



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Now that our annual Fiesta fun is just a memory, we can look forward to our *next* duties and opportunities:



- VOTE from Apr. 24–May 2, or on May 6, as Proposition 4 of the proposed 2017–2022 Bond Program will fund projects that will improve, renovate, and equip six existing libraries and seven other community centers or cultural facilities.
- CLICK on www.saspeakup.com to “voice” your support for library services to be funded well in the City of San Antonio’s FY 2018 operating budget—your comments will make a difference!
- REDEEM the FOSAPL membership postcard you were sent as a “thank you” for your 2017 renewal by May 31 by visiting the BookCellar to choose one *free* regular-priced book (and shop for bargains while you are there).
- SIGN UP for the library’s Adult Summer Reading Program and READ or LISTEN to at least four adult books: in addition to the pleasure derived from reading those books, you’ll win a prize from the Friends.
- VOLUNTEER to help staff at “your” branch with children’s or teens’ programs this summer.
- ATTEND a meeting of your branch Friends’ group and help with a book sale or sell books online for them.
- VISIT the recently opened Schaefer Branch (US Hwy 87E, near China Grove) or Potranco Branch (State Hwy 151 access road, near Loop 410), to see what’s new—and cool!—in library architecture, services, tech, and collections.
- Make a BEQUEST to the Friends or to the San Antonio Public Library so that your will demonstrates your support for future generations of library users.

Don’t know what to do *first*? As Groucho Marx once said, “I must say that I find television very educational. The minute somebody turns it on, I go to the library and read a book.” So just do it!

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Arts & Letters

Robert Mason



If you know an artist, writer, thespian, and/or musician, who excels at his or her artistic endeavor and has also made, or is making, a significant contribution to the community, you should take the time to nominate that person for a 2017 FOSAPL Arts and Letters Award.

The Arts and Letters Nomination Form can be found in PDF form on the FOSAPL web page under Arts and Letters. You can also pick up a Nomination Form at our regularly scheduled board meetings or by contacting Bob Mason by phone (210-670-7914) or email (robertmason005@att.net).

All nominations must be mailed to FOSAPL Arts and Letters, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246 and received no later than August 1, 2017. The date, location, and time of the Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later date. The Arts and Letters Committee eagerly awaits your nominations.



FOSAPL Board Meetings

Sundays at 2 p.m. All Friends welcome

5/21/17	Landa Branch
7/16/17	Bazan Branch
9/17/17	Great Northwest Branch
11/19/17	Schaefer Branch

Downtown Construction at the Central Library

Sarah Carolan, SAPL

Central Library patrons should be advised that construction is currently in effect for surrounding streets to include San Pedro Ave., N. Main Ave. and Navarro St.

Street improvements as part of the San Pedro/N. Main/Navarro Roundabout construction project are scheduled for completion Fall of this year, 2017. This project is led by the City of San Antonio Transportation and Capital Improvements (TCI) Department.

While construction is underway please be aware of street closures, detours and alternate bus routes. Details about the construction progress may be found by visiting the TCI website at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/TCI/Projects/Main-Navarro-San-Pedro-Roundabout>.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Submitted by **Beth Graham**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, March 19, 2017, at the Cortez Branch Library. Vice-President **Kim Cauthon** called the meeting to order at 2:11 p.m. (President **Nancy Gandara** was delayed in traffic. She arrived at 2:20 and assumed the chair.) Secretary **Beth Graham** called the roll and declared that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Nancy Gandara, Kim Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Beth Graham, Karen Matson, Liz Alves, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Beverly Duran, José Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Beverly Harris, Linda Janney, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Mary McAfee, Robert Mason, Pat Peak, Veronica Rouse, Rowena Rodgers, Stephanie Serrata, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Other Friends members in attendance included **Richard Morales**, Chairman, Book Cellar Committee; **Lori Gonzales**, San Pedro Branch Library; **Lupe Ochoa**; **Ann Marie Flores**, **Gabrielle Flores**, and **JoAnn Paredes**, Cortez Branch Library; and **Diana Sánchez**, Cody Branch Library.

Approval of Minutes: **Mary McAfee** moved acceptance of the minutes of the January 22, 2017, meeting of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. **Sandra Wilkinson** seconded; motion was approved.

President's Report: **Nancy Gandara** reported that she had attended meetings of several branch Friends groups and noted that five branches would

be submitting new or revised bylaws for approval under "New Business." She announced that on Thursday, April 6, the Friends of Memorial Branch Library would hold a Civic Academy to educate the public on community issues and to introduce new branch manager **Maria Gonzales**. She noted that she, Treasurer **Linda Cheatum**, and outgoing Treasurer **Beverly Duran** had met with the new bookkeeper to develop accounting and recordkeeping procedures for FOSAPL. Ms. Gandara also noted that meetings had been held with branch managers and Friends officers to inform them of the Library's requirements for Friends expenditures on behalf of the branches.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Report for January and February 2017. It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, which passed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Administration: Assistant Director for Public Service **Dale McNeill** announced that the City's 2016 Bond included \$12.1 million for library projects and he asked that FOSAPL members assist with educating the public about the importance of the bond.

The Assistant Director advised that Library management was in the process of developing the budget proposal for the city's FY 2017–2018 budget. He informed the meeting that public input would be taken differently than in previous years, and asked anyone wishing to comment on the budget go to SASpeakUp.com, or to

attend one of many public events where city staff would be collecting public commentary.

Library Board of Trustees:

Board member **Lupe Ochoa** thanked the Friends for their past support of the library, and asked FOSAPL members to contact their City Council members to discuss library issues in the new budget. She noted that comments could also be entered on a Facebook page, SASpeakUp. She advised that there were T-shirts available for members to wear to events in order to promote support of the Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** reported that 2017 gross income for the Book Cellar was \$17,900 and that volunteers had donated a total of 9,782 hours to the store. He noted that the Book Cellar would have extended hours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., for the San Antonio Book Festival on April 8.

Membership Secretary:

Acting Membership Secretary **Linda Cheatum** reported that the Friends had gained 73 new members since the beginning of 2017; however, as of March 19, 2017, total membership was 1,008, down from a high of 1,025. President **Nancy Gandara** expressed the organization's appreciation for Ms. Cheatum's assuming a dual role as Treasurer and Membership Secretary until a new Membership Secretary could be recruited.

Arts & Letters Awards:

President **Nancy Gandara** noted that the Arts & Letters Awards would be taken up under "New Business."

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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

Nancy GandaraPresident
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Beth Graham Secretary
Linda Cheatum Treasurer
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Arline Braswell • **Shirley Coleman**
Jose Duran • **Antoinette Franklin**
Bruce Gill • **Beverly Harris** • **Linda Janney** • **Mary McAfee** • **Rowena Rodgers** • **Veronica Rouse**
Sandra Wilkinson • **Jill Zimmerman**

2017–2019 Term:

Liz Alves • **Linda Arronge**
Beverly Duran • **Yolanda Kirkpatrick**
Pat Konstam • **Robert Mason**
Pat Mendiola • **Pat Peak**
Stephanie Serrata • **Delia Trimble**

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

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Nancy Gandara.....Ex Officio

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Carver Branch Library: **Jill Zimmerman** moved approval of the bylaws; **José Duran** seconded; the motion was passed without discussion.

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Cortez Branch Library: **Stephanie Serrata** moved approval of the bylaws; **Shirley Coleman** seconded; the motion was passed without discussion.

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library: **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** moved approval of the bylaws; **José Duran** seconded. Ms. Kirkpatrick offered some comments about the branch; the motion was approved unanimously.

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Guerra Branch Library: **Mary McAfee** moved approval of the bylaws; **Bob Mason** seconded; the motion was passed without discussion.

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell: **Stephanie Serrata** moved approval of the bylaws; **Antoinette Franklin** seconded. **Veronica Rouse** offered some comments about the branch; the motion was passed unanimously.

Approval of ad-hoc committee to conduct the 2016

FOSAPL financial review: President **Nancy Gandara** announced that **Linda Cheatum**, **Beverly Duran**, **Antoinette Franklin**, **Yolanda Kirkpatrick**, **Bob Mason**, and **Mary McAfee** had been proposed to conduct the financial review.

José Duran moved that the committee be approved as proposed; **Pat Peak** seconded. The motion passed without discussion. The committee will report at the May meeting.

Approval of 2017 Arts and Letters Awards Committee: President **Nancy Gandara** announced that **Bob Mason** and Vice-President **Kim Cauthon** had been proposed as committee co-chairs, with **Shirley Coleman**, **José Duran**, **Lori González**, **Beth Graham**, and **Pat Peak** as members. **Kim Cauthon** noted that **Beverly Harris** and **Jill Zimmerman** had also volunteered to serve on the committee and asked that their names be added. She added that the Central Library Auditorium was on tentative hold for a ceremony on October 22. **Delia Trimble** moved approval of the committee and **Jill Zimmerman** seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Request for support of a 2017 adult summer reading program: Assistant Library Director **Dale McNeill** presented a letter from **Haley Holmes**, Coordinator of Library Services to Adults, requesting that the Friends support the adult summer reading program by donating books from which adults could choose an award after completing the program. **José Duran** moved that the request be approved; **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** seconded. After some discussion about the logistics of actually delivering the books to library locations, President **Nancy Gandara** said that a committee would be appointed to coordinate those details; **Delia Trimble** and **Diana Sánchez** volunteered. The motion then passed unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

After expressing her appreciation for the refreshments that had been provided by the Friends of the Cortez Branch Library, President **Nancy Gandara** requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mary McAfee** made the motion, **Delia Trimble** seconded, and it was passed without discussion.



Brook Hollow

At our quarterly membership meeting on March 18, the Brook Hollow Friends agreed to purchase two “Summer Reading” t-shirts for each Brook Hollow employee. The Friends also agreed to purchase the items requested by Branch Manager **Heidi Novotny**, including furniture (tables and chairs) for the Teen Area, a button maker and related supplies, and funds for various children’s programs.

The Brook Hollow Friends were organized in April 1997. In recognition of that event, **Pat Bjornson** suggested that we hold a “20th Birthday Party” in April at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. The party was held on Saturday, April 8, from 1pm – 3pm. Refreshments included punch and cookies, and all visitors were given a goodie bag, created and filled by Membership Chair **Ronnie Retzloff**. **Heidi** helped us set up the equipment needed for our slide show and split her time between the party and helping to man the Circulation Desk in the Library. There were 15–20 Friends (including several long-time members we haven’t seen lately – **Beverly Jackson** and **Fred and Jane Groth**), and a number of library patrons stopped in. Some of the young children appeared surprised (and disappointed!) at seeing so many adults, but most of the adult patrons said they hadn’t

been aware of the Friends and were glad to learn about the organization. We were especially pleased to meet **Marcie Ince**, our new District 9 Representative on the Library Board of Trustees, who stopped by to say “Hi” and distribute Fiesta medals! A PowerPoint slide show documenting the Friends’ activities from 1997–2017 (courtesy of **Beth Crabb** and her daughter **Bella**) was excellent – we laughed (or groaned) at some of the pictures and reminisced about events that occurred during the past 20 years.

We hope to host a Staff Appreciation Dinner in May or June at Alamo Cafe but have not yet been able to confirm a date.

Members have responded favorably to the monthly email alert that **Ronnie Retzloff** initiated several months ago as a way to improve communication with our members. She sends an email between the 1st and 5th of each month to advise Brook Hollow Friends of future events at the Branch Library. Thanks, **Ronnie**, for coming up with this great idea.

Our next quarterly membership meeting will be held at the Brook Hollow Library on Saturday, June 3, at 1:00 pm.

Pat Finley

Carver

Carvers Friends started this year with a blast. We are truly excited about finally getting a vice president. She is **Joan Collins**, a retired teacher and Joan is a great asset to our organization. Friends know it takes willing hands to put on a successful book sale. We could not have done it without **John Coleman**, **Joan Collins**, **Beverly Harris**, **Kathy Bee**, **Shirley**

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Davis, Margo Odoms, and Shirley Coleman.

A special thanks to those who came on Thursday to assist in setting up the books. Our book sale was very successful, and our book nook continues to provide additional funds for us. Friends' membership continue to increase year to year.

Kathryn Diane Grace donated (4) sets of books to Carver Friends for the book sale. We sincerely thank her for such a generous donation as well as other who donated too.

Children's Librarian **Jodi Miller** scheduled two events during spring break for students. Carver Friends sponsored these two events. The first was a lecture on Texas snakes by **Blaine Eaton** of the South Texas Herpetology Association. Forty-five people (37 kids & 8 adults) enjoyed the program; part of the audience was from Ella Austin Community Center. The participants even had an opportunity to hold a couple of the snakes. The second event was drummer **Orlan "T-Box" Gonzalez**. He did an interactive drumming program. There were eight individuals in attendance. These participants learned about different kinds of drums and they were able to play on some of the instruments.

Actress **BernNadette Stanis** of television's "Good Times" was at Carver Branch Library April 22 for a book signing. Title of her book is *The Last Night*. She also headed a panel that shared life lessons and experiences as caregivers of loved ones. Panelists included **Jo Angela Waters, Joyce Lindsey, and Dorothy Williams**, social worker/facilitators. The discussion was about Alzheimers. Carver Friends sponsored the reception at this event.

Carver friends thanks the community and patrons of the library for their support.

Shirley Coleman

Great Northwest

*In Memory of
Brian H. Eckler*

In March, the Great Northwest Branch Library welcomed a memorial gift—a display case from **Lora Eckler** in honor of her late husband, **Brian**. The first items to be displayed are rocks from a Friend's collection and books from the GNW juvenile section in relation to Earth Day in April. Visitors to the library have expressed their pleasure in this new feature at the library. Plans are underway for rotational changes to the displays as the year progresses.

The Book Nook has been very active as we were fortunate to receive more than 1200 DVD donations from a local family in the Great Northwest community. The GNW Friends also welcomed a donation to the library from Kirlin Builders of a 12' whiteboard for the children's area. The Children's area received a makeover in the form of new curtains to the puppet house just in time for the exciting summer program.

Donations are being received for two tickets to the theater presentation of Matilda on June 9. The recipient of the tickets will be determined from the list of donors on May 26. We are grateful to our FOGNWL President **Denise Barlow** who donated the tickets as a fundraiser for the summer programs.

Debra Tapley

Igo

We are about to enter into the summer months and the most fun time of the year.

We have voting for our local government and bonds just around the corner. Early voting goes April 24 thru May 2. The regular voting on May 6 with run-off scheduled for the second week of June.

Our next book sale is June 3 and 4 to coincide with the summer reading program start.

Our May meeting is scheduled for May 27, and we will announce our plans for the book sale. We'll also be asking for volunteers to help with the book sale.

Tom Hill

Landa

A meeting to elect new officers was held on April 17, 2017. They are as follows: President: **Judy Yaeger**, Vice President: **Edwina Scinta**, Secretary: **Sheila Figueroa**, Treasurer: **Dru VanSteenberg**, and Book Sales Co-Managers: **Sheila Figueroa** and **Susan Chambers**. A HUGE thank you to our past officers: **David White, Landon Middleton**, and **Pat DePasquale**. Thank you so very much for ALL your hard work!!!!

Sheila Figueroa

Las Palmas

Las Palmas Friends funded one of the Spring Break programs for the children from the Jolly Joeys Company, four clowns who entertained with balloon characters and face painting. Library staff member, Patricia, also coordinated crafts during this event. We provided the snacks for the children.

Friends from the Collins Garden Library collaborated with the Las Palmas Friends for the Port San Antonio annual Fiesta event, "Fiesta de Los Niños," held April 2. Activities

included arts and crafts for the children, information on Library services and programs, the Library's Friends organization, and the May election for the 2017–2022 Bond. Folks were encouraged to do early voting and approve the Bond, it includes the Libraries!

We have started to collect books (categories: recent publications, best sellers, and/or by popular authors, etc.) that will be used as prizes for those who read the required number of books in the Library's Adult Summer Reading Program.

Donations are always welcome.

Also for the summer, we're coordinating with several organizations that are interested in doing "hands-on" STEM-related programs, and we'll be researching additional activities for the Las Palmas community.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Spring has officially sprung! Another successful Maverick Friends' Spring Book Sale has come and gone.

As everyone knows, it takes more than a couple of folks to stage a book sale, and Maverick is blessed with some great workers. **Roe Klepac** and **Barbara and Franklin Steinhauer** got things rolling by putting up the outdoor signs for us. They joined **Sue Ratliff** to set up the tables and signs for the sale.

There are more folks to thank for putting out the books, working one or both days of the sale, and cleaning up after the sale. A tip of the Maverick hat to **Elizabeth Bircher; Joan Daily; Amanda Dickinson; P.J. and John Gaddis; Kim, Kylie and Alice Henage; Roe Klepac; Rick Meuse; Sara Piety; Chris Ng;**

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Barbara, Franklin and Benjamin Steinhauser; and **Sue Ratliff** for making the sale not just possible, but fun for everyone. Of course the Friends couldn't do it without the support of Branch Manager **Jef Martin** and his wonderful staff.

Our big feature for this sale was a drawing for a basketball signed by **Patty Mills**. We're happy to report **Jacquelyn Sykes**, one of our long time supporters as both a buyer and donor, was the winner.

Next up at Maverick is the Summer Reading Program. Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts** has plans for a great summer. There will be Kick-Off party, but the date is still to be determined to accommodate a possible run-off election. Watch the Maverick calendar for updates.

Happy Tails will bring live animals to the library at 2 p.m. on June 28. This special program is geared to school-age children. An alpaca will be one of the animals attending!

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

Friends of McCreless Library is in the process of purchasing a replacement refrigerator for the staff break room. We are also pleased to be able to contribute to funding spring and summer children's activities. Our next meeting is on Monday, May 22, at 6:00 pm. We will then finalize plans for our June 17 book and media sale which will spotlight items of interest to dads and grads, such as a series of Star Trek paperbacks, a variety of mystery series, westerns and others. Of special interest to crafters will be a collection of craft magazines. Have a fun summer!

Paula Massengale

Memorial

The Memorial Amigos held their second quarter meeting of 2017 on Tuesday evening, April 4. They finalized plans for a civic academy, Oyster Bake parking, and an appreciation lunch during National Library Week on April 11.

On Thursday, April 6, the Amigos held a welcome reception for new Memorial Library manager **Maria Gonzales** prior to a civic academy about the six propositions on the 2017 San Antonio City Bond. Transportation and Capital Improvements Assistant Director **Razi Hosseini** made the presentation. **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez**, SAPL Public Services Administrator, briefly described the input process for upgrades and expansion to the public library facilities, including Memorial and Forest Hills library branches, if Proposition 4 passes. **Lora Devlon Eckler**, Library Board Trustee for District 6, who also served on the Facility Improvements Committee for the Bond, provided additional input about the bond development process and the

potential impact of the bond. FOSAPL President **Nancy Gandara** and Vice-President **Kim Cauthon** attended, as well as Friends of Forest Hills Library, Memorial Amigos, and staff and interns from MOVE San Antonio (movesanantonio.org), a non-profit, non-partisan organization working to engage young adults in civic engagement and democracy building.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Pan American

We will conduct our second annual Youth Garden Day Camp from June 19–21. Educators from the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service and Pan American Library staff will facilitate this three-day program for 7–10 year olds. Participants will learn about plants and gardening through hands-on activities. This program is free, but space is limited, so registration is required. Snacks will be provided. Pan American is a recognized chapter of the Junior Master Gardening Program. Participants completing all

three days will earn the Golden Ray Series certificate. Parents and grandparents may volunteer to share their knowledge of nature and build a valuable collective learning experience with the youth. Pan American will continue to offer the program as a unique way to connect literacy, learning, and an appreciation for nature as a regular part of the library visit.

Jesse Valdez

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Special programming this period including Teen Tech Week where Teen Librarian **Megan Coker**, hosted various tech activities for teens for 5 days. Teens enjoyed gaming activities and special robotic sessions each day where attendance ranged from 16–35 teens. Ms. Coker also started a new Anime/Manga club for both tweens and teens. At the first session, attendees enjoyed candy sushi and selected the group's name as "Tobin Tofu" and decided on meeting twice a month. Children's Librarian,

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Library Improvements Included in the 2017–2022 Bond Election

Based on the recommendations of 160 people who served on committees that studied the future needs of San Antonio, the Mayor and City Council selected ballot-measures for an \$850 million General Obligation Bond Program. On May 6, 2017, voters will decide on six separate Propositions to fund improvements to streets, bridges, drainage, flood control, parks, public safety facilities, etc. "Proposition 4" includes 13 projects that would rehabilitate and improve libraries and community centers. Library projects include:

- Central Library (first floor re-envisioning and Children's area transformation)—\$3 million
- Texana & Genealogy Resource Center Project—\$700,000, plus leveraged private funds raised by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation
- McCreless Branch Library renovation—\$2.5 million
- Memorial Branch Library renovation—\$3.3 million
- Las Palmas Branch Library renovation—\$1.7 million
- Forest Hills Branch Library renovation—\$900,000

For more information about the 2017 Bond Program, go to www.sanantonio.gov/2017Bond.

From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

We have had an exciting few months here at the Library. On March 25, we opened Schaefer Branch Library, the 30th San Antonio Public Library Location. Attendees had a great time meeting the staff, checking out the spaces, marveling at the public art piece and playing on the new playground provided by the Rotary

Club and Kingdom for Kids.

We also celebrated another successful San Antonio Book Festival. Approximately 20,000 people attended the free day-long event, which featured over 100 local, regional and national authors. Children, teens, and adults of all ages enjoyed panel discussions, author readings, book signings, cooking demonstrations and more.

Several Library team members attended the Texas Library Association (TLA) Annual Conference held in San Antonio, April 19–21, at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. We are excited to announce that TLA awarded Potranco Branch Library with the Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award which recognizes a project that exemplifies the highest levels of achievement, professional standards, and inspiration to other libraries. In addition, the Schaefer family was awarded the TLA Benefactor of the Year Award for their generous contribution to the Schaefer Branch Library.

Coming up in May, we're looking forward to the 3rd annual Teen Arts Fest produced for teens by teens from Eclectic Electric at the Teen Library at Central. Teens 13–18 are invited to take part in a celebration of music and digital arts, a teen art show, spoken word, performing arts, fashion, short film screenings, an arts slam, and dance performances. There will also be an opportunity to get involved with local organizations that support teens and the arts.

We will also be celebrating Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May with important programs and events that recognize the importance of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders and Native Hawaiians to the American story. After that comes Pride Month in June, a time to celebrate the LGBTI community in San Antonio. Check mysapl.org for program listings.

Finally, June 1 marks the start of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and Summer Reading Program. This year's theme is Build a Better World. Whether you think like an engineer or an environmentalist, an artist or an animal rights activist – the library has books you'll love to read and activities you're sure to enjoy. Please help us spread the word with the community.

As always, thank you for your continued support of the mission of your Library system. If you aren't already following us on social media, be sure to like our pages on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and Snapchat at mysapl.org.

Sincerely,
Ramiro Salazar

Branch Leaves, from p 5.

Karen Braeuler, similarly had a different daily come-and-go craft for each day during Spring Break week. Many families enjoyed the variety of creative art and materials. Together, Ms. Braeuler and Ms. Coker hosted a special afternoon hour with area librarians from nearby schools to enhance the branch's community connections. Librarian, **Rhonda Woolhouse** hosted a special Henna tattoo event thanks to the Friends, who funded the materials and fee for a professional Henna/Mehnd artist who shared history and information about the ancient art. Visitors were able to get an

exquisite decoration on their hand for free by the presenter.

Thanks to the very generous funding of the Tobin Library at Oakwell Friends, a Reading Castle was purchased and installed in the Juvenile area. The bright yellow roof catches the eye of both kids and parents to read a book or enjoy puzzles and sensory toys inside. A beaded maze face named Wilbur was bought by the Friends as well and mounted for young toddlers. They can explore colors and shapes while enhancing eye and hand coordination when moving the beads along the various tracks.

Alethea Bugg

Presented by Eclectic Electric at the Teen Library@Central

TEEN ARTS FEST

Saturday, May 6
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Central Library
600 Soledad St. 78205

- Music and Digital Arts
- Teen Arts Show • Spoken Word
- Performing Arts • Fashion
- Short Film Screenings
- Art Slam
- Dance

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Carver Book Sale



Submitted by Beverly Harris



Great Northwest Branch Library welcomed a memorial gift—a display case from **Lora Eckler** in honor of her late husband, **Brian**. The first items to be displayed are rocks from a Friend's collection and books from the GNW juvenile section in relation to Earth Day in April.

BookCellar News

Stephanie Serrata

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

Come one, come all and check out what's happening at the BookCellar. On Saturday, April 8, 2017, we extended store hours (10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) for the 5th annual San Antonio Book Festival. Eighteen BookCellar volunteers donated their time and hard work to make BookFest a special day. Jimmy John's catered lunch, and volunteers enjoyed an assortment of delicious sandwiches, chips, and sweet treats. Thanks again to everyone who brought in snacks to share. BookCellar made \$2,177.05 during this one-day event, and everything ran like a well-oiled machine due to coordinated team work and an exceptional work ethic.

Over the last few weeks, the Book-Cellar has sponsored a series of workshops for all volunteers in order to implement current policies and procedures. The cashier workshops were conducted by **Stephanie Serrata** and were mandatory for all current cashiers and any volunteer wishing to become a cashier. We covered several topics, ranging from the proper use of the square and iPad to customer relations. **Betty Walters** held a workshop on book repair and taught volunteers how to repair a broken book spine and loose covers. Several people attended these workshops. **Linda Cheatum** was in charge of the shelving workshops and discussed the Dewey decimal system and the procedure for properly shelving inventory. **Robert Mason** kindly agreed to give an inventory/processing workshop for all new merchandise arrivals.

May sales: Regularly priced adult paperback fiction will be 50%



off. Paperback science fiction, westerns, classics, romance and Spanish are excluded.

June sales: Regularly priced adult biographies will be 50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00. Juvenile biographies will be on sale for 25¢ each. Regularly priced adult and juvenile 900s will also be on sale. Adult 900s will be 50¢ each or 3 for \$1.00, and juvenile 900s will be 25¢ each.

All music CDs will be 50% off. Come check out these amazing deals.

On a sad note, it is with heavy hearts that we are announcing the resignation of long-time volunteer and BookCellar Committee member **Pat Konstam**. Pat has served on our committee for over 13 years and wrote "BookCellar News" for the SAPLings until last year. Pat will be greatly missed. Pat, BookCellar Committee Chairman **Richard Morales** is sending you a most heartfelt thank you for your years of service.

Finally, I'd like to give a SHOUT OUT to **Evelyn Bonavita** for all of her hard work and fabulous articles for the "BookCellar News." A special thank you goes out to Evelyn for stepping up and agreeing to be a contributing writer for the BookCellar. Evelyn, I've always admired your writing style. Your articles were interesting, informative, and extremely well crafted. Kudos! I know I have some big shoes to fill, and I promise to do a good job.

This ends another chapter for the "BookCellar News."

Happy reading....



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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| May 7 | Friends of the Forest Hills Branch meeting, 1:30 |
| May 12-13 | Friends of Tobin at Oakwell book sale |
| May 16 | Friends of Collins Garden Branch meeting, 6:00 |
| May 20 | Friends of the Pan American Branch book sale, 11-3 |
| May 22 | Friends of McCreless Branch meeting, 6:00 |
| May 26 | Drawing for tickets to "Matilda" at Great Northwest Branch, 2:00 |
| May 27 | Friends of Igo Branch membership meeting, 10:30 |
| May 26-28 | Friends of Guerra Branch book sale: Friday, 10-4; Sat. 10-4; Sun. 10-3 and every day will be a BAG SALE day |
| June 3 | Friends of Brook Hollow Branch membership meeting, 1:00 |
| June 3-4 | Friends of Igo Branch book sale: Sat. 10-5; Sun. 1-4 |
| June 9-10 | Friends of Semmes Branch book sale: Fri. preview sale 10-11:30; Sat. 10-4 |
| June 17 | Friends of McCreless Branch book and media sale, 11-3 |

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

Collins Garden Library
200 N. Park Blvd, 78204-2434
210-207-9120

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

Great Northwest
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-207-9210

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

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

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

Pan American Library
1122 West Pyron Ave, 78221
210-207-9150

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-207-9110