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From the President



Dear Friends,

Margaret Mead wrote, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, concerned citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Dr. Mead’s profound, but simply stated observation resonates within me as I visit with FRIENDS at their book sales and membership meetings, and partner with the Library Foundation during events like the 3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival. All of these thoughtful concerned citizens are, indeed, changing the world through their support of the Library’s vision.

On April 11, the San Antonio Book Festival united readers and authors in a celebration of ideas and books—and FRIENDS were there giving their time and talent to help make the festival a resounding success! We partnered with the Library Foundation to provide volunteers to assist with everything from escorting authors to processing book sales. The FRIENDS also provided lunch for the parents who accompanied more than 150 Harlandale ISD students who attended the Book Festival, while the Library Foundation provided the students’ lunch that day. The FRIENDS at the BookCellar experienced one of their best sales days ever during the Festival. New FRIENDS showed up to volunteer. The BookCellar had extended hours, and everyone had fun learning to close sales using that new credit device called “the square.”

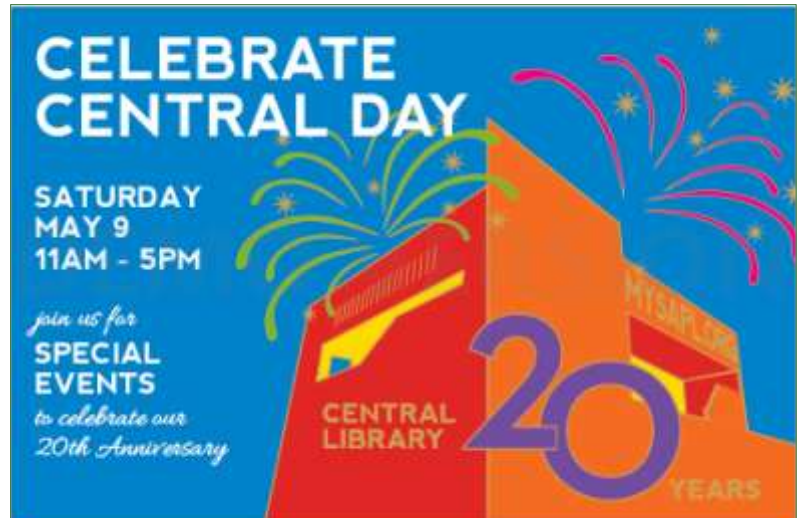
We are excited about two new charter FRIENDS groups being formed to support San Pedro Branch and the new Encino Branch, which is opening for business on May 2.

FRIENDS are also lending support in the area of advocacy. FOSAPL Board members joined the Library Trustees and Foundation members at an Advocacy Workshop in April. We want to be prepared to have as many trained representatives as possible to speak up for our library when the FY2016 Budget Hearings begin in early June.

Our San Antonio Public Library is making significant progress in transforming lives, but it needs the help of thoughtful and concerned citizens—please let your City and County leaders know that you “love your library!”

In FRIENDSHIP,

Karen Matson



Encino Branch Library Grand Opening, May 2, 10–6



May brings exciting news to San Antonio and the San Antonio Public Library. In response to the growth occurring in the city’s northeast side, the San Antonio Public Library will be opening the **Encino Branch Library at 2515 East Evans Road**. This newest library will provide a robust collection of books, integrated technology and responsive services – including the first drive-thru window service point in the library system. The grand opening events will feature fun family activities, including the ribbon cutting ceremony, refreshments, fun mascots, movies, gaming for teens, the Johnson High School drumline and a radio remote with Magic 105.3.



There’s an APP for that!

Another reason to celebrate is mySAPL, a new app for mobile devices, available for iOS and Android. Library card holders can download the app to access account information, browse for new arrivals, check out the *New York Times* Bestsellers list, search the catalog, and much more.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, March 15, 2015

Submitted by **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, March 15, 2015, at the Tobin Library at Oakwell. President **Karen Matson** called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. As many of the Board members were unacquainted, Secretary **Nancy Gandara** asked that they stand and introduce themselves, while the Secretary recorded the roll.

Board members present were: **Karen Matson, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Nancy Gandara, Liz Alves, Rita Corey, José Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Bev Golden, Beth Graham, Beverly Harris, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Marshall Mundorff, Pat Peak, Ronnie Retzloff, Mark Robinson, Rowena Rodgers, Stephanie Serrata, Christie Smith, Ann Springer, Delia Trimble, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Approval of Minutes: **Mary McAfee** moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of Jan. 18, 2015, as printed in the Mar/Apr issue of *SAPLings*, and **Mark Robinson** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

President's Report: **Karen Matson** shared her observations after attending many events and meetings during the prior two months. She noted that she had gone to four branch book sales and found that they were "all different!" She had visited the newly renovated Carver Branch and complimented the SAPL staff on that project. She urged members of the Board to visit the Briscoe Museum (in the former Hertzberg Museum building) and its "library portal," where SAPL staff conducts programs and assists researchers.

Treasurer's Report: **Beverly Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of Feb. 28, noting that FOSAPL had total assets of \$212,959.12, of which \$92,929.36 was designated for branch groups. Beverly noted that \$3,125 that had been budgeted for Library Support in 2014—but which had not been spent by Dec. 31—had been carried over and added to the amount designated to be given during 2015. The report was accepted, to be filed for audit.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Trustees Liaison: **Jean Brady**, trustees chair, thanked the Friends for their contribution. She noted that the trustees were in the process of "naming" the new branch to be built in District 2 and pointed out that suggestions had been solicited from the community. She urged the Board members to check out the large public art piece that has been completed to complement the Encino Branch (which will open on May 2), and the newly developed Library app for mobile phones.

Library Administration Liaison: **Dale McNeil**, assistant director for public service, noted that the staff is in the process of updating the library's strategic plan. This guide for the next 3–5 years will be completed by Sept. 2015. He also reported that negotiations with Bexar County Commissioners were ongoing, and a reduction in the contribution from Bexar County is anticipated because of the county's provision of e-books through the BiblioTech. In answer to a question about the mobile app that Ms. Brady had mentioned, Dale said that "mySAPL" is available through the Google Play store.

Library Foundation Liaison: **Tracey Bennett**, SAPLF president, urged attendance at the SA Book Festival on April 11, as more than 80 writers would be in attendance, and the Literary Death Match event was always entertaining. She also noted the gala to commemorate the Central Library's 20th Anniversary, to be held on May 15 on the plaza.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar Committee Report: **Richard Morales**, BookCellar committee chair, reported on the recent resignation of **Monica Hernandez**, the manager, and noted that **Linda Cheatum** is chair of a committee to select a new manager. **Andrea Mason**, an experienced BookCellar volunteer, is serving as the interim manager. Gross revenue of the store YTD is \$14,287.

Membership Secretary Report: **Linda Cheatum** reminded the board members that those who have not renewed their membership for 2015 will be removed from the membership rolls in May. To date, 779 had paid for 2015, which included 97 new members.

NEW BUSINESS

Plan to update list of branch group officers and branch bylaws: Vice President **Bob Mason** asked that members of the board assist him in collecting names and contact info for officers of branch groups and in updating our collection of branch group bylaws (for publication on the website), many of which were written prior to office automation.

Arts & Letters Awards Committee: **Bob Mason** and **José Duran** will co-chair the 2015

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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

Lyn BelisleChair
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Karen Matson Ex Officio

Minutes, from p 2.

awards committee, and committee members include **Beverly Harris**, **Christie Smith**, and **Lyn Belisle**. A new nomination form has been developed, and the deadline for nominations is Aug. 1. The awards ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 25.

FOSAPL's "Next 50 Years" celebration: **Beth Graham** reviewed last year's "Friends 50th Fiesta" survey results based on the 13 responses to the survey that she had received. The responses were somewhat contradictory (e.g., preferred time of day or week) but preference for a lower-cost event, related to the library in some way, and the need for much better publicity about an event was clear. After some discussion, **Karen Matson** asked for volunteers to form a task force to come up with some ideas for an event: **Beth Graham** and **Katherine Kay** volunteered.

Membership recruitment table at Central Library's 20th Anniversary Fun Day on May 9: **Karen Matson** asked that Board members sign up to staff a table and promote membership in the Friends and circulated a sign-up sheet.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The **Igo** book-and-bake sale raised about \$2,000, of which \$426 was from baked goods.

The **McCreless** Friends put up a sign at their recent sale that listed how funds from past sales had been spent to support the branch and cleared almost \$600 at that sale.

Westfall announced a sale scheduled for May 16 and 17.

Tobin Library at Oakwell will have a book sale May 22 and May 23.

ADJOURNMENT

President Karen Matson thanked the Tobin friends for providing refreshments for the meeting and noted that the next meeting would be on May 17 at the McCreless Branch. **Pat Mendiola** made the motion to adjourn the meeting, **Jill Zimmerman** seconded it, and the vote was unanimous to adjourn.



Carver

Spring is barely here, but plans are already underway for the annual Summer Reading Program (SRP). Carver Branch is making plans to make it an exciting activity for young library users. To help out, the Friends of Carver Branch donated funds to pay for SRP shirts staff will wear to support the campaign.

The Carver Friends group also presented the branch with a three-shelved Book Nook to support fundraising efforts. Patrons welcome the opportunity to purchase used books year-round without having to wait for the next book sale to roll around. All items are 50 cents.

The annual spring book sale is just around the corner. The two-day sale will be May 15–16.

Meantime, the branch bustles with activity. Teen statistics are on the rise. Assistant Branch Manager **Monty Holcomb** has engaged the interest of Carver youths with the branch's Wii gaming system. The branch took a serious look at programming. After a long absence, chess was revived for customers, and Thursday evening is chess night.

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Shirley Coleman*

Cody

The Friends of Cody Library will be holding a book sale from May 15–

17. A preview sale for all members of FOSAPL will be held Friday, May 15 from 2–4. On Saturday, hours of the sale will be from 10–4. A "bag of books" event will be held Sunday from 1–3.

All other library Friends groups are welcome to come to Cody before our sale for boxes of books to be sold at their own sales. We will also have boxes of books available for pickup after the 17th for other Friends groups. Please contact **Susan Bailey** (210-558-3614) to make arrangements for pickup.

This past year, proceeds from our book sales have purchased a projector and screen for Cody Library, furniture for the teen area, the express collection display, and a new reading table and story hour cushions for the small tots. We are looking forward to the arrival of a new "book sale cart" for Cody soon.

Susan Bailey

Guerra

Our book sale, will be Friday, May 29, 4–6; Saturday, May 30, 10–4; and Sunday, May 31, 10.

Delores Huber

Igo

Friends of the Igo Library invite you to visit and participate in these and other programs during May and June.

May 7, 2:00, The Elderberries – Birding with the Inglets (including a bird watching walk through Bonnie Connor Park).

May 16, 2–4, Star Wars Day – Celebrating all that is Star Wars, including a special visit and presenta-

tion from well-known author **Drew Karpshyn**.

May 20, 5:30–7:30, Celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month with classical Indian sance and vocals.

June 6, 1–3 p.m., Summer Reading kick-off celebration – Live music, games, crafts, face painting and fun times for all ages.

The Igo Friends will be holding a book & bake sale on Saturday, June 27, 10–5.

Jose Duran

Las Palmas

We recently said goodbye to Branch Manager **Tim Johnson**, who has moved to another library location. And welcome to **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez**, currently the Mission Library manager, who also will serve as the interim manager at Las Palmas until a replacement is selected.

The next book sale will be Friday, May 22, 3–5, and Saturday, May 23, from 10–3 to help kick-off the Summer Reading Program. We'll be looking for volunteers who can assist with set-up on Thursday, the book sale on Friday and Saturday, and packing up leftover books after the sale. We're also looking for more children's books for the sale.

Plans for the expanded Book Nook area are progressing, and we hope to showcase it within the next few months. Considering our great book, DVD, and magazine prices, we expect the Book Nook will become the "book store of choice" for the Las Palmas area.

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On May 7, the Library will host the "Build It! Play and Learn" program that includes interactive projects designed for those five and under. The event is focused on the goal of developing early literacy. The Friends group will provide snacks for the attendees.

The Friends purchased sets of mega blocks for the children in the bilingual story time and family fun programs, which are experiencing increased participation. The librarians are working on a partnership with the preschool day care program located at the adjacent YWCA.

Our Las Palmas Friends were also happy to purchase some of the items on the library's wish list, to include a "smart" television (internet accessible) and video games for the teen program.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Spring certainly got off on the right foot this year, especially for the Maverick Friends.

We were a bit concerned about the switch to daylight savings time during our spring book sale, but it was still a huge success. Thanks to the following Friends (and their family and friends!) for being there from setup to clean up: **Barbara and Franklin Steinhauer, Becky Vargas, Bonnie Gaddis, Cheryl Gale, Dennis Moreno, Elizabeth and James Bircher, Giselle Villalobos, Jayne Neal, Joyce Garcia, Kaitlyn Henage, Kim Henage, Miranda Lockhart, P.J. and John Gaddis, Rick Meuse, Robert Meuse, Romeo Garcia, Ruben Ramirez, and Sue Ratliff.** A special thanks to all of the library staff who help make our sales a success.

Our Saturday sale day was enhanced by events set up by library staffers **Benjamin Longoria** and **Raina Oster** and supported by Friends financing. The guitar duo of **Jorge and Nicole** played an afternoon concert. Library patrons also had an opportunity to watch "Despicable Me," create a craft project or adopt a dog from San Antonio Pets Alive! (SAPA).

The puppet stage was put to good use with a Piggie and Gerald production in late March. Staffers **Sarah Borque** and **Raina Oster** were joined by **Liz Santos** in bringing the characters to life to the delight of the audience.

Summer reading will be here before we know it. As usual, the Maverick Friends will sponsor parties to get the program off to a great start and end it on a high note. We will also fund an appearance by Dinosaur George on July 29.

Mark your calendars for the autumn Maverick book sale from 10–4, Saturday, Sept. 19, to Sunday, Sept. 20. As always we'll need lots of help from preparation, through the sale, and clean up after the sale. Maverick Friends, watch your e-mail for sorting dates and setup times.

Susan Ratliff

McCreless

Branch Manager **Cammie Brantley** and a couple of MCC Friends spent time on Easter Sunday planting the front garden bed with plants provided by the Friends. What a beautiful welcome these plants will present when McCreless Library hosts the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) Board meeting on Sunday, May 17.

The "perpetual book sale cart" continues to bring in

some funds for library activities. Please continue to donate materials for the cart and also for our next book sale, June 27–28. Our last sale made a total of \$575.90 including sales and donations. Money generated from the book sales goes to support our neighborhood branch. Please consider donating your gently used books to the library for sale and volunteer to work the sale. Have ideas for other ways of generating funds to support Friends of the Library projects?

McCreless Friends President **Paula Massengale** sent two boxes of books specifically selected by her to the Wounded Warrior Project at Ft. Sam Houston for the reading pleasure of adults, children, and young adults (YA).

Congratulations are in order for two McCreless Library staff members. Library Aide **Nancy Roy** celebrates 20 years with SAPL, and Circulation Attendant **Gracie Rendon** marks 15 years of service. Thank you both for your contributions.

Our next general membership meeting is May 11, 6:00, in the McCreless Library meeting room. See you there!

Jill Zimmerman

Mission

Great news! Mission Library has been awarded the Union Pacific Grant for \$12,500. We need to be looking or planning for the funds.

I want to specially thank **Josie Martinez** for writing and submitting the grant. What an awesome job. Our Library will benefit greatly. Again, thank you, Josie.

Robert Anguiano

Tobin at Oakwell

We congratulate **Keri Moczygemba**, who was our

assistant library manager at Tobin at Oakwell, upon her promotion to library manager at the new Encino Library. We will miss her and wish her well. Additional congratulations go to Teen Librarian **Matthew Loaiza**, who will join Keri at Encino as a permanent teen librarian. We welcomed our new Assistant Manager **Rhonda Woolhouse** at our Friends meeting on April 14. Rhonda brings a wealth of creative programming experience that she has planned and presented at several branches, along with system-wide programs.

Tobin Friends generously funded the purchase of super hero t-shirts for all of Tobin staff in anticipation of the Summer Reading Program for all ages that starts up in June. In addition, Tobin Friends have approved funding for the purchase of new lockers for our library staff.

Friends of Tobin at Oakwell will hold its next book sale on Saturday, May 23. We invite all FOSAPL members to our preview sale on May 22 from 4–6 p.m.

Arline Braswell

Westfall

Westfall Friends will hold their spring book sale on May 16, 10–4:30, and May 17, 12–4:30. Setup will start on Friday, May 15. Please make a note to help with the sale and shop. We always have a wonderful selection with lots of donations from our Westfall Friends.

Pat Cummins

The Friends Treasurer's Reports are available online at <http://www.friendsofsapl.org/treasurers-reports.html>

Getting to Know Your Friends— Ann Springer

Stephanie Serrata

Ann Springer agreed to meet me for coffee early on a Friday morning. Being fellow volunteers at the BookCellar, we discussed current committee news and the upcoming Book Festival. I always consider it a privilege when I get the opportunity to speak with other volunteers outside of “BookCellar talk,” so it was a pleasure to sit with Ann and chat for a while.

Ann was born and raised in Fort Worth, Texas, and graduated from Paschal High School in 1954. Ann then attended North Texas State in Denton and graduated with a B.B.A in 1957. In September of the same year, Ann married her husband, Karl. The couple has three children: Karen, Erik, and Kurt. Ann and her husband lived in Dayton, Ohio, and Wilmington, Delaware, before finally settling down in San Antonio in 1962.

In 1979-81, Ann owned and operated The Ports of Call Trading Company, which specialized in exotic spices and gifts. The company’s kiosk was located in North Star Mall. In 1982, Ann went to work for a friend’s tour company and led groups of tourists through our city. She provided a detailed history of San Antonio and toured many of our beautiful and his-

toric sites. Ann spent five years with the tour company and was a member of the Professional Tour Guide’s Association. I asked Ann if her love of history led to her interest in volunteering at the library, and she explained that she has always had a deep appreciation for the public library system and the contributions it makes with community outreach and literacy programs. Ann began donating her time at the Brookhollow branch where she shelved books and helped with book sales. In 2008, Ann became a BookCellar volunteer and currently works on the Thursday morning shift. In 2012, Ann became a FOSAPL board member, and is starting her second term in office.

When I asked Ann about her other interests, she told me that she loves reading a good mystery and she has become interested in xeriscaping, which is a landscaping method that uses drought tolerant plants in order to assist with water conservation. She stated that using these types of plants in and around her home is especially important to her, since our city seems to be a perpetual state of drought. Ann also told me that she attends the Academy of Learning in Retirement (ALIR) classes

and has taught a course on traveling, which included a wide range of information from the basic know-how of traveling in specific foreign countries to what to pack and the financial aspects of planning such travels. Ann is an avid traveler and has traveled all over the world with her family. She also shared with me that this coming fall, she will be teaching a course on the world’s greatest churches. Ann is currently working on her curriculum, which will cover the history of each specific church, along with an explanation of their architectural features. Being a lover of the Baroque period myself, I asked her if it was possible to get a copy of her notes on that particular period, along with a peek at any photos she’ll use in class. Keep me in mind, Ann.

Not wanting to impose further, I asked Ann what she’d like to share with the readers. She said she had two bits of advice: enjoy life and be kind. I really liked your response, Ann. I agree and I agree. Enjoy teaching that class this fall. I know it’s going to be amazing. Thanks again for your time. I enjoyed the conversation.

Until next time.....

Letterpress demonstration at the Tobin Library at Oakwell annual meeting



Tom Poyner gave an informative talk and demonstration on the history of the printing press, which revolutionized the world by providing the ability to mass produce the written word. Using his knowledge of gem cutting and metal-smithing to create the first modern moveable type system in Europe, Johannes Gutenberg published his famous Bible in the 15th century. Letterpress printing continued to be the predominant form of printing through the mid-20th century, when offset printing was invented. Tom first became interested in the history of printing when he began buying small block illustrations, derived from woodblock printing, at flea markets. He used a small hand-operated press to demonstrate basic letterpress printing techniques. Poyner explained that traditionally the capital letters were stored in a separate drawer or case that was located above the case holding other letters, which is why capital letters are called “upper case” characters while the non-capitals are “lower case.”



From the Library Director

Activities at San Antonio Public Library



Greetings,

May brings exciting news to the San Antonio Public Library. The Central Library will mark the 20th anniversary with a celebration on May 9 starting at 11 in the morning. As part of the commemoration,

we invite you to share your memories about Central Library. Post a 30-45 second video on our Facebook page at facebook.com/mysapl or email it to us at saplsocialmedia@gmail.com.

As the summer approaches, local area children and teens are getting ready for a break from school and for the Summer Reading Program and Mayor's Summer Reading Club. The theme, Every Hero Has a Story, will get everyone excited about learning by framing activities around superheroes. Children can sign up for the Mayor's Summer Reading Club at any San Antonio Public Library location or join online at mysapl.org/srp beginning June 1. Participants will keep track of the books they read or listen to and receive a certificate signed by the mayor and a free paperback book. Readers need to complete 8 books and listeners need to complete 16. A special reading log will be available at branch locations and online.

Finally, and in partnership with the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and Sharkmatic Advertising, San Antonio Public Library will commemorate the Holocaust with special programs and lectures during the month of June. An official media launch will take place on June 1 at the Central Library for the third annual Holocaust: Learn and Remember. The commemoration's theme "Every Hero Has a Story" will focus on those who rescued or hid the persecuted during World War II. These heroes include religious leaders, business people, and average citizens. Speakers are scheduled to discuss their experiences of Holocaust survival at branch locations. More information is available at learnandremember.org and at mysapl.org.

Ramiro S. Salazar

FOSAPL Officers for 2015-2017



FOSAPL officers: Secretary **Nancy Gandara**, President **Karen Matson**, Vice President **Robert Mason**, and Treasurer **Beverly Duran**.

FOSAPL at the 3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival



The Friends partnered with the Library Foundation to provide volunteers to assist with everything from escorting authors to processing book sales. The Friends also provided lunch for the parents of more than 150 Harlandale ISD students who attended the Book Festival, while the Library Foundation provided the students' lunch that day.



Arts and Letters



The FOSAPL Arts and Letters committee wants to honor outstanding San Antonio artists, writers (all genres), thespians, and/or musicians. If you



know an artist who excels at his or her artistic endeavor and has also made or is making a significant contribution to the community, please take the time to nominate that person. This year, the Arts and Letters committee will provide FOSAPL members with a standardized nomination form to be filled out and returned to the committee. You can download the Arts and Letters nomination form (PDF) (Word doc), pick one up at our regularly scheduled board meetings, or contact **Bob Mason** by phone or email to receive one. All nominations must be forwarded to **Bob Mason** by August 1. The committee will carefully review the nominees and post the award recipients in September-October edition of the *SAPLings*. The awards will be presented at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 25, at the Central Library.



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or email the nominations to:
robertmason005@att.net



Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

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Bob Adams	Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
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Cortez Spring Cleaning Book Sale



FOSAPL Board Meeting Locations—2015

Sunday, 2 p.m.

May 17	McCreless Library
July 19	Pan American Library
Sept. 20	Westfall Library
Nov. 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



Monica Hernandez, the BookCellar manager for the past 10 years, has resigned for health reasons. A search committee, chaired by BookCellar Committee member **Linda Cheatum** and composed of five store volunteers, is working on finding a new manager. Anyone interested in the job should contact Linda at lcheatum@satx.rr.com. In the meantime, Committee member **Andrea Mason** is serving as interim manager.

In other changes, **Mary Chance** and **Tom Nemeth** have resigned from the BookCellar Committee because they are no longer able to attend committee meetings. **Linda Arronge** and **Cynthia Conley** have rejoined the committee.

Special weekend events at Central Library – such as the Valentine’s Day celebration and the San Antonio Book Festival – mean spectacular days at the BookCellar as the crowds discover the bargains in the basement. The next such event is Central Library’s Family Fun Day on Saturday, May 9, when loads of reduced merchandise, such as 10¢ children’s books and 25¢ adult nonfiction, will be available on the patio.

The buy-one-get-one specials for the month of May are regularly priced adult and juvenile books in the 700 and 900 Dewey categories. The 700s include art, music, crafts, games and sports – all good things to learn about in summer months. The 900s cover geography and history of all times and places, including travel guides to help plan summer vacations. The June BOGO

will be regularly priced adult and juvenile biographies. BOGO means getting two adult books for \$1 or two children’s hardbacks for 50 cents.

Parents who want to maintain their children’s reading skills during the summer can find lots of affordable resources at the BookCellar. In addition to fiction by popular authors and nonfiction on favorite topics, there’s a section of young people’s classics from *Little Women* to Shakespeare. For reading practice there’s a collection of “leveled readers” designed for beginning readers of various skill levels. Prices for most juvenile books are from 10¢ to 50¢. In late July, the store will have a patio sale of discounted juvenile books and media. The date will be announced in the next issue of *SAPLings*.

At the request of the Library administration, the BookCellar is providing gift certificates to preschool center staff who participate in workshops run by Little Read Wagon, the library’s literacy outreach program for young children. Each of about 120 participants in the program’s three spring workshops can choose three regularly priced children’s books from the store for free. Funds for providing free books to participants in the past have been cut.

Whatever your summer reading or listening plans, please include a visit to the BookCellar to browse among hundreds of books, music CDs and audio-books on CD. Your purchases will help support programs for the entire library system.



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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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| May 2 | Grand Opening of Encino Branch Library, 10–6 |
| May 9 | Celebrate Central Day to celebrate the “Red Enchilada’s” 20th Anniversary, Central Library, 11–5 |
| May 11 | McCreless Friends meeting |
| May 15–16 | Carver book sale |
| May 16–17 | Cody Friends book sale |
| May 16–17 | Westfall book sale |
| May 17 | FOSAPL Board meeting, McCreless Library, 2 |
| May 22–23 | Las Palmas book sale |
| May 22–23 | Tobin at Oakwell book sale |
| May 29–31 | Guerra book sale, Friday, 4–6; Saturday, 10–4; and Sunday, 10 |
| June 12–13 | Parman book sale. All are welcome on all days. |
| June 12–13 | Semmes book sale, Saturday, 10; Preview sale – Friday, 10–11:30. |
| June 27 | Igo Book & Bake sale |
| June 27–28 | McCreless book sale |

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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