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## From the President



Dear Friends,

*“Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot,  
nothing is going to get better. It's not.”*

—Dr. Seuss

If you ever get discouraged and wonder if, indeed, all the book sales, meetings, and various FRIENDS' responsibilities are worth it, please remember Dr. Seuss's admonition. It's due to your support that the San Antonio Public Library continues to provide information, foster imagination, and nurture ideas! Because of the FRIENDS' generosity, the branches are able to purchase needed extras that give beauty, promote literacy, and provide the “pizzazz” that make San Antonio's public library system outstanding. I am not able to shake all of your hands and personally thank you as I would like, but I know that because “you care a whole awful lot,” your contributions do make things better.

It's not too late to sign up your children and grandchildren for the Summer Reading Program. They can earn a free book as well as a certificate signed by our own mayor!

Thinking about our mayor reminds me—our library funding comes from our city and county budgets. This would be a good time to contact your city and county representatives and tell them why you love, want, and need the Library. While many public libraries across the country are closing or reducing hours, the San Antonio branches remain open for 56 hours a week! It is important that government continue to fund and grow an institution so vital to our economy. Strong libraries make strong cities!

Lastly, all Friends are welcome to attend the “21st Century FRIENDS: Silver, Gold, and Green” workshop on Saturday, Sept. 19, from 9:30–12:30 at the Central Library. Panels of Friends will share their successful tips for fundraising and book sales, member recruitment and retention, and the most efficient way to get things purchased for your branch. Plan to join us as we learn from one another in a fun and relaxed forum.

*In FRIENDship,  
Karen Matson*

## SAVE THE DATE!

### “21st Century FRIENDS: Silver, Gold, and Green” Workshop

Sept. 19, 2015 ▪ 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. ▪ Central, Auditorium



- Raising money: use new technology, improve your book sales
- Membership: recruit and retain more members
- Spending: faster, more efficient procedures

If you want to share your ideas or make sure that certain issues are covered, contact Nancy Gandara at [nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net](mailto:nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net).

## Last Call for Arts & Letters Nominations



Once again it is time for you to act in support of the Arts in San Antonio. If you know an outstanding artist, writer (all genres), thespian, and/or musician who excels in 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.

This year, the Arts & Letters Committee will provide FOSAPL members with a standardized nomination form to be filled out and returned to the committee. You can pick up an Arts & Letters Nomination Form at our regularly scheduled board meeting or by contacting Bob Mason by phone or email. You can also [download the nomination form](#). **All nominations must be received by August 1, 2015.** The A&L committee will review the nominees and select the 2015 FOSAPL Arts & Letters Awardees. You will be notified if your nominee has been selected sometime during the week of Aug 10. The A&L Award(s) will be presented at **2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 25, at the Central Library** followed by a wine and cheese reception. We encourage our FOSAPL membership to attend this event to show that our organization not only supports the San Antonio Public Library System but also the “Arts” in San Antonio as well.

### Robert Mason

2915 Hunter's Den St.  
San Antonio, TX 78230  
210-670-7914

or email the nominations to: [robertmason005@att.net](mailto:robertmason005@att.net)

## Searching for a BookCellar Manager

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is seeking a part-time manager for the BookCellar, its used book store at the Central Library, 600 Soledad.

*Requirements:* High school graduate or GED with some college preferred. Must pass background check and be bondable.

*Applicable Experience:* Retail experience, volunteer supervision, computer skills with social media experience desired. *Pluses:* Bilingual (Spanish), library experience, love of books and media.

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# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, May 17, 2015

Submitted by **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, May 17, 2015, at the McCreless Branch Library. President **Karen Matson** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary **Nancy Gandara** called the roll.

Board members present were: **Karen Matson, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Nancy Gandara, Liz Alves, Arline Braswell, Rita Corey, José Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Beverly Harris, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Pat Konstam, Pat Mendiola, Pat Peak, Mark Robinson, Rowena Rodgers, Stephanie Serrata, Christie Smith, Delia Trimble and Jill Zimmerman.**

Approval of Minutes: **José Duran** moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of March 15, 2015, as printed in the May/June issue of *SAPLings*, and **Pat Peak** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** **Karen Matson** mentioned many events and meetings she had attended during the prior two months. She had attended the "Young Pegasus" program, and read a winning poem aloud; worked the Friends' membership recruitment table at the "Fun Day" for the Central Library's 20th Anniversary; assisted with the SA Book Festival, where the Friends provided box lunches for the parents of Harlandale I.S.D. students; participated in the Advocacy Workshop for Trustees, Library Foundation members, and Friends' Board; and shopped at the book sales of the Friends of Cody, Westfall, and Carver. **Pres. Matson** urged the Board to "save the date" of Sept. 19, 2015, to attend the "21st Century FRIENDS: Silver, Gold, and Green" work-

shop, which will cover fund-raising, member recruitment and retention, and purchasing procedures.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Beverly Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2015, noting that FOSAPL had total assets of \$208,009.59, of which \$90,464.30 were designated for branch groups. In answer to **Pat Konstam's** question about the bequest from the estate of **Jay L. Adelman**, Ms. Duran said that we have received \$12,500, which she deposited in our Money Market account. She expects to receive another \$12,500, as the bequest was for 5% of the total estate value. The report was accepted, to be filed for audit.

## LIAISON REPORTS

**Library Trustees' Liaison:** **Pres. Matson** introduced **Lupita Ochoa**, the newly appointed Trustees' liaison to the Friends, who thanked the board members for their participation in the recent advocacy workshop.

**Library Administration Liaison:** **Dale McNeil**, Assistant Director for Public Service, mentioned the opening of Encino Branch and of the Central Library's Teen Center. The Collins Garden Branch will be closed from June 15–Dec. 17 for extensive renovation, which will include construction of ADA accessible restrooms and space for a District 5 Council office. **Mr. McNeil** also noted that the Interlocal Agreement between the City of San Antonio and Bexar County is proceeding to be amicably finalized and that the agreement will foster collaboration in decision-making about purchasing digital resources for SAPL and the county's Biblio-

Tech services. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** asked if Bexar County's plans to use the old Federal Reserve Bank building for a "heritage center" would affect the Texana collection; **Mr. McNeil** replied that digitized materials might be provided to the heritage center.

**Library Foundation Liaison:** **Sherry Leyman**, managing director for the SA Book Festival, expressed appreciation for the Friends' \$500 contribution and promised to provide a booth for FOSAPL at next year's festival, which will be held on April 2, 2016.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Audit Committee:** **Pres. Matson** presented the report of the audit committee, which met on April 30, 2015, to review the bank statements, check ledgers, requests for funds from branch Friends' groups, etc. No irregularities were noted, although policies and procedures for deposits from the BookCellar have been implemented to enhance accountability for monies received from customers.

**Arts & Letters Awards Committee:** **Bob Mason** noted that the new nomination form is available on the FOSAPL website; **José Duran** requested attention to legibility when filling out the form, and that an additional page could be included in a nomination. All nominations are due by August 1, 2015.

**BookCellar:** **Richard Morales** noted that experienced volunteer **Andrea Mason** started as interim manager on March 20, and she has already been able to effect some significant changes. A subcommittee is working on drafting a job ad,

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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

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

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2014–2016 Term:

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

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Liz Alves • Elizabeth Bircher • Bev Golden • Beth Graham • Pat Konstam • Karen Matson • Pat Mendiola • Pat Peak • Ronnie Retzloff • Mark Robinson • Stephanie Serrata • Ann Springer • Delia Trimble

## 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 • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods  
Karen Matson ..... Ex Officio

## Minutes, from p 2.

which will be reviewed by the FOSAPL officers prior to being posted.

**Membership:** **Linda Cheatum**, membership secretary, noted that the membership rolls will be purged on May 31 of all names who have not renewed for 2015; the current roll shows 968 active members, of which 126 are “new.”

## NEW BUSINESS

**Adjustment of the Salary Rate of the BookCellar Manager:** **Linda Cheatum** thanked members of the subcommittee charged with drafting the job ad. The committee included **Linda Arronge**, **Bruce Gill**, **Pat Konstam**, and **Ann Springer**. They did research to determine a market rate for the position, including both City of S.A. positions and those in business. The City’s “living wage” is \$11.71/hr., and Walmart recently announced plans to increase pay to \$15/hr. within three years. **Ms. Cheatum** noted that the BookCellar manager duties include managing and scheduling the work of 50 volunteers, and making deposits of more than \$70,000 per year. The BookCellar Committee requested that the FOSAPL Board consider increasing the hourly wage for this position to \$12/hr. for 20 hrs. a week. **Pat Konstam** made a motion to that effect, and **Antoinette Franklin** seconded it.

During discussion, **Christie Smith** asked how that would affect our budget, and **Pat Konstam** stated that it would be an increase of approximately \$5,000/year. **Delia Trimble** suggested that the hourly rate should be even higher than \$12/hr., and **Christie Smith** suggested that a salary range of \$12-\$15/hr. might attract better-qualified applicants. **Pat Konstam** accepted a modification to her motion, and a vote was taken, which carried unanimously.

**Appointment of the Bylaws Review Task Force:** **Nancy Gandara** will chair a committee to review the FOSAPL Bylaws and Standing Rules for possible updates or clarifications needed. **Richard Morales** and **Stephanie Serrata** volunteered to assist with that task.

## ADJOURNMENT

Following announcements of branch group activities President **Karen Matson** thanked the McCreless Friends for providing refreshments for the meeting, and she noted that they were also responsible for the attractive new landscaping in the front of the branch. **Jill Zimmerman** made the motion to adjourn the meeting, **Mark Robinson** seconded it, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



## Brook Hollow

The Friends of the Brook Hollow Library are sponsoring the following exciting events this summer.

The Eulenspiegel Puppet Theater will perform “The Monkey and the Crocodile” during Kids Time, July 7, at 2 p.m. and 4 p.m.

Occupational therapist **Jorge Ochoa** of “TamboRhythms” will present a one-hour Pre-School Drum Circle event, July 17, at 11 a.m. for children ages 3 to 6 and their parents.

Recently Brookhollow hosted an “Outlander Day.” This event was inspired by the best-selling novels of **Di-ana Gabaldon** and the STARZ series based on the books. The branch celebrated with all things Scottish. **Henry Christy** of the Scottish Society of San Antonio, and **Leslie Bingham** of the San Antonio Herbal Society gave talks. Pictures from the April 18 event can be found at:

[www.friendsofsapl.org/photos.html](http://www.friendsofsapl.org/photos.html).

The Friends of Brook Hollow are proud to announce our new Facebook page.

Please visit [www.facebook.com/BrookHollowFriends](http://www.facebook.com/BrookHollowFriends) and “Like” our page to help us attract more visitors.

Our next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 10.

We hope to see you there!

**Mark Robinson**

## Carver

The Friends of Carver Library were all smiles last month when they concluded their most recent spring book sale held May 15-16. Interest in the event was phenomenal.

The final tally was not available but **Shirley Coleman** was fairly certain “This is our most successful book sale” in her years involved in the organiza-

tion. “We can do so many wonderful things for the library.”

Eager to show the branch staff how they felt about them, the Carver Friends hosted a special appreciation dinner for the Carver employees, Friday, May 30. The branch meeting room was transformed into an intimate dining space with linen tablecloths and floral centerpieces. Everyone dined on chicken smothered in wine sauce, green beans, and rice. The hit of the evening was the peach cobbler and vanilla ice cream. In attendance that night were San Antonio Public Library Assistant Director **Dale McNeil** and Public Services Administrator **Kate Gray** and FOSAPL representative **Nancy Gandara**.

The Carver Friends voted to support the branch’s Adult Summer Reading program by donating items that could be offered as incentives to attract patrons to the campaign. The book nook, which was installed last March at Carver, continues to attract customers and generate proceeds.

**DL Grant**

## Cody

Friends of Cody Library had a successful book sale in May, thanks to generous donors and enthusiastic volunteers! We were also able to assist several other branches with book donations for their book sales.

A luncheon was held June 9 for the many volunteers who assisted with the sale. Members of the board thanked the volunteers, and reviewed how the proceeds have been used by Cody Library in the past year and the sponsorship of children’s summer programs for 2015.

A second book sale is planned for October.

**Susan Bailey**

## Collins Gardens

Collins Gardens Branch Library is undergoing a renovation and is temporarily closed. The branch is getting new furniture, new paint and a new look! The branch is expected to reopen December 2015. All holds are available at the Pan American Branch Library during this time, and the book drop will not be available during the length of the closure. Please, return all materials to

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any SAPL location and renew online at [mySAPL.org](http://mySAPL.org) or call 210-207-6121.

*Jessica Ramos*

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## Igo

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Friends of the Igo Branch Library held these programs during June 2015:

On June 6, more than 300 attended the summer reading program kicked off in Bonnie Connor Park next to the Library. The Friends also had a mini book sale.

There were swap events throughout June: June 15—Recipes, June 22—Paperback books, and June 29—Music CDs.

June 15, **Rose Williams**, a Holocaust survivor, presented a program about the Holocaust.

The AFI Top 100 Film Club met on Mondays, June 22 and 29.

Everyone was invited to upgrade their computer skills at the AARP TEC workshops. There will be follow-up help sessions July 12 and 20 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

*Jose Duran*

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## Las Palmas

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Many thanks to the Las Palmas Friends and other volunteers who helped with the book sale May 22–23. The proceeds were not great but, with our affordable prices, a significant number of books “went home” with some happy people. On a daily basis, the expanded Book Nook in the library represents a chance for more smart purchases.

The HEB Corporation donated new and gently used books to Las Palmas as part of their “Read 3, Grow Young Minds, Read 3 Times a Week” literacy promotion program. The Friends participated in this program in support of the Summer Reading Program to give chil-

dren access to additional reading experiences.

“Read! Listen! Learn!” Summer Reading Program activities have been well attended and there's much more planned for July. In addition to the regularly scheduled Kids Time, Bilingual Story Time, Lego Club, and The Super Cool Awesome Teen Gaming Block 3000, activities also include the Eulenspiegel Puppet Show and the reading program highlight, Summerfest.

The Bilingual Story Time will celebrate its first anniversary later this summer and recently has seen increased participation. The children enjoy the stories told in both English and Spanish and the crafts and activities periods.

Computer classes will continue through the summer. The different sessions include: one-on-one computer help, E-mail basics, Internet basics, and online job search. Our Friends group is helping publicize these opportunities for area residents.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

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## Maverick

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Summer reading always keeps the Maverick Library hopping, and this year is no exception.

The kick-off party saw 80 children busy with crafts and registration. Maverick Friends provided refreshments for the party.

Maverick Friends are funding an appearance by Dinosaur George at 2 p.m., July 29. Everyone is welcome, so please stop by if you are in the area.

The Maverick Lego group continues to draw youngsters to the library. About 100 attended a Lego date June 8. The Friends get much vicarious enjoyment from providing Legos for the group.

Our first book sorting for our September 19 and 20 sale will

start at 10 a.m. July 24. As usual, we'll break at about noon for a leisurely lunch at a nearby restaurant (Dutch treat), and finish up before 4 p.m. Sorting days are always fun, and we welcome all who want to help.

We will skip our July meeting but invite any Friends who happen to be in the area to join us for our regular meeting at 7 p.m., Tuesday, August 4, at the library.

Friends are always welcome at Maverick!

*Sue Ratliff*

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## McCreless

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McCreless Friends hosted the FOSAPL Board meeting and had a great time doing so. Special thanks to all the members who helped at this event. Other news is that the garden plantings contributed by the Friends add to the pleasure to all who visit the library. Branch Manager **Cammie Brantley** expressed her appreciation for our beautifying the library landscape. FOSAPL President **Karen Matson** donated \$50 in memory of her husband to help maintain the garden.

The “Book Nook,” a collaborative effort of McCreless Friends and library staff, continues to bring in funds supporting library services and resources. In five months, \$200.11 was generated from people generously taking advantage of the offerings available through this venue.

*Jill Zimmerman*

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## Memorial

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The Memorial Amigos once again held a successful parking fundraiser during Fiesta Oyster Bake. Thank you to all who assisted!

Our Book Cart is available during open library hours and has a variety of adult, YA, and

children's books and media available for a small fee.

Our quarterly membership meeting will be Saturday, September 5, at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Community Room.

Our semi-annual book sale will be 10–5 on Saturday, September 12, and Sunday, September 13.

*Diane Duesterhoeft*

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## Mission

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May was a busy month for the Mission Branch Library. On May 9, Mission Library hosted Dia De La Familia. Activities included a farmer's market and a book sale sponsored by the Friends. The evening concluded with a film viewing on the grounds of the iconic Mission Drive-in marquee. The event was a huge success and brought many newcomers as well as loyal patrons to Mission Library.

Friends of Mission Library were proud to be the sponsors of the 2nd annual UTSA Writing Camp, which ran from June 15 through 19. Third, fourth, and fifth graders had the opportunity to explore poetry writing. Author **Xavier Garza** visited with the students on Wednesday, June 17. The camp was offered free to area students.

*Josephine Martinez*

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## Thousand Oaks

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When the Friends of Thousand Oaks gathered on Friday, June 5, to prepare for the Saturday book sale, we had an opportunity to see the new furniture for the children's area that the Friends recently donated to the library. Several small round tables and chairs and a book tree have been added in the children's reading area. They make a colorful addition. The library has also shifted some shelving to create an open area for teen activities with a table

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# Getting to Know Your Friends Mario Gonzales

Stephanie Serrata

**Mario Gonzalez** met me at the Book-Cellar on a Thursday evening. As we walked through the aisles, we discussed family, work, and our admiration and appreciation of the library system. Mario was born and raised in San Antonio, and he graduated from Harlandale High School. Mario also has a BBA from the University of Texas at Austin in Marketing and an MS in Public School Administration from Texas A&M University in Kingsville. Mario has one son, Matthew, who is the coordinator of testing at The University of the Incarnate Word.

After receiving his BBA, Mario was hired by McCollum High School as a vocational teacher where he directed an industrial cooperative training program that offered students the opportunity to attend classes in the morning and work in the afternoon. Mario assisted students with finding employment with companies who would provide hands-on training in their particular field of interest. Mario stated that students were able to gain real life work experience with companies such as H.B. Zachry and H.E.B. The vocational program required students to adhere to a diligent and strict work ethic while maintaining good grades in all subjects. Mario said that in 1995, Texas began phasing out

vocational programming in its public schools, and it was at this juncture in his career that he decided to pursue certification in special education—generic grades 6–12. Mario remained at McCollum High School for one more year as a Special Education teacher. In 1996, Mario returned to his high school alma mater, Harlandale High School, as a special education instructor and taught a specialized program class until 2005. Shortly after leaving Harlandale, Mario was hired at Thomas Jefferson High School as a vocational adjustment coordinator (2006–2008). Presently, Mario is a certified advisor with San Antonio College Veterans Affairs and Disability Support Services where he helps veterans and their dependents navigate their way through all of the programs available to former military.

I asked Mario how he became involved with the public library system. He said that he met close friend **Robert Anguiano** through the Mission San Jose Neighborhood Association. Robert is the president of the Friends group at Mission Library, and was recruiting local community leaders to help inform and educate the people on the south side of the city. Mario has been the Mission Friends Treasurer since 2013. To give Mission a publicity plug, I

asked Mario if there were any recent events he'd like readers to know about, and he told me Union Pacific Railroad recently donated a large amount of money to their branch. A grant proposal was written and submitted by Friends Secretary **Josie Martinez**, and there are plans to use the grant money for educational programming. Mission has also received two brand new ping pong tables courtesy of Academy Sporting Goods.

At this point, our conversation turned to family, pets, and community. Mario told me about three rescue dogs he adopted and nursed back to health. They are now proud members of his family. My final question to Mario is the same one I ask at the end of every interview I conduct, "What do you want people to know about you and/or what do you want to share with the readers?" Mario said during his years as an educator, he encountered so many neglected and abused children, and it made him extremely grateful that he had two loving and devoted parents who taught him the importance of being a hard worker and a kind person. Mario said he honors his parents' memory by giving back to the community and helping people in need every chance he gets.

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added for chess and other games.

Former Manager **Troy Hoyles** has been on loan to Thousand Oaks from his new position at Central until a new manager can be named.

The Summer Reading program kicked off June 3 with a snow cone party. More than 60 adults, teens, and children attended.

The book sale on June 6, one of two held each year by the THO Friends, was successful in combination with the on-going sale from one of the original "Book Nooks."

*Pat Peak*

## Tobin at Oakwell

Friends of Tobin at Oakwell Branch President **Janet Goddard** reported a successful May book sale. Our book sale Chairman **Dan Goddard** led us in organizing our sale. We appreciate all the help provided by Friends members, coordinated by **Rita Corey**, including Altrusa Sorority members, **Susan Even**, **Sarah Bullock** and **Sylvia Mendez Smith**. We were also fortunate to have PALS volunteers from MacArthur High School recruited by our Vice President **Vicki**

**Richardson**. Vicki and Friends member **Alethea Bugg** also brought family and friends to help.

In celebration of Asian Pacific Month, tea was served at the Reference Desk on Saturday, May 16. The Summer Reading Kick-Off for Tweens and Teens was held on May 21, with refreshments chosen by the students and funded by Friends. A total of 170 signed up for the program.

Summer Reading Program kick-off for all ages was held June 6 from 10:00 to 2:00 and was very well attended. Refreshments included Krypto-

ite punch, snow cones and power snacks. Summer fun was started with face painting, superhero games, trivia time, and "every one has a hero" crafts. We welcome our new Children's Librarian **Elvira Sanchez-Kisser**. We hope to have our new teen librarian by the middle of June.

Have a safe summer and do lots of reading!

*Arline Braswell*

The Friends  
Treasurer's Reports  
are available online at  
[friendsofsapl.org/  
treasurers-reports.html](http://friendsofsapl.org/treasurers-reports.html)



## From the Library Director Summer Activities



I am pleased to report that innovation and growth continues at the San Antonio Public Library. Following the opening of the Encino Branch Library, the new Teen Library celebrated its grand

opening ceremony on the third floor of Central Library in May.

The Teen Library offers 13 to 18 year olds a 6,000-square-foot space to extend learning beyond the classroom where they can explore, create, and share content. The Teen Library includes: a “Pop-Lab” where teens can explore 3D printing and emerging technologies, a recording studio that allows teens to create content, a Wi-Fi lounge area, gaming space, and a computer lab for projects.

The summer remains an exciting time at the San Antonio Public Library, and this year is no exception.

In June, the Library observed The Holocaust. Learn and Remember was this year’s theme honoring liberators and rescuers. We also celebrated Pride Month with a series of events that showcased LGBTI artists who have contributed to the richness of the arts and humanities in San Antonio.

And the Summer Reading Program continues its successful run as we enter July. San Antonio Mayor **Ivy Taylor** officially kicked off the Mayor’s Summer Reading Club—which also started the Summer Reading Program—just before the beginning of June. From puppets with Eulenspiegel to teen superhero movies, the library team continues to deliver exciting activities and events for children, teens, seniors, and everyone in between for the remainder of the summer.

Come visit us this summer, and sign up for a Summer Reading Program—there’s still time!

**Ramiro Salazar**

## Mission Library Wins Grant

VP Friends of Mission Library Board of Directors **Theresa Ybanez**, District 3 Councilwoman **Rebecca Viagran**, President Friends of Mission Library Board of Directors **Roberto Anguinao**, Director of Public Affairs for Union Pacific **Ivan Jaime**, and Mission Library Branch Manager **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez**, are present as Union Pacific presents their check for a \$12,500 grant

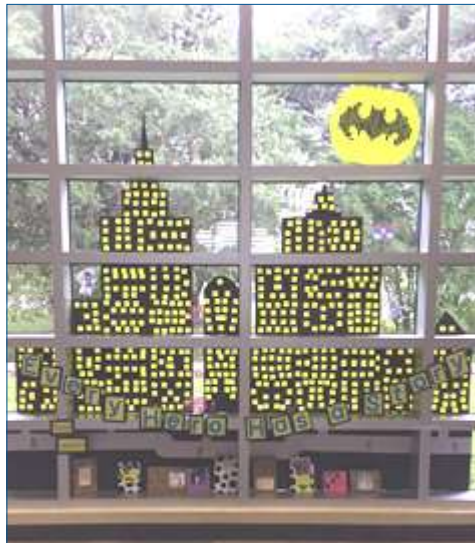


## Hostesses with the Mostesses

McCreless Friends hosted the Friends of the SAPL Board meeting. Members left to right are President **Paula Massengale**, **Mary Swanson**, Treasurer **Mary Gallagher**, Secretary **Lucy E. Duncan**, and **Vera Banner**.



## Other Library Activities Around the City



Photos too small?  
Do you want to see more? Click a photo for a better view or go to [friendsofsapl.org/photos.html](http://friendsofsapl.org/photos.html).

## Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

### In Memory of      by

Jim Matson	Karen Matson
Adele Robin	Bonnie Simons

### Donations

David & Kimberly Cauthon	
Jane Cooper	Dale McNeill
Alan & Joan Hildreth	Elizabeth Sellers
Patricia Jasso	Cindy Taylor
Clint Kingsbery	William Wolff



### Fun meets innovation at Central Library with new Teen Library

The 6,000 square foot space of the new Teen Library—located on the third floor of Central Library—beautifully showcased the innovative services now offered for teens at the grand opening ceremony on May 12. *Click photo for more.*

### Searching, from p 1

*Salary:* Paid \$12-15/hour for a 20-hour week.  
Store hours 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

*How to Apply:* Send résumé and cover letter to [Bookcellar1@gmail.com](mailto:Bookcellar1@gmail.com) or mail to FOSAPL—BC Manager Application, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246. **Deadline for applications is August 1.**

**Please Note:** Do not leave résumés at the BookCellar. BookCellar volunteers are not responsible for applications submitted in this manner reaching the appropriate committee.

*For More Information:* Call **Linda Cheatum** at 210-888-3002 or 214-280-7488.

## FOSAPL Board Meeting Locations—2015

Sunday, 2 p.m.

July 19	Pan American Library
September 20	Westfall Library
November 15	Encino Park Library

## 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



By the time you read this, the BookCellar may have a new manager. In case it does not, the “manager wanted” notice appears elsewhere in this newsletter. The search officially began in June, after the FOSAPL Board approved raising the salary to \$12–\$15 an hour. The BookCellar Committee would appreciate your help in locating candidates for the job. Please ask applicants to call **Linda Cheatum**, the search committee chair, at (210) 888-3002 or (214) 280-7488 to find out if the position is still open.

Meanwhile, **Andrea Mason** has been doing a superb job as interim manager of the BookCellar, organizing several special sales and events that have netted thousands of dollars and setting up a system for the store to accept credit and debit cards. **Bob Mason** has been working alongside her as a volunteer, sorting and organizing the store’s continual flow of incoming donations. Sales totals are running well ahead of comparable time periods last year.

The store’s next big special event is a nine-day clearance sale of books and media for children and teens starting Saturday, July 25, and continuing through Sunday, August 2. Hundreds of books that have been in storage for lack of shelf-room will be displayed on the patio. The selection will include marked-down easy

readers, juvenile fiction and nonfiction for 10 cents, and young adult hardback fiction for 25 cents, as well as an expanded choice of 50-cent and \$1 books. Late summer sales are especially popular with teachers preparing to stock their classrooms. Please tell any teachers you know about this opportunity to stretch their classroom supply budgets. Sale hours are the regular store hours: 11 a.m.–3 p.m. every day plus 3–7 p.m. on Thursdays.

Parents and kids need not wait for this sale to find bargains for summer fun – books, CDs, movies, and ideas for things to make and do. The BookCellar has lots of choices every day, starting at 10 cents a book.

The special bargain for adults during the entire month of July is regularly priced hardback fiction, on sale for 50 cents a book, or three books for \$1. This includes novels, mysteries, science fiction, Westerns and large print.

August will offer two buy-one-get-one-free specials. One will be adult paperback fiction—novels, mysteries, romances, Westerns, everything except sci-fi and fantasy. The other will be all regularly priced adult books in the Dewey Decimal 200s, which includes all categories of religion plus some mythology.



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### Summer Reading delivers fun, education at the Public Library

The summer is in full swing and the fun continues at the San Antonio Public Library with the Summer Reading Program. There are plenty of cool activities left for the rest of the summer for just about everyone.





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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- July–August Summer Reading Program activities, all libraries
- July 19 FOSAPL Board meeting, Pan American, Library, 2**
- July 24 Sorting for book sale at Maverick Library, 10-4
- July 29 Dinosaur George at Maverick Library, 2
- August 1 Deadline: BookCellar manager job application submission
- August 1 Deadline to submit nominations for Arts & Letters Awards
- August 4 Maverick Library Friends meeting, 7
- September 12–13 Memorial Library Friends Book Sale, 10-5
- September 19 “**21st Century FRIENDS: Silver, Gold and Green**” workshop, 9:30-12:30,  
Central Library
- September 19-20 Maverick Library Book Sale, 10-4
- September 20 FOSAPL Board meeting, Westfall Library, 2**
- October 10 Brook Hollow Library Book Sale, 10-4
- October 25 Arts & Letters Awards, Central Library, 2
- November 15 FOSAPL Board meeting, Encino Library, 2**

Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
210-207-9030

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

Encino Library  
2515 East Evans Road, 78259  
(210) 207-9250

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

Memorial Library  
3222 Culebra, 78228  
210-207-9140

Pan American Library  
1122 West Pyron Ave, 78221  
210-207-9150

Westfall Library  
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201  
210-207-9220

*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.*