numerous productions around town. He was the 2008 Stieren Guest Artist at Trinity University, and has received several acting awards from the Alamo Theatre Arts Council. He now teaches private acting lessons with his own company, River City Actors Studio, and also teaches middle school Theater Arts at St Luke's Episcopal School.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Nov. 2 McCreless Friends book sale, 12-5, at Appliance Warehouse off Carolina St. and IH37. Family-friendly event with low riders and musical groups.
- Nov. 2-3 Westfall Friend's fall book sale, 10-4:30 and Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:30-4:30. Set-up Friday, Nov. 1.
- Nov. 4 Igo Elderberries present Roadside Memorials: An Emerging Death Ritual Complex, 4:30.
- Nov. 5 Maverick Friends meeting, 7.
- Nov. 6 Semmes Friends meeting, 10:30 in the library Quiet Room.
- Nov. 8-10 Cody Friends Fall book sale, Preview Friday, Nov. 8, 1-3. Saturday, 10-4. Sunday, 1-3.
- Nov. 9 Parman Annual book sale, 10-4.
- Nov. 15-16 Tobin at Oakwell book sale. Preview, Friday, 4-6.
- Nov. 16 Maverick Programs: **Dr. Jennifer Steele** from Trinity University: Nanoscience, Résumé-writing workshop, and the Fiesta Flute Choir.
- Nov. 17 Friends Board meeting, Cody Library, 2.**
- Dec. 2-8 BookCellar half-price sale during normal business hours.
- Dec. 7-8 McCreless book sale.
- Dec. 15 Deadline for Young Pegasus Annual Poetry Competition.
- Jan. 19 Friends Annual Meeting, Central Library, 2.**

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.

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

Cody Library
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
210-696-6396

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-561-6113 (also TTY)

Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-680-9346

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

Parman Library at Stone Oak
20735 Wilderness Oak
210-207-2703

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

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

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
210-344-2373