



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

We have been celebrating our 50th Anniversary. There have been so many changes during these 50 years. We started with one group and now we have many Friends groups. At one time, we mainly sorted books, sold books, and served cookies and punch. Now the Friends do so much more and support the library system in many ways.

We have become more involved in advocating for the library services and the city budget. This year, the budget process has been extended to include the county budget as well. We have worked hard because the county has talked about pulling out their contribution because they now have a digital library. The cut in the library budget would really hurt the San Antonio Public Library. Many of you have shown up to support the library. I feel like I have spent a lot of time with Library Board President **Jean Brady**, **Lora Eckler**, Library board member, and **Tracey Bennett** from the Library Foundation. A group of strong Friends were able to get the County to continue contributing the \$3.7 million for 2015. We will all have to advocate for the city budget and the county budget again next year for 2016.

Mayor **Ivy Taylor** has decided to have a Fall Reading Program. She said she developed a love for reading because she was not allowed to watch TV. She chose *The Rocket Boys* for the reading program. At the September 21 FOSAPL Board meeting, we voted to donate \$15,000 more to the library. Some of the money will be used for this purpose.

We also unveiled the Digital Library at the San Antonio International Airport on Tuesday, October 21. This project took a long time but we think that it was a great addition to the Library.

This year many branches took part in the National Night Out. We are getting to know our neighbors. We are passing out books and reading to the crowds. It is a fun event in conjunction with the Police Department. Semmes, Johnston, and Collins Gardens have worked with this project many years.

It is also a spooky Halloween time at many branches. Parman had a haunted house area. Many branches had Halloween programs and parties.

November is the start of many holiday events. Many of you will have friends and family in town. If you have not seen the Digital History show on the facade of the San Fernando Cathedral you have missed a great treat. It is shown Tuesday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday at 9, 9:30, and 10 p.m. It runs 25 minutes. Just bring your chairs or sit on the ground.

The Friends of the Library wish you and your families a joyful, blessed and wonderful Holiday Season. We have so much to be thankful for.

See you at Las Palmas, 515 Castroville Rd. 78237, on Sunday, November 16 for the next FOSAPL Board Meeting!

Linda Arronge



Digital Library at San Antonio International Airport

Launch of two Digital Library kiosks at San Antonio International Airport on Oct. 21, 2014, generated widespread media attention both to San Antonio Public Library's digital innovations and to the financial contributions of Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

The Friends provided the money for the \$26,000 project.

The kiosks allow airport passengers to browse the library's entire catalogue of digital materials and download them onto their mobile devices using touch-screen technology. A kiosk is located in each of the airport's two terminals.

Out-of-town visitors or people without an SAPL library card can obtain a temporary library card via the screen in order to check out materials. The cards are good for 24 hours and have a limit of three items that can be checked out for seven days.

In addition to allowing travelers to check out online materials, the kiosks will serve as a rapid recharging station for mobile devices.

The project is a partnership of the airport and SAPL. In a statement, airport officials said: "Funded by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, this partnership reflects the airport's extraordinary focus on customer service and convenience for its passengers."

Reports on the airport digital library opening were carried by 15 local and national media outlets, according to **Caitlin Cowart**, SAPL public relations manager.

These ranged from news programs on four local TV stations and three local radio stations to national industry newsletters that cover airport or libraries

Membership Renewal Time

Friends it's time to renew our memberships for 2015. It's still just \$15 and \$5 of that goes to the branch of your choice. If you wish to join a second branch it is just \$5 for each additional branch! Thanks for being a Friend

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, September 21, 2014
Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, September 21, 2014, at the Maverick Branch Library. The meeting was called to order by President **Linda Arronge** at 2:15 p.m. The roll call of board members was read by the Secretary and a quorum of 21 members present was declared. Board members attending were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Elizabeth Bircher, Arline Braswell, Rita Corey, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Beth Graham, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Marshall Mundorff, Ronnie Retzlaff, Rowena Rodgers, Ann Springer, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Approval of Minutes – **Jackie Fremming** moved to accept the minutes as printed in September/October *SAPLings*. **Karen Matson** seconded. The minutes were approved as printed.

President's Report – Linda reported that the budget for the City of San Antonio has been approved, including the funds for the Library.

The celebration for the 50th Anniversary of the Friends of San Antonio Library was cancelled due to poor pre-event ticket sales.

Treasurer's Report – **Beverly Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report and made copies available. As of August 31, total assets including Money Market and checking accounts are \$198,847.89; net assets for FOSAPL use are \$121,382.37. Branch and Support funds balance is \$74,468.54. The \$25,000 for Library Support of Public Programming and Staff Development is included in July-August expenses. We have received the invoice for \$26,875 for the

Power Tower kiosk and installation at the San Antonio International Airport. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit. Linda reminded the members that the Treasurer of the Branch groups must be a paid member of FOSAPL in order to act as Treasurer for the Branch.

Library Board – **Jean Brady**, Library Board Liaison, thanked FOSAPL members for support to the Library. She also expressed concern about the Bexar County Commissioner's plans for continuing to fund Bexar County residents' use of the San Antonio Public Library. The funding is fairly well assured for the 2015 fiscal year, approximately \$3.7M. But Board and Foundation representatives have been unable to rally Commissioner's support for a task force to plan for future budgets beginning in 2016 and preferably a 5-year agreement. The City cannot subsidize library services for library users who do not reside within the City of San Antonio. This would include residents of incorporated cities such as Alamo Heights, Castle Hills, and Converse, as well as county residents in the cities like Helotes and Adkins, Texas. The City would be forced to cut library hours, or staff or charge usage fees or possibly all three, if the County does not continue funding library services for county residents. Jean is concerned that the people who will be affected by the loss of City of San Antonio Library Services do not know or understand the impact that the loss of County funding will have on their Library usage. The Commissioner's Bibliotech project provides all digital, but only digital services, while surveys in the San Antonio Library System indicate that people still want print materials as well as electronic

access. The Public Library is endeavoring to provide both to its patrons. County Commissioners' meeting on October 16 will ratify the Commissioners' budget for 2015, but members can also voice their concerns about extending the agreement for 2016 by signing up to speak.

Library Director – **Ramiro Salazar** answered questions and concerns from the audience regarding the impact of the loss of County funds on the whole City of San Antonio Public Library operation. The emphasis now is on the attempt to get the Bexar County Commissioners to agree to a task force to work on a commitment to the future funding of the City of San Antonio Public Library. The discussion lasted more than 50 minutes with input and suggestions from Friends members urging everyone to become vocal advocates to tell the story of the San Antonio Public Library, our strengths and our needs.

Library Administration – **Ramiro Salazar** reported that the Library's budget was approved and adopted with approximately \$1 million in additional resources. \$300,000 will go to Adult Learning Centers in four Branch Libraries – Westfall, Bazan, Carver, and Cortez. \$340,000 is committed to the new library branch on Evans Road not yet officially named but scheduled for opening in April 2015 and \$500,000 for technology and maintenance repairs for Great Northwest Library.

Efforts were made to restructure the Texana/Genealogy Department with reduced hours for the balance of this fiscal year. Funds are earmarked to expand hours and services to 40 hours per week in the 2015 fiscal year. The Library Foundation is still

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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.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, 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

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looking for private funding to keep the Texana collection available to researchers as well as local history users.

Mayor **Ivy Taylor's** Book Club will begin next week with "Meet the Mayor" events scheduled at Central Library and nine Branch Libraries in coming months. These neighborhood meetings provide an opportunity to speak with the Mayor about how important the Library is to you and your family. Ramiro also reported an increase in Circulation figures this year.

Another major initiative is the planned installation in mid October of the two digital library kiosks at the San Antonio International Airport, which the Friends of the San Antonio Pubic Library funded. The Friends contribution is acknowledged on the installation. A phone charging unit is also included for convenience. **Jessica Ramos** showed a video presentation by the Romanian company who will provide the digital library installation at Central Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Linda Cheatum, Membership Secretary, suggests we need to recruit new members as well as renewals. There were 216 non-renewals from the previous year. The membership totals 828 paid members YTD compared to 902 last year. However, we do have 26 new or renewing members since July. Linda asks for attention to clarity in completing the forms, especially email addresses and intended Branch affiliation. Your help in updating other members' status for Friends no longer in the area is appreciated.

On-line registration is still experiencing some difficulties.

BookCellar – Tom Nemeth reports \$62,242 in sales to date, an increase of \$4,000 over the same time last year.

Arts and Letters – Bob Mason thanked members for all the nominations received by the Committee. Three recipients of the awards for 2014 were selected: **Rick Casey**, journalist and TV host; **Cakky Brawley**, artist and sculptor; and **Dr. Richard Winders**, historian and curator at the Alamo. Detailed descriptions of the awardee's work and personal profiles appear in the September/October *SAPLings*. The Awards Ceremony will be held in the auditorium at the Central Library starting at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 26.

Friends Anniversary celebration – Beth Graham reported that due to low ticket sales prior to the event, the 50th Anniversary Gala was cancelled. Beth thanked the Committee members and said that a celebration in January looking forward to the next 50 years is under consideration. Survey forms prepared by the Committee to identify reasons for the lack of interest are available for you to complete today.

Old Business

The Executive Board recommended an additional allocation of \$15,000 to the Library from BookCellar profits. After a motion to allocate the BookCellar funds, two members, **Mary McAfee** and **Jose Duran**, spoke against the motion to provide the funds at this time, as recommended. After discussion, the question was called, and the motion passed by a voice vote.

Nominating Committee – Linda Arronge announced the following members were named to

the Nominating Committee to propose a slate of directors and officers for the January election: **Bob Mason, Nancy Gandara, Linda Cheatum, Richard Morales**, and **Evelyn Bonavita**. The Committee will report in November.

New Business:

A Budget Committee chaired by Treasurer **Beverly Duran** will meet to prepare a budget recommendation for 2015 to be presented at the November 16 Board meeting. Members agreeing to serve are **Bob Mason, Eddie Patiño, Linda Arronge, Elizabeth Bircher, Mary Gallagher** and **Judy Wilson**.

Check the *SAPLings* for additions to the Book Sale schedules for the various libraries.

The President thanked **Elizabeth Bircher** of the Maverick Friends for the many choices of organic refreshments and reminded the members that the **November 16** meeting will be at the **Las Palmas Branch Library at 515 Castroville Rd. at 2 p.m.**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Pan American Library



Foxy, a therapy dog, visited Pan American Library during their book sale October 18.



Carver

In August Carver Branch was among the top finishers of San Antonio Public Library's Circulation Challenge. As soon as staff learned of the initiative, they mobilized, developing a strategy to boost Carver circulation numbers. They enlisted the help of The Friends of Carver Branch as well as Carver patrons who worked with staff to get the word out about the effort. Relying on such promotions as book bundling, book recommendations, and check-out incentives, the branch improved its August circulation over what had circulated over the same period in 2013. Congratulations to everyone who helped. Branch Manager **DL Grant** says there is still much work to do. "We need to work to keep those numbers up. Circulation statistics are very important. They say a lot about the kind of activity we have here. And right now, we're saying value our library and its awesome collection."

On September 29, the branch reopened after a four-week renovation. Patrons were greeted by new furnishings and computers and an overall fresh new look. The compliments just keep coming. Also included in the project were upgrades to restrooms and new carpet and chairs for the branch's meeting room. Shelving has been reconfigured throughout the building, and the layout makes better use of space than the old one did. The decorator did a phenomenal job. If you haven't been to the new Carver, you are in for a treat.

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Carver Library's two-day Fall book sale was held on Friday and Saturday, Oct. 24-25.

Raffle tickets were expected to go on sale in November to raise funds for the branch. A bicycle has been donated for the event to be held in December. Stay tuned for details.

Shirley Coleman

Cody

The Cody Friends had a very successful book sale in September. It was our best ever, record sale, and once again chaired by **Judy Malter**. Before we opened the doors on Saturday, there were 56 patrons standing in line! To celebrate our success, a luncheon for all our volunteers was held on October 15.

Following our sale, we were able to provide books to several other libraries and to the BookCellar. We would like to develop a list of contacts for each of the Friends groups that might be interested in books following our next sale.

With our Friends' sponsorship, Cody plans on celebrating the holiday season with a variety of activities, including crafts, music, and a special Holiday event for children. Contact the Cody Library for details or check online at www.mysapl.org.

Susan Bailey

Igo

The Friends of the Igo Branch Library had their second annual Book Sale of this year on October 4 and 5; it was a huge success! We had lots of people attend and sold lots of books. It's always a lot of hard work to prepare for the sale, but we have a great bunch of volunteers who have been doing the sales for a few years,

and we know what needs to be done. We set up on Thursday and Friday and have the sale on Saturday and Sunday. We pack up Sunday after the sale, and, if need be, come back Monday to finish the job.

The Igo Teen Librarian had a terrific program about Drones (with live launchings) on October 22. This was in honor of the Mayor's first book club selection, *The Rocket Boys*. The Teen's program, entitled I...Go Above and Beyond, featured some interesting paper sculptures about rockets and satellites.

On October 31, 4 - 7 p.m., we had a Halloween extravaganza for ages 0 - 1000 with a costume parade, haunted forest, games, and ghoulish refreshments.

Our holiday celebrations will include our Thanksgiving banquet given by the Elderberries on November 21. Then in December, our Holiday special will be announced later on the San Antonio Igo Library website.

Tom Hill & Irene Scharf

Landa

Landa's next book sale will be Dec. 13. This is their Holiday Book Sale of Children's and Premium Books, 10-4. Then they will have another book sale on Jan. 30-31, with FOSAPL Preview Sale Friday 4-5:30; and Saturday 10-4 open to all.

Pat DePasquale

Las Palmas

The Las Palmas Friends group is helping sponsor/promote the many activities at the Library, to include:

-- The Lego Club. Participants have moved up to using wheel assemblies and Lego people in their projects. We're

looking around for donations of "gently used" Lego sets to supplement the current stock.

--The Chess Club. It has added new members and a chess tournament is planned for mid-December.

--The Library's new program, "The UnHomework Hour," that is intended to provide teens from Middle Schools and High Schools a safe haven where they can do their homework after school. The Teen Services Librarian, **Marco De Leon**, is working with a local college to identify additional mentors/tutors for the teens.

--The San Juan de Los Lagos Church choir will be presenting a musical performance for the holidays in December.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

If it's autumn, there must be a Maverick Friends Fall Book Sale! Our rewarding sale on October 4 and 5 left us tired, but grateful to all who came out to support the Maverick Library. Once again, the Igo and Maverick Friends used coupons to inform buyers of the other's sale. Thanks to the Friends who worked so hard on this sale: **Edith Wah; Kim, Kylie and Kaitlyn Henage; Rebecca Vargas; Rosalie Klepac; Jody Summers; Rick Meuse; Barbara, Franklin, and Lauren Steinhauser; M. Judith Pennington; and Sue Ratliff**. The sale also benefited from the crowds that came for a special event on October 4 put together by library staffers, including **Raina Oster**. In addition to a showing of the film, *Babe*, there was an opportunity to make a harmonica or maraca, and San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA) brought four dogs that were available for adoption. As Raina noted,

volunteer groups such as SAPA have done much to help San Antonio become a no-kill city. Volunteers and foster homes are always needed for pets awaiting a forever home. In the coming weeks, we will plan our annual holiday dinner and select a slate of officers to replace those whose terms expire at the end of the year. Our next meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4. Remember to vote!

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The McCreless Friends continue to support SAPL in changing lives.

The holidays are coming upon us and McCreless Library is ready. Library staff member **Katy** is planning a Halloween craft and party using some new materials from the Friends group. The Jingle Bell Jubilee that the Friends fund for MCC kids is Tuesday, December 16. It was well attended and well appreciated last year. The Friends group was happy to approve funding for this year's well-deserved staff Christmas party.

One small project the Friends group is looking into supporting is beautifying the grounds of the library. There is a small bare and mulch-free bed to the right of the entrance doors that detracts from the riches within. Any gardeners out there? Fanicks have been suggested but we are open to suggestions.

The McCreless Friends' next meeting is Monday, December 1, at 6:00 in the library's meeting room. This meeting is open to the public and we hope new members will join us. The Nominating Committee will report and a

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quorum is needed for the election of new officers. Our president, **Paula Massengale**, asks that ideas be sent to her on how to reach more people with Friends' news and events. If you live in an apartment and are willing to distribute flyers or willing to take flyers to churches, diners, etc., contact Paula at 210-533-5935. Leave a message on her machine.

The next sale book sale is Saturday, December 6, and Sunday, December 7. All members are asked to please participate in some way. It takes a lot to have a successful sale, and these sales are how we are able to support the success of our busy branch library. Able people are needed to assist with set-up on Friday, December 5, at 10:00 and break down on Monday, December 8, at Noon. There will be a raffle for **Robert Sabuda's** gorgeous pop-up book, *The Night before Christmas*. Tickets are only 10¢.

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

The next Semmes book sale will be Saturday, February 7, at 10, with a preview for FOSAPL members on Friday, February 6, 10-11:30.

Judy Wilson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell Friends met on September 9. President **Janet Goddard** thanked our Library Manager **Tracey Knouse** and her staff for their hard work in planning and executing our extreme library makeover. The library reopened on September 2 and hosted an open house on September 27 to celebrate. Despite the rain, this was well attended and guests were treated to refreshments, music and activities. City Councilman **Mike Gallagher** and County Commissioner **Tommy Adkisson** spoke. Music was provided by 13 mariachis from Southwest High School under the direction of **Mr. Perales** and Assistant Director **Mr. Cantu**. This very lively and entertaining group played at the Dallas Cowboys football game the following day. Tobin's next book sale is planned for November 22. FOSAPL members are invited to our Preview Sale from 4-6 on Friday, November 21. We thank all who donate books for our sale.

Arline Braswell

Getting to Know Your Friends Evelyn Bonavita

Stephanie Serrata

On a Wednesday morning I met **Evelyn Bonavita** for breakfast. Over our first cup of coffee, we made small talk about the latest goings on at the BookCellar and discussed our Italian surnames. I found Evelyn very easy going and asked numerous questions about a truly extraordinary life.

Evelyn was born and raised in Oklahoma. Her father worked in the oil pipeline industry, so the family traveled frequently and lived in various cities here in the states and in Canada. Evelyn attended high school in Houston and graduated in 1956. She then moved to Albuquerque to attend the University of New Mexico. She graduated in 1960 with degrees in History and English. When I asked Evelyn why she chose the University of New Mexico, she explained that, at the time, the school had one of the leading archeological programs, and she was anxious to study the mystery and intrigue of some of the world's most exotic locations.

After graduating from college, Evelyn worked for Blue Cross and Blue Shield as an account executive where she helped many people receive top quality medical care and financial assistance. After a few years with the insurance giant, Evelyn went to work for McCaffrey, Stoller, Inc, an advertising agency located in Albuquerque. I asked Evelyn about any memorable accounts she handled, and she told me that her firm was hired to organize a press conference for well-known author **John Howard Griffin** to promote his book *Black Like Me*. Evelyn informed me that during this press conference, she met her beloved husband, the late **Fred Bonavita**. At the time, Fred was a reporter with the *Albuquerque Journal* who had been sent to cover the event. Evelyn and Fred were married in 1964 and the couple has one son, **Nicholas Bonavita**.

Evelyn stated that being married to a reporter afforded her family many opportunities to live in interesting cities and meet reporters from many different locations and newspapers. For a short time, Evelyn and Fred lived in St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands where Fred was a reporter and Evelyn worked as a copy editor for one of the local newspapers. When the couple returned

to the states so that Fred could take a job in Austin, Evelyn became involved with the League of Women Voters. Admitting that I was not very knowledgeable about the organization, Evelyn stated that the mission of the League is to study the important issues on the ballot and inform all citizens of the impact of upcoming legislation. The League also assists in registering people to vote and does what it can to encourage voter turnout. Evelyn served on the State Board of the League and served as a legislative director and programming vice-president. Evelyn also served as President of The League of Women Voters of Texas for two (2) years ('91-'93) and finally served as the President of the local League here in San Antonio from 1994-1997.

We then shifted our conversation to how Evelyn became involved with the public library and she informed me that close friend and BookCellar volunteer **Rowena Rodgers** told her about the used books store in the basement of the central branch. Evelyn also said that subsequent to visiting the BookCellar, she was invited to a party where she met another friend **Pat Konstam**, who motivated and inspired her to join the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and to volunteer in the BookCellar. Evelyn has been an active volunteer since 2006 and presently serves on the BookCellar committee.

Finally, after a delicious breakfast and several cups of coffee, I asked Evelyn how she wanted to end our interview. I usually ask people I interview if there's anything special they want people to know about them, or if there's any something in particular they want to share with the readers. Evelyn wanted everyone to know that she is an animal lover and advocate and has 2 cats, Daisy and Sweet Pea, who bring joy to her life.

Evelyn also wanted to share that she is big fan of our library system and what it brings to the community. Evelyn praised the library system by saying that they do an excellent job of bringing information and education to the people who would not have it otherwise. I couldn't agree with you more, Evelyn.

Thanks again for a lovely morning and the pleasant conversation.

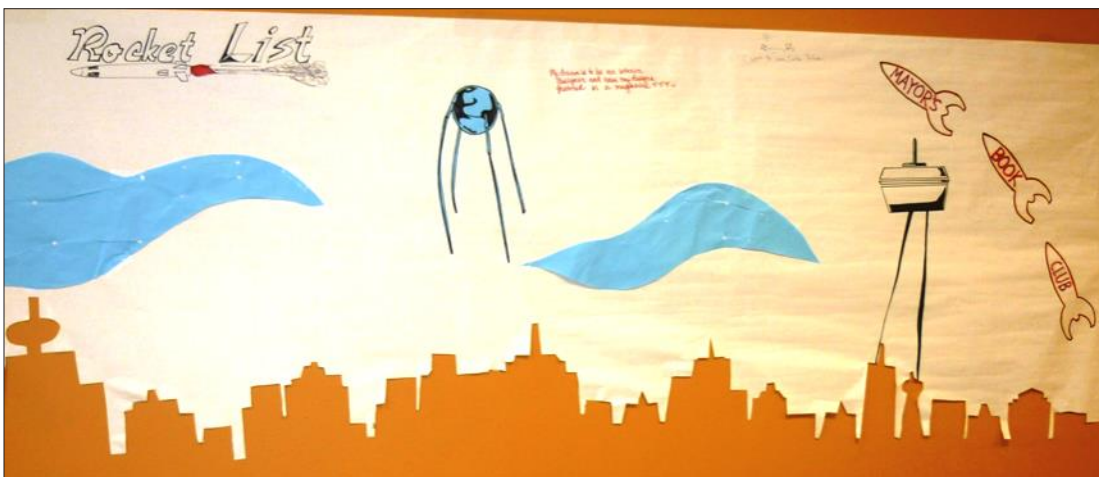
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Maverick's Successful Book Sale



Photos by M. Judith Penington



Igo Program Includes Drones

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Photo of mural submitted by Irene Scharf.

Las Palmas Activities



Children's Librarian **Gina Brudi** and children busy at after-school activities.



Congressman **Joaquin Castro** at the review of **Willie Velasquez's** book, *Boy Made of Lightning*.

Parman Holds DIY Classes



One of the Parman DIY classes – basket weaving

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 BookCellar's biggest bargain sale of the year is on its way: the annual after-Thanksgiving clearance when everything except easy readers and book bags is half price for two weeks. All premium books will be half their marked price, including art, history, cooking and other topics that would make good-looking holiday gifts. All other books and media for children, teens and adults will sell for 50¢ or less. The 15-day sale will run from Saturday, November 29, through Sunday, December 14, during regular store hours.

You can help earn a discount for purchases in February by encouraging your friends to follow the BookCellar on Facebook now. If the BookCellar can increase its number of "likes" on Facebook to 675 by January 31, 2015, the store will offer Facebook users a coupon for \$2 off on a purchase of \$10 or more. If the number of "likes" rises past 700, the discount coupon will be worth \$3 on a \$10 purchase. About 75 more Facebook followers are needed to reach the goal of this social media challenge.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for people who keep the store going and their

guests is scheduled for November 11, when Central Library and the BookCellar are closed for Veterans Day. Funded by Friends of the Library, the luncheon at a nice restaurant 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 for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 26-28; for Christmas on Wednesday and Thursday, December 24-25; and for New Year's on Wednesday and Thursday, December 31-January 1. If you visit the store anytime during November and December, you'll find holiday related books on display, many at marked-down prices. 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. There'll also be flash sales of special items that will be announced inside the store and on social media.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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| Nov. 4 | Maverick Friends' meeting, 7 |
| Nov. 7-8 | Las Palmas Book Sale |
| Nov. 11 | Libraries closed in observance of Veterans Day |
| Nov. 16 | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Las Palmas, 515 Castroville Rd. 78237, 2 p.m. |
| Nov. 21-22 | Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale; Preview Sale from 4-6, Friday. |
| Nov. 26 | All Libraries close early – 6 |
| Nov. 26 | BookCellar closed |
| Nov. 27-28 | All Libraries closed for Thanksgiving |
| Nov. 29-Dec. 14 | After-Thanksgiving Sale half-price clearance sale during regular store hours. |
| Dec. 1 | McCreless Friends' meeting, 6 |
| Dec. 6-7 | McCreless Book Sale |
| Dec. 13 | Landa Book Sale, Children's and Premium Books, 10-4 |
| Dec. 25-26 | All Libraries closed for Christmas |
| Dec. 31 | Winter Holiday (all Libraries closed) |
| Jan. 1 | All Libraries closed for New Year's Day |
| Jan. 18 | Annual Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m. |
| Jan 30-31 | Landa Book Sale with FOSAPL Preview Sale Friday, 4-5:30; Saturday 10-4 open to all |

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210-207-2500

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

Landa Library
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210-207-9090

Las Palmas Library
515 Castroville Road, 78237
210-207-9200

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

McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-207-9170

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-207-9110

Tobin Library at Oakwell
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
210-207-9040

***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.*