



## News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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### *From the President*

Dear Friends,

On December 6, I joined FRIENDS from our Board, McCreless, Las Palmas, and library administration to lend a presence at the final meeting of the Facility Improvements Bond Committee to review many requests from various agencies for funding in the 2017–2022 Bond.

The following exciting and important projects have been recommended by the city:

- \$3 million for Central Library
- \$2.5 million for McCreless Branch
- \$2 million for Memorial Branch and \$1 million for Las Palmas

But wait—we're not through yet. The recommendations go to the City Council after the holidays for their review. Please thank your City Councilperson for their past support of the library and ask them to support these current library needs. Your call is vital to the mission of the San Antonio Public Library!!!

On November 4 we celebrated the successful grand opening of the new Potranco Branch Library and the "Y." The co-location of a library within a YMCA demonstrates an innovative approach to serving the community. It is a place where families and individuals can improve their mind as well as improving their body! Although the library space is stocked with books and computers, they are going to need the help of the FRIENDS to supplement the city's allocation with funding for adult and children programs and services. We are looking forward to meeting creative and energetic leaders who will step up and form a FRIENDS group there.

Finally, in this season of making New Year's resolutions, think about moving outside your comfort zone and plan to volunteer for a leadership position either with a branch or with FOSAPL. We are in need of creative, thoughtful individuals who are passionate about the library and literacy who work hard to make it the best it can be! I remember a slogan that I heard back in the '60's that continues to be relevant today—"If we're not part of the solution, then we're part of the problem."

Our Annual meeting is set for Sunday, Jan. 22, 2017, 2 p.m. at the Central Library Auditorium. Hope to see you there.

Best wishes for a new year filled with innovation, inspiration, and ideas!

In FRIENDSHIP,  
*Karen Matson*



### Save the Date

**Annual FOSAPL Meeting**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2017, 2 p.m.**  
**Central Library Auditorium**

- Election of Officers and Board Members
- Keynote Speaker – SAPL Assistant Library Director  
**Kathy Donellan**

### Nominating Committee Report

**Robert Mason**

Election of the Officers and Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting on January 22, 2017, at the Central Library at 2 p.m. The floor will be open for additional nominees. If you want to nominate someone, you must have his or her approval.

The slate of officers standing for election is:

**Nancy Gandara**, President  
**Kimberly Cauthon**, Vice President  
**Linda Cheatum**, Treasurer  
**Beth Graham**, Secretary  
**Karen Matson**, Past President

Current board members and officers standing for election to the 2017–2019 term are:

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| <b>Liz Alves</b>           | <b>Robert Mason</b>      |
| <b>Linda Arronge</b>       | <b>Pat Mendiola</b>      |
| <b>Beverly Duran</b>       | <b>Pat Peak</b>          |
| <b>Yolanda Kirkpatrick</b> | <b>Stephanie Serrata</b> |
| <b>Pat Konstam</b>         | <b>Delia Trimble</b>     |

The following Board Members are in the middle of the 2016–2018 term:

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| <b>Arlene Braswell</b>     | <b>Mary McAfee</b>      |
| <b>Shirley Coleman</b>     | <b>Liz McLeod</b>       |
| <b>José Duran</b>          | <b>Rowena Rodgers</b>   |
| <b>Antoinette Franklin</b> | <b>Veronica Rouse</b>   |
| <b>Bruce Gill</b>          | <b>Sandra Wilkinson</b> |
| <b>Beverly Harris</b>      | <b>Jill Zimmerman</b>   |
| <b>Linda Janney</b>        |                         |

The Nominating Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Elizabeth Bircher**, **Bev Golden**, **Ronnie Retzlaff**, **Christie Smith**, and **Ann Springer** for their years of service to the Board and to FOSAPL.

Respectively submitted by the members of the Nomination Committee: **Denise Barlow**, **Grizzly Cloud**, **Diane Duesterhoeft**, **Bob Mason**, and **Pat Mendiola**.

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, November 20, 2016  
Submitted by *Nancy Gandara, Secretary*

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, Nov. 20, 2016, at the Semmes Branch 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, Arline Braswell, Kimberly Cauthon, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Bruce Gill, Jose Duran, Beth Graham, Beverly Harris, Linda Janney, Mary McAfee, Pat Peak, Rowena Rodgers, Veronica Rouse, Stephanie Serrata, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson and Jill Zimmerman. Delores Huber** (Guerra), **Vicky Enciso** (Las Palmas), **Linda Nairn** (Thousand Oaks and Bd. of Trustees), **Pat de Pasquale** (Landa) and **Roy Braswell** (Tobin) were also in attendance.

Approval of Minutes: It was moved and seconded to accept the Minutes of the meeting of Sept. 18, 2016 as printed in the November/December 2016 issue of *SAPLings*; the motion passed.

**President's Report:** **Karen Matson** summarized the events and meetings that she had attended during the past two months: these included the grand opening of the Potranco Branch; meetings with community members served by the Bazan, Collins Garden, and Forest Hills branches; and a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Bev Duran** presented the Treasurer's Report of October 31, 2016. As of that date, FOSAPL had total assets of \$246,624.92, of which

\$122,976.60 was designated for branch groups, and checks in the amount of \$14,218.32 were outstanding. **Beth Graham** moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending audit, and **Pat Peak** seconded the motion, which passed.

## LIAISON REPORTS

**Ramiro Salazar**, Library Director, noted that the City of San Antonio Bond Package that will go before voters in May 2017 is being finalized. The Facilities Improvements projects that are being discussed for inclusion include \$3M for the Central Library (first floor re-envisioning/children's area transformation), \$2.5M for McClellan Branch (comprehensive renovation), \$2M Memorial Branch (renovation and expansion), and \$1M for Las Palmas (comprehensive renovation). Director Salazar also noted that more than a thousand people attended the opening of the Potranco Branch, and subsequent attendance and circulation of materials has been very strong.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Arts & Letters Awards:** **Jose Duran** thanked the members of the committee for having planned the excellent event that was held on Oct. 23, and he encouraged the board members to nominate any qualified person, without regard to ethnicity, for consideration of future awards.

**BookCellar:** **Richard Morales** reported that **Andrea Mason** had been given a very positive evaluation at the conclusion of her first six months as the BookCellar Manager. He noted that two new members, **Jesse Valdez** and **Victoria Suarez**, had joined the

BookCellar Committee. The recent memo of clarification concerning the number of boxes of various genres that may be available for branch Friends groups was distributed and discussed.

**Budget Committee:** **Bev Duran** thanked the members of the committee (**Delia Trimble, Nias Harris, Karen Matson, Richard Morales, and Bev Duran**) who had met to prepare a Proposed Budget for FOSAPL for 2017. Ms. Duran noted that funds had been included for a greater amount of accounting/CPA services, and for seed money for potential new Friends groups for Potranco and Schaefer branch libraries.

**Nominating Committee:** **Bob Mason** reported that the proposed slate of officers and board members for the 2017-2019 term would be printed in the Jan/Feb issue of *SAPLings*.

**Membership Secretary:** In **Linda Cheatum's** absence, **Stephanie Serrata** gave the report. She noted that we currently have 1,047 members and reminded the board that anyone who joins or renews for 2017 will receive a postcard (via USPS) that will acknowledge their membership and act as a coupon for a regular-price book at the BookCellar.

**Revision of Standing Rule 1H:** **Nancy Gandara** reported that the Task Force members (**Jill Zimmerman, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, and Nancy Gandara**) had not met for discussion, but had communicated electronically about proposed re-wording, which had been passed out prior to the meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Proposed Revision of Standing Rule 1H:** **Mary McAfee**  
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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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

## MEMBERSHIP

SECRETARY [Linda Cheatum](#)

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2015-2017 Term:

Liz Alves • Elizabeth Bircher •  
Bev Golden • Beth Graham • Pat  
Konstam • Karen Matson • Pat  
Mendiola • Pat Peak • 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 • Sandra  
Wilkinson • Jill Zimmerman

## SAPLINGS

Managing Editor..... Alana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at [www.friendsofsapl.org](http://www.friendsofsapl.org).

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file emailed to Alana Woods, [alana005@yahoo.com](mailto:alana005@yahoo.com), or mailed to her at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle.....Chair  
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill •  
Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods  
Karen Matson.....Ex Officio

moved to accept the wording proposed by the Task Force, and **Antoinette Franklin** seconded it. During discussion, **Sandra Wilkinson** suggested that those words that were in bold on the "proposed" revision should remain bolded, for emphasis, when reprinted in the Bylaws and Standing Rules. The motion passed.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Reaffirmation of Policy Regarding Limitations on BookCellar Books for Branch Sales:** **Veronica Rouse** moved, and **Antoinette Franklin** seconded, that the existing policy be reaffirmed. **José Duran** suggested that such affirmation should be written as a Standing Rule. The motion passed; language of a related Standing Rule will be introduced for board action at a subsequent meeting.

**Authorization of the 2017 FOSAPL Operating Budget:** **Mary McAfee** moved to accept the budget as it had been presented; **Antoinette Franklin** seconded the motion; the motion passed.

**Approval of the revised bylaws of the Friends of the Bazan Branch:** The motion was made, seconded, and passed without discussion.

**Approval of the revised bylaws of the Friends of the Collins Garden Branch:** The motion was made, seconded, and passed without discussion.

**Approval of the revised bylaws of the Friends of the Memorial Branch Library:** The motion was made, seconded, and passed without discussion.

**Approval of a holiday bonus for Andrea Mason, BookCellar Manager:** **Richard Morales** made a motion to award \$100 to **Andrea Mason**, and **Mary McAfee** seconded it. The motion passed.

**Approval of a holiday bonus for Alana Woods, Newsletter Editor/Webmaster:** **Mary McAfee** made the motion to award a holiday bonus of \$100, **Antoinette Franklin** seconded. **Nancy Gandara** gave a brief statement concerning "extra" work that Ms. Woods had been asked to do during 2016. The motion passed.

## ADJOURNMENT

After expressing her appreciation for the refreshments that had been provided by **Pat de Pasquale** on behalf of the Friends of the Semmes Branch, President **Matson** adjourned the meeting.



## Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Branch Library welcomed **Heidi Novotny** as its new Branch Manager in November. **Charity Gallardo**, the former Branch Manager, left several months ago to accept a position in Rockford, IL. Teen Librarian **Caroline Mossing** served as the interim Branch Manager. Thank you, **Caroline**, and welcome, **Heidi**!

We recently placed a plaque on a small playhouse in the children's area, recognizing a generous donation received from **Harriet Porterfield**, a Friend who moved to the New Braunfels area. Prior to placing the plaque, we asked **Harriet** if she would allow us to publicize her donation. Her response touched us, and we wanted to share it with the rest of you: "I would be honored to be recognized on a plaque at the library! Public libraries have a very special place in my heart. When I was a child . . . books were expensive . . . the public library and the bookmobile were favorite haunts of our whole family . . . I am so happy to make even so small a repayment on the vast debt I owe to public libraries. As a retired teacher and one

who loves children, I am thrilled to think that my name will be in the library! Thank you so much." The Brook Hollow Friends and all the children who use the playhouse say: "Thank you, **Harriet Porterfield**!"

At our last meeting on Dec. 3, we approved a budget for 2017 and approved expenditures related to children, tweens, and teens. The Brook Hollow Branch Library held a Winter-Fest Party on Dec. 13 with the Friends providing balloons and refreshments—including cake. As the children have told us, "It's not a party unless there's cake!"

We currently have 62 members and encourage everybody to send in their renewal if they haven't already done so. We haven't yet scheduled our next regular membership meeting, but we anticipate that it will be held on a Saturday in February or March.

*Pat Finley*

## Carver

The Friends of Carver Library are sporting a new look, and calling attention to the branch. How? By their smart black and gold T-shirts that speak to the power of reading.

Their annual fall book sale, held Oct. 14–15, was a hit. The weather was an improvement over the last sale, and business this time around was robust.

October was busy in other ways as the

Carver Friends and the library staff observed National Friends of the Library Week, an observance by the American Library Association that encourages libraries to celebrate the work of their friends' organizations. The staff catered a buffet dinner on the final day of the occasion. Branch Manager **DL Grant** discussed highlights of the year with the organization and concluded the evening with a state-of-the-branch address. He closed thanking the Friends for all they do.

The following day, Saturday, Oct. 22, President **Shirley Coleman** represented the Carver Friends at the branch's College Fair, which attracted more than 100 participants. Schools represented included the University of Texas at Austin, Texas State University, Our Lady of the Lake University, UTSA, Trinity University, the University of the Incarnate Word, and her own alma mater Prairie View A&M University. She greeted students and assisted the Prairie View Alumni recruiters.

On Dec. 9, the Friends catered a sit-down dinner for Carver employees. Mrs. Coleman said she wanted to thank the branch for all they do for the community.

*DL Grant, for Shirley Coleman*

## Igo

The Friends of the Igo Branch Library invite you to visit and partici-

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pate in our programs during January and February 2017.

The San Antonio Romance Authors invite the public to learn more about creative writing, and especially romance novels, by attending their meetings at Igo Library on the third Saturday of each month. A different topic will be discussed each month. Programs are free of charge.

Invite your teens to join us for the weekly teen program on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. Video games, board games, crafts, we got them all! Or, just come out and hang with all the other teens.

Ten years ago a small group of volunteers got together along with **John Igo** to form the original friends group at the Igo Branch Library. We will be having our 10th year celebration later this year, time and date to be announced later.

Now a personal note, I have stepped down from the Office of President of the Igo Branch Friends and I wish to thank all of the Friends of the John Igo Branch Library for all the hard work they have put into make our programs and book sales a success. **Tom Hill** will be taking over as President of the Igo Branch Friends starting in January 2017.

*Jose Duran*

The Igo Library Elderberries continued its **Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon** tradition on Friday, Nov. 18. Approximately 65 Elderberries and friends enjoyed good food, renewing and making new friendships, the Pickin' and Grinnin' Band, and a fashion show for older adults (photos on page 6.)

The May Older Americans Month Senior Speed Connect @Igo was so successful with excellent media coverage that the American Library Association's Programming Librarian

website requested that it be written up and described as a model program for their national website (<http://programminglibrarian.org/programs/senior-speed-connect-igo>).

*Irene Scharf*

## Las Palmas

Our first ever "Día de Los Muertos" program held Nov. 2 at the Library and the adjacent YWCA was definitely a success. Many families came and took part in the activities coordinated with the Library's "partners," student volunteers from Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU), Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, MetroHealth, and the YWCA.

A number of veterans from WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Gulf War were honored and presented awards and mementos at the Veterans Day observance on Nov. 9. The event was the result of tireless efforts by Las Palmas Friend **Gloria Almaraz** who took the lead on publicity in the community and secured the attendance of commanders and/or representatives from five Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Posts, the Armed Forces Parade Association, and one of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) Councils. The Honor Guard of middle school students from the Gus Garcia ROTC program and their group's participation in the program added a special touch to the evening's ceremonies.

Another of our Friends, **Robert Ramirez**, is helping coordinate a display between the Library and the San Antonio River Authority that details the grand opening of the renovated Elmendorf Lake Park (January 2017), adjacent to OLLU. Since Las Palmas is the closest library to the park,

the display will provide information to the community as to the environmental, recreational, and aesthetic features that are part of the renovation and that will be available for their use and enjoyment.

As many of you may already know, four library locations are currently in the City of San Antonio's proposed 2017-22 Bond Program that will be voted on in the May 2017 elections. At present, the Las Palmas Library is listed under the Bond's Facilities Improvements category for an amount of one million dollars. At one Facilities Improvements Committee meeting, Friends members spoke on behalf of Las Palmas during a "citizens to be heard" segment and we have also requested letters of support from area businesses/organizations. The City Council will meet soon to decide on the projects that will remain on the "final" proposed Bond Program. We will continue to support the Las Palmas Library's inclusion in the Bond and encourage other Friends groups to contact their respective City Council members for support of all the library projects.

Our December holiday get-together with Library staff was a chance to show our appreciation to the hard-working Las Palmas Library staff and also to say farewell and best wishes to the Library Manager **Mary Kay Rathke**, who left San Antonio to rejoin her family.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

## McCreless

McCreless Friends officers for 2017 are: **Jill Zimmerman**, President; **Christel Villarreal**, Vice-President; **Lucy E. Duncan**, Secretary; **Paula Massengale**, Publicity; and, **Mary Gallagher**, Treasurer.

We thank Paula for her years of service as President and appreciate Lucy and Mary for continuing to serve in their positions. We look forward to supporting library staff as they keep McCreless library a vibrant part of the community.

**Vera Banner, Christel Villarreal, Lucy E. Duncan, Jill Zimmerman, José T. Campos, Bernadette Naverro** answered the call from **Margarita DeLeon**, the current District 3 representative on the SAPL Board of Trustees to attend the final Facilities Improvements Bond Committee in support of funding for facilities improvements to McCreless Library, as well as other library projects. (see photo). We received word that our



presence at the meeting had an impact and was appreciated by the Library Board members.

Ending 2016, the Friends will show our appreciation to the library staff by providing holiday gift cards to the staff, shelving for toddler's books from Library Manager **Morgan Hansen's** library wish list, and funds to be used for holiday projects, supplies, and refreshments. Mary reports that we have \$1,953.88 in our account, including a \$50 donation by **Bonnie Simmons** in memory of her brother **Cliff Robin**.

Mark your calendars NOW to join us at the next General Meeting of the McCreless Friends group on Monday, February 6, 2017, 6 p.m., in the library meeting room. The next book sale will be held Saturday, Feb. 11, 2017.

*Jill Zimmerman*

## BookCellar Protocol for the Request of Inventory

Stephanie Serrata

Many branch Friends groups are not aware that they may request surplus BookCellar materials to supplement items available for branch sales. The procedure to request BookCellar “overstock” items includes:

1. Contact BookCellar Manager **Andrea Mason** at 210-227-9519
2. Please call at least two (2) weeks in advance of your branch sale
3. Arrange for a member of your branch to pick up the books at the BookCellar during business hours.

Because of shortages in certain subjects and genres, branch groups may be limited to the following items/inventory:

- Ten (10) boxes of duplicate adult fiction
- Three (3) boxes of adult paperback fiction
- Three (3) boxes of children’s books
- Two (2) boxes of juvenile fiction books
- One (1) box of books on CD
- Eight (8) boxes of nonfiction
- Twenty (20) individual albums
- Ten (10) boxes of young adult books

Branches will not be supplied with Easy Readers, Spanish books, vintage books, or markups.

Consideration and good communication between the branch groups and the BookCellar will improve sales for everyone and result in more revenue that can be donated to our libraries!

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## Potential Projects for 2017–2022 Bond Election Would Benefit the Communities’ Libraries

Discussions with representative community members have been ongoing concerning projects for inclusion in the 2017–2022 Municipal Bond Election, and you can find out in-depth information by going to [www.sanantonio.gov/2017Bond](http://www.sanantonio.gov/2017Bond).

Funding for library improvements at the Memorial branch, McCreless branch, Las Palmas branch and Central Library that total \$8.5 million have been proposed, in addition to projects to build or improve streets, bridges, sidewalks, parks, drainage and flood control, and other neighborhood improvements. San Antonio’s stable and growing economy has made it the only U.S. city among the top 10 largest to have earned the “AAA” rating from all three credit rating companies.

## Show that You Are Friend Indeed, to A Friend in Need

Nancy Gandara

Did you know that YOU are one in a thousand—one of a thousand Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, that is? At this time of the year, when the annual membership drive is going on, I’d like to remind you of how your “membership dues” are spent.

Of a \$15 individual adult membership, \$5 is allocated to the branch or interest group that the member designates. A group of 25 members will “earn” \$125 for the group, just by getting everyone to pay their dues promptly—so make sure that your family and neighbors send their checks in right away. And don’t forget that they could also use PayPal, if they want to go online to pay the membership.

The remaining \$10 of the basic membership payment is used to cover expenses of the organization such as insurance, accountant fees, preparation and mailing of the newsletter, seed money for new Friends’ groups, etc. A Treasurer’s Report that itemizes those expenses is made to the FOSAPL board of directors every other month, and they are available for viewing on our website at [www.friendsofsapl.org/treasurers-reports.html](http://www.friendsofsapl.org/treasurers-reports.html).

Our largest single “expense” is the donation made to the San Antonio Public Library—last year, the FOSAPL gift of \$55,000 was used for public programming at all library locations, marketing and staff training and development—areas not covered by the city budget. When combined with the contributions made by the Friends of 28 branch groups—\$73,000 in 2015—you can understand why your Friendship is so important to the San Antonio Public Library. Have you mailed in your membership envelope, yet?

### Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

#### Donations

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|---|----------------------------|
| Sandy Allison                             | LTC & Mrs. Richard Malone  |
| Margaret Aslakson                         | Linda Nairn                |
| Dr. Mark Drogin                           | Maurisa L. Perotti         |
| Sheila Figueroa                           | Carolyn Peterson           |
| Paul Fitzpatrick &<br>S. Collette Daubner | Paul Rode                  |
| Pega & John Gaddis                        | Denise & Jim Schneider     |
| Peggy Gracy                               | Joanne Seymour             |
| Manfred & Jane Groth                      | Patrick H. Swearingen, Jr. |
| Patsy Pittman Light                       | Dru Van Steenberg          |
| Dale McNeill                              | Earline & Enrique Valdez   |

#### In Memory of:

John Igo by Jose & Beverly Duran  
Jim Matson by Karen Matson  
Adam Serrata by Karen Matson

#### In Honor of:

Friends of the McCreless Library by Karen Matson  
Friends of the Mission Library by Margarita A. Deleon



## From the Library Director



Greetings  
Friends,

Happy New Year! We look forward to continuing to offer you the best library service in 2017. We welcome the

New Year as it will bring many new opportunities, including the opening of the new Schaefer Branch Library in District 2. The new library will be our 30th library location. Keep tuned for more information.

I am pleased to inform you that during the months of January and February the San Antonio Public Library will be observing two very important commemorations: The Holocaust: Learn and Remember and Black History Month. The Library plans to enlighten and inform the community with a series of programs that promote tolerance and help our community understand the importance of tolerance. I invite you to visit our website for a complete list of events and programs.

We will also kick off the spring edition of the Mayor's Book Club. Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor** will introduce her book selection **The Train to Crystal City** by bestselling author and San Antonio local **Jan Jarboe Russell** early in 2017. The book is a dramatic and never-before-told story of a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas during World War II, where thousands of families—many of them U.S. citizens—were incarcerated. Join us and participate in discussions and events that focus on the themes of the book at your favorite library location.

We are also excited to announce our continued partnership with the San Antonio Symphony. During "Symphony at SAPL" this spring, San Antonio Symphony musicians will visit Library locations on Saturdays at 2 p.m. to share their love of music and their experience as professional musicians with children of all ages.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission of your Library system.

*Sincerely,*  
**Ramiro Salazar, Director,**  
**San Antonio Public Library**

## Igo Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon



*Igo Library Elderberries celebrated Thanksgiving with a Potluck Luncheon Nov. 18 with approximately 65 elderberries and friends enjoying good food, renewing and making new friendships, the Pickin' and Grinnin' Band, and a fashion show for older adults.*



**Cindy Pope, Potranco Branch Manager and Karen Matson, FOSAPL President**

## Potranco Grand Opening



*Patrons busy at the computer stations*

## Mayor's Book Club Spring 2017

The Mayor's Book Club was created by Mayor **Ivy R. Taylor** to cultivate a community experience through reading and discussion. This spring's book selection is **The Train to Crystal City** by *New York Times*' bestselling author and San Antonio local **Jan Jarboe Russell**.

The book is a dramatic and never-before-told story of a secret FDR-approved American internment camp in Texas during World War II, where thousands of families—many U.S. citizens—were incarcerated.

Join Mayor Taylor in reading **The Train to Crystal City** and participate in discussions and events that focus on the themes of the book at your local library location. Take part in the Mayor's Book Club and encourage others to join you.

## Forest Hills Friends to be Reactivated

Nancy Gandara

Mark your calendar for Saturday, Jan. 28 (1 p.m.) to attend a meeting to re-activate the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library. We will be electing officers, reviewing bylaws of the group, assigning responsibilities for the "continuous book sale" (cart), and approving donations to the branch for 2017 from existing Friends funds. Money to renovate the branch library may be available in the 2017 City of San Antonio Bond package, and Friends can help make the case of why that would be money well spent. Please join the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch as we head into 2017!

## Clarification of Rules Regarding Book Dealers, and Contact Information

In response to widespread concern about the differences of volunteers at the "branch group" book sales and those who volunteer in the BookCellar, at the meeting of November 20, 2016, the board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library approved the following revisions to the organization's Standing Rules:

**Standing Rule 1H** As it is the Friends' mission and responsibility to realize the greatest possible revenue for the Library from the sale of withdrawn and donated materials, individuals are prohibited from taking advantage of their position (e.g., branch group officer, book sale volunteer) for personal financial profit. Book sellers and/or dealers are not permitted to volunteer to work in the BookCellar. Monitoring of purchases by branch group Friends volunteers/officers who are also book sellers will be done in a manner deemed most effective by each Friends group.

In addition, a sentence previously included in Rule 1H was converted into its own rule, as follows:

**Standing Rule 1J** No one shall sell or use any contact information available to them (i.e., electronic, telephonic or physical address) for personal financial benefit.

## Save the Date

Annual FOSAPL Meeting  
Sunday, January 22, 2017, 2 p.m.  
Central Library Auditorium

## BookCellar News

Evelyn Bonavita

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

Good news! The **50% Off Holiday Blowout Sale** was a great success. Manager **Andrea Mason** announced that it noticeably increased customer traffic even through cold, rainy weather and the Rock and Roll Marathon disruptions. Between Nov. 26 and Dec. 7, we made \$3146.57, with several days left in the sale. (Remember, everything was half price so this is quite a respectable sum.) Premium holiday books, DVDs, adult markups, juvenile markups, juvenile fiction, history, reduced vintage, music CDs, 25¢ nonfiction, and reduced craft and cookbooks were our most popular sellers. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped, especially **Stephanie Serrata**, who cashiered on the busy Saturdays during the sale. Stephanie substituted for regular cashier **Thelma Stewart**.

A very pleasant lunch was held for all Cellar volunteers on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Nine volunteers earned monogrammed purple aprons for 50 hours of work; they will then earn one badge for each additional 50 hours. Three green aprons were awarded to hard workers who have surpassed 2,000 hours. Congratulations!

We also have some more exciting news. **Steve Bennett**, book editor of the San Antonio Express-News, will be donating approximately 20 boxes of new publications to the BookCellar. These books, both hardcovers and paperbacks, are brand new editions sent to the newspaper to be reviewed. You may find your favorite au-



thor's latest effort before it hits the bookstores. These will be available starting Monday, Jan. 2.

We're happy to report that **Pat Konstam** is recovering well from her surgery in mid-November. Her spirits are high, and she hopes to return to her Wednesday workday soon. We have missed you, Pat.

The first sale of the new year will be in January when adult regularly priced 0–300s will go for 50¢ or 3 for \$1. Juvenile non-fiction will be 25¢ each. From February 1–15 romances will be 10 for \$1. Adult and juvenile biographies will also be marked down to 50¢ or 3 for \$1.

The BookCellar is in need of volunteers to work either shift on Thursdays. We know FOSAPL members love our libraries and books. The Cellar is the perfect location for book lovers to indulge their fondness for the printed word. If you haven't visited in a while, drop by. We have a big collection of everything from books to magazines, from music CDs to DVDs, from hardcovers to paperbacks. And four hours of good fellowship and shelving or pricing or cashiering once a week can be a lot of fun. Call **Andrea Mason** and sign up!

And last but certainly not least, **Richard Morales** has been re-elected by the BookCellar Committee to be chairman for another term. This is not the easiest job in the world, and we all appreciate the hard work and attention Richard has devoted to the store over the past two years.



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## Brook Hollow Library Winterfest

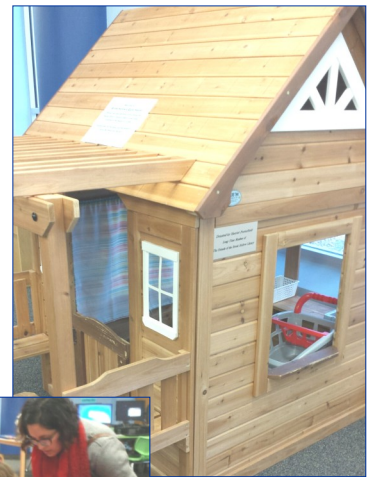


Children's Librarian **Rachael Barrera** reading to the children at WinterFest. The cake—a **MUST** at these functions!



Children around one of the four activity tables.

A small playhouse in the children's area with the new plaque recognizing the donation from **Harriet Porterfield**.



## November at Las Palmas

Las Palmas Library celebrated Dia de los Muertos with activities for everyone Nov. 2.

A number of veterans from WWII, the Korean War, Vietnam, and the Gulf War were honored and presented awards and mementos at the Veterans Day observance Nov. 9



## Special Gift for Your Membership Renewal

**Linda Cheatum**

This year's renewal mailing includes a special reward.

As a thank you for a prompt response to the 2017 membership renewal effort, members returning their payment will be sent an acknowledgement card granting their choice of a free regular-priced book from the BookCellar.

Details will be included in the mailing to members.

Also, any person who joins as a new member will be granted this reward. Membership will begin right away and extend through December 2017.

Please return your membership envelopes as soon as you can. This will help us save the cost of a second reminder mailing.



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## Life Members

### Linda Cheatum

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](mailto: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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Linda Arronge  
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Reports are available online at  
[http://www.friendsofsapl.org/  
treasurers-reports.html](http://www.friendsofsapl.org/treasurers-reports.html)

## The Holocaust: Learn & Remember

The Holocaust: Learn & Remember is a yearly commemoration and remembrance of the Holocaust. With this special commemoration, the San Antonio Public Library hopes to enlighten and educate the community with a series of programs that promote tolerance and help our community understand the importance of acceptance. The 2017 theme, Refuge in the Americas, explores the journey of Jews seeking safety in the U.S. and Latin America.

Programs and discussions throughout the month of January will center on the topic. Library visitors will have the opportunity to hear first-hand accounts of the Holocaust from local survivors, and learn more about the experience from local and national presenters and scholars. Visit [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org) for more information.

### Featured Events

**Thursday, January 26, 6:30 p.m., Central Library Auditorium**

**Hannah Pankowsky**, Holocaust survivor and author, will share the story of her family's escape from Poland in 1940. After living in the Ural Mountains under harsh conditions, they returned after the war and were entered in displaced persons camps until going to Mexico and then the United States.

**Tuesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m., Central Library Auditorium**

Film director **Isaac Arntenstein** discusses **Tijuana Jews**, a one-hour documentary about the thousands of European Jews who sailed to Mexico in the early twentieth century. His documentary tells their story and provides insights into the experiences of the local pioneers who established the Jewish community in the region. A Q&A will follow.

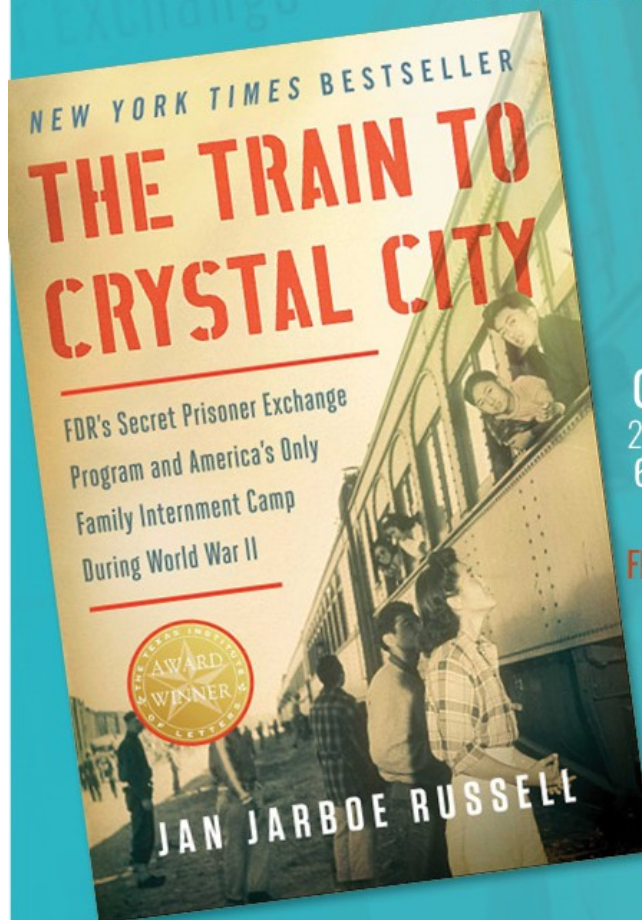
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## Save the Date

### Annual FOSAPL Meeting

**Sunday, January 22, 2017, 2 p.m. • Central Library Auditorium**

- Election of Officers and Board Members
- Keynote Speaker – Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**



## Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

### Approved Budget for 2017

|   | 2017                 |  |
|---|----------------------|--|
| <b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>                          | <b>BUDGET</b>        |  |
| BookCellar sales                              | 83,000.00            | Estimate based on 2016 data                    |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld                 |                      |  |
| Donations and memorials                       | 6,200.00             | Estimate based on 2016 data                    |
| Interest                                      | 400.00               | Estimate based on 2016 data                    |
| Membership                                    | 8,800.00             | Estimate based on 2016 data                    |
| <b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>                          | <b>\$ 98,400.00</b>  |  |
| <b>FOSAPL Budget Expenses</b>                 |                      |  |
| Accounting/Bookkeeping/CPA Services           | 7,200.00             | Tax return/Payroll returns/Contracted Services |
| Arts and Letters program                      | 700.00               | Annual Program                                 |
| Bank charges                                  | 50.00                | Transaction Fees                               |
| FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)   | 200.00               | Refreshments \$30 x 6 meetings                 |
| FOSAPL Insurance                              | 1,200.00             | Bond/Liability                                 |
| Branch Officers Workshop                      | 600.00               |  |
| Membership recruitment                        | 1,000.00             | Membership forms/envelopes                     |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing            | 3,650.00             | SAPLings/Editor/PC Mailing/Bonus               |
| Office supplies                               | 400.00               | Envelopes, Folders, Checks                     |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage) | 1,300.00             | Bulk Mail, P.O. Box, Permit, Postage           |
| President's expenses                          | 150.00               |  |
| San Antonio Book Festival                     | 300.00               |  |
| Seed money for new groups                     | 200.00               | Potranco and Schaefer                          |
| Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)   | 850.00               | Webmaster, monthly fees                        |
| <b>FOSAPL Budget Expense Total</b>            | <b>\$ 17,800.00</b>  |  |
| <b>BookCellar Expenses</b>                    |                      |  |
| Advertising                                   | 300.00               | Rental of Table at Book Festival               |
| Book sale(s) expenses                         | 1,000.00             | Ink cartridges, markers, price labels          |
| Commodities for resale                        | 3,000.00             | Water & Soda, totes purchased in 2016          |
| Equipment and maintenance                     | 1,000.00             | Security system (\$600), file cabinet (\$300)  |
| BookCellar insurance                          | 1,200.00             | Business Liability, Workers Comp               |
| Printing and copying                          | 150.00               | Book marks, business cards                     |
| Salary and benefits                           | 17,500.00            | Payroll, Employers tax, bonus,                 |
| Volunteer appreciation                        | 1,450.00             | Aprons, patches, luncheon                      |
| <b>Book Cellar Budget Expense Total</b>       | <b>\$ 25,600.00</b>  |  |
| <br><b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>              | <br><b>43,400.00</b> |  |
| Library Allotment                             | 55,000.00            |  |
| <b>Total</b>                                  | <b>\$ 98,400.00</b>  |  |



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- January 22** FOSAPL Annual Meeting, Central Library Auditorium, 2 p.m.  
**January 26** **Hannah Pankowsky**, Holocaust survivor and author at Central Library Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.  
**January 28** Forest Hills Branch Library meeting to reactivate the Friends, 1 p.m.  
**January 31** Film director **Isaac Arstenstein** at Central Library Auditorium, 6:30 p.m.  
**February 6** McCreless Friends general meeting, 6 p.m.  
**February 11** McCreless Friends book sale.  
**February 11–12** Igo Friends 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.

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

Forest Hills Library  
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228  
210-207-9230

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

McCreless Library  
1023 Ada Street, 78223  
210-207-9170