



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

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### *From the President*

Dear Friends,

Friends, Friends, Friends everywhere and oh sooo many hugs to give. Many of you were at the City of San Antonio Proclamation on March 6. Many more of you were at the Appreciation Reception March 26, hosted by the Library Trustees and sponsored by the Library Foundation. April 5 was also busy for many of us. It was the 2nd Annual Book Festival. It has really grown in just one year. Several branches also had book sales. Another event was the Texas Library Association convention in San Antonio. The BookCellar volunteers packed goodie bags.

I have been doing some research on the history of the libraries in San Antonio, and I found a news clipping that was very interesting. In 1872, the Alamo Literary Society created a subscription library that cost users a \$1 membership fee and 25¢ per month sustaining fee to check out books. They also had a limit on hours. Ladies were welcomed Mondays and Thursdays from 4–6 p.m., and men were allowed on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8–10 p.m. There were no children's hours listed. The San Antonio Public Library and Women's Exchange, founded in the 1890s, included a nursery and kindergarten. In 1899, we joined the Alamo Free Library and became a site for one of the 2,811 public libraries that steel magnate **Andrew Carnegie** began building about 1876 around the country. I'm so glad that we have come a long way, and now everyone can go to the library 24/7.

The original reason for the research was to find some of the by-laws for some of the Friends groups. This project is going well, but I am having a hard time finding the by-laws for Cody Friends and a couple of others. If you know who might have a copy, please let me know. We would like to have a copy of each branch to post on our website.

Every branch seems very busy. I have visited and attended meeting with Brook Hollow, Landa, Pan American, and Memorial. Memorial was getting ready for the Oyster Bake parking event. We are all so jealous that they do so well just parking cars. It's a great event. Las Palmas is enjoying the new refrigerator that the Friends bought. It will help a lot during the summer reading programs.

The last event that I attended was a personal choice. **Delia Trimble** and I were at the Civil Rights Summit at the LBJ Presidential Library. **Lyndon Johnson** helped pass the Civil Rights Bill of 1964. They discussed how the Bill changed history. The event was a gathering of the living Presidents: **Jimmy Carter**, **Bill Clinton**, **George W. Bush** and **Barak Obama**. The Civil Rights movement is also celebrating 50 years. So much has happened in our last 50 years, and in some ways it seems like it was only yesterday.

*See you at Guerra Library on Sunday, May 18, at 2 p.m.*

*Linda Arronge*



### Arts & Letters



The Arts and Letters Committee is now accepting your nominations for outstanding artists, writers, thespians and/or musicians. 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.

All nominations must be received by August 1, 2014. 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)



*At an Appreciation Reception hosted by the Library Trustees and sponsored by the Library Foundation on March 26 in the Central Library Gallery, FOSAPL was honored for all we have done for the Library and for our co-operative efforts with the Library Board and Library Foundation. Library Board President **Jean Brady** presented a certificate of Appreciation to the Friends, and FOSAPL President **Linda Arronge** (left) accepted the certificate.*

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, March 16, 2014

Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, March 16, 2014, at the Molly Pruitt Branch Library at Roosevelt High School. President **Linda Arronge** called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The roll call of members of the Board was read by the Secretary and a quorum was declared with 20 members present.

Board members attending were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Rita Corey, Jose Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Yolanda Fitzpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Ronnie Retzliff, Rowena Rogers and Jill Zimmerman.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Karen Matson** moved to accept the minutes of the meeting of January 19, 2014, as published in the March–April, 2014 edition of the *SAPLings*. The motion was seconded. The minutes as published were approved.

**President's Report:** **Linda Arronge** attended the San Antonio City Council meeting on March 23 where the mayor and Council members expressed appreciation to the San Antonio Friends of the Library for 50 years of service. Linda read the Proclamation to the group. The Proclamation is printed on a scroll that will be framed and displayed at the BookCellar where it is likely to receive the most attention. Linda reminded the Friends about the San Antonio Book Festival and asked that as many as possible to attend and to volunteer on Saturday, April 5, from 10–5 at the Central Library and the Southwest School of Art. The BookCellar plans to have a special

sale day featuring books by some of the featured authors who will be attending the Book Festival.

The annual Texas Library Association Conference is scheduled in San Antonio at the Convention Center the following week and Friends volunteers are also needed for the Conference.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Beverly Duran** reported income of \$90,000 through February 28, 2014, and made copies of the Treasurer's report available. Net assets available for FOSAPL use, \$113,402.78 with budget expenses totaling \$5329.53 year to date, as of February 28, 2014. Beverly answered questions regarding certain accounts and how reports are handled for recording purposes and the dates involved. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

**Library Board:** **Jean Brady** spoke about being a Friend and what that means, and how Friends depend on each other. She thanked the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library for all we have done for the Library and for our co-operative efforts with the Library Board and Library Foundation. In appreciation, the Library Foundation will sponsor a reception on March 26 in the Central Library Gallery at 4:00 p.m., honoring members of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

**Library Administration:** **Kathy Donellan**, Assistant Library Director for Support Services, reported on the current and future activities regarding the new library in District 9. A third meeting to include a Community Briefing will be held at the Branch loca-

tion, 2515 East Evans Road on March 24 at 6:30 p.m.

On March 20, The Texas Women of Influence has scheduled a panel discussion at the Central Library at 6:30 p.m. Panelists will include ACCION Texas, Inc. President and CEO **Janie Barrera**; St. Philip's College President **Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.**; Bexar County Sheriff **Susan Palmerlau**; San Antonio City Manager **Sheryl Sculley**, and Alamo Travel Group CEO **Patricia Stout**.

Three library branches are scheduled for extreme makeovers in 2014: Carver, Cortez and Tobin with a possible addition of Westfall Library.

Library management is embracing the City of San Antonio's CORE VALUES program and will hold information events to explain the program involving teamwork, innovation, integrity, and professionalism.

Library management adds their thanks and congratulations to the Friends of San Antonio Public Library as they celebrate 50 years of helping the Library provide library service to the citizens of San Antonio.

Kathy reported two upcoming Library closing dates, Easter Sunday, April 20, and Friday, April 25, in observance of Fiesta San Jacinto.

**Nancy Gandara** asked Kathy about the filtering issue regarding use of the Internet as recently covered by the local news. **Jean Brady** reported that the Board has revised screening definitions that will require filtering of some websites, particularly those frequently used by children. Strict legal definitions will be used in order to be compliant, and users will be

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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

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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.

required to agree to certain terms of behavior prior to Internet usage.

**Delia Trimble** of the Las Palmas Friends group asked about future use of the building formerly housing the city's Learning Center near the Las Palmas Branch. Kathy reported that no lease agreement has been authorized yet but assured Delia that care would be given to selection of a lease that would not be negative to the Library's mission.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Membership:** The President reported for Membership Secretary **Linda Cheatum**, who was unable to attend but sent a Membership Report. At this time, we have 4 business members, 426 individual members, 132 dual memberships and 118 life members. Renewal letters to 2013 members who have not renewed are in the mail.

**BookCellar:** **Tom Nemeth** reported year-to-date income for the BookCellar is \$15,796. The staff continues to look for ways to increase sales. Selling online has been successful, and efforts will be made to add text books to online sales. During the Book Festival, hours will be extended to attract customers visiting the vendors and exhibits.

**Karen Matson** advised that online sales are tax free and that Amazon also has a tax-free option.

**Nancy Gandara** suggested an article should be written for the *SAPLings* on the subject to inform other Friends groups about these opportunities.

**50th Anniversary Committee:** **Mike Belisle** stated the Committee is looking over food options and a wine tasting

for the celebration currently scheduled for September 19. The ticket price will be \$50.

**Arts and Letters Committee:** **Bob Mason** reported that the Committee wants to start the nomination process earlier than last year and has already placed an article in *SAPLings* to encourage interest in submitting candidate names. An additional article in *SAPLings* will provide more information about parameters and criteria for the nominating process. Two dates in October are being considered at this time. Bob encouraged not only the early submission of the names of nominees, but also encourages volunteers to serve on the Arts and Letters Committee.

**Branch Library Reports:** **Delia Trimble** reported that Las Palmas Friends have already purchased a refrigerator for the library staff. Posters and T-Shirts celebrating McCreless' 20th Anniversary are available. Collins Garden Library will be participating in the Caesar Chavez celebration in March at the Collins Garden Park. Pan American Friends have started their first Book Kart and look forward to the same success other Friends groups have found with the in-library sales.

*SAPLings* articles are due by April 10, and **Pat Konstam** urged Friends to write about events two months or more in the future rather than events already past.

There was no Old Business or New Business, and the President adjourned the meeting.

Refreshments were provided by the President and members of the 50th Anniversary Committee.

## FOSAPL Officers with the Proclamation



FOSAPL Officers, L-R, Secretary **Pat Peak**, Vice President **Bob Mason**, President **Linda Arronge**, and Treasurer **Beverly Duran** with the Proclamation presented by San Antonio Mayor **Julian Castro** on Wednesday, March 5, in Council Chambers.



FOSAPL Secretary **Pat Peak**, President **Linda Arronge** (holding City of San Antonio Proclamation), and Library Board President **Jean Brady** with (back row) Executive Board members **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** and **Ronnie Retzloff**.



## Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Friends will have a booth at the North Central Thousand Oaks Neighborhood Association (NCTONA) spring general meeting at Bradley Middle School Sunday, May 18, 3–5 p.m. Our library staff is also invited.

Author **Barbara Lazar** will speak at Brook Hollow Saturday, May 31, at 2 p.m. as part of SAPL's Asian-American Heritage Month celebration. She has written an historical novel set in 12th century Japan called *The Pillow Book of the Flower Samurai*. More information can be found at <http://sapl.sat.lib.tx.us/a?SEARCH=lazar%2C+barbara&searchscope=1> and <http://barbaralazar.com/>.

Every Wednesday afternoon Brook Hollow has Tween Time (ages 9–12), followed by Teen Time (ages 13–18), which give the neighborhood kids an opportunity to socialize and become familiar with the library. We have provided board games and other materials for their use. The newly dedicated teen section provides a creative outlet for them to design and decorate. We have provided posters, bookmarks, and other items for them.

Several of the items we recently purchased for the library have arrived. They include sign holders, lockers for the staff, a kiosk, keep-it-clean mats, and acrylic DVD shelves.

Our next book sale will be Saturday, September 13.

**Mark Robinson**

## Great Northwest

Friends of GNW would like to introduce our awesome officers for 2014!

Our new President is **Misty Raley**. Misty received her degree in Marketing and Management from LeTourneau University in December 2013 and brings a fresh new perspective to our group. Misty has been a long-time summer children's program volunteer, and she is much loved by all of us.

Vice President is **Kitty Janiga**. Kitty and her quilting friends are the incredible talent behind our annual quilt fundraiser, and Kitty has made wonderful aprons to represent the letters of the alphabet for the library's children's programs. This year's quilt will be displayed at GNW from May through July. Tickets will be \$1 each or 6 tickets for \$5. Please stop this year to get your chance at another beautiful quilt made at Great Northwest.

We welcome back **Anna Gifford** as our Treasurer. Anna and her husband **Adrian** constructed our very cool children's play appliances. Anna introduced us to **Grahm Frey** who completed an Eagle Scout Project that provided new storage units for our children's program. She also took over book sale management and seems to have boundless energy while she also is working on her degree and raising her growing family.

Our Secretary this year is **Denise Barlow** who stepped down from her long-time presidency and will graduate from St. Mary's University School of Law on May 17. Denise promised to be back after the bar exam to attend the Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon where each year we have great fun and pick the winner of the quilt.

Our FOSAPL Board Member and Liaison, **Larry Pur-**

**key**, is newly retired from his long career in education. We hope Larry's relaxing and having some fun when not contributing to the success of our and other friends groups. Fun Fact: Denise and Larry are both proud alumni of Ohio Northern University in Ada, OH (also the place where all NFL footballs are manufactured). Go Polar Bears!

Great Northwest invites you to our summer book sale on June 7 from 10–4. Come find a book or three, say hello to our officers, and support our GNW quilt fundraiser.

**Denise Barlow**

## Igo

The Friends of the Igo Branch Library had their Spring Book Sale April 5 and 6, and we did very well. There was a lot of activity going on around San Antonio, Helotes, and Poteet this weekend, i.e., book sales, fiestas and strawberry festivals.

We had our meeting April 12 and voted to not hold a meeting in June or July. We will have our normal Summer Programs and when we come back in August, we'll finish up our year with a bang.

Our next book sale will be October 4 and 5.

**Tom Hill**

## Las Palmas

Our December book sale proceeds and donations to date allowed us to buy the two priority items that had been on the staff's wish list—a new refrigerator to replace the nearly 20-year old one and a digital camera.

Several of our Friends assisted with the FOSAPL book sale that was part of the City Council District 5 "Celebrating Cesar Chavez" event held on March 29 at the Collins Garden Branch Library and Park.

**Clarissa**, one of our teen volunteers, demonstrated her creative skills in decorating the book cart, entitled the "Las Palmas Friends Book Sale Station," now in use at the Library.

The next Las Palmas book sale is scheduled for June 7, with a preview day on June 6. Children's activities are being planned in conjunction with the book sale.

**Delia Ramirez Trimble**

## Maverick

It's always good to kick off a new month with a Book Sale. The Maverick Friends got April off to great start with our Spring Sale. Friends **Edith Wah, Becky Vargas, Jody Summers, Barbara and Franklin Steinhauser, Judith Pennington, Roe Klepac, Kim, Layne and Kaitlyn Henage, P.J. and John Gaddis, Elizabeth Bircher** and I enjoyed our usual camaraderie from set up to clean-up. We only wish more Friends could come out to share in the fun.

Library staff **Raina Oster, Liz Santos, and Sara Borque** organized a **Spring Fest** on April 5. The busy day included a movie, crafts, two puppet shows (the Friends provided funding for the stage and puppets), and pet adoptions plus refreshments. The children had a great time, and the Fiesta flowers they made looked fantastic. Librarian **Ben Longoria** provided help with logistics for both the Spring Fest and the Book Sale.

Summer Reading will be here before we know it. As usual, Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts** has plenty of activities planned to keep everyone busy and engaged. The **Kick-off Party** will be from 2–3 p.m. on Saturday, June 7. **Dinosaur George** will visit at  
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11 a.m. on Friday, June 27. **Spikey Mikey** will make two appearances at 2 and 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 9. The **End Party** is scheduled for 2-3 p.m. on Wednesday, July 30. Maverick Friends will fund both parties and **Spikey Mikey's** appearance.

If you're in the area, please join us for our monthly meetings at 7 p.m. in the library on May 6 and June 3. Friends are always welcome at Maverick.

*Sue Ratliff*

## McCreless

The new executive board composed of President **Paula Massengale**, Vice-President **Vera Banner**, Secretary **Lucy E. Duncan**, and Treasurer **Mary Gallagher**, have been busy getting things re-energized so we are ready to support summer activities at the library. Yes, summer is just around the corner. Our March 12 book sale generated \$806.54, so the group was able to make a contribution of \$300 for staff chairs as requested by Branch Manager **Cammie Brantley**. Thanks to all who volunteered to support the book sale, in particular, **Paula Massengale**, **Vera Banner**, and **Christel Villarreal** for culling the selections, set up, and break down. In addition to the staff chairs, the Friends group voted to have 100 mouse pads created with the McCreless Friends Group logo on them for use in the library. Charter member, **Laura Mora**, not only made a donation to the Friends Group, but became a current member again. We also welcome **Laura Brill** and **Jose Campos** as new members.

We look forward to seeing our new members and everyone else at the next general meeting of the group being

held on Monday, May 12, 6 p.m. in the library's meeting room.

It's almost time for the next McCreless book sale! **Tom Nemeth** took advantage of an offer by Half-Price Books to donate children's books to tax-exempt organizations. We have two boxes of *fresh* children's books for the sale. The sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 31, & Sunday, June 1, from 10-5:45 both days. Volunteers are needed for setup, staffing the sale, and breaking down after the sale. It's a great opportunity to get to know your fellow members as well as get first dibs on the great books. All proceeds go to support the great staff and services of our branch library.

*Jill Zimmerman*

## Thousand Oaks

In mid-February, Friends of Thousand Oaks enjoyed a pot-luck luncheon at President **Leila Hileman's** home, followed with a brief business meeting. A decision was made to change our meeting day to the 3rd Thursday of the month at 1 p.m., just prior to the book club meeting. Our summer book sale will be on June 7 from 10 to 3. We hosted a luncheon for the staff of Thousand Oaks on April 23.

One of our founding members passed away in February; we will miss **Barbara Gable's** willing spirit and dry humor.

*Ginger Hobbs*

## Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell Friends Annual Meeting was held on February 15, 2014. **Dale McNeill**, Assistant Director for Public Service at SAPL gave a very enjoyable and informative talk: "Libraries and Their

Community," "Bricks and Clicks: Technology and Libraries in the Future."

At our April 8, Board Meeting, our President, **Janet Goddard**, told us about "The Big Give SA," which will take place May 6. This is an online 24-hour opportunity to learn about and donate to about 400 nonprofit organizations in San Antonio.

Tobin at Oakwell is one of several libraries to pilot a program allowing checkout of a Google tablet for 7 days. This has been very popular. Our Library Manager **Tracey Knouse**, along with Teen Librarian **Betsey Leitko**, and Children's Librarian **Ariel**

**Cummins** have many ongoing exciting programs for all ages. Our new Vice President **Vicki Richardson** has offered to donate prizes for these in addition to Tobin Friends support. Summer Reading will start on June 1, with opening activities and "Summer Fest" will be held the last Saturday in July.

Our Extreme Makeover is now scheduled for August.

**Dan Goddard**, our Book Sale chairman, and our Friends are preparing for the May Book Sale on May 31. A Preview Sale will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, May 30, and all FOSAPL members are invited to attend.

*Arline Braswell*



New wooden rolling storage for GNW constructed by **Graham Frey** as part of his Eagle Scout project.

## Memorials and Donations

**Sheila Figueroa**

*In Memory of*

*By*

**Richard Alvarado**,  
a Life Member

The Friends of the San Antonio  
Public Library

### Donations

**Patricia J. Birkhead**  
**Olga Canales**  
**Maria Greene**

**Laura Mora**  
**Christie A. Smith**  
**Cindy Taylor and Terry Boyd**

## Getting to Know Our Friends Monica Hernandez

Stephanie Serrata

I interviewed **Monica Hernandez** in the **BookCellar** on a Monday morning. We sat at the volunteer table and talked for a while before the store opened for business. Monica and I have sat at that table many times before, but usually our conversation is limited to BookCellar day to day operations. On this day, however, we spoke to one another as friends who share many of the same interests.

Monica was born and raised here in San Antonio. She lives with her parents (Lupe and Manuel) and younger sister (Gabbi) and believes in maintaining strong family relationships. Monica has an extremely close connection with Gabbi and does everything in her power to make sure her sister has a positive role model. Monica attended Burbank High School and volunteered at the **Children's Hospital** while still a student. After graduating in 1991, she attended San Antonio College and UTSA, where she majored in English. Monica also mentored future journalists and photographers at **El Placazo**, a local westside newspaper, which is sponsored by **Inner City Development** and the **San Antonio Cultural Arts Program**. Monica informed me that the goal of this program is to encourage young writers and photojournalists in their aspirations of one day writing for a major newspaper or going into broadcasting.

I then asked Monica how she became involved with the public library, and she told me that she visited the BookCellar for many years before she became a friend and began volunteering in February 2004. After only 4 months, former BookCellar Chairman **Aaron Konstam** offered Monica the manager's position. Monica stated that her experience at the BookCellar has been both interest-

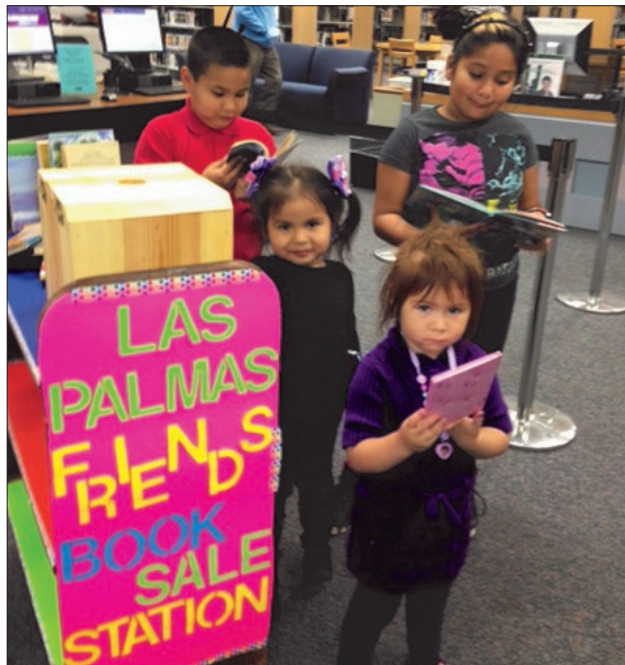
ing and challenging: interesting in that she loves meeting new people (volunteers and customers), and challenging because of the limited space available for the enormous amount of books that come through the BookCellar every day. Monica also shared with me that she is constantly concerned with logistics and marketing strategies for the BookCellar, and always appreciates and welcomes new ideas from volunteers and customers.

Finally, I asked Monica about her other interests and pursuits. I was intrigued to find out about a jewelry line she recently launched, and the solace she finds in making original pieces that people can collect and enjoy. Monica is also doing very important work with **Destination X-Ride's** founder, **Todd Spurrier**. Mr. Spurrier's organization heads a research group whose primary goal is to bring awareness to the public about a rare form of colorectal cancer known as FAP (Familial Adenomatous Polyposis). Monica informed me that FAP is a genetic disorder that normally occurs in people under the age of 50. The organization provides outreach to people who suffer from this disorder and provides information to families of the afflicted so that they are better able to understand and deal with this rare disease.

This was the first time in my four years at the BookCellar that I've spoken to Monica for any length of time. I found a fellow English major and lover of the classics. I also found that Monica is a truly altruistic individual who is willing and eager to share the knowledge and expertise she's gained from her time at the **BookCellar**. Thank you, Monica, for your time and friendship. Here's to a job extremely well done.

*Until next time....*

## Las Palmas Activities



The new Friends book cart at the Las Palmas Library being enjoyed by **Cruzito, Yasmin, Chloe, and Reyna**.

## Family fun at Collins Garden

Learning about this alpaca and other animals was a highlight of the District 5 Cesar Chavez celebration March 29 at the Collins Garden Library. Memorial and Las Palmas Friends groups also participated in the book sale that day.





## Maverick Spring Fest

Top down: **Liz Santos** (left) and **Laura Lopez** are ready to hand out more treats after the movie. Liz serving sweet treats. From left, **Raina Oster**, Laura, and Liz coordinating Spring Fest activities.



## 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 San Antonio Book Festival on April 5 was a boon both for local book lovers and the BookCellar. Invited to visit the store by BookCellar volunteers at a FOSAPL table in the Central Library lobby, Festival goers crowded the store all day. Long lines at the cashier's desk looked like opening day at a Tent Sale. The store took in \$2,627 for the day.

The store has additional shelving for its huge inventory of romance paperbacks as well as new under-counter shelves for special displays thanks to the carpentry skills of volunteer **Bob Mason**, who designed and built the shelves.

The BookCellar lost a long-time Monday volunteer with the death of **Edith Speert** on March 3. Edith, a retired teacher, had a special interest in maintaining the store's section of classic books and plays. Her most recent presentation at a FOSAPL meeting was her introduction of fiber artist **Susan Oaks** at the 2013 Arts & Letters Awards ceremony.

**Norm Sonnenschein**, another Monday volunteer, has been forced to retire for health reasons after working at the BookCellar for more than 20 years. The loss of these experienced

veterans has created a void on Mondays and a keen need for new volunteers who can work on that day. The store is also short on volunteers for Saturdays and Sundays.

An experiment in extended hours on Saturday afternoons is underway for the months of April through June. If staying open until 4:30 p.m. instead of closing at 3 p.m. increases sales significantly, and if enough volunteers are able to work an extra shift, the experiment might be continued. If you hope to shop in the BookCellar after 3 p.m. on a Saturday, call first to see if the store will be open late.

Another effort to increase store income is selling especially valuable books online. **Sabrina Stewart** and **Karen Fritzlen** are leading that project.

The buy-one-get-one free special this month is regular priced adult and juvenile biographies. The June buy-one-get-one special will be regular priced Dewey Decimal 900s. This category covers the history and geography of the world, from ancient Egypt to the current era. It includes such popular topics as travel guides, the Civil War, World War II, U.S. presidents, and accounts of life in most of the world's major countries.



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 6	Maverick Friends meeting, at the library, 7 p.m.
May 17	Westfall Book Sale
<b>May 18</b>	<b>Friends Board Meeting, Guerra Library, 2pm</b>
May 31	Mission Día de la Familia
May 31	Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale
May 31–June 1	McCreless Book Sale, 10–5:45
June 6–7	Las Palmas Book Sale
June 7	Great Northwest Book Sale, 10–4
Aug. 1	Deadline for Nominations for Arts & Letters Awards
Sept. 13	Brook Hollow Book Sale, 10–5
Sept. 15	Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 7
Oct 4–5	Igo Book Sale

**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

Great Northwest  
9050 Wellwood, 78250  
210-207-9210

Guerra  
7978 Military Drive West, 78227  
210-207-9070

Igo Library  
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249  
210-207-9080

Las Palmas Library  
515 Castroville Road, 78237  
210-434-6394

Maverick Library  
8700 Mystic Park, 78254  
210-207-9060

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

Mission Library  
3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214  
210-207-2704

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

Westfall Library  
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201  
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