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From the President

Dear Friends,

HAPPY NEW YEAR to all the Friends! Thanks to you, 2014 was a great year. Our total donation to the San Antonio Public Library was a grand \$70,000. Things at the libraries are changing quickly. Our Digital Library kiosks at the airport have been very well received. Our Director **Ramiro Salazar** attended a library conference in Taiwan and presented the Digital Walls. Many countries have contacted the SAPL to inquire about the Walls. It's good to be on the cutting edge with such a great idea! The branches have also worked very hard and raised money for the programs. The public does not realize that, without your hard work, libraries would not be able to have the many projects that the community enjoys.

Before Christmas, I visited Tobin Library during their Book Sale. They were very excited because they have made a contact at MacArthur High School. A dozen students showed up to help pack books and take down tables. It went smoothly, and it was done very quickly. Oh what fun it is when Friends help out. McCreless was also busy with a Book Sale. They had discussed adding a book nook. I had an extra donation box and was glad to share the box with them. The manager proposed using a shelf for the books. **Mary Gallagher** is going to set it up. Landa decided to have a Holiday Book Sale on December 13, in addition to their Winter Sale January 31. Many Branches had goodies, gifts or meals for the staffs. **Mary Chance** provided wonderful cookies for Pan American. Las Palmas made lasagna and salad for the staff. We are grateful that we have very hard working staff members.

We now look forward to 2015. The San Antonio Public Library family is growing again. We are adding Encino Branch Library off U.S. 281 north of Loop 1604. The citizens asked that both books and digital be included. This branch is located in a building that was once a Mexican restaurant so it's an interesting setup. The voters also voted to add a branch on Foster Road in 2016 and one on Texas 151 at a later date. The elephant in the room is the fact that we still do not know how much the County Commissioners will contribute to the Library Budget. It may seem like it was only yesterday that we were talking about the budgets but it has to be on our minds. It makes a great difference when it comes to how we spend our money. Opening a new library branch is joyful but it may mean that staff will need to be stretched.

See you **Sunday, January 25, at Central Library, 2 p.m.** for the **Annual Meeting**.

Linda Arronge



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Sunday, Jan. 25, 2015, at 2:00 PM Central Library, 600 Soledad St.

Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** will present a show-and-tell about "Flipping the Library: Reimagining public library spaces in the digital age," and new officers and Board members for 2015–2017 will be elected.

Stay for refreshments and a chance to visit with Friends from all over San Antonio.

Parking tickets for the Library Garage will be validated for Friends members.

Nominations Committee Report

Members: **Evelyn Bonavita, Linda Cheatum, Bob Mason, Richard Morales, and Nancy Gandara** (Chair)

The following names will be presented at the Annual General Meeting on January 25, 2015, at the Central Library at 2:00 p.m. The floor will be open for additional nominees. If you want to nominate someone, you must have acquired his or her approval in advance.

The slate of officers standing for election is:

- **Karen Matson**, President
- **Bob Mason**, Vice President
- **Beverly Duran**, Treasurer
- **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary
- **Linda Arronge**, Past President

The following Friends have accepted the Committee's invitation to serve their first term (2015–2017) on the FOSAPL Board:

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| • Liz Alves | • Stephanie Serrata |
| • Beverly Golden | • Christie Smith |

The following current Board members are eligible, and have agreed to stand for nomination to serve another term (2015–2017) on the Board:

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| • Pat Konstam | • Ann Springer |
| • Aaron Konstam | • Elizabeth Bircher |
| • Ronnie Retzloff | • Beth Graham |
| • Patricia Mendiola | • Pat Peak |

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, November 16, 2014

Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at the Las Palmas Branch Library. The meeting was called to order by the President **Linda Arronge** at 2:05 p.m. The Roll Call of Board Members was read by the Secretary and a quorum of 20 members was declared. Board Members present were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Arline Braswell, Rita Corey, Jose Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Marshall Mundorff, Ronnie Retzliff and Jill Zimmerman.**

Approval of Minutes:

Nancy Gandara moved to approve the minutes as published in the November/December, 2014 *Saplings*. **Antoinette Franklin** seconded and the minutes were approved.

President's Report: Linda

Arronge displayed a Certificate of Appreciation presented to the Friends of San Antonio Public Library by the Alamo Courier Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.

Linda noted that the members of FOSAPL are a much better informed group regarding the needs of the library and urged members to continue to attend meetings of the Commissioners Court and the City Council to keep those groups aware of the Public Library. Linda has attended several meetings of individual branch groups to talk to them and to Friends members to provide updates regarding the need for continued assistance from the County to maintain a healthy budget for the Library in planning for the future.

Treasurer's report: Beverly Duran presented the Treasurer's Report as of October 31,

2014, including the Income and Expense Report as well as Account Balances for the Friends and the Branch and Support Groups. FOSAPL income YTD is \$70,720.54 as of October 31. Our expenses up to this point are in line with the budgeted amount for the year.

Library Board: Jean

Brady, Library Board Liaison advises that the Board is continuing to work with the County Commissioners on a funding plan for library services in the county. It is unlikely there will be anything concrete now until January. Jean thanked FOSAPL members for their support, both in the past and in the future.

Library Administration:

Kathy Donellan, reporting for Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, who is in Taiwan, talking about library services: Kathy reports that the new Library in District 9 will be named the Encino Branch in keeping with its location.

The kiosks at the San Antonio International Airport funded by FOSAPL have been installed, providing library access to travelers, as well as electronic device charging. A third kiosk will be added, making two available inside the security part of the terminals and one outside of security in a small lobby area near the Library Ambassador's information desk. There is also electronic library access now, or soon, at the Briscoe Western Art Museum, Haven for Hope, and a YMCA location.

Mayor **Ivy Taylor's** "Meet the Mayor" program at your local branch library continues with programs scheduled through April. The Mayor's Book Club meets next at Central Library. Open houses are scheduled at Bazan and Westfall. Check the library website for dates and the holiday schedule through New Year's Day.

Committee Reports:

Membership: Linda

Cheatum: We currently have 875 paid members, slightly fewer than last year. We already have 190 renewals for 2015. Notices will be sent out soon to those who have not yet renewed. Computer on-line access has been renewed for 2015, and Linda is continuing to look for ways to improve access and education for the renewal process. **Nancy Gandara** suggested publishing the names of Life Members in the January-February *SAPLings* to help update the membership records.

BookCellar: Tom Nemeth

reported sales from the BookCellar to date at \$70,435. The Half-Price Book Sale, the BookCellar's main fundraising event, begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving. All books are half-price with the exception of easy readers.

Linda reported that the BookCellar Committee reviewed Tom's letter to the Board, and has planned to hold an election for a new Chair very soon.

Arts and Letters: Bob Ma-

son, Committee Chairman, reported that the audience turnout was disappointing but the celebrants seemed to enjoy themselves and each gave a very informative acceptance talk about their background and artistic endeavors. The recipients of the award this year were: **Rick Casey**, journalist and TV host; **Cakky Brawley**, artist and sculptor; and **Dr. Richard Winders**, historian and curator at the Alamo. Bob thanked the members of the Committee and those who helped out with arrangements the day of the Awards, including **Bruce Gill, Ann Springer, Ronnie Retzliff, Andrea Mason, Pat Konstam, Jill Zimmerman, Jose Duran**, who

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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 • Antoinette Franklin • Beverly Harris • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • 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.

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

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

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MC'd the program, and **Robin Templeton** who donated her time to play the harp during the reception. The assistance of the San Antonio Library Staff was also very much appreciated. The Committee spent only \$421 considerably under-budget. Over the past two years the A&L Committee has developed a rubric to use for evaluation of nominees, and a standardized nomination form is being developed for use in future years. The Committee will meet again in the spring.

Nomination Committee:

Nancy Gandara, Chair, expressed appreciation for the work done by committee members **Evelyn Bonavita**, **Linda Cheatum**, **Bob Mason**, and **Richard Morales**. Nominated to serve on the FOSAPL Board for their first term (2015-2016) are: **Liz Alves**, **Beverly Golden**, **Stephanie Serrata** and **Christie Smith**. Nominated to serve as Officers: **Karen Matson**, President; **Bob Mason**, Vice President; **Beverly Duran**, Treasurer; **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary; **Linda Arronge**, Past President.

The following current Board members have agreed to stand for nomination for another term (2015-2016): **Pat Konstam**, **Aaron Konstam**, **Ronnie Retzlöff**, **Patricia Mendiola**, **Ann Springer**, **Elizabeth Bircher**, **Beth Graham**, **Pat Peak**. The election will take place at the January annual meeting at the Central Library. The floor will be open prior to the election for additional nominees for the Board and Officer positions.

Budget committee: **Beverly Duran**, Treasurer, reported the total Budget amount recommended for the 2015 budget year is \$89,450, compared to \$90,000 in 2014. The office supply expense increased due to the purchase of a computer program; the postage decreased based on

experience; there is a reduction in the website maintenance cost, and the cost of yellow pages advertising for the BookCellar.

Old Business

Following discussion on several of the budget items:

Jill Zimmerman moved to accept the budget as presented. **Nancy Gandara** amended the motion to include \$50,000 the Executive Board had recommended for library support. **Ronnie Retzlöff** seconded. The budget was approved as amended.

New Business:

Bonus authorization: **Mary McAfee** moved to approve a bonus of \$150 as proposed in the 2014 budget for **Alana Woods**, *SAPLings* and website editor. **Jill Zimmerman** seconded. The bonus for Alana was approved.

Aaron Konstam moved to upgrade the bonus for **Monica Hernandez**. The 2014 approved budget allowed for \$150 as a bonus. Aaron withdrew his motion. **Pat Konstam** moved to authorize a bonus of \$150 for **Monica Hernandez**, BookCellar Manager. The bonus was approved.

Change of Annual Meeting date: President **Linda Arronge** suggested changing the Annual Meeting date in

January 2015 to Sunday, January 25 from January 18 at the request of **Ramiro Salazar**, Library Director. **Arline Braswell** made the motion to change the meeting date to January 25, 2015. **Antoinette Franklin** seconded. The motion was approved. The annual meeting will be on the 4th Sunday of January, the 25th.

Aaron Konstam moved to approve recommendation of a change to a Standing Rule regarding the BookCellar Committee. **Jackie Fremming** seconded. The change would remove the word "chair" from Standing Rule 6D 4, (second paragraph, second sentence.) The Rule would now read "the Committee, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may hire a bookstore manager to be responsible for and oversee those daily book store operations designated by the committee." The motion was approved and will be brought to the annual meeting for presentation to the Board as a by-laws change.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned after the President thanked the Las Palmas Friends group for providing the meeting room and refreshments.



Carver

Carver Friends partnered with San Antonio Public Library to select five individuals to feature on a group of book shelf end panels. Besides the circulation staff, customers visiting the branch are now greeted by bold portraits of writer **Maya Angelou**, Supreme Court Justice **Thurgood Marshall**, San Antonio-born Astronaut **Bernard Harris**, activist **W.E.B. Du Bois** and scientist and branch namesake **George Washington Carver**. The installation of the decorative end panels completed final touches to the branch's recent renovation. "What's really special is the addition of an uplifting quote from each figure," a Carver community resident said.

In December, **Monty Holcomb** joined the staff of Carver Branch Library as assistant branch manager, Branch Manager **DL Grant** announced. Mr. Holcomb brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the branch. Most recently, he served as a librarian I at the McCreless Branch. He began his career at San Antonio Public Library as a floater, accepting temporary assignment and offering support at various branches throughout the system. He was able to learn a lot about how the libraries functioned. Mr. Holcomb is a native of Austin; he received a bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University and Master of Science in library science from the University of North Texas.

*Submitted on behalf of
Shirley Coleman*

Igo

Well, another year has passed and all is well at the Igo Branch Library! The Friends of Igo Branch (FIB) Library had their last meeting for the year on

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Some of the Our Lady of the Lake University students (Jazmin, Lorena, Jessica, and Alex) who volunteered at the Las Palmas Book Sale.

December 7. It was a GREAT meeting. We approved the budget for 2015 and even approved a partial wish list of items the library would like to have if any additional funds were available. We also had some of the members volunteer to donate some of the other items on the list. Lastly, we elected our new officers for the year 2015:

President - **Jose Duran**

Vice President - **Janet Shapiro**

Secretary - **Beverly Duran**

Treasurer - **Lisa Rakus**

I'm very proud to say our library has programs for all ages (Toddlers to Senior Citizens) each and every month of the year, and we have the staff who does an outstanding job presenting these programs.

Our Third Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon was a huge success. We had about 65 people eating turkey and dressing, ham, mashed potatoes and all the condiments you could mention. We also had dessert with drinks (not the hard stuff).

I want to thank all of the friends for their support and hard work to help make the year a success.

I hope everybody had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and let's not forget that 2015 is a new year, and we have more programs to fund with more monies.

Thanks again for all you do.

Tom Hill

Las Palmas

The Las Palmas Friends started celebrating the season early by holding our Holiday Book Sale in November. It was very successful and had an added bonus this time: eight students from Our Lady of the Lake University whose participation was coordinated by OLLU's Center for Service-Learning & Volunteerism. Snacks were also provided by City Councilwoman **Shirley Gonzales'** District 5 Field Office.

Other December/holiday events included: a tree lighting ceremony and reception hosted by Councilwoman Gonzales' office, an Appreciation Luncheon for all Library staff, and a Christmas Concert by the San Juan de Los Lagos Church choir. Half-Price Books donated books for our project; book bags were purchased by the Friends, decorated by the Teen Group, and distributed to the children in the Bilingual Story Time, Family Fun, and Lego Club programs.

The Library Manager **Tim Johnson** has outlined plans for at least 4 major projects in 2015. The Friends are looking forward to supporting and promoting the first event, Tech Week, that will be held in early spring.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Maverick Library got into the holiday spirit with a Piggy and Gerald puppet show and making decorations for the library.

The Friends provided materials, and staff members **Brittany Gates, Elizabeth Santos, and Sarah Borque** took charge of a make-a-decoration program. In addition to creating some special lights, ball ornaments, and cutouts for the tree; they also made and decorated paper craft menorahs and kinaras for the windows.

The day after the decorating party, the Fiesta Flutes provided music to get everyone in the holiday spirit.

On December 2, the Friends replaced our regular monthly meeting with our annual holiday dinner. Friends **Barbara and Lauren Steinhauser, P.J. and John Gaddis, Kim and Layne Henage, Rick and Jan Meuse, Becky Vargas, and Sue Ratliff** gathered to share an evening of fun at Milano's on Bandera.

All Friends are always welcome at Maverick Friends' meetings. Our next meeting

will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, January 6, at the library. We will be planning our Spring Book Sale.

The Maverick Friends wish one and all a happy, healthy, and prosperous 2015!

Sue Ratliff

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks Friends report a successful winter book sale on Saturday, December 6. We had a good supply of "next-to-new books," which could be used as Christmas gifts. We included a list showing the purchases the Friends had made this year for the Branch with each sale, hoping to encourage membership interest from others who want to help the library. Our goal this next year is to increase membership in the Friends group.

The Staff at Thousand Oaks received gift cards from the Friends at their annual Christmas luncheon on December 17 in appreciation for their service.

We recently lost one of the founding members of the group who restarted the Library Friends at Thousand Oaks, **Barbara Gabler**. Another of that group, **Ivy Dumell**, has recently retired to the Waterford at Thousand Oaks. We will miss these hard-working and hard-to-replace Friends.

Pat Peak

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Tobin Friends met Tuesday, December 18. Our President **Janet Goddard**, told us that our book carts are doing well. We have added a second cart for paperbacks. **Tracey Knouse**, our library manager, showed us a new remote-controlled screen mounted in the meeting room. This was purchased by Friends along with supplies for Tuesday Crafters and teen and tween programs. Friends also provided funds for the Tobin Staff

Holiday Party and two poinsettias for decoration.

We have two new Library Shelves, **Soudabeh Arvin**, and **Jon Atkinson**.

Our November book sale was held Friday and Saturday, November 19 and 20. Our Book Sale Chairman **Dan Goddard** again organized a successful sale. Help with set up and tear down from MacArthur High School PALS group and four students from St. Mary's Hall made this sale a breeze. **Janet Goddard** thanked our Vice President **Vicki Richardson** and board member **Alethea Bugg** for contacting the student volunteers. Janet also thanked **Rita Corey** for organizing all the volunteers for the sale. Six members joined the Tobin Friends group.

On Saturday, December 6, "Holiday Sounds with the River City Ringers," a community handbell ensemble, was presented. Craft activities for the whole family and refreshments were provided following the performance.

On Saturday, January 10, at 2 p.m., **Dr. Anthony Griffiths** from the Biosafety Level 4 Laboratory at Texas Biomedical Research Institute will speak about "Handling Ebola." The intended audience is Teens, Adults and Seniors.

Tobin Friends' annual meeting will be held on Saturday, February 21, 2015, at 2 p.m. in the Tobin Library community room. Tobin Board member **Tom Poyner** will give a talk about and demonstrate letterpress.

Arline Braswell

Has your email address changed?

Please send your current address to lcheatum@satx.rr.com, so that you can receive the newsletter electronically—and save the Friends the cost of postage!

Getting to Know Your Friends Karen Matson

Stephanie Serrata

I was recently invited to the home of **Karen Matson**. She greeted me with a warm handshake and introduced me to her beautiful Chihuahua, who was intent on showing me all of her favorite toys. I couldn't help admiring the dark hard wood floors and the grand piano that adorns her living room.

Born and raised in San Antonio, Karen graduated from Edison High School in 1962. She did part of her undergraduate work at San Antonio College, earning an Associate degree in 1968. Karen then left for Austin to attend the University of Texas and graduated in 1970 with a BA in Social Welfare Studies. Karen also minored in English and History. Determined to help struggling families, Karen continued her education at Our Lady of the Lake University where she earned an M.S.W. in social work in 1974.

Karen explained that she worked her way through school and that it took her a little longer to finish her studies than she likes to admit. Karen was fresh out of high school when she went to work for the WOAI Radio/TV station, where she was a continuity clerk who typed up advertising copy (public service announcements) which announcers read on air. This job afforded her many opportunities to meet several celebrities, including **Rock Hudson**. It was also during this time that Karen met her late husband, **Jim Matson**, a radio engineer who worked at the station. The couple married in 1972, and they have one son, **Morgan Matthew Matson**. Jim passed away in 2010.

After receiving her Master's degree, Karen went to work for Child Protective Services where she helped abused and neglected children find suitable foster families. Karen left CPS after a few years and was subsequently hired at the downtown Baptist Hospital as a medical social worker. At this juncture in our conversation, I pulled out a business card that Karen had given me at a previous meeting, and I asked her if she would explain how she became an RN. Karen said while working at a medical manufacturing firm, she learned about an 18-month nursing program that was sponsored by the Baptist Hospital. Karen immediately took advantage of the opportunity and education the program offered, and she became a registered nurse in 1989. All of her formal education behind her and a nursing degree

in hand, Karen went to work for Northeast ISD as a school nurse, where she provided health services to students, which included developing and teaching a Lunch & Learn program that taught children what to do in difficult and/or scary situations. Lunch & Learn is similar to the Stranger Danger program used in many of our schools today. After 8 years with the school district, Karen was then contracted to the Audie L. Murphy V.A. where she worked with veterans who struggled with bi-polar disorder, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), and schizophrenia. Karen said that each of these jobs provided a different perspective from which to view social work and that her goal was to support people through difficult times and ensure that vulnerable people were safeguarded from harm.

We finally shifted our discussion to the library system and Karen explained that close friend **Faye Hallford** told her of the volunteer opportunities at the library. Shortly thereafter, Karen became a friend of the Cody branch and has been an active member ever since. Karen became a FOSAPL Board member in 2011 and is currently standing for the nomination of the President of the Friends Board. Volunteering at the library is one of many volunteer jobs that Karen enjoys. Recently Karen returned from Kenya, Africa, where she served as an ambassador for former President **Jimmy Carter's** Friendship Force International. This program assists with international and domestic exchanges where ambassadors stay in the homes of a host family so that they can experience and learn about various lifestyles and cultures. The program fosters brotherhood, peace and understanding. President Carter's program was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize in 1992. Karen also informed me that she has become involved with ABODE Contemplative Care for the Dying. ABODE is a local non-profit organization that provides a home for people who are in the last stages of their life and have no where else to go.

After an hour and half of talking and sharing stories about family and friends, I was ready to ask Karen the question I always ask at the end of these interviews: what do you want people to know? Her response was quick and profound. Karen said, "Everyday find a cause or an individual who needs your attention. Don't be



reckless with other people's hearts, and don't allow others to be reckless with yours. Step outside your comfort zone every week. Do something that scares you. At the end of every day, list 3 things for which you're grateful." I can give you my reply to Karen's response in one simple word: Wow!

Karen, thanks for the invitation to your lovely home. The cookies were amazing. Please give my best to **Penelope Cruz**.

Until next time...

San Antonio Public Library Premiere Black History Month Event

Donna Brazile

Discussion and Q&A

January 22, 7:15 PM

Always candid, insightful and real, Donna Brazile brings a refreshing perspective and practical sensibility to a discussion of contemporary political headlines.



*Presented in Partnership with
and hosted by:*

Carver Community Cultural Center
226 N. Hackberry

Free tickets available exclusively at
donnab.brownpapertickets.com

Limit two per person.
Event seating is limited.

From the Library Director

Reimaging public library spaces in the digital age



Greetings,

As we kick off another year full of events, activities, learning opportunities and more, I would like to invite you to take advantage of the Digital Library available at mysapl.org.

You will find a

wealth of digital resources such as eBooks, eAudiobooks, movies, music and television shows. There are thousands of titles to choose from and the catalog continues to grow each week.

One of the newest resources I am especially proud of is the Digital Library kiosk at the San Antonio International Airport. This is a stand-alone touch screen media console and charging station that allows users to connect directly with the SAPL Digital Library. Because of the generosity demonstrated by you, the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, two kiosks have been installed at the Airport for travelers to use and a third kiosk will be added soon. It's one more way that we are bringing a very popular Library service to the community and the best part is that it can be used by SAPL cardholders and non-cardholders alike to check out eBooks, music and magazines and it also charges any mobile device.

We are very proud of this project, and we look forward to continuing our outreach efforts in new and innovative ways. If you have the chance to use the Digital Library kiosks, let me know what you think. I'm sure you're going to find that they will be a popular resource; in fact, we are already seeing that travelers have visited the kiosks and have begun to download thousands of media titles.

Finally, on behalf of the San Antonio Public Library and its dedicated team, I would like to wish each of you a Happy New Year and may 2015 be filled with an abundance of information, imagination and ideas!

Ramiro Salazar

Arts & Letters Awards 2014

Robert Mason

I want to thank all those who attended the FOSAPL 2014 Arts & Letters Awards on Sunday, October 26, as we celebrated the artistic and professional achievements of **Rick Casey, Cakky Brawley, and Dr. Richard Bruce Winders**. I especially want to take this opportunity to thank the members of the 2014 Arts & Letters Committee: **Linda Arronge, Jose Duran, Bruce Gill, Ronnie Retzloff, and Ann Springer**. I am very appreciative of the contribution of non-committee members **Andrea Mason**, for baking tens of dozens of cookies, **Pat Konstam**, for publicity and **Jill Zimmerman**, for photos. I also want to thank SAPL employees **Andy Gordon, Jessica Ramos, and Ana Farr**.

FOSAPL thanks **Ramiro Salazar** and **Jean Brady** for their attendance and support of the Arts & Letters Awards, not only this year, but also in years past. A special thanks goes out to **Robin Templeton**, who graciously donated her harp playing during the wine and cheese reception. Enjoy the photos on page 10 and online (www.friendsofsapl.org).



Membership in 2015

Linda Cheatum

We are off to a great start for 2015 memberships! Even before renewal notices were mailed, 85 members eagerly joined or renewed for this year. Renewal letters were mailed shortly after Thanksgiving and we are processing the returns now. As you return your renewal — please remember to complete your interests and contact information (e.g., zip code, phone number, email address, etc.) and specify the branch group(s) with which you want to be affiliated. Attaching a mailing label in the name space reduces the time and effort required on your part, but as you complete the form write as clearly as possible to prevent any incorrect interpretation of your information. This helps us immensely to assure your record is entered correctly and completely and allows us to verify current information and make necessary changes.

Remember, that for each membership, one Friends branch receives \$5 added to their account, but only if you specify that branch with each renewal (an additional \$5 must be submitted for more than the first branch).

Life members — While no added payment is required, we do need for you to return your membership envelope with current contact information and the branch designation you wish to support! If you have not already mailed in your renewal, please do it now!

Nominations, from p 1.

The following Board members are in the middle of the 2014–2016 term:

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| • Rowena Rodgers | • Arline Braswell |
| • Mary McAfee | • Rita Corey |
| • Yolanda Kirkpatrick | • Jose Duran |
| • Jill Zimmerman | • Beverly Harris |
| • Antoinette Franklin | • Marshall Mundorff |

We express our sincere appreciation to the following Board members who have served during the past several years but who will not be standing for election to another term at this time: **Bruce Gill, Larry Purkey, Shirley Coleman, Jackie Fremming, and Virginia Wong**.

Encino Branch Library



The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees named the new District 9 Branch Library the Encino Branch Library. Construction on the Encino Branch Library is on with final construction complete in March 2015. During the months of March and April, Library equipment and resources will be installed in the branch library. On April 30, 2015, the Library opens to the public and a Grand Opening is scheduled for May 2, 2015. More details to come on the Grand Opening event.

Mayor's Book Club: *Rocket Boys*

On Tuesday, November 18, Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor** moderated a panel discussion about *Rocket Boys*, the Mayor's Book Club fall selection. Panelists explored the various themes of the book, including rocket building, Space, S.T.E.M. (science, technology, engineering, and math studies), adolescence, and family.

Panelists included: **Jim Gamer**, a former NASA Employee; **Veronica Bou Onk**, an undergraduate student at St. Mary's University; **Brett Williams**, director of SYSTEMSGO; **Jennifer Velasquez**, teen services coordinator for the San Antonio Public Library; and **Dr. Kelly L. Nash** and **Dr. Eric M. Schlegel**, professors of physics & astronomy from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Throughout the months of October and November SAPL, San Antonio Parks and Recreation and the Department of Human Services hosted exciting programs at Library branches, parks facilities, and senior centers that were related to the themes of the book.

Keep an eye out for the announcement of the spring book selection at mysapl.org/mbc.

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 Committee elected **Richard Morales** as its chair for the two-year term beginning in November 2014. Richard has worked in every capacity at the BookCellar since he began volunteering at the store in 2004. His priorities as chair include emphasizing customer service, developing creative sales events and listening to the ideas and concerns of volunteers. He also is president of the Friends at Collins Gardens Library.

Judy Wilson, a long-time volunteer who now works on Fridays, has returned to the BookCellar Committee as a member. **Cindy Conley** has resigned from the committee, but continues as a hardworking volunteer, specializing in arranging themed book displays and marking up premium books.

The annual volunteer appreciation luncheon and apron recognition ceremony at Azuca Nuevo Latino restaurant on Veterans' Day drew 34 volunteers and guests. **Linda Arronge** handled arrangements. Store manager **Monica Hernandez** presented each volunteer with a certificate expressing her personal appreciation for their service. Two new volunteers, **Michael Clark** and **Adele Strelchun**, earned purple aprons personalized with their names in recognition of completing at least 50 hours of work in the store. **Mary Chance**, who keeps track of the hours volunteers serve, distributed 120 patches to those who already have aprons. Each patch represents 50 hours of work, for a total of 6,000 hours. Mary, a skilled stitchery artist, offered to sew the new patches on



existing aprons for recipients who are unable to do so themselves.

The store's staff was pleased with the extra income generated during the annual after-Thanksgiving half-price sale. Total sales for 2014 were not yet available at press time but will be reported in the next issue of *SAPLings*. While branch book sale profits stay at the branch that holds the sale, BookCellar income provides the money that FOSAPL donates to the Library System as a whole. That donation (\$70,000 in 2014) is used for programs, staff development, and special projects that benefit all the library branches.

The BookCellar quickly surpassed its goal of 700 "likes" on Facebook, activating a \$2 discount of purchases of \$10 or more in January and a \$3 discount off a \$10 purchase in February for all the store's Facebook followers. Even if you missed the January deal, there's still time to earn the February discount if you "like" the BookCellar before Feb. 1.

To help in the pursuit of better health in 2015, the store's buy-one-get-one-free special this month is regularly priced adult and juvenile books in the Dewey 600s. The 600s include books on diet and fitness, staying healthy, and dealing with medical problems. February will feature bargain bags of paperback romances. In addition, shoppers in January and February will find specials focused on themes and holidays of the season, including New Year's resolutions, Valentine's Day, Presidents' Day, and Black History Month. The store's social media and email messages will have the details.



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Life Members

We take this opportunity to thank those who joined as "Life" Friends long ago, and welcome those who have recently made that generous donation. When the Membership Secretary or any of the officers of the Friends learns that a Life member has passed away, a donation of \$100 is sent to the San Antonio Public Library, for purchase of books in memory of that Friend. Current Life members are listed below; please let us know if you believe there are errors or omissions in the list, so that we may make necessary corrections.

Changes to this list may be sent via email to Linda Cheatum, Membership Secretary, at Lcheatum@satx.rr.com or to her at 4135 Warm Winds, San Antonio, TX 78253.

All notifications of death are researched on the Internet to locate an Obituary to verify the death where possible.

Bob Adams
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams
Charles Adkisson
Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Alwais
Linda Arronge
Blanche Ashbrook
Ms. Jessie Bailey
Karen E. Baker
Mrs. Karen Balcom
Denise M. Barlow
Dr. George W. Beddingfield
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R. W. Betts
Charles & Virginia Bowden
Jane E. Bowles
Charles & Nancy Cheever Jr.
Mrs. Edward V. Cheviot
Don & Dr. Betty Child
Mary F. Clee
Danee Crouch
Robert C. Cruise
Ruth Coward Cunningham
Rachel Cywinski
Dr. Jacqueline O. Dansby
C. Robert Daubert
Francis F. Daunt
Laura Albrecht Davis
Ralph & Meg Domas
Craig and Pat Donegan
Deborah Douglas
Diane Duesterhoeft
Lucy E. Duncan
David G. Ennist
Sheila G. Figueroa
Mary L. Gallagher
Alicia Zavala Galvan
Eric & Nancy Gandara
Deliley Gatson
Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Gorman
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Cosmo F. Guido
Robert E. Harris
Jack Hebdon
Stacey Lynn Hill

George C. (Tim) Hixon
J.C. Hollimon
John N. Igo, Jr.
Bebe Inkley
Mrs. Frank W. Jennings
Robert L. & Elizabeth Jones
Betty & Bob Kelso
Richard Kleberg III
Graham & Anne Knight
Jade Lamb
Jonathan Lamb
Richard J. Lamb
David Liserio
Mrs. Robert M. Luby
Alice Ann Lynch
Dr. Daniel E. Macias
Paula Massengale
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mathews
Karen Matson
Caroline Matthews
Mrs. Mary McAfee
Martha McCabe
Mr. & Mrs. John McCamish
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B. Wayne & Sue Ratliff
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Martita Seeligson
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Nancy Glass West
Jo Ann Wigodsky
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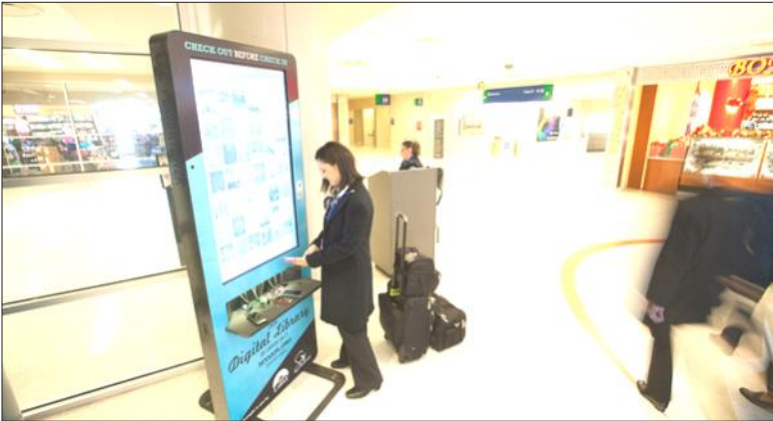


Thanksgiving art projects at Igo.

Digital Library Kiosks

Travelers visiting the San Antonio International Airport now have access to two Digital Library kiosks, the first of their kind in an airport, thanks to support from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. SAPL has partnered with Overdrive, the leading full-service digital distributor of eBooks, audiobooks, music, and video worldwide, to produce the two Digital Library kiosks. Due to popularity, a third kiosk was added in December.

SAPL Library cardholders visiting the Digital Library kiosks will be able to quickly access the Library's entire digital collection via the 55-inch interactive screens. Additionally, the Library has debuted the first-ever temporary library card feature, available from OverDrive, for airport visitors from out-of-town or for those who do not yet have a SAPL library card. Located in both terminals, the kiosks will also act as rapid recharging stations for mobile devices.



Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

Donations

Jerry and Sandy Allison
Margaret Aslakson
Elinor Froemsdorf
Manfred and Mary Jane Groth
John Igo
Ray and Lucille Lammert
Dr. and Mrs. Charles Leone
Natalie Masino
Karen Matson
Linda Child Nairn
Dru Van Steenberg
Enrique and Earline Valdez
Charlotte Wenger

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Children's
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Volunteer Information for the SA Book Festival

Stephanie Serrata

The third annual San Antonio Book Festival is scheduled for April 11, 2015. The event is presented by the Library Foundation and is always looking for volunteers to do a variety of jobs: author escorts, vendor check-in, greeters, etc. If you are interested, please visit the festival office website at information.sapl.org or saplf.org/festival.

This event is free and open to the public and will be held at the Central Library and the Southwest School of Art.

Arts & Letters Ceremony



Rick Casey, journalist and media personality, receiving award from **Linda Arronge**



Cakky Brawley, local artist well known for sculptures on public display throughout the city, receiving award from **Linda Arronge**



Dr. Winders accepting award from **Linda Arronge**



Linda Arronge presenting floral arrangement to harpist **Robin Templeton**



Anna Cleve, Yolanda & Larry Kirkpatrick



Lucy E. Duncan, Jean Brady, and Pat Peak at Gallery reception



Harpist **Robin Templeton** providing music during Gallery reception



Reception in the Gallery, **Nancy Gandara, Ramiro Salazar, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, and Pat Peak** enjoying refreshments

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

2015 FOSAPL Budget

Approved at the FOSAPL Board Meeting on November 16, 2014

FOSAPL INCOME		BUDGET 2015	
BookCellar sales	80,000.00	Estimate based on 2014	
BookCellar sales tax withheld			
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	Estimate based on 2014	
Interest	450.00	Estimate based on 2014	
Membership	7,000.00	Estimate based on 2014	
FOSAPL INCOME	89,450.00		
BUDGET EXPENSES		BUDGET	
Accounting	1,350.00	Payroll return, Income taxes	
Arts and Letters program	700.00	Annual Program	
Bank charges	100.00	NSF Charges	
FOSAPL Board expenses	300.00	Refreshments \$50 x 6 meetings	
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	Bond/Liability	
FOSAPL 50th Anniversary Committee	1,200.00	To be held in 2015	
Friends recognition	100.00	Certificates, plaques	
Fundraising program	400.00	Ads, handouts, letters	
Membership recruitment	1,000.00	Membership forms/envelopes	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	SAPLings/Editor/PC Mailing/Bonus	
Office supplies	600.00	QuickBooks, Envelopes, Folders	
Postage	1,300.00	Bulk mail, PO Box, Postage	
President's expenses	200.00	Certificates, plaques	
Seed money for new groups	200.00	Proposed new library groups	
Website maintenance	1,400.00	Webmaster, monthly fees	
FOSAPL Budget Expense Total	13,500.00		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	50.00	Yellow Pages	
Book sale(s)	800.00	Expenses/office supplies	
Commodities for resale	2,600.00	Water/Soda	
Equipment and maintenance	600.00	Maintain equip/new cart	
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	Workers Comp/Accident	
Printing and copying	350.00	Forms/bookmarks/flyers/cards	
Salary and benefits	9,100.00	Monthly salary, benefits, bonus	
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	Annual luncheon/aprons/badges	
Book Cellar Budget Expense Total	16,550.00		
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	50,000.00		
Donations from FOSAPL members			
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members			
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	80,050.00		

Questions about the 2015 budget line items? Contact Bev Duran, Treasurer, at j-bduran@att.net.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Jan. 1 All Libraries closed for New Year's Day
- Jan. 6 Maverick Friends meeting, 7.
- Jan. 10 **Dr. Anthony Griffiths** from the Biosafety Level 4 Laboratory at Texas Biomedical Research Institute will speak about "Handling Ebola." The intended audience is Teens, Adults and Seniors, Tobin Library at Oakwell
- Jan. 12 "Helping Your Kids with Their Homework—without Leaving Home" will teach parents how to use Texshare databases, 6:30, Igo.
- Jan. 25 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
- Feb. 9 Dr. LaGuana Gray of UTSA will talk about the history of slavery in Texas, as part of the Mayor's Book Club activities, 6:30, Igo.
- Feb. 14–15 Igo book sale.
- Feb. 21 Tobin Friends' annual, Saturday, 2 p.m., in the Community Room.
- Feb. 23 Igo launches a film club that will watch and discuss the American Film Institute's 100 Greatest Films, 5:30, Igo
- March 15 FOSAPL Board meeting, location to be determined**
- April 11 The 3rd annual San Antonio Book Festival at Central Library and Southwest School of Art

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

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

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-207-9090

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

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.*