



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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This is the last issue of *SAPLings* you will receive, unless you renew your membership.

From the President

Dear Friends,

In a small, rural church my husband and I used to visit, we looked forward to the pot luck lunches that were offered after worship. What the church lacked in financial resources, they made up for in home-cooked, covered dishes and tasty desserts. That is where I first heard the phrase, "save your forks" following the main course. Unable to provide a second utensil for dessert, they reminded us to keep our fork because the treats were on the way. The best is yet to come.

Today, this idiom has become part of our popular language to signify the best is yet to come.

In looking at the 2016 calendar, I feel encouraged that the best is yet to come for our FRIENDS organization. At our Annual Meeting, we welcomed seven brand new board members, three former directors who have agreed to return to the Board, and seven current board members who agreed to another term. We appreciate your commitment and are eager to hear your ideas for a more vibrant organization.

The BookCellar marks its 25th year of service and financial support to the Library. They have formed a task force to look ahead and recommend what needs to be done over the next five years to ensure the Cellar continues to thrive and earn money for the Library system.

The 2016 Arts and Letters committee has already been formed with **Jose Duran** as chair and **Robert Mason** as co-chair. Established by the FRIENDS in 1972, it honors an outstanding artist, writer, actor, and/or musician who has made a significant contribution to our community.

We anticipate two new branches opening this year, and I've already heard from individuals who want to establish FRIENDS groups at these locations.

The FRIENDS begins its 52nd year of service to the Library, and we can be proud of our past. But what about our future? The best is yet to come for the FRIENDS; but only if you "fork over" your time and talent in 2016. Let's not squander all that has been set in motion. Begin by participating in the next board meeting, March 20 at Mission Branch Library. We must have and we certainly appreciate your commitment.

In FRIENDSHIP,

Karen Matson



Dollars and Sense: What it means to be a Friend

Lyn Belisle

At the January 10 meeting of the Friends, Assistant Library Director **Kathy Donellan** showed just how important a part the Friends play in providing our community with the best library services possible. If you've ever wondered where your gifts to FOSAPL go, Kathy's report shows that every dollar raised and donated is appreciated and promptly put to use.

The 2015 gift, totaling an impressive **\$63,000+**, supported critical areas that otherwise would be underfunded. In the all-important area of volunteerism, for example, the Friends' contribution helped 1,000 volunteers donate **27,514 hours** of service to our San Antonio Public Library.

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Arts & Letters

If you know an artist, writer, thespian, and/or musician who excels at his or her artistic endeavor and has also made or is making, a significant contribution to the community, why not take the time to nominate that person for a 2016 FOSAPL Arts and Letters Award? Visit this link to the [Arts and Letters nomination form](#) (PDF), or it can be found as a Word doc on the FOSAPL website (friendsofsapl.org) under Arts and Letters. You can also pick up a nomination form at our regularly scheduled board meetings or by contacting Jose Duran by phone or email. All nominations must be received by August 1, 2016.

The date, location, and time of the Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Arts and Letters committee eagerly awaits your nominations.

Jose Duran

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Membership Renewal Time

Friends it's time to renew our memberships for 2016. It's still just \$15 and \$5 of that goes to the branch of your choice. If you wish to join a second branch, it is just \$5 for each additional branch! Thanks for being a Friend.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Annual Board Meeting

Sunday, January 10, 2016

Submitted by **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016, at the Central Library. President **Karen Matson** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary **Nancy Gandara** called the roll, and declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Karen Matson, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Nancy Gandara, Liz Alves, Elizabeth Bircher, Arline Braswell, Jose Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Beverly Harris, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Pat Peak, Rowena Rodgers, Stephanie Serrata, Christie Smith, Ann Springer, Delia Trimble, and Jill Zimmerman.** Dolores Huber (Guerra Branch), **David White** (Landa Branch), and **Pat Finley** (Brook Hollow Branch) were present as voting liaisons of their respective branch Friends' groups.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the meeting of Nov. 15, 2015, as printed in the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of *SAPLings*, and the motion passed unanimously.

President's Report: **Karen Matson**, who had titled her report "Save Your Fork—There's Pie," summarized the many events and meetings that she had attended during the past two months and mentioned several highlights of the past year. She thanked the audience for all that had been accomplished and urged them to sign up for one or more of the service opportunities planned for 2016.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Bev Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of Dec. 31, 2015. As of Dec. 31, FOSAPL had total assets of \$242,932.21,

of which \$118,483.43 was designated for branch groups, and checks in the amount of \$4,571.07 were outstanding. Income for 2015 had exceeded expectations by almost five thousand dollars due to several large donations and more memberships. During 2015, branch Friends groups purchased items valued at almost \$73,000, and FOSAPL gave SAPL more than \$63,000 for use throughout the system.

"More than Just Icing on the Cake" was the title of Assistant Library Director **Kathy Donellan's** address at the Annual Meeting, and she presented a PowerPoint to show how the Friends' donation was used by the Library system during 2015 (note: view the PowerPoint at <http://www.friendsofsapl.org>). Ms. Donellan's presentation was informative and fun, as many photos of library users and staffers showed how beneficial FOSAPL's contribution was.

LIAISON REPORTS

The chair of the Library Board of Trustees, **Paul Stahl**, thanked the Friends for their help in attaining the Library's goals during 2015 and especially for the financial support provided for library staff development. He invited all to attend the grand reopening of recently renovated Collins Garden Branch on Jan. 30.

Lilly Gonzalez, the Managing Director of the San Antonio Book Festival, reminded the audience that the Book Festival is scheduled for April 2, 2016, and that enthusiastic volunteers for the event are always appreciated. To raise funds to cover the Book Festival expenses, several Library Foundation members will host "Book It!"

luncheons with authors in their homes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** reported that several successes had resulted in better service during 2015 and income of more than \$75,000 in sales: a new BookCellar Manager was hired, and the store started accepting credit and debit cards.

Membership Secretary: **Linda Cheatum** noted that memberships presently on the database (2015 and 2016) number 1,049, of which 237 are new members.

Nominating Committee: **Nancy Gandara** thanked the members of the Nominating Committee: **Vera Banner, Shirley Coleman, Nancy Gandara, Eddie Patino, and Delia Trimble.**

OLD BUSINESS

Jose Duran made a motion to accept the BookCellar Policies document, with an exception and clarification to the wording in number 4 c) so that it would read, "The BookCellar Manager shall be a non-voting member of the [BookCellar] committee, and the FOSAPL President shall be an *ex-officio* member of the committee." The motion was seconded by **Christie Smith**. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Jose Duran made a motion that the general membership accept the revisions to the FOSAPL Bylaws proposed by the FOSAPL Board, as printed in the Jan/Feb 2016 issue of *SAPLings*. **Stephanie Serrata**

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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
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Linda Cheatum Membership Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

2015–2017 Term:

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

2016–2018 Term:

Arline Braswell • Kimberly Cauthon • Linda Cheatum • Shirley Coleman • Jose Duran • Antoinette Franklin • Bruce Gill • Beverly Harris • Linda Janney • Mary McAfee • Liz McLeod • Landon Middleton • Rowena Rodgers • Veronica Rouse • Robbie Rupert • Sandra Wilkinson • 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 • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods • Karen Matson *Ex Officio*

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seconded the motion, which passed without discussion.

Pat Mendiola moved that the Bylaws of the Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch as revised 12/06/15 be approved, and **Delia Trimble** seconded the motion. The motion passed without discussion.

Pat Mendiola moved that the Bylaws of the Friends of the Encino Branch be approved, and the motion was seconded by **Liz Alves**. The motion passed without discussion.

Nancy Gandara, representing the Nominating Committee, read aloud the names of those standing for election and asked for nominations from the floor: **Mary McAfee** nominated **Bruce Gill**, whose name was added to the slate. A motion to elect the proposed board members by unanimous consent was made and seconded, and the directors of the 2016-2018 term were welcomed to the board.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional items of business, **President Matson** urged the membership to partake of the refreshments that had been generously provided by volunteers of the BookCellar, and adjourned the meeting.

Has your email address changed?

You can receive the newsletter electronically.

To save the Friends the cost of postage and to receive the *SAPLings* sooner, please send your current email address to lcheatum@satx.rr.com.



Brook Hollow

In the month of December, the Brook Hollow Friends gave "gift bags" to the library staff to share the spirit of the season. The bags contained scented soap and lotion, tea, candy, a Target gift card, and a lottery card. (Apparently there were no big winners as all employees are still working at Brook Hollow!)

On Saturday, February 27, the Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch Library held a meeting to discuss several matters, including plans for the 2016 book sale (scheduled for September 17).

Pat Finley

Carver

The Friends of Carver have announced plans for their annual spring book sale. The two-day sale is slated for May 6-7. On Feb. 13, the Carver Friends collaborated with the branch to celebrate Black History Month. Together they welcomed veteran East Side educator **Emarie Randle** who signed copies of her new book, *The Josie Effect*.

The Friends also pledged support for two upcoming events at Carver. The group will provide refreshments for vendors at the March 8 Learn at SAPL Job Fair as well as sponsor the visit of Happy Tails Entertainment who will display exotic animals for the amusement and education of children on March 19.

Other plans include a spring dedication of the Library's brand new playground canopy. No date has been set.

DL Grant

Guerra

Guerra library book sale dates are Friday, May 27, 4-6; Saturday, May 28, 10-4; and Sunday, May 29, 10-4. No preview sale.

Delores Huber

Igo

The Friends of the Igo Library invite you to visit and participate in these programs during March 2016.

Need tech help or help with your mobile or e-reader device? Sign up for a 30-minute appointment on Sundays, March 6 and 20, between 1 to 3:00 p.m. or on Mondays, March 14 and 28, from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Library staff will assist you in learning how to use your mobile device, tablet, or new laptop in conjunction with downloading digital content (such as eBooks, eAudio-books, movies, and music) from SAPL. Call 210-207-9080 or email the instructor Russ Henson russelynhenson-meyer@sanantonio.gov.

Come color with us! Coloring isn't just for kids. It can actually help adults combat stress. If you're an adult and you'd like to experience some "art therapy" join us on the second Sunday of each month at 2 p.m. Supplies are provided or feel free to bring your own.

Jose Duran

Las Palmas

The Friends said goodbye to interim Manager **Oscar Gonzalez**, and joined the staff in welcoming new Manager **MaryKay Rathke** and new Assistant Manager **Samantha Gordano**. We look forward to some great collaborations with them in the future.

We provided the refreshments for the recent Symphony Musician and book reading program, and we're coordinating with Library staff regarding an additional activity for the children during Spring break, March 14-18, possibly something involving balloons and face painting.

A representative (and Friend) from Port San Antonio (the management company for a large industrial site, the former Kelly AFB location) has invited the City Council District 4 and 5 branch library Friends groups to participate in their children's festival, "Fiesta de Los Ninos," that is an official Fiesta event. At present, the Bazan and Las Palmas Friends are partnering to do a book sale and children's activities at Port SA on April 16. To prepare for the sale, we will be requesting more children's books after other Friends book sales.

One of our members is looking into an educational

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Volunteer Information for the SA Book Festival

Stephanie Serrata

The fourth annual San Antonio Book Festival is scheduled for April 2, 2016. The event is presented by the Library Foundation, and they are 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 saplf.org/festival/volunteer 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.

program/exhibit for the Library that focuses specifically on the Elmendorf Lake park improvements. Since Las Palmas is the closest library to that lake and park, it will certainly be of interest to the community.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

For a great time, ask a library staff to plan a party with a little help from their Friends. That's what Maverick did on February 13 to celebrate the Branch's 10th anniversary. It couldn't have been better.

To help set the mood, **Lucy Villa** arranged for printing and delivery of commemorative t-shirts. **Brittany Gates** and **Daniella Toll** created decorations for the occasion.

Festivities kicked off at 11 a.m. with a Piggie and Gerald show in the **Nani Falcone** meeting room and guitar music in the library. Maverick's own puppeteers, **Raina Oster**, **Alex Morones**, and **Laura Lopez** did the honors for the show, which was followed by a craft-making opportunity.

Meanwhile, Interchange Guitar Duo, **Jeffery Dunn** and **Ashley Lucero**, entertained the older crowd in the library. **Ben Longoria** arranged their appearance through Guitar San Antonio.

Children's Librarian, **Amy Roberts**, booked two entertainers. Dinosaur George's presentation began at noon, and within minutes, he had the rapt attention of everyone in the building. He made prehistory come alive and related it to our area in ways even younger children easily understood. **Ernie Shown** from All Things Balloon began dispensing his magical creations at 1 p.m. and graciously stayed an extra hour to satisfy the demand for his craft.

Rounding out the entertainment, the **Bill King Jazz Quartet** put its own spin on old standards. They had guests tapping toes, nodding heads and swaying to the music. Thanks to **Pat King** for bringing them to the party.

SAPD Volunteer in Policing and Friends' member **Rick Meuse** not only brought SAPD mascot Blue Bear to the festivities but also SAPD's For the Love of Kids program. Rick and other volunteers spent the day documenting children's fingerprints and DNA. The fingerprint record and DNA sample were given to a parent or guardian for safekeeping. The information could be invaluable if a child was missing.

Mission K9 Rescue, a non-profit organization dedicated to providing safe and secure retirements for military working dogs and contract working dogs, offered information and adoptions throughout the day.

Friends **Roe Klepac**, **Elizabeth Bircher**, **Barbara Steinhauer**, **P.J.** and **John Gaddis**, **Becky Vargas**, **Jody Summers**, and **Sue Ratliff** served light refreshments throughout the day.

In the background, keeping everything running smoothly was Branch Manager **Jef Martin**.

We're all looking forward to the next ten years!

Maverick's next book sale will be **April 2 and 3, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

Much is happening at McCreless library! Mayor **Ivy Taylor** visited McCreless on January 10 as part of her "Meet the Mayor" series. Several members of the McCreless Friends were in the audience,

recognizable by their green Friends of McCreless t-shirts.

The passive book cart sale made \$435.71 during the first year. Our next book sale will be Saturday, March 5. Our last book sale garnered \$441.91. This is another boutique sale with the focus on LPs and art books. A general eclectic collection of other materials will also be available for sale. Many donations came to McCreless and will be available at the sale on March 5. All proceeds let us support the programming and staff of our branch library.

At the last Board Meeting, Manager **Cammie Brantley** asked the group to consider the purchase of a dinette set for the staff kitchen area as time and pests have taken their toll on the current set. Members please be on the lookout for a nice set and let **Cammie Brantley** know if you spot one for a reasonable price (less than \$500.)

The garden purchased and planted by the Friends continues to thrive through the winter months without maintenance other than adding mulch. More perennial purchases will be made in the spring.

Our next meeting is Monday, May 9, starting at 6 p.m. in the McCreless meeting room. We are already planning for the 50th anniversary of McCreless Library. Save the date – Sunday, August 14, 2016!

Jill Zimmerman

Memorial

Our semi-annual book and media sale will be 10 a.m.–5 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, and Sunday, March 20.

Our Book Cart is available during 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, March 26, at 10 a.m. in the Memorial Community Room.

Diane Duesterhoeft

San Pedro

The San Pedro branch now has a book sale shelf, and we encourage people to stop by and check it out!

Lori Gonzalez

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell lost a faithful member recently. **Alan Hildreth** passed away in December. He was always an active and loyal Friend, helping with book sales and developing our computer programs. A donation in his memory has been made to FOSAPL by Tobin Board Members.

Travis Poling, co-author of *San Antonio Beer: Alamo City History by the Pint*, talked about the city's brewing history for our annual meeting on Feb. 6.

More than 180 attendees enjoyed "Tea at Downton Abbey" in celebration of the final season of the television series on Jan. 10. There were games, a "Downton" name generator and green-screen photos with "Downton" backgrounds added. Refreshments were provided by Crumpets and library staff.

On Jan. 17, in celebration of Dream Week, the Tobin in coordination with Olaju Art, presented the Nigerian photographer **Nseabasi Akpan** to showcase the photo series "Reviving Benin: The History of an African Festival." A reception was held with an ex-

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planation of the art and information about the photographer.

On Jan. 21, a Meet the Author event was held. **Teri Wilson's** book, *Unleashing Mr. Darcy*, was recently made into a Hallmark movie. Teri talked about writing the book and discussed a PowerPoint presentation showing the filming of the movie.

On Jan. 23, a Symphony at SAPL program featured flautist **Martha Long** who presented a family program about music. She played selections from a number of symphonies and discussed the history of the flute.

Adult coloring will help you relieve stress, increase motor skills, and make great art at the same time. Come at 5:30 on the fourth Tuesday of each month for relaxing music, tea, and coloring.

An ice cream social is planned for March to meet the authors from the Tobin Writing Group.

Tobin's next book sale will be held 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, April 9, with preview for all FOSAPL members on Friday, April 8, from 4-6 p.m. Thank you to all who donate books and who attend our sale.

Janet Goddard

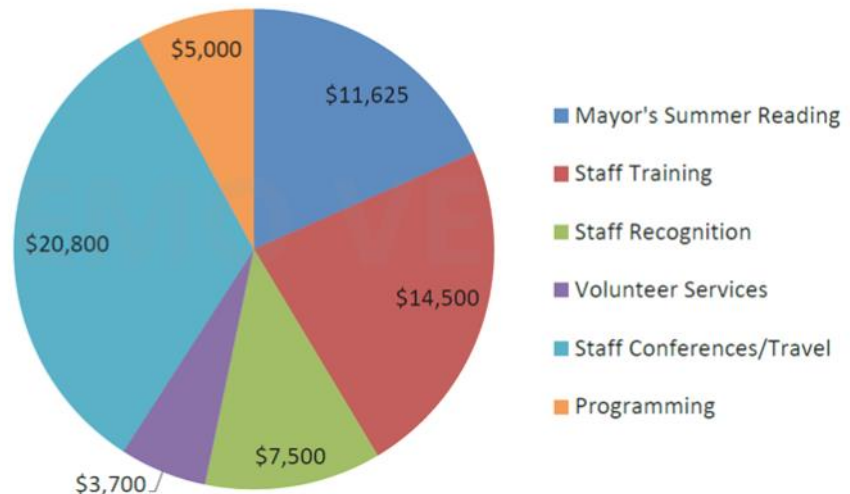
2016 Board Meeting Locations & Dates

March 20 – Mission Branch
May 15 – Thousand Oaks Branch
July 17 – Johnston Branch
Sept 18 – Igo
Nov. 20 – Semmes

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Information, Inspiration, Ideas.

The Library staff, dedicated and committed, received cutting-edge training, thanks to the Friends. Some of the Friends' dollars provided staff workshops in areas such as:

- Webinars through Urban Libraries Council
- Library Leadership Team Retreat
- Texas Municipal League Conference
- Social Media/Marketing Seminar

- Training for new technology, Mondo Pad
- Library-related webinars
- Training on how to merchandise within libraries

The complete report about where the Friends' dollars go, complete with photos, is available online on our website, <http://www.friendsofsapl.org/>. It's an impressive overview of how the Friends help every day, every month, and every year to bring much-

needed support to the community.

As Assistant Director **Kathy Donellan** stressed, the FOSAPL annual gift is not just icing on the cake, but rather an important "ingredient" in a recipe for success. Congratulations to each Friend for playing such a vital part in supporting the San Antonio Public Library!



Carver Friends welcome author **Emarie Randle** (second from the left), whose new book, *The Josie Effect*, was a featured Black History Month event at the branch.

Women's History Month



Dear Friends,
I'm pleased to report that the San Antonio Public Library, in partnership with Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor**, has launched the

Mayor's Book Club Spring Edition. The book choice for the spring, "The Book Thief" by **Markus Zusak**, explores the themes of the power of words and propaganda, humanity and dehumanization, abandonment and survivor's guilt, and foreshadowing. The public is invited to check out copies of the book at local branches and share with others the love of reading. Visit mysapl.org to find programs and events related to the Mayor's Book Club.

Also in March, the Library celebrates the contributions and vital role of women in our nation during Women's History Month. The Library's headliner event, the 3rd annual Texas Women of Influence is a panel discussion, featuring San Antonio female leaders: Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor**; **Hope Andrade**, VIA Trustee and former Texas Secretary of State; **Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson**, A&M San Antonio President; and **Terri Williams**, Director of the UTSA Institute for Economic Development. The panelists will answer questions about their careers, and challenges they have faced as professional women. Texas Public Radio personality **Eileen Pace** will serve as the panel's moderator. This insightful conversation will take place the evening of Tuesday, March 29, at Central Library Auditorium, 6:30–8 p.m. Please, visit mysapl.org for more information about Women's History Month and a complete list of events.

Finally, we invite you to visit the Library in the spring and enjoy events and programs system-wide that celebrate our city's unique and progressive culture.

Ramiro Salazar

San Antonio Book Festival releases lineup of more than 85 authors for 4th annual event

Melessa Rodriguez

Saturday, April 2 • 10 to 5 • Central Library and Southwest School of Art

The San Antonio Book Festival (SABF) is a free, daylong, family-friendly event that draws thousands for author presentations, panel discussions, book sales and signings, recipe demonstrations, children's and teen activities, and food trucks. A full schedule of events will be available at saplf.org/festival in March.

Top attractions this year include **Stephen Harrigan** (*The Gates of the Alamo*), with his latest historical novel *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*; **Skip Hollandsworth** with his new true crime account, *The Midnight Assassin: Panic, Scandal, and the Hunt for America's First Serial Killer*; actress **Sonia Manzano** of Sesame Street fame with her memoir *Becoming Maria: Love and Chaos in the South Bronx*; award-winning journalist **Rebecca Traister** with her highly anticipated book, *All the Single Ladies: Unmarried Women and the Rise of an Independent Nation*; and **George Hodgman** with his memoir *Bettyville*, which received a National Book Critics Circle nomination and was included in NPR critic **Maureen Corrigan's** Best Books of 2015.

"This year's lineup offers so many brilliant reads and authors with wide critical acclaim," said **Clay Smith**, the Festival's literary director. "Our Festival's books cover a broad range of topics. We are featuring two basketball books: *New York Times* columnist **Joe Nocera's** *Indentured: The Rebellion Against the College Sports Cartel* and **Alexander Wolff's** *The Audacity of Hoop: Basket-*

ball and the Age of Obama. In addition, we are proud to announce our first panel on gay literature featuring **George Hodgman** and **Bob Morris** (*Bobby Wonderful: An Imperfect Son Buries His Parents*), who both tackle the subject of reckoning with the place where they grew up."

Young readers' author **Pam Muñoz Ryan** won the 2015 Kirkus Prize for Young Readers' Literature for her novel *Echo* and both **Sarah Hepola** (*Blackout: Remembering the Things I Drank to Forget*) and **Kate Bolick** (*Spinster: Making a Life of One's Own*) made waves for refreshing memoirs on alcoholism and feminism, respectively. **Carl Safina**, a preeminent expert on human relationships with the natural world and a MacArthur Fellow, will talk about his newest release, *Beyond Words: What Animals Think and Feel*.

The lineup also includes other books involving American presidents, in addition to Harrigan's: **H.W. Brands'** biography *Reagan: The Life*; **Thomas Mallon's** fictional account, *Finale: A Novel of the Reagan Years*; and **Douglas Brinkley's** biography *Rightful Heritage: Franklin D. Roosevelt and the Land of America*.

One of this year's presentations about the border features **George T. Diaz's** *Border Contraband: A History of Smuggling Across the Rio Grande* and **Kimball Taylor's** *The Coyote's Bicycle: The Untold Story of Seven Thousand Bicycles and the Rise of a Borderland Empire*, both focusing on the

revealing ways that objects tell the story of the border.

Much-anticipated regional authors include *San Antonio Express-News* editor **Mike Leary** with fellow editors **Terry Scott Bertling** and **Jamie Stockwell** with *San Antonio: Our Story of 150 Years in the Alamo City*; **David Liss** with his middle grade book *Randoms*; former Trinity University English professor **Coleen Grissom** with *The World According to Coleen*; **Phoebe Fox** with *Heart Conditions: The Breakup Doctor Series, #3*; **Naomi Shihab Nye** with *Famous*; and noted Austin graphic designer **DJ Stout** with *Variations on a Rectangle*.

Other highlights:

- New this year, Book It! luncheons provide an opportunity to sit down to an intimate lunch with an author and eight companions. The festival is offering four Book It! luncheons. Festival attendees can Book It! with **Kate Bolick**, **H.W. Brands**, **Skip Hollandsworth**, or an author yet to be named. Ticket pricing is available at www.saplf.org/events/book-it-luncheons, and all funds raised will benefit SABF.

- Recipe demonstrations from cookbook authors at the Central Market Cooking Tent include **Cappy Lawton** and **Chris Waters Dunn** (*Enchiladas: Aztec to Tex-Mex*), **Renato Poliafito** and **Matt Lewis** (*Baked Occasions: Desserts for Leisure Activities, Holidays and Informal Celebrations*), and **Nathalie Dupree** and **Cynthia Graubart** (*Mas-*

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tering the Art of Southern Vegetables).

- Student winners of the 2016 San Antonio Book Festival Fiction Contest will be recognized in an awards ceremony at the Festival.

- For young readers, the Festival offers interactive experiences for teens at the Geekbus and a flip book photo booth in GeekTown, free books from the Literacy Caravan, a performance by Magik Theatre, and educational activities from the *Express-News*' History in Motion RV and the Doseum, San Antonio's Museum for Kids. The festival will host a Party Time hour in the Children's Tent where young visitors can spend more time with Festival authors and illustrators.

- Literary Death Match at the Empire Theatre, 7:00 p.m. Tickets available at saplf.org/festival/. Four celebrated authors perform the most exciting sections of their work for an audience and panel of judges, who take turns spouting hilarious, off-the-wall commentary, then select their favorite writer to advance to the finals. Sharp commentary—with audience participation—determines who is crowned Champion. This year's competitors include **Sara Benincasa** (*D.C. Trip*), **Jamie Brickhouse** (*Dan-gerous When Wet: A Memoir*), **David Crabb** (*Bad Kid: A Memoir*), and **Joaquín Zihuatanejo** (*Fight: Poems*).

The mission of the San Antonio Book Festival is to unite readers and writers in a celebration of ideas, books, libraries and literary culture. A program of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, SABF was first presented in April 2013.

Founding Partners are the Texas Book Festival, the San Antonio Public Library and Southwest School of Art. Through active partnerships with school districts and community organizations focused on literacy, education, and culture, the Festival connects with educators, parents, and students, pre-K through college. SABF reaches out to those who are well read and those who need to read well.

Helpful Link:

[2016 SABF Events Guide](#)

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

Spring is a busy time for the BookCellar, with a number of special events coming up.

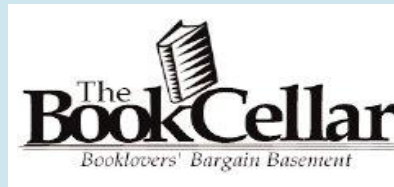
A visit to the BookCellar is an annual Spring Break outing for many parents and children. To give them more choices, an expanded selection of books will be available on the patio during Spring Break week, beginning Saturday, March 12, and continuing through Sunday, March 20, during regular store hours. Prices for most books and media for children and young adults will range from 10¢ to 50¢.

The San Antonio Book Festival in and around Central Library, to be held this year on Saturday, April 2, is historically a big day for BookCellar sales. Many book lovers discover the store for the first time and take advantage of the opportunity to buy stacks of good books at bargain prices. The store will open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m. that day, corresponding to Festival hours.

The buy-one-get-one-free special this month is all regularly priced adult and juvenile Dewey Decimal 200s, the category that covers religion. Young adult fiction also is on sale this month with hardbacks priced at 25¢ and paperbacks at 10¢.

April BOGOs will be all large print books—fiction and nonfiction—and all regularly priced adult and juvenile 300s, a category that covers political, economic and social issues.

Many of the store's large selection of vintage books are on sale for 50 percent off their marked price. Vintage—or antiquarian—books generally were published more than a half-century ago and include first editions, volumes that were part of some popular children's series, historical accounts, beautiful examples of the book publishing art, and other types of collectible books.



Among recent markdowns were *Papers of Andrew Jackson*, *Surgery in World War II*, *And It Is Still That Way: Legends Told by Arizona Indian Children*, and *The New Yorker War Album*.

The store also has a great stock of classics at regular price. It has shelves full of graphic novels (sometimes called manga or anime) for teens and adults, and its music inventory includes vinyl LP records, an item that has returned to popularity.

April 8 will be the 25th anniversary of the opening of the BookCellar in 1991 in the basement of Hertzberg Circus Museum on West Market Street (now the Briscoe Western Art Museum). Instead of a single party, celebration chair **Linda Arronge** promises a series of anniversary-themed events and activities throughout this year. The first will be a special price of 25¢ on all music CDs for adults during the month of April.

To plan for the future, the BookCellar Committee has formed a task force, chaired by **Judy Wilson**, to look ahead and recommend what needs to be done over the next five years to ensure the store continues to thrive and earn money to support the Library system.

As you plan springtime activities, the BookCellar can help with affordable inspiration or advice on gardening, fixing up the house, restoring an old car, or planning a vacation. Combine a trip to the BookCellar with a visit to a Central Library event, such as Makers' Faire on March 26, when inventors, robot designers, craftspeople, and other creative folk demonstrate their work. With three hours of free parking in the Central Library garage, you'll have time for both.



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Maverick celebrates 10th Anniversary



Clockwise from top left:

1. SAPD's Blue Bear and a friend enjoying the party.
2. It's Maverick Library's 10th Anniversary.
3. The show is on!
4. Adults were just as enthralled as the younger set. Wearing white anniversary tees from left, library staffers **Tomas White** and **Erik Lumpkin**, Friend **Becky Vargas**, Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts**.
5. Piggie and Gerald's eager audience
6. Former library staffer **Liz Santos** visits with current staff members **Elise Garcia** (L) and **Raquel Gonzales**.
7. A proud young lady poses with Ariel.
8. Former Children's Librarian **Stacy Bosquez** and Branch Manager **Jef Martin** catching up.



More photos
on
friendsofsapl.org.



SAPL celebrates Women's History Month!



The San Antonio Public Library celebrates the contributions of women in shaping our nation's history and identity.

The Library honors the vital role of women in our society with special events, including the 3rd annual

Texas Women of Influence. The Library's headliner event, Texas Women of Influence is a panel discussion with local female leaders: San Antonio Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor**; **Hope Andrade**, VIA Trustee and former Texas Secretary of State; **Dr. Cynthia Teniente-Matson**, A&M San Antonio President; and **Terri Williams**, Director of the UTSA Institute for Economic Development. The panelists will answer questions about their careers, and the challenges they have faced as a professional women. Texas Public Radio personality **Eileen Pace** will serve as the moderator of the panel. This great discussion will take place on Tuesday, March 29, at Central Library Auditorium, 6:30–8 p.m.

Other special events scheduled for Women's History Month include:

- Don't Forget the Ladies: the Road to the 19th Amendment, Saturday, March 5, 2-2:45 p.m., Carver Branch Library (3350 E. Commerce St., 78220)
- Cortez Afternoon Book Club, Wednesday, March 9, 1:30–2:30 p.m., Cortez Library (2803 Hunter Blvd., 78224)
- Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker – book discussion, Tuesday, March 22, 6–7 p.m., Carver Library (3350 E. Commerce St., 78220)

For more information about Women's History month and a complete list of events go to mysapl.org.

Book Review

The Bazaar of Bad Dreams

by **Stephen King**
Scribner, 2015

Stephen King's latest book of short stories is titled *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*. Many of the stories have appeared in some of his previous collections, but have been modified in one way or another. By that I mean that some characters are allowed to make different choices versus the decision they made in their original story, or they make guest appearances in different stories. This compilation is a little different from many of his previous collections in that it contains poetry that tells a tale. For all of you Poe fans out there, you might want to take a look.

A couple of stories jumped out at me, namely "Morality" and "Obits." "Morality" is about a paraplegic man who hires his private nurse to commit a crime. Although the main character admits to having a led a good life, his one regret is that he was never brave enough to step outside of his comfort zone. Caution: Spoiler Alert! I'll give you a hint about the crime: someone dies horribly. On that note, I will say that the premise of this story is extremely interesting. "Obits" is about a journalist who discovers that his writing reaches people in more ways than the obvious. I thoroughly enjoyed this short story because it's about writing and the entire process

thereof. Can you guess what this story is about just by look at its title? Let's just say that "the pen is definitely mightier than the sword."

There are so many people who either love **Stephen King** or hate him. I've always loved his writing, and it's not because I think he's the greatest writer who ever lived. Not by a long shot. This author just lays out his story: beginning, middle, and end. There's no heavy vocabulary or storyline that's based in allegory. These stories are laid out simply and predictably, but are colored blood red and seasoned with the kind of imagery that will keep you awake at night. I've read everything he's ever written, and I'm still fascinated by the inner machinations of his mind. The man knows how to tell a tale, and any fan of the horror genre will tell you that's exactly what we want.

Even if you're not a big **Stephen King** fan, take a look at *The Bazaar of Bad Dreams*. It's both disturbing and fun. And for all of you SK fans out there, pay special attention to the book title. It's a shout out to all of us who know where he gets most of his ideas.

Happy reading!

Stephanie Serrata

The San Antonio Mini Maker Faire is back in March!

The San Antonio Public Library is excited to host the annual San Antonio Mini Maker Faire on Saturday, March 26, at Central Library.

This celebration of the Alamo City's creative community returns now in the spring of 2016, as a perfect extension for Teen Tech Week – which runs March 13–19. In the fall of

2015, the San Antonio Mini Maker Faire featured more than 30 exhibitors and brought 1,500 in attendance to Central Library – making it a huge success. The Faire is part science fair and part county fair, and is an all-age gathering of tech enthusiasts, crafters, educators, tinkerers, hobbyists, engineers, science clubs, authors, artists, students, and commercial exhibitors.

For more information about the San Antonio Mini Maker Faire visit both websites MakerFaireSanAntonio.com and mysapl.org.



Want to write a book review????

Stephanie Serrata

Have you read any good books lately? If you have, we'd love for you to tell us all about it. We want to know what our readers read. **This is a call for you, the readers, to write a review of a book you've recently read and enjoyed.** Genre is unimportant. Review fiction or non-fiction. Give us a brief synopsis, and then tell us what you liked or didn't like about the work. Discuss the author, plot, and characters and anything else you feel is important to the storyline.

Send all book review submissions to SSerrataAlvarado@satx.rr.com. Be sure to include your name and email address. Don't worry about writing technicalities! Just have fun....

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 by 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.

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Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2015

Submitted by **Beverly Duran**

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL NOV-DEC
BookCellar sales	80,000.00	79,172.30	12,045.94
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(5,993.05)	(911.53)
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	9,368.48	8,136.53
Interest	450.00	392.32	62.65
Membership	7,000.00	11,005.00	3,640.00
FOSAPL INCOME	89,450.00	93,945.05	22,973.59

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	NOV-DEC
Accounting	1,350.00	1,010.00	1,010.00
Arts and Letters program	700.00	538.37	5.63
Bank charges	100.00	15.00	15.00
FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)	300.00	132.81	-
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	695.00	-
FOSAPL 50th Anniversary Committee	1,200.00	1,479.67	1,479.67
Friends recognition	100.00	-	-
Fundraising program	400.00	-	-
Membership recruitment	1,000.00	1,365.71	185.00
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	3,650.00	4,301.46	957.89
Office supplies	600.00	871.18	55.85
San Antonio Book Festival	-	500.00	-
Pay Pal Expenses	-	20.90	-
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,300.00	1,117.16	229.92
President's expenses	200.00	91.11	-
Seed money for new groups	200.00	100.00	100.00
Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)	1,400.00	879.00	120.00
FOSAPL Budget Expense Total	13,500.00	13,117.37	4,158.96

BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	750.00	-	-
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	800.00	1,202.33	274.06
Commodities for resale	2,600.00	2,911.96	1,021.63
Equipment and maintenance	600.00	564.25	216.41
BookCellar insurance	1,100.00	1,223.28	
Printing and copying	350.00	179.91	68.07
Salary and benefits	9,100.00	8,652.25	2,493.45
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	1,160.96	1,054.26
Book Cellar Budget Expense Total	16,550.00	15,894.94	5,127.88

Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	63,125.00	63,125.00	1,099.90
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	60.00	30.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	100.00	-
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	93,175.00	92,297.31	10,416.74

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	YTD	NOV-DEC
Donations	25,061.58	5,988.71
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers	82,201.55	12,619.44
Memberships	4,125.00	1,640.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	111,388.13	20,248.15
Branch Friends group operating expenses	3,163.62	163.66
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department	72,944.68	10,291.21

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	173,633.32
Compass Money Market Gold *****4644	42,676.18
Compass Checking *****8736	26,622.71
Total Assets	242,932.21
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(118,483.43)
Checks outstanding (-)	(4,571.07)
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	119,877.71

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31, 2015

Bazan	1,256.34
Brook Hollow	10,915.68
Carver	4,168.44
Central	674.30
Cody	8,925.55
Collins Garden	3,484.92
Cortez	877.33
Encino	493.00
Forest Hills	481.03
Great Northwest	452.74
Guerra	4,847.55
Igo	8,266.17
Johnston	1,867.31
Landa	4,092.23
Las Palmas	517.36
Maverick	8,419.95
McCreless	2,093.42
Memorial	5,217.06
Mission	13,735.44
Pan American	888.01
Parman	7,636.40
San Pedro	100.00
Semmes	7,001.81
Texana/genealogy	8,268.93
Thousand Oaks	3,049.18
Tobin at Oakwell	8,681.80
Westfall	2,071.48
Total group funds	118,483.43

The **Friends Treasurer's Reports** are
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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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| March 5 | McCreless book sale. |
| March 19–20 | Memorial semi-annual book and media sale, 10–5. |
| March 20 | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Mission, 2. |
| March 26 | Annual San Antonio Mini Maker Faire, March 26, at Central Library. |
| April 2 | San Antonio Book Festival, Central Library and Southwest School of Art, 10–5. |
| April 2–3 | Maverick book sale, 10–4. |
| April 8–9 | Tobin at Oakwell book sale. |
| April 16 | Friends of Bazan and Las Palmas Libraries book sale, 10 –6, at “Fiesta de Los Ninos” event, Port San Antonio (Hwy 90, 36th St. exit). |
| May 6–7 | Carver two-day book sale. |
| May 27–29 | Guerra book sale, Friday, 4–6; Saturday, 10–4; and Sunday, 10–4. No preview sale. |
| August 1 | Deadline for Arts & Letters nominations. |
| August 14 | McCreless 50th anniversary celebration! |
| September 17 | Brook Hollow book sale. |

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

Brook Hollow Library 530 Heimer Road, 78232 210-207-9030
Carver Library 3350 E. Commerce St, 78220 210-207-9180
Central Library 600 Soledad Street, 78205 210-207-2500
Guerra Library 7978 Military Drive West, 78227 210-207-9070
Las Palmas Library 515 Castroville Road, 78237 210-207-9200
Maverick Library 8700 Mystic Park, 78254 210-207-9060
McCreless Library 1023 Ada Street, 78223 210-207-9170
Memorial Library 3222 Culebra, 78228 210-207-9140
Mission Library 3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214 210-207-2704
Tobin Library at Oakwell 4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209 210-207-9040