



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

"Here is the world. Beautiful and terrible things will happen. Don't be afraid."

—Frederick Buechner



Have you read the 1981 best seller, *When Bad Things Happen To Good People* by Rabbi Harold Kushner? When his toddler son was diagnosed with a terminal illness, Kushner was faced with one of life's most difficult questions, "Why, God?"

This book came to mind when, last Saturday afternoon, my friend and I were confronted at a local apartment complex parking lot by a young man with a gun who demanded our possessions and threatened to kill us if we so much as moved the wrong way. His angry voice still rings in my ears. I still feel the barrel of his revolver at the back of my neck, and the sight of the gun pointed at my friend's forehead is etched in my memory. Clutching his bounty, he jumped in my truck and sped away. Why me? I've experienced anger, fear, sleepless nights, and scattered thoughts. Rather than asking "Why me?", Kushner suggests a more helpful question might be, "What am I going to do about it?" Trauma specialists recommend journaling, tending to non-threatening tasks (walking the dog, helping someone), seeking the advice of a pastor or other mental health professional, and especially reframing the event in the context of gratitude.

I am thankful that our lives were spared. I appreciate friends and family for supportive words and deeds and am indebted to the SAPD for their work on my case.

At this time of the year, I am also grateful for our Library. When the mayor sponsors the Summer Reading Program and the city council faces tough choices in setting funding priorities for next year—we should remember that well-funded public libraries provide opportunities for people of all ages and economic circumstances. Children who grow up reading (and being read to!) will know that there are caring adults who value them, teens who participate in programs at the library will set higher goals.

Please urge your council representative to consider the importance of the Library services as well as Fire and Police protection and senior and youth programs. As FRIENDS, we know the value of imagination, ideas, and transformation.

And—for his sake—I hope that young assailant finds his way to a prison library and acquires a new set of skills and a better vision of his future.

Namaste,

Karen Matson

The 25th Anniversary of the

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

BookCellar

Saturday, September 10, 2016

Save the Date

Arts & Letters

The Arts and Letters Committee eagerly awaits your nominations.

Time is running out to nominate your favorite 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 for a 2016 FOSAPL Arts and Letters Award. The Arts and Letters Nomination Form can be found as a PDF on the [FOSAPL website](http://www.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 Awards Ceremony will be held Sunday afternoon, October 23, 2016, at 2:00 p.m.

Jose Duran,
Arts and Letters Chairman
Email: j-bduran@att.net



Board Meeting Locations, 2 p.m.

July 17, 2016 – Johnston

September 18, 2016 – Igo

November 20, 2016 – Semmes

January 22, 2017 – Annual Meeting – Central Library Auditorium

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, May 15, 2016

Submitted by *Nancy Gandara, Secretary*

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, May 15, 2016, at the Thousand Oaks Branch Library. President **Karen Matson** called the meeting to order at 2:06 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, Linda Cheatum, Jose Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Beth Graham, Linda Janney, Pat Konstam, Pat Peak, Ronnie Retzlöff, Veronica Rouse, Rowena Rodgers, Christie Smith, Ann Springer, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson, and Jill Zimmerman. Judy Wilson** (Semmes) and **Pat Howell** (Thousand Oaks) were present as voting liaisons of their respective branch Friends' groups. Also in attendance was **Betty Walters** (Thousand Oaks).

Approval of Minutes:

Christie Smith moved to accept the Minutes of the meeting of March 20, 2016, as printed in the May/June 2016 issue of SAPLings, after a correction to add the name of board member **Veronica Rouse** to the list of those in attendance at that meeting; **Veronica Rouse** seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

President's Report: **Karen Matson** reviewed many events and meetings that she had attended during the past two months: these included the "21st Century FRIENDS: Silver, Gold and Green" workshop for officers of branch groups that had been held at the Central Library on the previous day. President Matson expressed her appreciation for all of the speakers who had shared

their wisdom and for the FOSAPL executive committee team who had put the workshop together.

Earlier in May, President Matson had helped to set up for the book sale by the Cody Friends, attended the staff-appreciation dinner given by the Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch, attended the Pan African Conference sponsored by the Friends of the Carver Branch, and participated in meetings of the BookCellar Committee and BookCellar Manager Search subcommittee, the Friends of the Tobin Library, and Friends of the Great Northwest Branch.

Treasurer's Report: **Treasurer Bev Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2016. As of April 30, FOSAPL had total assets of \$229,665.90, of which \$122,136.08 was designated for branch groups, and checks in the amount of \$1,509.55 were outstanding. Treasurer Duran mentioned several expenses that had been incurred during the past two months, and that branch groups had made donations to their respective branches of more than \$10,495.12 during that time.

LIAISON REPORTS

Jessica Zurita, executive assistant to the library director, presented information about the two branch libraries that are currently under construction and due to open before the end of 2016. The Potranco Branch ("Big Service in a Small Space") is to be co-located with a YWCA which will share public spaces [e.g., courtyard, lobby, meeting room, and restrooms] in a former Albertson's store. The 5,900-sq ft library space will be arranged

by concepts, such as "Discover," "Create," "Connect," "Explore," and "Interact." The more traditional, full-service Schaeffer Branch that is being built at Highways 87/151 will have age-based areas, and is expected to serve a larger population.

Linda Nairn, vice-chair of the Board of Trustees, addressed the Friends board concerning the process being used this year to collect public comments about city services, prior to a City Council workshop to set funding priorities for FY 2017. Ms. Nairn reviewed a letter from Trustees' Chair, **Paul Stahl**, which had been previously distributed to FOSAPL board members and urged them to utilize all means mentioned therein to convey their support of library services.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** reported that the search subcommittee of the BookCellar Committee had reviewed many applications, but were happy to report that **Andrea Mason** (who had previously served as the interim manager for eight months) was willing to accept the position.

Membership Secretary: **Linda Cheatum** reported that 953 members are on the rolls at present, but that all persons who have not renewed for 2016 will be removed from the rolls on May 31, 2016.

Arts Letters Annual Awards: **José Duran** reported that he has already received one nomination form and reminded the board that all nominations are due by Aug. 1. The awards ceremony will be held in the Central Library auditorium and gallery 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 Belisle Chair
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods
Karen Matson Ex Officio

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Task Force to Review Financial Records of 2015: José Duran thanked the members of the Task

Force (Lori Gonzales, Sandra Wilkinson, Stephanie Serrata and himself) and said that no anomalies were found in their review of the records.

NEW BUSINESS

Pat Konstam moved that **Andrea Mason** be hired for the position of BookCellar Manager for 22.5 hrs/wk, at an hourly wage of \$13/hour; **Sandra Wilkinson** seconded the motion. During discussion, the board was reminded that a range of \$12-\$15/hr. had previously been approved for the position and that Ms. Mason's experience as a BookCellar volunteer and as the previous "interim manager" merited this wage. The motion passed unanimously.

Beth Graham moved that Ms. Mason's compensation be retroactive to May 1, 2016; **Christie Smith** seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Beth Graham moved that the Chair of the BookCellar Committee follow existing procedures for evaluation of probationary employee, **Andrea Mason**, and report the status of evaluations completed to the board at the meeting of July 17, 2016; **Pat Peak** seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

President **Karen Matson** asked for a motion to authorize a Task Force that would ensure that there would be Friends' representation at events, public hearings, or internet opportunities concerning City budget priorities for 2017. **Sandra Wilkinson** made that motion, and **Jill Zimmerman** seconded it. During discussion, **Antoinette Franklin** volunteered to attend an event to be held at SAMA. The motion passed, with one dissension.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and ADJOURNMENT

After brief announcements near-future events of their respective Friends groups, President Matson thanked the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Branch Library for having provided delicious refreshments, and adjourned the meeting.



Brook Hollow

The Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch Library held a Staff Appreciation Dinner at the Alamo Cafe on Thursday, May 12. Nearly 40 staff members and Friends attended and enjoyed dinner as well as desserts provided by Friends. **Gwen McLeod** (the Social Chair) created library-themed decorations for the function.

On Saturday, June 25, the Brook Hollow Friends held a membership meeting to discuss a number of issues, including the new Annual Donation Plan (to be prepared by Friends' groups in coordination with the Branch Managers) as well as the 2016 Book Sale (scheduled to be held Saturday, September 17). A membership meeting will be held the following Saturday (September 24) at 1:00 p.m. at the Brook Hollow Branch Library.

The Brook Hollow Friends are funding several functions related to the Summer Reading Program, including the Tambo Rhythms' Drum circle performance on Tuesday, July 5, and two performances by Happy Tails on Tuesday, July 12.

Thanks to the 62(!) friends and neighbors who have shown their support of the Brook Hollow Friends by renewing their membership for 2016.

Pat Finley

Cody

Cody had a very successful book sale, in large measure due to the efforts of our many volunteers. We continue to get compliments from book "re-sellers" about the categorizing and layout in a small space. Thank you to all the volunteers and to our generous book donors who contribute throughout the year. We were also able to add several new Friends to the membership rolls.

"Bart the Cart" has also been successful. It is restocked every Tuesday morning with books in every category.

Susan Bailey

Igo

The Friends of the Igo Branch Library invite you to visit and participate in our programs during July 2016. The Igo Library will be conducting toddler, children, and teen programs weekly, throughout the Summer. Please see the mysapl.org web site for times of the events.

Need tech help or help with your mobile or e-reader device? Sign up for a 30-minute appointment on Mondays, July 11 and 18, from 5 to 7:30. 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, eAudiobooks, movies, and music) from SAPL; call (210) 207-9080 or email the instructor **Joseph Gonzales** at joseph.gonzales3@sanantonio.gov.

The Igo Mystery Book Club meets the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 to 8 p.m., and the

afternoon Book Club meets the first Tuesday of each month at 1:30 to 4:00.

Jose Duran

Las Palmas

The Las Palmas Friends were happy to assist with the publicity and provide the refreshments for the June 25 program: a documentary film presented by the Vice Chair of the Lipan Apache Band of Texas, **Richard Gonzalez**. The film, entitled "The Lost Ones: The Long Journey Home" gave the moving account from the Native point of view, reported by Tribal Elders, of the kidnapping by the U.S. government of young Lipan children in the 1870s who were then sent to the Carlisle Indian Industrial School in Pennsylvania. The fate of the children was not known by the Lipan Apaches for generations.

Our Friends group is sponsoring "The Astonishing Mr. Pitts" program for the children July 11. The program called "Train Your Brain!" includes fun magic tricks, cartooning, and popular puppet characters. It has a sports theme and emphasizes training your most important muscle, your THINKING muscle, the BRAIN!

We're coordinating with the Las Palmas staff in planning an "End of Summer" green event in August for the Las Palmas community.

Friends will be supporting the "Citizenship Celebration" September 24 at 3 p.m., during which new and upcoming U.S. citizens will be recognized. Those interested in taking citizenship classes should contact the

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Las Palmas Library for relevant dates and times. Voter registration information will also be presented since the deadline for registering to vote before the 2016 presidential election is October 8 (required postmark date).

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

The short, winding arm of Mystic Park Road separates Maverick Branch Library from the lovely Nani Falcone Park and adjacent City Skate Park by only a few dozen yards. During active San Antonio summers, Maverick Branch Library serves as an oasis of learning and recreation for parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers needing respite from the heat while some of the more intrepid family members and neighbors enjoy the nearby parks. The Mayor's Summer Reading Initiative is a favorite of Maverick Branch youth. Snacks and supplies for the kick-off, as well as for the end-of-summer Summer Reading Rally, are provided by the Maverick Branch Library Friends as a way to say thank you to the library staff, parents, and the children—who never cease to who wow us with their voracity for reading!

Registration for the summer reading program began on June 1; Maverick Branch hosted a Kick-Off Rally Monday, June 6. All Things Balloon created balloon art for summer readers and guests. There was also a craft activity and plenty of nibblers to enjoy the aforementioned snacks!

The Magic of Reading, performed by local favorite Illusions by Blake, was at Maverick June 22. On June 29, Naturalist **Tom Kinsey** held a talk on animal ecology, complete

with some animal pals of his own.

The July Friends meeting will not be held, as it falls too near a holiday. However child, teen, and adult programming, as well as other club activities and meetings, will continue. The library will be closed on July 4, to honor the holiday, but regular library hours will resume on July 5. July 6, there will be two presentations by the Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre, at 2 and 4. The ever-popular Dinosaur George will make two appearances as well at Maverick Branch, at 2 and 4, July 20. The final celebration to congratulate our summer readers will be on Wednesday, July 27, at 2. There will be food, friends, and fun activities for all.

Elizabeth Bircher

McCreless

Big news from our branch library: Branch Manager, **Cammie Brantley**, has been temporarily reassigned to another branch. However, she is still planning the upcoming 50th anniversary celebration of McCreless Branch Library opening! **Tina Hudec** has stepped in as acting branch manager in the interim, so summer events at the library continue.

Save the following dates so you are available to participate in McCreless Branch happenings:

Sunday, August 21, from 2 to 5 is the fabulous 50th anniversary celebration of our branch opening!

Monday, September 12, is the next McCreless Friends meeting, 6, in the meeting room. Thank you to Secretary **Lucy E. Duncan** for the great notetaking of our meetings.

Saturday, September 17, is the next book sale to support

our branch library. Donations of new books, especially children and current titles are welcome. Help with setup and breakdown are always needed as well. What does all this effort go toward, you ask. Well let me tell you.

Our illustrious treasurer, **Mary Gallagher**, reports that we have a healthy balance of \$2,300.01 in our account from sales, Book Nook purchases, and a donation of \$50 from **Ms. Bonnie Simons** in memory of her mother **Adele Robin**. With that, the McCreless Friends have been able to help with a Branch Manager's wish list for water cooler refills, a table and chairs for the staff work room, gardening plants and mulch for grounds beautification, refreshments for the Adult, Children, and Teen Summer Reading programming, tee shirts commemorating the 50th anniversary, and other requests as needed.

It is through the efforts of many people that this level of support is possible from our Friends group. Thank you to **Cathy Dean** and **Paula Massengale** for providing transportation to others to attend the McCreless Library Friends meetings. Thank you also to **Paula Massengale** for collecting the names of book sale buyers who want to be notified of upcoming book sales. She calls each and every one of them to let them know when a book sale is happening! What a great McCreless Friends President we have!

Jill Zimmerman

Memorial

On Saturday, May 21, Memorial Library celebrated its 35th anniversary with numerous activities for all ages. **Jessie Valdez**, President of the Pan American Friends, brought

Foxie the Dog, who was popular with kids of all ages.

(Photos on p. 7.) Face painting and several other activities occupied the youth. Patrons wrote poems in response to book jackets and shared their poems with the group. **Fernando Esteban Flores** and **Juan Antonio Meza Compean** with Voces Cosmicas read poetry. A classical Indian dance duo entertained an audience for nearly an hour. And, of course, there was cake and refreshments! It was a well-attended enjoyable afternoon of events.

The Amigos' next meeting will be Saturday, July 9, at 10.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Mission

The Spring crops are fading out, regular volunteers have been on top of harvesting some of the edibles and have also made some nice dishes with them. Soon we'll get down to getting some transplants, such as peppers, tomato and eggplant, along with some herbs, in for the summer.

In early August the library will host a children's author and the artist who illustrated her book. Please start to look for info about that as it will be a morning for the little ones. Lots of fun!

New construction: We'll move forward on getting the storage bench built. I am looking into the possibility of installing a compost bin too. It will not contain food items; only grasses, greens and "browns." Will have to get it cleared by SAPL first.

Josie Martinez

Parman

Parman Library celebrated its 5th Birthday on Saturday,

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May 7. Festivities began with a ceremony attended by **Dan Parman**, SAPL Board Trustee **Loyce Ince**, District 9 City Councilman **Joe Krier**, and many friends and family of the Parman Library. Participants enjoyed cake, popcorn, and punch. Ooh Wee Wings and Balu's Kitchen food trucks were also on hand for the festivities. Library volunteers helped make the day a success by offering face painting, button making, balloon animals, birthday hat crafting, puppet shows, Read to a Dog, and cool photo ops. There were special pet appearances by Happy Tales Exotic Animals. Additionally, an outdoor CD art installation was started. It is still being worked on by volunteers and patrons and will be stunning when it's finished. Summer reading for all ages has begun at the library. Stop by and register today!

Parman library will also be holding a summer session of our DIY University classes for adults. This session has a wide range of classes including homemade dog and cat treats, altering fabrics with bleach, reclaimed wood décor and more!

Registration is open for June classes. See our calendar of events on the library's website at <http://www.mysapl.org/calendar.aspx>.

Rhonda Matson

Westfall

Westfall Friends will hold their annual book sale on the following dates:

Saturday, July 16, 10 to 4:30

Sunday, July 17, Noon to 4

We will need help on Friday, July 15, to prepare for our annual fundraiser. These funds go to help support Westfall Library's programs for children and adults and for additional staff needs.

Please come and help with this sale. We need you!

Pat Cummins

Revenue Caps: The Story Behind the Story

Karen Matson

You may soon be hearing about the Texas legislature's attempts to place stricter limits on the ability of cities and counties to raise revenues. These "revenue caps" would severely limit the City's ability to deliver services important to its citizens: parks, public safety and libraries! While reducing the tax burden on homeowners and businesses sounds like a good idea, it is a misguided effort and would only provide minimal relief to San Antonio taxpayers.

Currently, if a Texas city increases property tax collections by more than 8% over the previous year, voters can petition to roll back the increase. The city of San Antonio has not increased the tax rate in 22 years and has lowered the rate 6 times. However, had a 4% revenue cap been in effect over the past decade—as was proposed during the last Legislative Session—the City would have lost a cumulative \$251 million in revenue. This is equivalent to the cost of 250 police officers per year over the same period.

While the City would have lost hundreds of millions of dollars, a 4% revenue cap over the past ten years would have provided a savings of only \$44 per year for the average homeowner!

The City of San Antonio is considered one of the best financially managed cities in the U.S. and is the only top ten city with a AAA bond rating. The City manages our taxes effectively—balancing budgets, increasing reserves, securing the lowest possible interest rates and investing in critical infrastructure that the community wants. Local taxing authorities have proven they can deliver the services that the community wants and should not be placed under further restrictions from the state; especially when the state provides no funding to help cities pay for these services.

Please let your State officials know that you are against imposing a revenue cap lower than 8% (because we actually have a revenue cap of 8%, now.)

Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of

Robbi Ruppert
Jack Scott

by

Pat Konstam
Florence H. Lelaurin

Donations

Yolanda Kirkpatrick
Dale McNeill

In Honor of

Book Cellar Volunteers Christie A. Smith

"Time well spent! Let's do it again!"

Nancy Gandara

Forty leaders of branch Friends groups gathered at the Central Library on May 14, 2016, to hear "what works" for 21st century FRIENDS groups. Panelists **Karen Fritzlen** (Parman), **Judy Wilson** (Semmes), **Bev Duran** (Igo), **Linda Cheatum** (BookCellar), **Shirley Coleman** (Carver), and **David Allen White** (Landa) spoke about selling books online, using The Square to capture credit card sales, bake sales, virtual meetings and internet-based publicity; SAPL staff **Jessica Zurita** prepared a slideshow of 18 branch Friends' "book cart\$"; **Veronica Anderson** gave tips on volunteer recruitment and **Kathy Donellan** unveiled the Annual Plan for Friends' donations.

FOSAPL officers covered recent changes to the Standing Rules that affect branch groups, explained the importance of using Friends' financial forms, and offered membership assistance. Attendees admired a display of some groups' t-shirts/bags, took away valuable

handouts, and left behind evaluation forms with great suggestions for the next have-fun-and-share-ideas workshop.



President Karen Matson awards a "silver, green, and gold" flower arrangement to Rosalie Klepac, the lucky door prize winner!



Summertime fun: Bilingual Story Time at Las Palmas Library.

This Much I Know Is True **written by Wally Lamb**

I picked up Wally Lamb's second novel because of the twin factor in the book. It is truly one of the best books I have ever read. Twin babies, or twins in general, fascinate everyone and there are a myriad of myths associated with twin births. I myself have been asked numerous interesting questions regarding my twin brother and me. This book is brilliantly written and invokes feeling associated with mental illness that are accurate, heart-wrenching, and thought provoking.

Dominick and Thomas Birdsey grow up much like other boys their age with some exceptions. Dominick was forced to witness the constant bullying (and abuse) of his brother Thomas by their peers and their tyrannical ex-Navy stepfather. Although Thomas suffers abuse from others, it was obvious he was his mother's favorite and Dominic resented Thomas for that. Dominic's resentment grows as they grow older especially when Thomas is diagnosed with paranoid schizophrenia, and Dominic feels forced to take care of him.

Dominic's own life is in shambles. His history brings issues such as rape, a failed marriage, losing a daughter due to SIDS, a confused girlfriend and finally the cancer diagnoses and eventual death of their mother. Dominic feels it his responsibility to take care of Thomas especially when he told his mom at her deathbed "I'll take care of him."

When Thomas is admitted to a different hospital than where he has been in the past, Dominic does all he can to change that. He meets and starts to see a therapist to help him free Thomas from that ward and in time, he begins to see her for himself. He is able to learn about Thomas' disease and how the family has reacted to it, especially him.

Dominic "the sane one" as he describes himself at times bore the bulk of public scrutiny associated with mental illness. One example is where the librarian from the library where Thomas chopped off his hand comes to talk to Dominic but she can't even face him because, of course, he looks exactly like Thomas. Even though, Dominic thought of himself as "sane," he is helped to recognize that no one with a mentally ill member of the family goes unscathed or untouched by it in some way. In his case, he experienced shame, fear, guilt, embarrassment, and even jealousy.

Yet, he was truly his brother's keeper, even if a resentful one. It wasn't until his brother died that he was able to move forward in life and realize that he did the best he could which is all any of us can do.

I enjoyed this book immensely and highly recommend it.

Melva Alonzo Bernal

Brook Hollow Staff Appreciation

The Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch Library held a Staff Appreciation Dinner at the Alamo Café on Thursday, May 12. Nearly 40 staff members and Friends attended and enjoyed dinner as well as desserts provided by Friends.

Gwen McLeod brought Aunt Bea's Chocolate Cake (*recipe and photo below*).



Aunt Bea's Chocolate Cake

Gwen McLeod

Ingredients:

Cake

- 2 c. white sugar
- ¼ lb. butter
- 2 eggs
- ½ tsp salt
- ½ tsp vanilla
- 2 oz. unsweetened Baker's chocolate (comes in a bar)
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 c. sour cream
- 2 c. flour
- 1 c. hot coffee

Icing

- ½ lb. butter
- 1 box powdered sugar
- 2 oz. unsweetened Baker's chocolate
- ½ tsp salt
- 1 tsp vanilla

Directions:

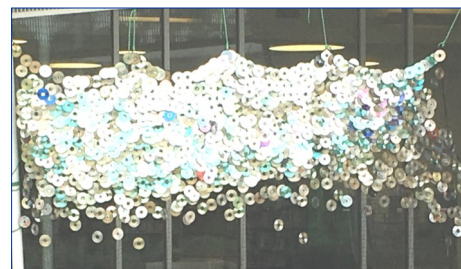
- Cream butter and sugar.
- Add chocolate, salt, and vanilla.
- Add milk or cream if needed to smooth for spreading.

Directions:

- Cream butter and sugar.
- Beat eggs, salt, vanilla.
- Combine sugar and eggs.
- Add melted (and cooled to room temperature) chocolate.
- Mix sour cream and baking soda well.
- Add to rest.
- Add flour, mix. Quickly add hot coffee.
- Pour into greased and floured cake pans.
- Bake 350° for 35-40 min.

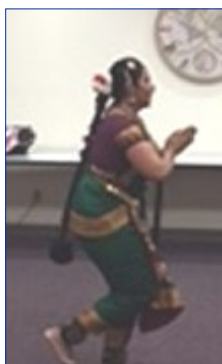


Parman Celebrated 5 Years!



Festivities began with a ceremony attended by **Dan Parman**, SAPL Board Trustee **Loyce Ince**, District 9 City Councilman **Joe Krier**, and many friends and family of the Parman Library. Participants enjoyed cake, popcorn, and punch. an outdoor CD art installation was started. It is still being worked on by volunteers and patrons and will be stunning when it's finished.

Memorial Celebrated 35 Years



Memorial celebrated with, a classical Indian dance performance (Bharatanatyam) among other activities including a visit with Foxie, a therapy dog.

Cody's How to Plant a Garden Play and Learn

Children's Librarian **Sheila Acosta** did a fantastic job setting up 13 stations for this program for children 5 years and younger at Cody Library.



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



In response to the need for an experienced BookCellar manager, the BookCellar Committee selected **Andrea Mason** for the job. Andrea began work on May 16. She served as interim manager for six months in 2015. A former teacher, Andrea and her husband **Bob Mason** have been active BookCellar volunteers since they moved to San Antonio from Pennsylvania. Andrea has been a member of the BookCellar Committee since August 2011.

Anne Long has resigned from the BookCellar Committee after serving as a member since March 2009. She plans to continue as a volunteer, working primarily in the juvenile section.

Stephanie Serrata has rejoined the BookCellar Committee and has taken over the task of committee secretary from **Andrea Mason**.

Celebration of the BookCellar's 25th Anniversary is being headed by FOSAPL President **Karen Matson**, who has a committee of supportive individuals willing to share ideas about making this a memorable occasion. Look for more information in this edition of the newsletter.

Andrea Mason has announced the following BookCellar **Sales Events for July and August**.

July—50% off regularly priced Adult paperbacks, \$1.00 paperbacks for 50¢, 50¢ paperbacks for 25¢, 25¢ paperbacks (including Romances) for 10¢.

The annual **July Juvenile Patio Event** will be held from Saturday, July 23, through Sunday, July 31. Young Adult prices will be cut in half, and there will be boxes and boxes of Juvenile books reduced to 10¢ each. An expanded selection of regularly priced Easy Readers will be available on the patio. This event will offer a larger than normal inventory at the Cellar's regular low prices, as well as some special reductions. This is a great opportunity for parents and teachers to expand home and school libraries!

August—Regularly priced adult biographies will be 25¢; Adult 100s (philosophy and psychology) and 300s (social sciences and folklore) will be 25¢ each. Regularly priced Juvenile 900s (history and geography) will be 50% off.

Being a volunteer in the BookCellar can be a delightful experience. Cellar cashiers, for instance, usually are the first to hear spontaneous remarks from customers—first-time or from out of town—who walk through the doors. Regular comments include “I didn’t even know this was here!” or “They don’t have anything like this in Ohio.” Delighted visitors swear they are going to spend the day or bring their whole families. Some *SAPLings* readers may not realize that the Cellar is the only bookstore downtown, and happy travelers can stock up on reading material for their journeys. In customers’ eyes, the BookCellar is truly performing a public service. Take an hour or two this summer and come see.



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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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| July 6 | Maverick, Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. |
| July 7 | Mission Library, "The ZIKA Virus." Presented by Perla Alarcon |
| July 17 | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Johnston Library, 2 p.m. |
| July 20 | Maverick, Dinosaur George, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. |
| July 27 | Maverick, End of Summer Reading Rally, 2 p.m. |
| August 1 | Deadline for Arts & Letters nominations. |
| August 20 | Johnston Library 40 th Anniversary Celebration |
| August 21 | McCreless 50th anniversary celebration! |
| Sept. 10 | Central Library BookCellar "Silver-Cellar-bration" from 3-4:30 to recognize the first 25 years of the BookCellar |
| Sept. 17 | Brook Hollow book sale. |
| Sept. 17-18 | Maverick book sale. |
| Sept. 18 | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Igo Branch 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

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

Johnston Library
6307 Sun Valley, 78227
210-207-9240

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

McCreless Library
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