



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

"One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others."—Lewis Carroll

Luckily, some of the people who have already discovered that "secret" are generous Friends, so join me in thanking them:

Members of the **2018 Arts & Letters Committee**—

Kim Cauthon and **Robert Mason**, co-chairs;
Shirley Coleman, **José Duran**, **Lori González**,
Beth Graham, **Beverly Harris**, **Pat Peak**, and
Jill Zimmerman—who ensured that this year's Awards celebration was memorable and fun!

Friends-group officers and worker-bees who regularly devote their time and energy to stock Book-Nooks, conduct book sales, and provide friendly financial support for their branch library

Manager **Andrea Mason**, members of the **BookCellar Committee**, and **volunteers** who cheerfully sort, shelve, and advise customers every day from 11–3 (and Thursdays until 7)

Our innovative Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** and his team of talented individuals whose energy and expertise keep SAPL progressing

Sheila Figueroa, who promptly sends letters that acknowledge (tax deductible) donations

Recently hired professional bookkeeper, **Rachel Mayfield**, who helps Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** keep an accurate account of the finances of 30 Friends groups, FOSAPL, and the bookstore FOSAPL Vice President **Kim Cauthon**, who has enthusiastically taken on the duties of the **Membership Secretary**, incorporating ideas for the 2018 Membership Recruitment Drive by **Linda Cheatum**, **Beth Graham**, **Linda Janney**, **Pat Mendiola**, and **Delia Trimble**

Webmaster and newsletter editor, **Alana Woods**, who manages to make all photos flattering and all text submissions articulate

Mark your calendar for **January 21, 2018**, to attend the FOSAPL Annual Meeting, which will include election of directors and the latest news about the San Antonio Public Library. Until I see you there, enjoy some cooler weather, good reads, and the company of your Friends!

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Attention All Friends

FOSAPL Annual Meeting

Sunday, January 21, 2018

2:00 p.m. ♦ Central Library

- ♦ Election of directors
- ♦ State of the Library

Arts & Letters Awardees

Henry Brun

Conga dynamo
Henry Brun, "Mr. Ritmo" to his fans, is



hailed as one of the most talented and hardest working professional musicians and band leaders in the United States.

Bill FitzGibbons

Artist Bill FitzGibbons has been creating sculpture for more than 30 years; during his career he has completed more than 25 public art projects and performances in five countries.



Laurel Gibson

Making art takes me to a place of philosophical thought. It



is where my own mind can be expressed freely. Art allows me to leave behind part of my being in clay, paper, canvas, and recycled objects.

Time to Renew Your Membership

Send your renewal in an envelope with your payment or go online (<http://www.awacommunications.com/FOSAPL/website/membership-app.asp>) to renew using PayPal or your credit card. Everyone who joins or renews their membership for 2018 will receive a coupon that may be redeemed at the BookCellar (see page 5). Join today and bring your family, friends, and neighbors with you!

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, September 17, 2017

Submitted by **Beth Graham**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, September 17, 2017, at the Great Northwest Branch Library. President **Nancy Gandara** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. 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, Liz Alves, Shirley Coleman, Beverly Duran, José Duran, Beverly Harris, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Pat Peak, Veronica Rouse, Rowena Rogers, Stephanie Serrata, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included **Andrea Sánchez**, member of the San Antonio Public Board of Trustees, **Delores Huber** (Guerra Branch Friends) and **Denise Barlow** (Great Northwest Branch Friends.)

Approval of Minutes: **Mary McAfee** moved acceptance of the minutes of the July 16, 2017, meeting of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. **Karen Matson** seconded; the motion was approved.

President's Report: **Nancy Gandara** reported she had attended meetings of branch Friends groups at Semmes, Landa, and Westfall, and Friends organizational meetings at the Potranco and Schaefer branches. She also attended a meeting of the BookCellar committee and two meetings of the Library Board of Trustees, as well as a City budget meeting. She invited

Friends members to attend a ceremony at the Brook Hollow Branch Library, where the meeting room would be dedicated to **Neil and Pat Bjornson**, long-time Friends members and supporters of that branch.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Reports for July 31 and August 31, 2017. **José Duran** moved that the reports be accepted; **Mary McAfee** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Administration: Assistant Library Director for Support Services **Kathy Donellan** noted that the Fiscal Year 2017–2018 City Operating Budget had passed, with significant support for the Library. Improvements to the Library budget included: \$450,000 in additional recurring funding for books and materials
\$345,000 for computer replacement at various library locations
\$100,000 for carpet and furniture replacement at the Cody Branch Library.
\$150,000 for space modification and furniture replacement at the Pan American Branch Library
\$112,000 for space modification and furniture replacement at the Thousand Oaks Branch Library
\$600,000 for foundation repair and HVAC improvements at the Landa Branch Library
\$100,000 for HVAC improvements at the Semmes Branch Library
\$100,000 for roof replacement at the Bazan Branch Library
\$200,000 for HVAC improvements at the Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell

\$100,000 in deferred maintenance funding for the Forest Hills Branch Library parking lot

Kathy advised that a full report would be made at the November meeting to detail spending of the Friends 2017 annual gift to the Library. She noted that general categories funded by the gift included staff training and travel; volunteer services; public awareness; and an organizational initiative called Operation Transformation. She thanked the Friends for their support of the Library.

José Durán asked about the process to dispose of old computers and furniture after replacement. **Kathy** replied that those activities were managed by the City Finance Department. **Delia Trimble** inquired about the planning timeline for projects approved under the 2017 bond initiative; **Kathy** advised that the first milestone would occur in October with the selection of architects for the projects.

Library Board of Trustees: Board member **Andrea Sánchez** thanked the Friends for their support. She asked that Friends membership envelopes be brought to the Library Board of Trustees meeting on September 27 so that trustees could renew their memberships for 2018.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: In the absence of a representative from the Library Foundation, **Nancy Gandara** reported that the Central Library Latino Collection and Resource Center, funded by a public-private partnership coordinated with the Library Foundation, would celebrate its grand opening on September 19. Additionally, she noted that

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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
Kim Cauthon Vice President
Beth Graham Secretary
Linda Cheatum Treasurer
Karen Matson Immediate Past Pres

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SECRETARY...Kim Cauthon

BOARD MEMBERS

2016–2018 Term:

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

Lyn Belisle.....Chair
Beth Graham • Angela Ehrenfried
David Parsons • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods
Nancy Gandara.....Ex Officio

Friends members were invited to attend the Catrina Ball Latino Collection celebration and fundraising event at the Central Library on October 28.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** reported that the BookCellar had year-to-date sales of \$59,473 and that the donation box had collected \$740. He said that the BookCellar currently had 31 volunteers and badly needed additional help. The commitment would be 4 hours once a week, and almost all shifts needed extra personnel.

Membership Secretary: Acting Membership Secretary **Linda Cheatum** noted that current membership stood at 862. A total of 141 new members were added during 2017. She advised that members who had recently joined to establish the Potranco and Schaefer Friends groups would have their memberships carried through 2018. Following her report, she turned management of membership activities over to **Kim Cauthon**, who is assuming the chair of the Membership Committee.

Arts & Letters Awards: Committee Co-chair **Kim Cauthon** reminded the Board that the Arts & Letters Award Ceremony was scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Sunday, October 22, at the Central Library. She noted that an online RSVP link had been added to the front page of the Friends website.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Potranco Branch Library: **Sandra Wilkinson** moved approval of the bylaws; **Delores Huber** seconded. **Nancy Gandara** noted

that the group had a full complement of officers. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of revised bylaws of the Westfall Branch Library:

Shirley Coleman moved that the revised bylaws be approved. **Sandra Wilkinson** seconded; the motion was unanimously approved.

Request to authorize the BookCellar manager to waive, on a trial basis for a year, the requirement that BookCellar volunteers be paid members of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library:

This proposal was intended to support recruitment of more volunteers at the BookCellar. **Linda Cheatum** noted that other local organizations do not require volunteers to be paid members. **Mary McAfee** moved that the request be approved as submitted; **Rowena Rodgers** seconded. After some discussion, and two amendments to the motion, neither of which passed, the question was then called on the original motion, which passed by a vote of ten in favor, six against.

Authorization of Budget Committee: Proposed members of the Budget Committee, to be chaired by **Linda Cheatum**, were **Phil Backhus**, **Antoinette Franklin**, **Nancy Gandara**, **Bruce Gill**, **Beth Graham**, **Richard Morales**, and **Diana Sánchez**. **Karen Matson** moved that the committee be authorized as proposed, and **Mary McAfee** seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Authorization of members of Nominating Committee: **Nancy Gandara** asked for volunteers and/or nominations of persons to serve on the 2018 Nominating Committee to select Board members for 2018–2020. Those nominated were **Mike Belisle**, **Kim Cauthon**, **Karen Matson**, **Richard**

Morales, and **Mary Valdez**. **Mary McAfee** moved that the nominating committee be authorized; **José Durán** seconded; motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT

After some announcements, President **Nancy Gandara** expressed appreciation to **Denise Barlow**, president of the Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library for providing the refreshments, and requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Karen Matson** made the motion, **Sandra Wilkinson** seconded, and it was passed without discussion.



Brook Hollow

September was a busy month for the Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch Library. We held our annual used book sale Sept. 23. Book Sale Chair **Pat Bjornson** noted that 22 members (approximately one-third of our membership!) participated on one or more of the days (prep, sale, and clean-up). Thank you to all who helped! The sale was successful, generating more than \$2,900. The total included more than \$400 worth of charges made using Square. Both the Friends and the public were pleased with how well the Square process worked. We donated thousands of unsold books to the PTA for their annual book sale. Teams from four schools showed up Sunday afternoon and made short work of carting off many boxes of books.

On Sept. 26, we had the Room Naming Ceremony in the

newly named "Pat and Neal Bjornson" meeting room. Special guests included **Paul Stahl** (Chairman of the SAPL Board of Trustees), **Linda Nairn** (Chair of the SAPL Board of Trustees Naming Committee), **Dale McNeill** (SAPL Assistant Director for Public Services), **Cheryl Sheehan** (SAPL Public Services Administrator), and **Nancy Gandara** (President of Friends of the SAPL). Among the numerous other guests were the Bjornsons' adult children, **Becky Benesh** and **Chris Bjornson**, long-time friends of the Bjornsons, and, of course, Brook Hollow Friends. Pat was given a corsage and Neal a boutonniere, and cake and punch were served. Many thanks to all who helped – it was a lovely event and a well-deserved honor for Pat and Neal.

Brook Hollow Friends held their quarterly meeting Sept. 30 and unanimously approved the proposed 2018 Budget. We also approved the 2018 Annual Donation Plan, agreeing to provide gift cards quarterly (or as needed) to Brook Hollow. The Friends will also help fund weekly Yoga classes to be held at the branch in November and December and a release party for "Star Wars – the Last Jedi" on Saturday, Dec. 16. **Richard Bowser** presented the Bjornsons with a lovely framed photo of the two of them standing next to the plaque that honors them.

Officer elections will be held at the Friends' Dec. 2 meeting. Those elected will serve Jan. 1, 2018–Dec. 31, 2019. Please contact me or any officer if you're willing to serve on the Nominating Committee, would like to serve as an officer, or would like to serve as the Chairperson of the Book Sale Committee.

We hope to see you at our next membership meeting on Saturday, Dec. 2, at 1 p.m.!

Pat Finley

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Encino

The Friends of the Encino Library met Sept. 16 to plan the next book sale and to approve the requested funds for the Library. The proceeds from the Encino Library Friends June book sale were used for the Encino Library Fall Family Festival in October. Visitors enjoyed a visit by the firetruck, crafts, a drive-in movie, and fall-related activities on the patio.

The Friends held another successful book sale Oct. 14 bringing in more than \$400.

Encino Library hosted its first-ever Cosplay Con Oct. 21. Attendees enjoyed photo ops, a lip sync battle, costume contests, and door prizes sponsored by the Friends.

November programs at the Encino Library will feature New Moon—Better You with **Laura Stephens-Gleuck** on Wednesday, Nov. 15. Allow the wisdom of astrological archetypes to enrich your self-development. These monthly classes will use the moon cycle as stepping stones to help guide and track personal progress to a better you.

The next Friends of the Encino Library meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 12, at 2 p.m. at the Encino Library.

Carla Pomager

Forest Hills

The Forest Hills Friends provided support for the STEM program Oct. 21.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, at 2 p.m. Please join us.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Igo

It's a busy time of the year both for the Igo Library and the staff itself.

The Igo Branch Library book sale was Oct. 14–15. Hopefully it was successful enough to fund all the upcoming year's programs.

On Nov. 17 (the Friday before Thanksgiving), we will have our annual Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch to celebrate blessings.

We will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Igo Branch Library Dec. 16. For more information, check the mysapl.org calendar.

Tom Hill

Las Palmas

Las Palmas Friends recently welcomed new Manager **Jose Ruiz-Alvarez** and new Adult Services Librarian **Fernando Vasquez**. We met with Jose to update him about the Friends and to discuss the prioritized "wish list" items he and his staff have identified for purchase by Friends.

This year, Friends members participated in the Thompson Neighborhood Association (NA) National Night Out (NNO) (between rain showers) at Kennedy High School on Oct. 3. Because of the weather, the Las Palmas H-E-B rescheduled their NNO for Oct. 10. Together with Library staff members, we met many neighbors there with many neighbors and gave out information about services and programs.

We provided supplies and snacks for the Library's Halloween Party on Oct. 25.

For the 2nd year, we're hosting a Día de Los Muertos event that will be held Wednesday, Nov. 1, at both Las Palmas Library and the adjacent YWCA. In addition to the Children's and Teen Librarians at the Las Palmas Library, participating groups include MetroHealth, YWCA, Las Palmas NA, Thompson NA, and Westwood Square NA. There will be an altars exhibit, arts and crafts (e.g., decorating sugar skulls, etc.), games, and refreshments. Coordinator for the celebration is Friends member **Linda Arronge**.

Also for the 2nd year, we're hosting a Veterans' Day event,

"Women in the Military, Honoring Women Veterans," on Wednesday, Nov. 8, 6:30–9:30 p.m. at El Progreso Hall, 1306 Guadalupe Street. The agenda includes: keynote speaker, Brigadier General **Heather Pringle**, Commander, Joint Base San Antonio; a recognition ceremony; and a small reception. Named sponsors for the observance are District 26, State Senator **José Menéndez**, and District 119 State Representative **Roland Gutierrez**, Chairman of the Defense and Veterans Affairs Committee. Coordinators for this program are Friends **Gloria Almaraz** and **Robert Ramirez**.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Maverick Friends celebrated the autumn equinox with our fall Book Sale. As always, many hands—and backs!—came together to make it a success. We'd like to express our appreciation to the following Friends and friends of Friends, **Amanda Dickinson**, **Barbara** and **Franklin Steinhauer**, **Becky Vargas**, **Cassie Vargas**, **Chris Ng**, **Elizabeth Bircher** and son, **Paul**, **Jan** and **Rick Meuse**, **Jody Summers**, **John Gaddis**, **Kim Henage**, **Patti Mumme**, **Roe Klepac**, **Sara Piety**, **Sue Ratliff**, and the always super helpful Maverick Library staff for their support of our activities.

Our November meeting will be a busy one as we plan our December dinner and an election of officers. We'll also look at our recent book sale to see how we might improve in the future.

As the end-of-year holidays approach, we'd like to wish everyone in the FOSAPL family joy-filled and safe celebrations.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The next McCreless Friends meeting is scheduled for Mon-

day, Dec. 4, at 6 p.m., at which time we will choose a date for our first 2018 book and media sale. We will also elect officers for the new year (hoping that the current slate will agree to continue the fine work they have done this year). New by-laws were approved at our last meeting, as was our customary contribution to staff holiday gifts. Happy Holidays!

Paula Massengale

Memorial

The Memorial Amigos participated in National Night Out (NNO) Oct. 3, at Memorial Library with three local Neighborhood Associations, Memorial Heights, Loma Park, and Loma Vista. The Amigos provided paletas that were well received by those attending. Due to potential rain, the activities were moved into the library. In addition to providing food and beverages, the neighborhood association presidents greeted those attending. State Representative **Justin Rodriguez** stopped by, as well as staff members from the City's Code Enforcement department. The Code Blue dance team from St. Mary's University performed. The evening provided an opportunity for members of the local community to get to know one another better.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Parman

Fall is a busy season at Parman! We encourage patrons to visit our location and to check out upcoming opportunities on our website: <http://mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar/id/par>.

In September, Parman Library hosted the Human Library Project. The Human Library is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through

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dialogue. The Human Library is a place where real people are on loan to readers; a place where questions, sometimes difficult, are expected, appreciated, and answered. Several patrons checked out the titles offered for a 20-min. one-on-one session. Examples of Human Books available included a cheese maker, historian, actress, and game designer. Parman staff were on hand to facilitate this project, and received very positive reviews from attendees. We anticipate hosting another Human Library in the next year.

Parman Library hosted its annual National Night Out Oct. 3. Friends of Parman Library provided hot dogs and School of Rock performed for patrons.

The Friends of Parman Library hosted their annual used book sale over the week-end of Oct. 7. Funds raised support Parman Library programs. We wish to thank patrons for donating books throughout the year for this sale, and for making it a huge success. If you were unable to attend the book sale, please visit our Booktique shelves in the library. We restock a wide assortment of children's, young adult, and adult selections several times each week. If you are interested in volunteering at one of our book sales, please contact Parman Library at 210-207-2703.

Friends of Parman Library hosted the annual Craft Show Oct. 14. Each year, local artisans are encouraged to share their wares with the community. All available tables for this event were sold out.

Parman Library coordinated the annual Spooky Walk and Halloween Carnival Oct. 26. Patrons were invited to enjoy carnival games, puppet shows, crafts, and festivities. Two other SAPL branches were invited to participate by contributing creative displays emphasizing uniqueness of their locations.

Parman Library will host a Multicultural Winter Festival this December. Patrons are encouraged to sign up to share cultures and customs from various countries. Several dance groups will perform. Patrons can look forward to the traditional Winter Walk, various multicultural offerings and a visit from Santa. Please refer to the Parman Library website for more information:

<http://mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar/id/par>.

Rhonda Matson

Texana/Genealogy

Two things of note that happened recently with the Friends of the Texana/Genealogy Department. The first is that the Friends purchased some oral history equipment for the department. The department needed a new tape player with foot pedals to help with the oral history transcription process, which is the most time-consuming part for creating useable oral histories. The pedals make it easier for transcribers to toggle back and forth on the recording that creates better accuracy in transcribing.

The second thing of note was that **Nancy Draves** made a fascinating presentation about her new book (which was her first). *A Promise Ful-*

filled: The Kitty Anderson Diary and Civil War Texas, 1861 is about a young woman who is caught up in the throes of the Civil War here in San Antonio. This remarkable story describes how hostilities forced Kitty Anderson and her family out of San Antonio shortly after Texas' secession.

This diary was unknown until **Nancy Draves** purchased it at an auction from a private collection. Draves used the Texana/Genealogy collections to supplement Anderson's firsthand written narrative with context. Draves has done a wonderful job shedding light on a woman's traumatic experience during her formative years. This book, published by Texas Tech University Press, is \$24.95 and can be purchased from Amazon.

Jacob Sherman

Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Tobin Library at Oakwell held a "Princess Bride" quote-a-long to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the film. Patrons were able to quote along as they watched the movie, as well as being treated to a live fencing demonstration, enjoying snacks and games, and having an inconceivable amount of fun! The Tobin

Friends group funded the license to show the movie along with refreshments and snacks for the event.


In September, **Karen Braeuler** presented the monthly Yoga Storytime that is proving very popular. Kids are learning simple yoga poses as well as enjoying a story and a craft. Also, the Read to a Dog program has been a hit, with children being able to practice their developing literacy skills by reading aloud to a gentle therapy dog.

Monthly Cosplay Prep and Tutorial meetings have been very productive with progress being made on many costumes in time for Halloween.

Supplies for the weekly Teen Time program are provided by Tobin Friends. Teens have participated in a variety of activities including making sock monsters, having a glow in the dark party, and enjoying a healthy cooking class.

The Tobin Friends held their fall book sale Oct. 14, one of two sales held each year to raise additional funds to support the Library. The group funded the purchase of four new book carts at the branch that are being utilized daily at service desks by staff and for browsing of media materials.

Tracey L. Knouse



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In Memory of Roberto Anguiano

Mr. **Roberto Anguiano**, who passed away last month, was the "charter president" of the Mission Friends, and had been a leader in the southside community for decades. Please contact the Chair of the SAPL Trustees' Naming Committee, **Linda Nairn**, to support the request of the Friends of the Mission Branch that the meeting room of the library be named in memory of **Roberto Anguiano**. Contact Ms. Nairn c/o SAPL Administration, 600 Soledad (78205) as soon as possible.

Brook Hollow



Pat (left) and Neil Bjornson stand with the plaque outside the **Pat and Neil Bjornson** meeting room in Brook Hollow Library named in their honor.

Memorial



A City Code Compliance officer addresses NNO participants while Memorial Amigos member and Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association President **Richard Garcia** (right) looks on.

Library Closures

November 2017

- 11/10 Veterans' Day
- 11/22 Early Closure, 6 p.m. (Thanksgiving)
- 11/23 Thanksgiving
- 11/24 Day After Thanksgiving

December 2017

- 12/24 Christmas Eve
- 12/25 Christmas Day
- 12/26 Winter Holiday
- 12/30 Library closed
- 12/31 New Year's Eve

January 2018

- 1/1 New Year's Day
- 1/15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day

February 2018

- 2/19 President's Day

April 2018

- 4/1 Easter
- 4/27 Fiesta San Jacinto

May 2018

- 5/28 Memorial Day

July 2018

- 7/4 Independence Day



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A Testimonial from a Central Library Patron's Interaction with Reference Department

July 25, 2017

A patron came up to Reference Librarian **Frank Neumann** who was working at the Service Desk on the first floor, Connect and asked for a guest pass:

"Do you live in San Antonio?"

"Yes, I do."

"Then you need a library card. Do you have an ID?"

"Yes, but it doesn't have a local address."

"Where are you staying?"

"The GI Forum."

"Did they give you an ID card?"

"Yes, they did."

"Okay, take your Forum badge and your out-of-state picture ID to the counter in the lobby and apply for your card. Then come back, and I'll get you a password."

[Ten minutes later...] "Got your card? Okay, let's get your password..."

"You're good to go. Are you looking for a job? I can direct you to our job center on the fifth floor."

"I've been there. I just got hired. I'm here to fill out some paperwork for my employer."

"Great! Congratulations!"

"Yeah. I'm beginning to feel like a real person again."



Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

In Honor of _____ *by* _____

Sheryl Sculley Nancy Gandara

In Memory of _____ *by* _____

Roberto Anguiano Nancy Gandara

BookCellar News

Stephanie Serrata

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This is **Stephanie Serrata** reporting from the BookCellar (BC) news desk. During the month of September, customers enjoyed our sale on regularly priced adult paperback fiction. Paperbacks flew off the shelves, and customers indulged in newly arrivals from the San Antonio Express-News, romances, and mysteries. This particular sale is always popular, and volunteers worked hard to keep up with customer requests. Job well done to all of the teams who worked to keep our shelves fully stocked.

October saw an increased influx of customers in search of horror authors, such as Stephen King, Dean Koontz, John Saul, and Bentley Little. To all of you zombie apocalypse fans out there, come check out our graphic novels.

October specials included biographies, which were 50¢ each or 3/\$1. Volunteers helped customers search for biographies on celebrities like Lady Gaga, Tom Cruise, Winston Churchill, Henry VIII, Franklin D. Roosevelt, and Abraham Lincoln.

Audio books were specially marked at 25¢ each and small paperbacks were 2/25¢. There was also a special display of Halloween books that were very popular with children, parents, and teachers. Many thanks to everyone who helped make our October sale successful.

ATTENTION BC PATRONS!!!

Are you ready to ring in the holiday season? Our annual 50% Off Holiday "Thank You" sale starts on Saturday, Nov. 25, and runs through Sunday, Dec. 10. There will be **no** extended hours during this event. Everything in the BC will be 50% off. Exclusions are easy readers, Spanish (adult and



juvenile fiction), and regularly priced classics. This year's sale will include a brand new feature lovingly dubbed "The Christmas Flea Market." There will be a patio display of small gift items, stocking stuffers, and Christmas decorations. Come down and help the BC kick off the holiday season. Flea market items **WILL NOT** be half (1/2) off.

Bookmarks

During the months of September and October, the volunteer luncheon committee scouted several restaurants looking for a venue for this year's volunteer appreciation luncheon. The committee visited Jacala Mexican Restaurant on Vance Jackson, Panchito's on McCullough, and The Spaghetti Warehouse on Houston. May we have the envelope please? And the winner is . . . **PANCHITO'S**. BC Chairman **Richard Morales** has arranged an amazing menu that will feature appetizers of queso and nachos, and entrees of fajitas, soft tacos, and enchiladas. Volunteers will also have a choice of a delicious Tres Leches cake and/or sopapillas for dessert. Nicely done, Mr. Chair! It's going to be a great and yummy day for all the BC volunteers.

Finally, the BC is always looking for volunteers. If you love books and are interested in an exciting volunteer opportunity, come visit us at the BC.

This concludes another chapter of the BC news. Join us for the January–February 2018 edition.

Happy Holidays and happy reading . . .

p.s. BC specials are courtesy of **Andrea Mason**.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Nov. 1 Las Palmas Library Dia de Los Muertos
- Nov. 7 Maverick Friends meeting, 7 p.m.
- Nov. 8 Las Palmas Library, "Women in the Military, Honoring Women Veterans," 6:30–9:30
- Nov. 9 Memorial "Amigos" meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Encino Friends meeting, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 15 Encino Library, "New Moon—Better You"
- Nov. 17 Igo Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch
- Nov. 19 FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., at Schaefer Branch Library**
- Nov. 25-Dec. 10 BookCellar's Holiday Thank You Sale (50% off), regular hours
- Dec. 2 Thousand Oaks book sale, 10–3
- Dec. 2 Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 1 p.m.
- Dec. 4 McCreless Friends meeting, 6 p.m.
- Dec. 11 Great Northwest Friends meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 16 Igo Library 10th Anniversary celebration
- Jan. 14 Forest Hills Friends meeting, 2 p.m.
- Jan. 21 FOSAPL Annual Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m.**

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

Brook Hollow Library
530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-207-9030
Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500
Encino Library
2515 East Evans Road
(210) 207-9250
Forest Hills Library
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228
210-207-9230
Great Northwest
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-207-9210
Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-207-9080 (also TTY)
Las Palmas Library
515 Castroville Road, 78237
210-207-9200
Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-207-9060
McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-207-9170
Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-207-9140
Schaefer Library
6322 US Hwy 87 E, 78222
210-207-9300
Thousand Oaks Library
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233
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