



## News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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### From the President



Dear Friends,

What a roller coaster ride the weather has brought us! The groundhog said we can expect six more weeks. This, however, has not stopped activities at the libraries. On January 23, we met at Landa Library to mark up books. It was cold. The next day, many people had the day off because of icy weather, but Landa had a line waiting to get into the Preview Sale. Then on Saturday, January 25, the sun came out and they had a great sale.

Pan American Library Friends, known as PALS, has set up a Book Cart, and they hope to do well because that part of town does not have a book store.

I also attended the 20th Anniversary celebration at McCreless Library. It was fun to watch the members come into the room. About a dozen of the original 20 chartered members were able to attend. They were so excited to see each other. Pictures can be seen in the *SAPLings* and on the website. They had many pictures and newspaper clippings to share. **Cathy Dean** had a picture of the group in McCreless t-shirts at a parade. They made a little shirt for her cute puppy as well. Cathy also said that she has a collection of McCreless t-shirts that she might share with the Friends at the March meeting. They suggested that other branches should bring pictures of activities to the March 16 FOSAPL meeting. I think that it is a great idea! So please look around and see what interesting articles YOU have in your closet.

We also have two events to look forward to in March. **The Friends of the Library will be recognized by City Council in celebration of the Friend's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the City Council Meeting on Thursday, March 6, at 9 a.m.** We hope to see many of you at the Council Chambers. During the City Council Meeting, **Mayor Castro will take a Point of Personal Privilege to recognize the Friends of SAPL** and invite me to deliver brief remarks. After the Point of Personal Privilege, the City Clerk's Office will provide the Friends with the signed proclamation. You can carpool from Central Library, take the trolley, or use the parking garage nearby. **The second event is on March 16 at our regularly scheduled meeting at Molly Pruitt Library. It will be Sunday at 2 p.m.** Please feel free to share memories and interesting events that happened during your time as a Friend. Come enjoy cake and a fun afternoon.

HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

*Linda Arrange*

### Nominate a Public Spirited Artist!

Robert Mason

Last October, FOSAPL had the honor of presenting the Arts & Letters Awards to **John Coleman, Susan Oaks, and Andrew Thornton**. These individuals were chosen not only for their significant artistic accomplishments but also for their community contributions to San Antonio as well. This year, the Arts & Letters Committee has extended the time you have to look around you and select "artists" who go beyond their art and reach into communities to inspire, mentor, and empower.

Our Arts and Letters Committee eagerly awaits your nominations for deserving candidates. We are looking for outstanding artists, writers, thespians, and/or musicians who are public minded. If you know an artist who excels at his or her artistic endeavor and has also made or is making a significant contribution to the community, please take the time to nominate that person. All that we require in the form of a nomination is a one-page summary of the nominee's artistic achievements, as well as a description of how the nominee has made the extra effort to enrich the community. If your nominee is selected, you will be invited to introduce them should you so desire.

All nominations must be received by August 1, 2014. The committee will carefully review the nominees, and award(s) will be presented at the Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony on a Sunday in October (date and time to be announced) at the Central Library.

Please send any nominations to:

**Robert Mason**

2915 Hunter's Den St.

San Antonio, TX 78230

or email the nominations to:

[robertmason005@att.net](mailto:robertmason005@att.net)

### Please Join Us at This Celebration

The Friends of the Library will be recognized by City Council in celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during the City Council Meeting Thursday, March 6, at 9 a.m.

*Please join us.*

**Council Chambers  
114 W. Commerce St.**

### 2014 FOSAPL Board Meeting Locations

**2:00 p.m.**

- March 16, Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School
- May 18, Guerra Library
- July 20, Parman Library
- Sept. 21, Maverick Library
- Nov. 16, Las Palmas Library

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, January 19, 2014

Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met at the Central Library on January 19, 2014. President **Linda Arronge** called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. The roll call of members of the Board was read by the Secretary, and a quorum was declared.

Board Members present were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Beth Graham, Delores Huber, Yolanda Fitzpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Karen Matson, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Liz Purkey, Ann Springer, and Jill Zimmerman.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Jackie Fremming** moved that the minutes as published in the January-February 2014 *SAPL-ings* be approved. The motion was seconded. The minutes as published were approved by the Board.

**President's Report:** **Linda Arronge** reported that the Executive Board had approved bonuses for **Monica Hernandez**, Manager of the BookCellar, and for **Alana Woods**, Newsletter Editor, for their exemplary service in 2013. She also commended the Arts & Letters Committee, chaired by **Bob Mason**, for a great program, as well as the Executive Committee and **Christie Smith** who met to adopt requirements and protocol to select a new printer/distribution company for *SAPL-ings* since Southwest Research, Institute, who had provided the service for us in the past, would be unable to continue this operation.

Linda distributed a handout of Libraries scheduling voting

so Friends groups could plan Book Sales and meetings. Some upcoming events include:

- San Antonio Book Festival and Texas Library Association Conference (both in April); volunteers will be needed.
- The Arts & Letters Committee will begin planning in March for the 2014 Award Ceremony.
- The FOSAPL 50th Anniversary Committee has planned a City Council Proclamation Day event, date to be announced.
- The meeting location for the next Board meeting (March 16) will be at the Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School on Walzem Rd.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Beverly Duran** provided a handout of the Treasurer's Report, which consisted of the Income and Expense Report and a list of account balances for all Branch and Support groups for the year ending December 31, 2013. FOSAPL income for the year was \$96,077.50. Our assets, including the BookCellar, total \$104,352.97. We will make a donation this year to San Antonio Public Library of \$55,000; that is, \$50,000 from FOSAPL income and \$5,000 from a donation designated to the Library. The Board will review later in the year to see if we can provide the Library with additional funds as cuts in the City budget are anticipated. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

**Featured Speaker:** Linda introduced the speaker for the annual meeting, **Ramiro Salazar**, Director of the San Antonio Public Library. His topic was "State of the San Antonio Public Library."

Mr. Salazar thanked the Friends for their generous donation as well as their advocacy for the Library. Library advocates will be one of our greatest resources in the coming year.

Some information shared by Director Salazar included:

- The new library building in District 2 is underway with photos and floor plans available.
- In District 9, the purchase of a standing building for renovation will move the plans for that library along at a faster pace. A survey of potential library users indicated a desire for more books, rather than fewer books and more electronic materials.
- The new project at the Central Library is Connection Central with 100 computer stations for training plus the use of mobile devices, as well as kiosks for digital library services.
- A stimulus grant provided funds for Branch library upgrades.
- A grant from Valero Corporation for outreach services to "Promise Neighborhoods" will provide literacy and other programs, particularly on the east side.
- Several library buildings have received maintenance upgrades for windows, doors, electrical systems, air conditioning, and even roof repair through efforts by the Library Foundation and the City.
- Brook Hollow, Forest Hills, Guerra, Johnston, and Thousand Oaks have all been the beneficiaries of these updates. Several other library locations will be added during the year.
- Also at Central, in partnership with the Mayor's office, Café Commerce will concentrate

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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

Linda Arronge .....President  
Robert Mason ..... Vice President  
Patricia Peak ..... Secretary  
Beverly Duran ..... Treasurer  
Nancy Gandara ..... Immediate Past Pres  
Linda Cheatum .....Membership Secretary

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2013-2015 Term:

Shirley Coleman • Bruce Gill • Beth Graham • Jackie Fremming • Aaron Konstam Pat Konstam • Elizabeth Purkey • Karen Matson • Pat Mendiola • Larry Purkey • Ronnie Retzliff • Ann Springer • Virginia Wong

### 2014-2016 Term:

Arline Braswell • Rita Corey • Jose Duran • Yolanda Fitzpatrick • Antoinette Franklin • Beverly Harris • Mary McAfee • Marshall Mundorf • Rowena Rodgers • Jill Zimmerman

## SAPLINGS

Managing Editor..... Alana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at [www.friendsofsapl.org](http://www.friendsofsapl.org).

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](mailto: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!

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle .....Chair  
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill  
Pat Mendiola • Stephanie Serrata  
Alana Woods  
Linda Arronge .....Ex Officio

## Minutes, from p 2.

on developing resources for small businesses and entrepreneurs.

- The Central Library will be 20 years old in 2015. A Gala is planned as well as renovations and improvements with the help of the Library Foundation. We will be seeking funding for technology from technology firms in the area.
- Filtering equipment will be required by law on all Library computers in 2014.
- Enhancement of the library website to provide payment of fines and fees on line is projected for 2014.
- Director Salazar also spoke about the anticipated challenge of the Fiscal 2014-15 City Budget, which will need all the advocacy the Friends can provide. Our Texana/ Genealogy collection will have to find a new model to provide services. There are some difficult choices ahead regarding library staff, hours and services so that we can continue to provide historical and genealogy research services to library users.

At this point, there was approximately a 25-minute delay to respond to a fire alarm.

On return, Mr. Salazar responded to questions covering some of the points he had discussed.

**Liaison Reports: Jean Brady**, Library Board President, speaking for the Library Trustees, applauded the financial status of the Friends of SAPL. When it comes to the City Budget, everything will be a priority, and Jean stressed the need for Friends members to attend meetings and speak out when the Budget meetings are held throughout the City. Two City Council Districts will be electing new Council persons. Jean suggests researching their attitudes toward Library fund-

ing and letting them know of your advocacy.

### Committee Reports:

**BookCellar Committee:** **Tom Nemeth** reported two very productive Saturday sales, about \$500 each.

The *San Antonio Express-News* donated about 60 books to the BookCellar for resale. All forms of social media are in use to promote sales, including, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc. The Treasurer's Report shows the total BookCellar income (after taxes) to be \$76,115.05 in 2013.

**Membership: Christie Smith** provided a PowerPoint presentation to explain the Membership report in detail. 2013 Memberships totaled 979, just short of the 1000 goal. January-February 2014 Newsletters were sent to ALL members, even those who didn't request paper copies to be sure everyone was reminded about the Annual meeting. Members who receive online copies are urged to read your email as statistics show only about 40% of members opened their email in a recent mailout. If you have a change of street address or email address, please be sure to notify the Membership Secretary. The Post Office will not forward *SAPLings* even if you have provided a forwarding address, and they charge us for returned mail. The Membership renewal envelope now has a block to check for those interested in assisting with various Friends activities, and you can also use the envelope to request a membership card if you wish to have one. The membership directory will soon be available online. Christie advised the Board she had tendered her resignation as Membership Secretary to President **Linda**

**Arronge** and following her report, Linda presented Christie with a Certificate of Appreciation for the many hours Christie has spent analyzing membership data to increase membership and member participation and to provide the membership with up-to-date information.

Christie introduced **Linda Cheatum** as the newly appointed Membership Secretary. Linda has been active in the Friends group at Great Northwest and the BookCellar. Her contact information is [lcheatum@satx.rr.com](mailto:lcheatum@satx.rr.com) or 210-888-3002.

**Nominating Committee Report:** **Nancy Gandara**, Co-chair, thanked the Nominating Committee members, **Arline Braswell**, Co-Chairman; **Shirley Coleman**, **Jackie Fremming**, **Bob Mason**, **Karen Matson**, and **Pat Mendolia**. Nancy noted that **Arline Braswell**, **Antoinette Franklin**, **Yolanda Fitzpatrick**, and **Jill Zimmerman** have agreed to stay on the Board for an additional term. Arline introduced the nominees who have accepted the Committee's nomination to serve on the 2014-2016 Board: **Rita Corey**, **Jose Duran**, **Beverly Harris**, **Marshall Mundorf**, and **Rowena Rodgers**. The thirteen Board members who are in the middle of their term (with one year remaining) were also introduced.

### Old Business:

**Pan American By-Laws:** Board Members had been emailed a copy of the By-Laws for Pan American Friends of the Library. **Jesse Valdez** represented Pan American. It was moved and seconded to accept the By-Laws as presented by the Pan American Friends and the motion passed. Linda wel-

comed the Pan American Friends to FOSAPL.

### New Business:

President Arronge asked for a motion concerning the election of new Board members for 2014-2016 and asked if there were any additional nominees to the slate presented by the Nominating Committee. **Arline Braswell** asked to be recognized to nominate an additional candidate to the Board, **Mary McAfee**. **Rowena Rogers** seconded. The motion carried, and all nominees were elected.

**Adjournment:** Since there was no additional business to be considered, the President thanked the Memorial Friends for providing the refreshments for today and adjourned the meeting.



## Important 2014 Election Dates

**Primary election**—March 4  
**Early voting runoff**—  
May 19-23  
**Primary run-off election**—  
May 27

Please plan your sale around these dates—many branches lose their community rooms during this time.





## Igo

It's February, and we're in planning mode for the Igo Branch Library. A budget for the year was submitted by the library and approved; now the Friends have the task of making the budget happen. It's a lot of money, but the purpose is truly great for the programs that we have planned.

We have our semi-annual spring Book Sale planned for April 5 and 6. It's always been the best time of year and the results prove it. We again will share the same day with several libraries but that's a good thing. Maverick and Igo will have a free coupon again this year, so look for the books you want and get a free coupon for the other library.

*Tom Hill*

## Maverick

Please mark your calendars for a change in our book sale dates. The Nani Falcone meeting room will be the scene of early voting in late February and the combined primary election on the first weekend in March. Our Book Sale will be April 5 and 6, 10–4.

The change in dates allows us to partner with Igo, as we did last April when both Book Sales were on the same day. Each Friends group will provide directions and a coupon for use at the other's sale. The coupons were well received by buyers, and a great way to advertise both sales.

In Library news, the two media chests and long-awaited end panels have arrived. The media chests are already in use, making access to the rock music

collection much easier. The end panels will be installed soon.

Friends are always welcome at our meetings, at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at Maverick.

We hope to see many of you at our Book Sale April 5 and 6!

*Sue Ratliff*

## McCreless

The McCreless Friends general meeting was held January 27, and new officers elected:

**Executive Board Team for 2014-2015 is:**

President – **Paula Massengale**

Vice President – **Vera Banner**

Secretary – **Lucy E. Duncan**

Treasurer – **Mary Gallagher**

Past President **Tom Nemeth**, accepted responsibility for coordinating the book sales. The next book sale will be March 8–9 from 10:00 to 5:45 on both Saturday and Sunday. The next general meeting is scheduled for May 12 at 6:00 p.m. And, planning even further ahead, there is an additional Book Sale tentatively scheduled for May 31 and June 1. **Jill Zimmerman** agreed to coordinate publicity for group events, with assistance from **Mary Gallagher**.

The *ad hoc* 20th Anniversary celebration committee was spearheaded by **Paula Massengale** with members, **Jill Zimmerman**, **Tom Nemeth**, **Phyllis Massengale**, **Vera Banner**, **Mary Swanson**, **Cathy Dean**, and supported by **Cammie Brantley**, Branch Manager. They planned and executed a successful “Celebrate with Cake” event commemorating the founding of the Friends of McCreless Library and continuous service to the community through support of McCreless library services.

Approximately 50 people gathered for the celebration of the Friends founding 20 years ago to support our south side library branch. Original charter members, **Tommy Adkisson**,

**Vera Banner**, **Lynda Billa Burke**, **Cathy Dean**, **Debra Guerrero**, **Edith Hophan**, **Patricia Mendiola**, **Laura Mora**, **Tom Nemeth**, **Paula Massengale**, **Roslyn** and **Crash Ramirez** were present and reminisced about the beginnings of the group. Charter members, **Tommy Adkisson**, Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4, and **Debra Guerrero**, SAISD Board Trustee, spoke from the heart about how prominent the library is in their childhood memories and how important the services still are to the community today. Excitement was generated by the many door prizes donated by our sponsors Panda Express, Dot's Fashions, H.E.B., **Yulanee McKnight**, Cinemark, Whataburger, and Taco Cabana. The Friends of the Library donated gifts to the library collections honoring Charter members **Marjorie Koett** (represented by her daughter, **Mary Jo**), **Vera Banner**, and **Tom Nemeth**. Cake and door prize announcements drew in many library users to join the celebration.

*Jill Zimmerman*

## Mission

The Mission Library community is enjoying the addition of two ping-pong tables. Thanks to the efforts of the Friends of Mission Library Executive Board Member treasurer **Mario Gonzales**, these two tables along with supplies were donated to the library by Academy Sports and Outdoors, located at 165 S.W. Military Drive, just down the road from Mission Library. The tables are being enjoyed by Mission Library patrons of all ages, from our youngsters to our teens right up to our senior users.

Mission Library wishes to thank store manager **Dave**

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## Benefits of Table Tennis

*While the table tennis tables have brought about hours of fun and enjoyment to the Mission Library patrons, did you know that there are tremendous health benefits that go along with all this merriment?*

According to a *Good Morning America* report that first aired in 2011, scientists have crowned table tennis as “the #1 Brain Sport.” **Dr. Wendy Suzuki**, professor of neuroscience and psychology at New York University, states that there are three major areas affected by this game. The fine motor control and exquisite hand-eye coordination involved with dodging and diving for the ball engages and enhances the primary motor cortex and cerebellum—areas responsible for arm and hand movement. Secondly, by anticipating an opponent's shot, a player uses the prefrontal cortex for strategic planning. Lastly, the aerobic exercise from the physical activity of the game stimulates the hippocampus, the part of the brain that is responsible for allowing us to form and retain long-term facts and events.

And in addition to all that brain exercise, a 2006 report in the *Los Angeles Times* says that a 150-pound person can burn 272 calories by playing table tennis for an hour. Considering the fact that the sport is entertaining and addictive, it can be a fun and easy way to burn calories.

**Cherry** at Academy Sports and Outdoors for their kind donation, which has already greatly benefited the patrons of Mission Library.

*Elma Nieto-Rodriguez*

### Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell Library had a busy and productive 2013, and our members are looking forward to 2014, beginning with our Annual Meeting held on February 15. The agenda included an appearance by **Dale McNeil** from Library Administration who discussed "Libraries and their Community" and "Bricks & Clicks: Technology and Libraries in the Future." We elected new

officers for our group and had refreshments. **Tracey Knouse**, our Library Manager, informed us at our January meeting that our branch has excelled in all areas that are considered at budget time. They are circulation, door count, computer use, and customer satisfaction.

**Dan Goddard**, our President, and **Janet Goddard**, Vice President and Book Sale Chair, have spent many hours sorting books for our very successful Sales and the Book Cart. Our next Book Sale will be May 31.

**Betsey Leitko**, our Children's Librarian, has taken training with the Food Bank for "Kids Café," a program to provide healthy snacks and

drinks after school. Congratulations to **Rita Corey**, our Volunteer Coordinator and Nominating Committee member, on her election to the FOSAPL Board. Tobin at Oakwell Branch is due for an extreme makeover this summer and so will be closed during July and August.

*Arline Braswell*

### Westfall

Westfall Friends held their annual meeting on January 11, 2014. Westfall Manager **Sherri Hardin** reported on "What's New at Westfall" and submitted a wish list for 2014.

**Eddie Patino** and **Pat Cummins** were appointed to serve

on the By-Laws Committee. Our by-laws were first adopted in 1994. The committee will work on updating them.

An election of officers was held. **Rowena Rodgers** will serve another term as President. **Eddie Patino** and **Pat Cummins** will serve as Treasurer and Secretary, respectively. There were no nominations for the office of Vice-President.

Our Spring Book Sale will be Saturday, May 17.

*Pat Cummins*



New table tennis tables at Mission Library. Left to right: Treasurer, **Mario Gonzalez**, Branch Manager **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez**, Academy Manager **Dave Cherry**, President **Roberto Anguiano**, and Asst. Branch Manager **Oscar Gonzalez**.

## New FOSAPL Membership Secretary

**Christie Smith**

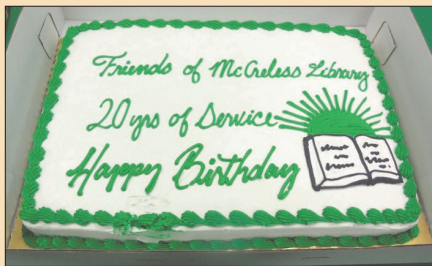
As noted in the minutes from the January Annual Meeting, **Linda Cheatum** has assumed the role as our membership secretary.

I am grateful to Linda for taking on the responsibilities of this position and appreciate her interest in all things the job entails.

Linda is a relatively new Friend, having joined in 2013. She affiliates with Great Northwest branch Friends and also volunteers at the BookCellar.

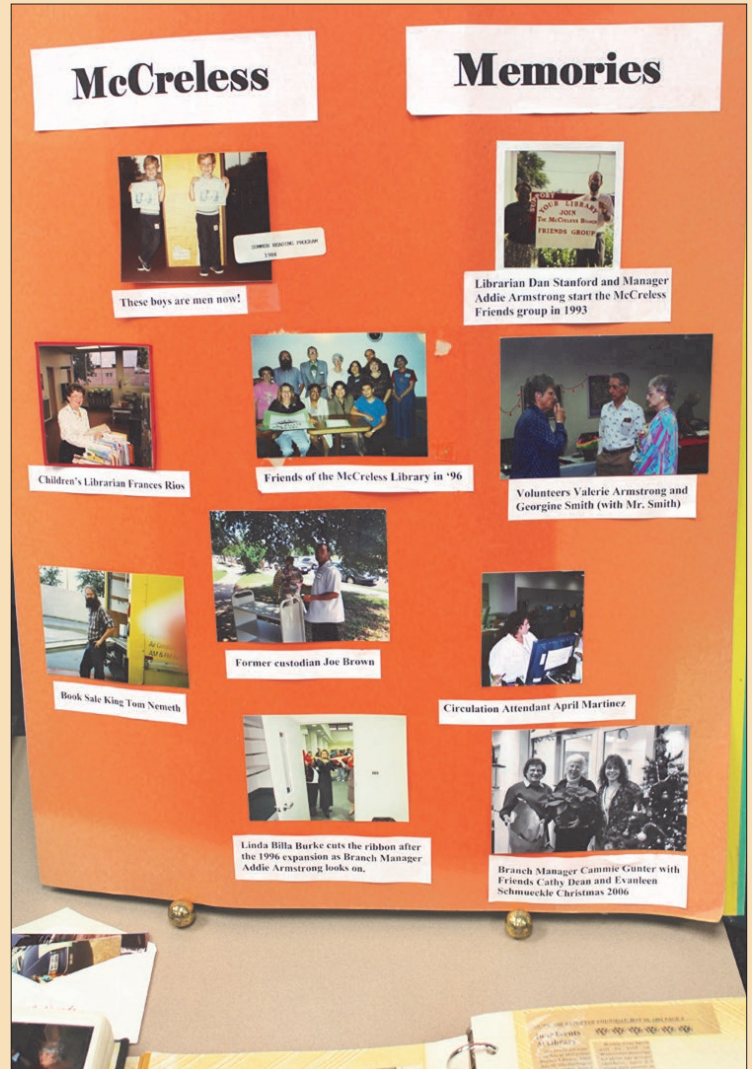
Linda has a background in information technology, which has made for a very smooth transition. You may contact her at: [lcheatum@satx.rr.com](mailto:lcheatum@satx.rr.com) or (210) 888-3002.





## McCreless Friends Celebrate 20 Years

In addition to enjoying cake and door prizes, and sharing memories, charter members, **Tommy Adkisson**, Bexar County Commissioner, Precinct 4, and **Debra Guerrero**, SAISD Board Trustee, spoke to the group. Charter members in attendance included (left to right, seated) **Patricia Mendiola**, **Cathy Dean**, **Vera Banner**, (back row, standing) **Debra Guerrero**, **Laura Mora**, **Lynda Billa Burke**, **Crash & Roslyn Ramirez**, **Addie Armstrong**, Library Manager during time of group's founding), **Tom Nemeth**, and **Tommy Adkisson**.



Photos by James Dean



## San Antonio Book Festival

April 5, 2014  
10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

**S**aturday, April 5, 2014, is set to be “one for the books” as the Library Foundation presents its second annual San Antonio Book Festival. This all-day, free event is held downtown at the **Central Library, Southwest School of Art, and the Empire Theater**, where book lovers of all ages and interests

have a chance to get up close to their favorite authors at engaging readings, panel discussions, sales, and signings. There are topics for everyone, from politics and fiction to poetry and cookbooks. The lineup of 70 authors showcases acclaimed national and regional writers who reflect the best books that American publishers are currently offering, while local talent adds a unique sense of place and reflects South Texas' rich cultural heritage.

The San Antonio Book Festival makes the literary world more accessible to all of San Antonio. More than 4,000 people visited the first festival, and we expect to double that in 2014.

Adults, families and students from all areas of the city take part while partnerships with community groups and SABF's educational outreach also encourage attendance. In addition to the author programming, there is plenty of entertainment: Food trucks offer a variety of eats, special tents feature live music, recipe demonstrations by cookbook authors and a new Wi-Fi technology area. For families and younger festival-goers, there are interactive bilingual areas with story time, art projects and learning activities. Small presses and non-profit organizations focused on literacy, culture and education promote their wares and work at booths in the Exhibitor Tent.

The festival's location at the library builds awareness and excitement for the citywide system and the resources libraries offer. The downtown venue also helps to develop a more magnetic, vibrant and creative urban core. With its special focus on authors, ideas and imagination, the Book Festival positions San Antonio as a focal point for the literary arts.

Join us: You won't want to miss out on this new chapter for San Antonio!

### Volunteer

We need your time and talent to make this festival a success. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow book-lovers in jobs varying from escorting writers to checking-in vendors.

- See more at: <http://www.sapl.org/events/san-antonio-book-festival/#sthash.7PRM7X9k.dpuf>



## 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

**S**ales for the year 2013 totaled \$82,317, slightly ahead of last year's total. It was the store's best results since 2008, perhaps reflecting an improving local economy and the faithfulness of our steady customers.

To encourage regular customers to visit the store more often, manager **Monica Hernandez** is sending photos and frequent messages on social media about special deals and newly arrived books and media. To receive those messages, you can follow the BookCellar on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, or Google+.

Special deals this month include an 8-day Spring Break Sale on Sunday, March 9, through Sunday, March 16, during regular store hours. It will feature marked-down prices on topics such as crafts, gardening, decorating, home improvement, health, and fitness, plus 10-cent books for children.

Throughout March, the buy-one-get-one special will be all regular priced books for adults and children in the 300 Dewey Decimal series. The 300s range from politics to folklore and money management to true crime.

April specials will be a series of pop-up sales in which seasonal or overstocked books in particular categories will be marked down for a limited time. Dates and topics will be announced on social media and the store's email list.



Recent book donations from private or corporate donors included hundreds of new books that the *San Antonio Express-News* received from publishers as review copies and then passed on to the BookCellar. Both fiction and nonfiction were included. Other recent arrivals include large quantities of audio books withdrawn from libraries.

The BookCellar will be open extended hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, during the San Antonio Book Festival at Central Library and Southwest School of Art. The initial festival last year brought a lot of visitors and extra business to the store.

A reminder to branch book sale volunteers: If you have attractive, saleable books left over from sales and carts, the BookCellar might take them. If active BookCellar volunteers are working at your sale, they can choose leftovers the store might be able to sell. Otherwise, the BookCellar Committee's policy requires you to call manager **Monica Hernandez** to see if she wants the books and only then to deliver the books to the store. This is because the store has limited space for storage and for Freebies. The Committee invites you to come to the store and pick up boxes of duplicates to put in your sales – but please don't bring them back.



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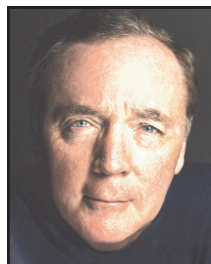


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**Texas Library Association  
Annual Conference 2014  
San Antonio, TX  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center  
April 8-11**

**Conference Information:**  
**[www.txla.org/annual-conference](http://www.txla.org/annual-conference)**



**3 General Sessions!** Author **James Patterson**; sports legend and author **Kareem Abdul-Jabbar**; and actor, director, and author **Henry Winkler** will keynote the general sessions.

Clear your calendar for another outstanding continuing education opportunity centered on **Learning, Empowerment, Advocacy, & Diversity**.

**FOSAPL  
volunteers need-  
ed for the TLA  
Conference**

If you are interested in  
getting involved, please  
email **Linda Arronge** at  
[rarronge@gmail.com](mailto:rarronge@gmail.com).

*Memorials and Donations*

**Sheila Figueroa**

***In Memory of***

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Bea Adams  
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Edwin R. "Bob" Adams  
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Oswin P. McCarty  
Daniel B. Markson  
Mary Anne Nunnelly  
Caryn and James J. Sheehan, Jr.  
A.P. and Melissa Shepherd  
Douglas and Susan Tonder  
Judy A. Yaeger



## Getting to Know Your Friends – Bruce Gill

**B**ruce Gill walked into the restaurant looking very dapper with the same friendly smile he greets us with every Thursday at the Book Cellar.

Bruce was born and reared in San Antonio, and graduated from Jefferson High School in 1957. He attended San Antonio College (SAC), The University of Texas at Austin, and received a B.A. in Public Administration from Our Lady of the Lake University. Bruce met his late wife, Carmen, at SAC, and they married in 1962. Carmen was a teacher who passed away in October, 2012. They had two children, Shannon and Brian. Brian lives in New York City, and Shannon lives here in San Antonio. He also has one grandson, Joshua, whom he enjoys spending as much time with as possible.

Starting In 1961, Bruce worked for the State Department of Public Welfare as a Case Worker before accepting a position with HUD in Ft. Worth as an Urban Intern. During the next four years, he assisted cities in Arkansas and Louisiana with the Urban Renewal program and other urban improvement programs of HUD. Upon the opening of a HUD field office, Bruce and his family returned to San Antonio in 1970. During his career with HUD, Bruce held four important positions including Urban Renewal Representative, Community Services Advisor, Housing Management Officer, and Multifamily Housing Representative. His final posi-

tion prior to retiring in 1994 included interfacing with both the public and private sectors in the development of FHA-insured multifamily and public housing projects.

Subsequent to his retirement, Bruce moved to Round Rock, Texas, where he became the executive director of the Round Rock Housing Authority for the next seven years.

However, with the pending birth of his grandson in San Antonio, he and Carmen moved back to this city in 2001.

After his final retirement, Bruce was looking for volunteer opportunities, and a friend from Jefferson High School, our own **Jim Wogstad**, suggested he consider working at the BookCellar. Bruce took the suggestion and has been a loyal Cellar volunteer since 2005. He has served on the BookCellar Committee and as Vice President of FOSAPL where he remains as a Board member.

Bruce has a long list of accomplishments and never misses a chance to serve the community when he sees a need. He currently mentors at Larkspur Elementary in the Northeast ISD, and he has recently begun driving for Meals on Wheels. He also belongs to the Descendants of Stephen F. Austin's "Old 300" and the State Association of Texas Pioneers, both of which provide educational opportunities and scholarship



monies to history educators in private and public schools.

Bruce is on the Outreach Committee at St. Thomas Episcopal Church, which has recently "adopted" the Santa Fe Episcopal Church on the south side of the city. Starting with the donation of 300 children's books from Carmen's collection, this committee is assisting Santa Fe to establish a mini-library for the youth in the local neighborhood to use and enjoy. Bruce and other committee members also serve dinner to residents of Haven for Hope one evening each month.

Bruce, here's to a job well done. Kudos for all of your time and dedication to making life a little easier for the people served by each of the organizations who are lucky enough to have you on their team.

Until next time...

### ~~ 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 ☐ In memory of  
Birthday, Anniversary  
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Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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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:

**Friends of the San Antonio Public Library**

**ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts**

**P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246**

**Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

**My name and address is:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~

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

#### 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

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

## INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL NOV-DEC
BookCellar sales	70,000.00	82,316.83	10,436.36
BookCellar sales tax withheld	(6,201.78)	(793.57)	
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	8,567.18	6,065.00
Interest	300.00	395.27	68.42
Membership	8,000.00	11,000.00	5,245.00
<b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>	<b>80,300.00</b>	<b>96,077.50</b>	<b>21,021.21</b>

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	NOV-DEC
Accounting	1,200.00	1,210.00	80.00
Arts and Letters program	700.00	585.21	
Bank charges	100.00	54.00	12.50
FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)	300.00	24.75	
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	879.28	
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	865.65	395.50
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	3,454.18	978.00
Office supplies	200.00	190.20	22.09
Parking	400.00		
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,000.00	855.37	109.47
President's expenses	200.00	209.29	
Seed money for new groups	100.00	100.00	100.00
Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)	1,000.00	771.53	360.00
<b>FOSAPL Budget Expense Total</b>	<b>11,550.00</b>	<b>9,199.46</b>	<b>2,057.56</b>

BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	800.00	543.31	543.31
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,000.00	928.10	
Commodities for resale	2,400.00	2,415.40	336.33
Equipment and maintenance	500.00	299.99	
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	1,046.00	-
Printing and copying	400.00	226.24	28.69
Recruitment of volunteer workers	-		
Salary and benefits	8,000.00	8,095.90	1,069.90
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	-		
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	786.89	602.40
<b>Book Cellar Budget Expense Total</b>	<b>15,450.00</b>	<b>14,341.83</b>	<b>2,580.63</b>

Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	35,000.00	35,000.00	17,500.00
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	747.50	260.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	700.00	300.00
<b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>	<b>62,000.00</b>	<b>59,988.79</b>	<b>22,698.19</b>

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	NOV-DEC	YTD
Donations	2,816.77	10,473.05
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers	12,279.72	70,233.36
Memberships	1,870.00	3,750.00
<b>BRANCH &amp; SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME</b>	<b>16,966.49</b>	<b>84,456.41</b>
Branch Friends group operating expenses	621.05	6,798.18
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department	16,343.21	72,521.44

## Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	147,616.99
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,060.04
Compass Checking ***-***8736	16,495.54
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>194,172.57</b>

Branch Designated Funds (-)	(87,314.87)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	-
Checks outstanding (-)	(2,504.53)
<b>Net Assets for FOSAPL Use</b>	<b>104,353.17</b>

## Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31, 2013

Bazan	846.34
Brook Hollow	12,480.03
Carver	3,112.55
Central	1,094.23
Cody	4,259.36
Collins Garden	1,362.49
Cortez	1,544.61
Forest Hills	943.67
Great Northwest	1,390.96
Guerra	4,167.06
Igo	10,263.29
Johnston	3,033.91
Landa	1,112.28
Las Palmas	967.77
Maverick	5,934.94
McCreless	440.54
Memorial	3,065.80
Mission	2,276.78
Pan American	37.50
Parman	2,898.30
Semmes	5,480.89
Texana/Genealogy	5,472.69
Thousand Oaks	4,067.22
Tobin at Oakwell	7,728.03
Westfall	3,333.63
<b>Total Group Funds</b>	<b>87,314.87</b>





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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Mar. 1–2      Maverick Friends Book Sale, 10–4.  
Mar. 4        Maverick Friends meeting, 7.  
Mar. 8–9      McCreless Book Sale  
Mar. 9–16     BookCellar Spring Break Sale, Central Library  
Mar. 14–15   Semmes Book Sale – Preview Sale, Friday, 11–12:30; Saturday, 10.  
Mar. 16       Friends Board Meeting, Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School  
Mar. 20       General Meeting, Mission Branch Library, 3134 Roosevelt, 6:30.  
Apr. 5–6      Igo Friends Book Sale.  
Apr. 5–6      Maverick Book Sale, Nani Falcone meeting room, 10–4.  
Apr. 8        Maverick Friends meeting, 7.  
Apr. 23       Mission Library will host monthly Library Board of Trustees Meeting  
May 2–4       Guerra Library Book Sale. May 2, 4–6, May 3 & 4, 10–4.  
May 6        Maverick Friends meeting, 7.  
May 17       Westfall Book Sale  
May 31        Mission Día de la Familia/Friends Book Sale, Tobin at Oakwell

**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  
Guerra Library  
7978 Military Drive West, 78227  
210-207-9070  
Igo Library  
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249  
210-207-9080  
Maverick Library  
8700 Mystic Park, 78254  
210-207-9060  
McCreless Library  
1023 Ada Street, 78223  
210-207-9170  
Memorial Library  
3222 Culebra, 78228  
210-207-9140  
Mission Library  
3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214  
210-207-2704  
Molly Pruitt Library  
at Roosevelt High School  
5110 Walzem Road, 78218  
210-650-1122  
Semmes Library  
15060 Judson Rd., 78247  
210-207-9110  
Tobin Library at Oakwell  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-207-9040  
Westfall Library  
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201  
210-207-9220