



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

It seems like only yesterday that the various FRIENDS branches were helping to roll out the annual Summer Reading Program. Then on July 30, Central Library celebrated the end of that program with a grand finale called "Summerfest," and the FRIENDS' BookCellar joined in with one of the best sales ever geared toward children and teachers. Before this issue goes to press, it will be time to start shopping for those number two pencils and yellow highlighters! Although many of us are long past the age of getting children ready for school, it did occur to me that the most important school supply of all might just be a library card! From six year olds entering school for the very first time, to teenagers beginning their last year of high school, our library system offers a variety of resources to help children succeed. Did you know that our library offers a live on-line tutoring service in both Spanish and English? Just visit the FOSAPL website to check it out.

And here is something else, I bet you did not know: our very own BookCellar is the oldest and only non-profit bookstore in downtown San Antonio. As the word spreads, the 'Cellar continues to draw more and more travelers searching for a good read at an affordable price!

Through your loyal support as volunteers, donors, community and business partners, patrons, and library staff, the BookCellar, located in the basement of the Central Library, has contributed well over \$1,000,000 in the past 25 years to provide services and programs to the San Antonio Public Library. Through the years, more than 450 volunteers have committed at least 4 hours a week to keep this vital fundraising initiative going.

Please join us at the BookCellar's "Silver Cellar-Bration" set for Saturday, September 10, from 3–4:30 p.m., in the patio of the Central Library located in the basement. We want to honor the BookCellar's legacy. We look forward to seeing you there.

In FRIENDSHIP,
Karen Matson



*You are cordially invited to
the BookCellar's
25th Silver Cellar-Bration
Saturday, September 10, 3–4 p.m.*

Please join us for Texas Tea
in the afternoon on the Patio
of the BookCellar at Central Library.

- ★ Recognizing past and present volunteers
- ★ Celebrating the noteworthy legacy of the oldest, continuously operating non-profit book store in downtown San Antonio.
- ★ Attendance Prizes

Arts & Letters Awardees Announced

The Arts & Letters committee met on Tuesday, August 2, 2016, to review the eight nominations for this year's FOSAPL Arts & Letters awards. The following three individuals were selected for this year's awards.

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| 1. Bill Gundry | Nominated by Karen Matson |
| 2. Susie Monday | Nominated by Mary Lance |
| 3. Ansen Seale | Nominated by Lori Gonzalez |

The individual who nominated the person receiving the award is responsible for notifying the winner.

I wish to thank the Arts & Letters committee for their hard work selecting the winners.

Everyone, keep the date open for Sunday, October 23, 2016, at 2 p.m. at the Central Library for the awards presentation.

Jose Duran

Got Skills? Got Time? Got Ideas? FOSAPL needs you!

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. If you are interested in standing for election for any officer position (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary), please contact Bob Mason at robertmason005@att.net.

Communication and PC skills are helpful for all positions, and Treasurer must also have talent in accounting and record-keeping. Election will be held on Jan. 22, 2017, for two-year terms.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, July 17, 2016

Submitted by **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, July 17, 2016, at the Johnston Branch Library. Vice President **Robert Mason** called the meeting to order at 2:03 p.m. Secretary **Nancy Gandara** called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Nancy Gandara, Liz Alves, Elizabeth Bircher, Arline Braswell, Kimberly Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Shirley Coleman, Jose Duran, Pat Mendiola, Beverly Harris, Pat Mendiola, Rowena Rodgers, Stephanie Serrata, Ann Springer, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson, and Jill Zimmerman**. Also in attendance were **Lori Gonzalez** (San Pedro), **LeRoy Braswell** (Tobin), and **Mary Leal** (Johnston).

Approval of Minutes: **Bob Mason** noted that the Minutes of the meeting held on May 15, 2016, had been printed in the July/August issue of *SAPLings*. **Liz Alves** spoke to the need for correction of the location and spelling of the name of the new branch, and suggested that the Minutes of May 15, 2016, be corrected to read "The more traditional, full-service *Schaefer Branch that is being built at Hwy 87 East (Foster Meadow area)* will have age-based areas and is expected to serve a large population." **Jose Duran** moved for acceptance of the minutes as corrected; the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

President's Report: **Robert Mason** explained that, although President **Karen Matson** was away on a well-deserved vaca-

tion, she had written a report that detailed her activities during the past two months. In addition to attending various meetings as the FOSAPL representative, Pres. Matson had attended several programs at branch libraries, had attended the "birthday" parties of both the Memorial Branch (35 years old) and the FRIENDS of the Carver Branch (27 years in operation), had accepted the challenge of planning the 25th anniversary celebration of the BookCellar, and had assisted **Bob** and **Andrea Mason** in picking up donations of books from the *Express-News* (500+ books) and from the family of Mr. **Robert Bruni** (80 boxes of books). Mr. Mason also reported to the board that it had been necessary to place the Friends groups of Bazan, Collins Garden and Forest Hills on "inactive" status due to lack of leadership (i.e., calling meetings, holding elections, etc.) of those groups but that plans were being made to engage the respective branch managers in a process to reactivate the community supporters.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Bev Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of June 30, 2016. As of that date, FOSAPL had total assets of \$236,513, of which \$116,875 was designated for branch Friends and about \$4,478 was in outstanding checks. Both income and expenditures are in line at mid-point in the fiscal year, and during May and June more than \$22,648 of purchases were made by groups to support branch libraries.

Of special note was a \$1,000 donation recently received from

Mr. **Dan Parman**, for the benefit of the Parman branch.

More than half of the budgeted amount (\$55,000) for system-wide public programming and staff development had been drawn down by SAPL. Ms. Duran also reported that she had received a check for \$750 from the executors of the estate of the late **Jay L. Adelman**, which will bring the total received by FOSAPL (since 2014) to \$13,250.

LIAISON REPORTS

Andrea Sanchez, representing the Board of Trustees, thanked the Friends for their support as the city's 2017 budget development was ongoing, and she noted that the City Manager will present the Proposed Budget to the City Council on Aug. 18.

Ramiro Salazar, Library Director, introduced a brief video that staff had prepared to "tell the story" of SAPL's performance over the past year. The cost of producing the video was underwritten by the Friends of SAPL, and Mr. Salazar described the many venues and social media sites on which it will be shared. He also noted that a newly revised, interactive SAPL website had been developed and urged the Friends to explore it.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Jose Duran reported that two nominations for the Arts & Letters Award had been received, and that the deadline for nominations is Aug. 1. The award event will take place at the Central Library on Oct. 23, 2016.

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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
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods
Karen MatsonEx Officio

Minutes, from p 2.

Richard Morales, chair of the BookCellar Committee, reported that sales had been steady and that several targeted sales were planned. He gave a summary of the 30-day and 60-day evaluations of probationary employee, BookCellar Manager **Andrea Mason**: Ms. Mason “meets” or “exceeds” expectations in all areas, with special praise for her promotional activities on Facebook.

Linda Cheatum, Membership Secretary, reported that the name of anyone who had not renewed for 2016 by May 30, 2016, was dropped from the current members database. As of June 1, 2016, there were 881 members in good standing. She noted that 204 people had not renewed their 2015 membership, which was a slightly higher number than in recent years.

OLD BUSINESS

Bev Duran reminded the board to attend the “Silver Cellar-Bration” of the BookCellar on Sept. 10.

NEW BUSINESS

President Matson had requested that the Nominating Committee chair and members for the 2017–2019 term be authorized by board action at this meeting. The persons who she proposed were **Bob Mason** (chair), **Pat Mendiola**, **Diane Duesterhoeft**, **Denise Barlow**, and **Grizzly Cloud**. **Elizabeth Bircher** moved that those named be approved, **Jill Zimmerman** seconded the motion, and it passed without discussion.

Board Meeting Locations, 2 p.m.

September 18, 2016 – Igo

November 20, 2016 – Semmes

January 22, 2017 – Annual Meeting – Central Library Auditorium



Brook Hollow

July was a busy month at the Brook Hollow Branch Library – we had the Tambo Rhythms’ Drum Circle, Happy Tails exotic animals (including opportunities to pet an alpaca and a snake), Eulenspiegel Puppet Theater, and a Celebrate Summer Party (featuring a clown/balloon artist, Spikey Mikey the Magician, and popcorn made in Brook Hollow’s newly purchased popcorn cart!) to close out the month. There were several days on which two performances were held, making it especially difficult for staff to get in and out for lunch. The Brook Hollow Friends provided lunch (pizza on two of the days and sandwich platters on the third) helping to make the days “special” for the staff as well as the children.

The Brook Hollow Branch has had several staff changes. We were very sorry to see **Charity Gallardo**, Brook Hollow’s Branch Manager, leave the San Antonio area, but wish her well in her new job in Rockford, IL. **Caroline Mossing** recently joined the Brook Hollow staff as a Teen Librarian. Caroline has organized a Teen Library Leadership Council and has begun holding Teen Time on Wednesdays at 4:30. Activities include movies, video or tabletop games, crafting, etc. The Brook Hollow Friends purchased a Silhouette Cameo electronic cutting machine that will

play a part in some of the teen activities.

Brook Hollow will hold its annual book sale Saturday, Sept. 17, 10–4. We’ll have our usual great selection of about 10,000 books, CDs and DVDs. In addition, we have several dozen old LPs that include everything from classics to musical scores – and only \$1.00 each! If you have questions about the sale, call **Pat Bjornson** at 210-497-3279.

Our regular membership meeting will be the following Saturday, Sept. 24, at 1 p.m. at the Brook Hollow Branch Library.

Pat Finley

Carver

Carver Library Friends celebrated their 27th anniversary on June 25. Special guests included District 2 Councilman **Alan Warrick II**, SAPL Friends Secretary **Nancy Gandara**, SAPL Friends President **Karen Matson**, and **Ruben Lizalde**, from the office of Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor**. Entertainment was provided by vocalist **Tabitha Greene**, a junior at Houston Baptist University, and San Antonio actor-musician **Jimmy Stemmer**. President **Shirley Coleman** delivered the history of the organization. Carver Friend **Nias Harris**, prepared a slide presentation featuring highlights of past events and celebrations. The work of **John A. Coleman** was also showcased.

A reception followed. The buffet included tamales, fruit, sandwiches, cake, and punch.

Children were invited to remain for a storytelling session with poet and Carver Friend **Antoinette Franklin**.

The book nook continues to generate funds for the

Friends of Carver Library. The next meeting of the Friends of Carver Branch will be in September. No date exact date has been set. The annual fall book sale will be held in October.

DL Grant

Cody

Cody Friends book sale will be held Friday, Oct. 7–Sunday, Oct. 9. The preview for Friends will be held Friday afternoon 2–4. Open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 10–4 and Sunday, Oct. 9, will be the “Bag of Books” sale from 1–3. Once again, our donors have been very generous and 99% of our books are donations. We have large selections in all categories.

Susan Bailey

Great Northwest

The Friends of Great Northwest are growing in number! We had a book sale in June that (combined with our book cart amount that day) raised over \$1,500 in six hours. This was our best one day sale ever. We thank our dedicated book sale leaders and volunteers for the great success of the sale.

Our 9th Annual Staff and Volunteers Appreciation Luncheon party was Wednesday August 3rd at 10:30 am until noon before the library opened. We are very grateful to our staff and fantastic volunteers who keep our busy summer program going all summer! This party is always fun and was attended by 42 people this year. Jersey Mike’s on Tezel Road supplied subs at a discount and most of the other food was donated by members of the Friends, staff and volunteers. There

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was plenty to go around. Independently donated small gift prizes were selected by everyone after their ticket number was called and they stood and told the group a bit about themselves. Our new Branch Manager **Cate Prazak**, had a few words of appreciation for the whole group and awarded Teen Services Librarian **Stephanie Vazquez**, with her ten-year pin. We are very happy to work with both Cate and Stephanie at the great Great Northwest Branch Library.

Denise Barlow

Guerra

Guerra Library book sale dates are Friday, Sept. 30, 4–6, and Saturday and Sunday, 10–4. Sunday will be a \$10 Bag Sale.

Delores Huber

Igo

The Igo Friends will be having our Fall Book Sale Saturday, Oct. 1, 2016, from 10–5. On Sunday, Oct 2, the sale will be from 1–4.

Toddler Time every Tuesday and Thursday, 11:15–11:50. Toddlers actively participate in stories, music, and movement enhancing their social, emotional, and language development. This program is recommended for children 18 to 24 months. A free ticket is required for the event and will be available 15 minutes before the program.

Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, 12:30–1:30 p.m. Come and learn to Hula. Hula Dance classes for seniors. Learn the basic steps, how to tell a story with your hands, and combine both for hula dancercise. Staff contact number 210-207-9080, **Bo Craig**.

Jose Duran

Las Palmas

The Las Palmas Friends, with the support of some of our local businesses, provided children's books, book bags to decorate, rulers and pencils, and snacks for the successful "End of Summer" activity Aug 1. Incorporating the Library's Summer Program "green" theme, the message on the book bags read "Keep the Planet Green!" We were also happy to help Library staff the day of the event.

The "Citizenship Celebration," scheduled by library staff for Sept 24 at 3 p.m. during which new and upcoming U.S. citizens will be recognized, is coming together nicely. Our Friends group has volunteered to do some gift bags (of patriotic-themed items) for the honorees, plus taking care of the decorations and food. We recently picked up some of the items that will be in the gift bags, pocket Constitutions that include the Declaration of Independence. We requested these several months ago, and they were generously provided by the office of U.S. Representative **Joaquin Castro**. (The Las Palmas Library is located in his Congressional district.)

Planning for a "Dia de Los Muertos" program in November is currently underway. Several community organizations have indicated an interest in collaborating on this project.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Summer may be the best season at our libraries. What could be better than opportunities to meet friends, make new friends, and participate in Summer Reading?

Maverick Friends increased our participation in Summer Reading this year, sponsoring activities and gifts across three programs.

For the first time we lent financial support to the Adult program. Branch Manager **Jef Martin** reported the program drew more than 100 participants. There were seven drawings for gift certificates worth \$5 each at our September book sale. At the close of the program, one lucky participant won a \$50 gift card good at any Darden restaurant.

Lucy Villa, Library Assistant and Teen Program Coordinator, kept Maverick's teens busy during Summer Reading. The Friends supported the Teen Program with snacks and supplies. Recently there's been a slight shift in focus to get the teens moving with programs featuring *Dance, Dance Revolution* and healthful snacks. Special summer programming included a water balloon battle and craft projects.

Children's Librarian, **Amy Roberts**, planned many activities. The Friends supported the June 6 Kick-Off party with refreshments and a balloon artist from All Things Balloon. On June 22, Illusions by Blake presented The Magic of Reading Show. **Tom Kinsey** brought his wonderful critters and Learn Nature program on June 29. We also provided refreshments for the party on July 27 that marked the end of Summer Reading. Over 700 children participated in the program at Maverick this year.

We've also been busy spending book sale earnings on the library. In June we bought a labeler and a laminator to replace one purchased shortly after the library opened in 2006. In August we purchased a microwave for the staff break room.

Next up is our book sale on the weekend of Sept. 17–18. We'll be open from 10–4 with lots of books and media for sale and a drawing for a hardbound copy of **Carol Burnet's** memoir *This Time Together: Laughter and Reflection*. Tickets for the drawing are \$1 each and are only available at the sale.

Maverick Friends meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month except July and December. Guests, volunteers, and Friends are always welcome at our meetings and book sales.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

McCreless Library Friends have a busy September planned! The general membership meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 12, 2016, at 6 in the meeting room of the library. McCreless Library Friends group are gearing up for the next book sale to be held on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 10–5:45 in the meeting room of the library. Donations and volunteers are needed.

Currently members are preparing to help McCreless Branch celebrate its 50th anniversary of library services to the south side! The celebration will be on Sunday, Aug. 21, so look for pictures of the celebration in the November/December *SAPLings*. A shout out McCreless Friends **Cathy Dean**, **Vera Banner**, and **José Campos** who, in preparation for the celebration, have been beautifying the landscape around the library entrance. Thanks to McCreless Friends President **Paula Massengale** for ordering us spiffy new McCreless Friends t-shirts and pens to have for the celebration.

Treasurer **Mary Gallagher** reports that the Friends Book Nook has been bringing in \$35

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a month. Thank you to all Friends involved in the endeavor of stocking the book cart with new items and depositing the monies. All the efforts help us support the programs and staff of our branch library. With funds from membership renewals, and a generous donation from **Dale McNeil**, the McCreless Friends group is ready to work with Branch Manager **Tina Hudec**, supporting our branch library.

Jill Zimmerman

Memorial

The Memorial Amigos held their third quarter meeting on July 9 and welcomed new Manager **Jorge Chavez**.

Our semi-annual book and media sale will be 10–5 on Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2.

The Memorial Book Cart is available during library hours and has a variety of adult, YA, and children's books available for a small fee.

Our fourth quarter membership meeting will be Saturday, Oct. 15, at 10.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Parman

Parman Library enjoyed a very busy summer! More than 700 children participated in the Summer Reading Program. Summer DIY classes offered a variety of opportunities for patrons, including homemade cat and dog treats, altering fabrics with bleach, mini weaving, self defense, black-out poetry, mixed media altered tags, candle making, woodcarving, jewelry making, and cooking classes. Please check back this fall for a new listing of DIY classes.

Upcoming Activities

Parman Library will celebrate National Night Out on

Tuesday, Oct. 4, from 6–8 with outdoor games and musical entertainment by the School of Rock. More information is available under the Parman events calendar at www.mysapl.org.

The Friends of Parman Library will host a craft show on Saturday, Oct. 15, from 10–4. Local artisans will share their arts, crafts and services. This event is open to the public, and we encourage you to join us for some early holiday shopping!

Parman Library will host their annual Halloween Carnival and Spooky Walk on Tuesday, Oct. 25, from 5–8. The carnival begins at 5, with games and food trucks. The Spooky Walk is recommended for ages 8 and up, and starts at 6.

Parman's annual book sale will be Nov. 11–13. A wide variety of items will be available, including CDs, DVDs, popular fiction and special markups.

Rhonda Matson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Balloon artistry by the Moxie Girls and Fiesta Farm Animals entertained at Summerfest on July 30 to conclude the Summer Reading Program.

Join the Tobin's Wizarding Wonders Sept. 17 to celebrate the latest **JK Rowling** book *The Cursed Child* and the new movie "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them." The UTSA Quidditch team will give a talk and Birds of Prey Conservancy will exhibit live owls. From 2–5 that Saturday afternoon, enjoy snacks from Honeyduke's Sweet Shop, along with games and prizes plus classes and demonstrations. Wizards, Muggles, and beasts of all ages are invited to attend.

The Tobin Fall book sale will be 10–4, Oct. 15. The 4–6 Oct. 14 preview sale is open to all current FOSAPL members.

On a sad note, we remember long-time Tobin board member **Alice Sackett** who passed Aug. 3, 2016. A former librarian, Alice was always a great supporter of the Tobin Library. A memorial service will be held in November at a date to be determined. Memorial gifts may be sent to the Encompass Hospice, 14800 San Pedro Avenue, Suite 216, San Antonio, TX 78232 or to the Alzheimer's foundation or a charity of your choice.

Janet Goddard

Westfall

A meeting is scheduled for Sept. 2 at 2 to approve the proposed 2017 Donation Plan and to complete plans for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon to be held Sept. 7. Funds from our book sale on July 16 and 17 as well as from our successful Book Nook will be used to pay for this part of our budget.

Toddler Time is a new program on the first Wednesday of every month at 1, beginning Sept. 1.

Rowena Rodgers

EFFECT OF "STANDING RULE 1H" ON BOOK SELLERS

Karen Matson,
FOSAPL President

Recently, questions have been raised about the enforcement and effect of Standing Rule 1H, which was passed unanimously by the FOSAPL Board on March 20, 2016. Changes to the Standing Rules were recommended by a committee of Friends to address specific problems that had been observed or experienced.

The first sentence of Rule 1H reads: "No member of the board of directors, BookCellar Committee or BookCellar volunteer corps, or any branch/special interest Friends' group shall derive any personal profit or financial gain, directly or indirectly, by reason of his or her participation in the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library."

The mission of the Friends is to support the San Antonio Public Library, and funds raised through book sales are a principal means to do that:

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Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

| <i>In Memory of</i> | <i>by</i> |
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| Robbye Dart | Jill Zimmerman |
| Ruth La Dell Coward | Friends of the San Antonio Public Library |
| Cunningham | Donna and Clint Rodgers and Karen Matson |
| Robbi Ruppert | |

| <i>In Honor of</i> | <i>by</i> |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| Cody Friends of the Library | Karen Matson |

| <i>Donations</i> | |
|------------------|-------------|
| Kat Lowe | Mary Philip |
| Dale McNeill | |

Meet the Arts & Letters Awardees

The FOSAPL Arts and Letters Committee **Lyn Belisle, Bruce Gill, Lori Gonzales, Beverly Harris, Pat Peak, Christy Smith, Jill Zimmerman, Bob Mason and Jose Duran** are pleased to announce the three individual who will be receiving the Arts & Letters Awards for 2016.

The awards presentations will be October 23, 2016, at the Central Library at 2 p.m..

Bill Gundry



Bill Gundry has been doing voice-over work for many years for major clients such as Coca Cola and Union Carbide. He has performed on radio and hosts a Talk Show about the Arts on KSTX. He is also an actor and has won the best actor award giving by the Alamo Theater Arts Council seven times and has directed many shows in the state of Texas. He had the leading role in an independent film last year entitled "RAVENSWAN." He currently resides in San Antonio and has now turned his talents to directing and coaching four separate Seniors acting troops in the area.

Susie Monday

According to **Susie Monday**, "The art I make is the result of a life-long love of pattern, texture and color. How I teach is a skill honed by experience (I started teaching creative arts to younger kids when I was 12). After earning



a B.A. in Studio Arts from Trinity University, I helped lead an internationally recognized educational foundation, designed curriculum exhibits for schools and other institutions, wrote and edited for a major daily newspaper, opened the San Antonio Children's Museum and then, a dozen years ago, took the scary but essential (for me) leap to become a fulltime artist and art teacher."

Ansen Seale

Ansen Seale is an artist



based in San Antonio. His time-based works of photographic art have been exhibited in museums and galleries internationally and have been collected by corporate, institutional and private collectors. In 2009, he received the Bernard Lifshutz Award in the Visual Arts from the Artist Foundation of San Antonio and his work is in the permanent collection of the San Antonio Museum of Art. Seale works with a special digital camera of his own in-

vention. This camera has the ability to capture a vertical slice of the scene over and over in rapid succession, in effect, swapping the horizontal dimension of the photo for the dimension of time. Instead of mirroring the world as we know it, this camera records a hidden reality. The apparent "distortions" in the images all happen in-camera as the image is being recorded. The surprising visual result of this technique is that unmoving objects are blurred and moving subjects are rendered clearly. This is no trick, but the rules about what a photograph is have been changed. In this form of photography, abstraction is the norm, not the exception. Seale is recording a hidden reality. Like a microscope or telescope, the machine expands our ability to perceive more about the nature of reality.



Spikey Mikey entertains at the Book Hollow Celebrate Summer. More photos at friendsofsapl.org



*Las Palmas Friend **Delia Trimble**, (right) receives pocket Constitutions from U.S. Representative Castro's District Director **Toni Serna**.*

Carver Library Friends celebrated their 27th anniversary on June 25.



*L-R: **Beverly Duran**, Councilman **Ron Nirenberg**, **Nancy Gandara**, and **Jose Duran** manned the Friends Book Sale table at the District 8 Back To School Fair on August 13 with help from **Karen Matson** and **Mary McAfee**.*

The Passing of John Igo

Ramiro Salazar, Library Director

It is with great sadness that we share with you news of the passing of **John Igo**, a beloved and cherished member of our library family. He presented at the Igo Branch Library many times through the years to share with the community his knowledge and love of writing and the arts. The Library honored him and acknowledged his many contributions to the San Antonio literary community by naming the John Igo Branch Library in 2007. He was proud of the recognition, and he was equally proud that this library was built on ranch land originally owned by the Igo family.

For more information about Mr. Igo's life and work, please visit <http://www.johnigo.com>.

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every item that is sold to a volunteer at a discount (or whose price is not "marked up" appropriately) minimizes the revenue that could be given to SAPL. I appreciate that most of our volunteers and group leaders are operating altruistically, making their contribution of time and talent to benefit the community we serve.

Standing Rule 1H means those persons who have a "side business" of selling used books and other media:

- ★ May **not** work as a volunteer in the BookCellar, or during set-up/pack-up at branch sales.
- ★ May **not** review stock or purchase items from a "back room" or storage area, until those items have been priced by an independent party and put out for sale to the public.
- ★ May **not** serve in a leadership position (including as an officer of a branch group), if doing so would involve processing sale items (e.g. receiving, sorting, pricing).

Persons who have a question about this issue should contact me at kfmatson@satx.rr.com.

Things to do . . .

Oct. 23 Arts & Letters Awards, 2 p.m., at the Central Library

Jan. 22 FOSAPL Annual Board Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m.

BookCellar News

Evelyn Bonavita for Pat Konstam

The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11–3 every day
plus 3–7 Thursdays
Telephone (210) 227-9519

Save the Date! **Karen Matson**, FOSAPL president and chair of the BookCellar Anniversary Committee, writes: "Celebrating 25 years of history and hundreds of volunteer workers, FOSAPL is sponsoring a **"Silver Cellar-Bration"** to honor the BookCellar and its mission to the San Antonio Public Library. Please join us on Saturday, Sept. 10, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., on the BookCellar patio for remembrances, reunions, and refreshments. Since 1991, an estimated 450 individuals have volunteered at the BookCellar, generating more than \$1 million for the library system. On this anniversary we will remember all of them with gratitude." In support of the anniversary, in September the Cellar will be offering regularly priced, Adult hardback mysteries, science fiction and westerns for 25¢. All regularly priced large print books, both fiction and nonfiction, will also be on sale for 25¢.

The July Juvenile Patio Event proved to be a great success. As predicted teachers took the opportunity to stock up on books for their classrooms as prices were slashed on many Juvenile and Young Adult publications. Cellar volunteers noticed families with armloads of 10¢ treasures, enough to entertain young readers for the rest of the summer. Cellar Manager **Andrea Mason** says, "We moved lots of inventory and made \$2,959 on this nine-day event. July was a very good month for the BookCellar!"

In October, regularly priced, Adult 600s (health, pets, cookbooks), 800s (anthologies, poetry, literary criticism) and 900s (geography, travel, history) will be offered for 25¢. Mark-ups are not included.



Whenever we get a huge donation of a particular item, we have **Flash Sales**. These are unplanned sales that allow us to pass along big savings to our customers in order to move materials quickly and save on storage space. Call the BookCellar (210-227-9519) to see if any flash sales are going on or visit the BookCellar page on Facebook.

In order to provide requested training for volunteers, BC Committee Chairman **Richard Morales**, in the last few months scheduled several workshops for those interested. First of all **Andrea Mason** conducted reorientation sessions for all volunteers since it was deemed essential to have us all "on the same page," and policies have changed. **Stephanie Serrata** offered training to current cashiers and those who would like to cashier as well as handy tips on dealing with the "Square" credit card system. For others, **Linda Cheatum** scheduled a workshop for how to price the numbers of books that arrive every day—either those removed from library branch shelves or the wonderful donations from private collections. Finally, **Betty Walters** instructed volunteers on repairing damaged books.

We are looking forward to the return of several experienced volunteers: **Pat Konstam**, **Mary Chance**, and **Barb and Tom Suks**.

As the BookCellar grows busier, we will need more help. Consider working one of our eight 4-hour shifts per week. If you are interested, call the BookCellar or stop in and speak to our Manager **Andrea Mason** who will tell you about the shifts and duties. After an orientation session, you can get right to work and become a member of the BookCellar team.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Sept. 10 Central Library BookCellar "Silver Cellar-Bratton" from 3–4:30 to recognize the first 25 years of the BookCellar
- Sept. 17 Brook Hollow book sale, 10–4.
- Sept. 17 McCreless book sale, 10–5:45.
- Sept. 17–18 Maverick book sale, 10–4.
- Sept. 18 FOSAPL Board Meeting, Igo Branch Library, 2 p.m.**
- Sept. 24 Las Palmas "Citizenship Celebration," 3 p.m.
- Sept. 30–Oct. 2 Guerra book sale, Friday, 4–6, and Saturday and Sunday, 10–4. Sunday, \$10/bag sale
- Oct. 1–2 Igo book sale, Saturday, 10–5, Sunday, 1–4
- Oct. 1–2 Memorial book sale, 10–5.
- Oct. 7–9 Cody book sale. Preview Friday, 2–4. Open to the public on Saturday, 10–4, and Sunday, "Bag of books" sale, 1–3.
- Oct. 23 Arts & Letters Awards, 2 p.m., at the Central Library**
- Jan. 22 FOSAPL Annual Board Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m.**

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

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

Cody Library
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
210-207-9100

Guerra Library
7978 Military Drive West, 78227
210-207-9070

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-207-9080 (also TTY)

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