



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

One of my favorite legends is that of an old Cherokee who is teaching his grandson about life. “A fight is going on inside me,” he says to the boy. “It is a terrible fight, and it is between two wolves. One wolf is evil—he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, guilt, resentment, lies, superiority, and ego.” The boy nodded, and the old man continued, “The other wolf is good—he is joy, peace, love, hope, kindness, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you and inside every other person too.” “Which wolf will win?” the grandson asks. The old Cherokee replied, “The one you feed.”

This summer, plan to “feed” your better wolf by reading at least 4 books as part of the San Antonio Public Library’s “Build a Better World” Summer Reading Program: it’s not just for children and teens you know! Earn a free book (courtesy of the Friends) by signing up at your favorite branch.

And if *your* favorite is the new Potranco Branch, attend the meeting there on Saturday, July 29, at 2 p.m. and help organize a new Friends group: we’ll be electing officers, approving bylaws, and planning fun ways to support the library.

Our support of the Library system is especially important during the months before approval of next year’s city budget, so don’t be shy about letting your City Council representative know that you believe that “great libraries make great cities.” If your representative is one of the *five* new faces on the council, he or she would find it helpful to know that you value library resources, personnel, and programs.

And please continue to feed the “good wolf” by volunteering at the BookCellar and in the branches, serving as a leader in your branch group, and sharing your passions with family, friends, and neighbors. As declared in the mission statement, “The San Antonio Public Library changes lives through the transformative power of information, imagination, and ideas”—which just might remind you of a certain Cherokee legend.

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Arts & Letters Deadline August 1, 2017

The Arts & Letters Committee eagerly awaits your nominations.

Please nominate your favorite artist, writer, thespian, and/or musician who excels at his or her artistic endeavor and is making a significant contribution to the San Antonio community for a FOSAPL 2017 Arts & Letters Award.

The nomination form can be found on the FOSAPL website:

<http://www.friendsofsapl.org/arts--letters-awards.html>.

All nominations must be received by August 1, 2017.

Save the date for the awards ceremony on

Sunday, October 22, at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Library

Kim Cauthon, co-chair, kimabyrd@hotmail.com

Bob Mason, co-chair, robertmason005@att.net

Call for Volunteers

The BookCellar is in need of volunteers! If you love books, magazines, movies, music and meeting new people, the BookCellar may be the perfect place for you. We are short staffed on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays (p.m. shift), Fridays and Sundays.

Does this sound good, but you’re still not convinced? That’s okay. Come volunteer for one shift and try it out. We are grateful for all our volunteers and we’d love to add to our family. Come visit us in the basement of the Central Library, or call us at 210-227-9519.

Hope to see you soon! Please!!

Little Read Wagon: Play & Learn at the Park in July!

Little Read Wagon, San Antonio Public Library’s early literacy program, invites parents and caregivers and their children birth through five years to Woodlawn Lake Park and Southside Lions Park for special outdoor Play & Learn programs. The programs support the development of young children’s love of books, reading and learning and also provide foundational literacy information and materials to parents, extended family, and caregivers. Join us for a story time and activities as we talk, sing, read, write, and play our way to getting ready for school. Older siblings also welcome!

Schedule:

July 6, 13, & 20 — 9:30 a.m. — Southside Lions Park (Pavilion #4 - park entrance opposite Hiawatha), 4008 Pecan Valley Dr., 78210

July 11 & 18 — 9:30 a.m. — Woodlawn Lake Park (Pavilion)- 1103 Cincinnati Ave., 78201

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, May 21, 2017

Submitted by **Beth Graham**, Secretary

The Board of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, May 21, 2017, at the Landa 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, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Beverly Duran, José Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Bruce Gill, Beverly Harris, Linda Janney, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Mary McAfee, 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; **Lupe Ochoa**, Cortez Branch Library and member of the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees; **Jesse T. Valdez**, Pan American Branch Library; **Jean Brady**, member of the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees; **Sheila Figueroa** and **Susan Chambers**, Landa Branch, and **Betty Walters**, Thousand Oaks 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. **Delia Trimble** seconded; motion was approved.

President's Report: **Nancy Gandara** reported that she had attended the grand opening of the Schaefer Branch Library on March 25 and that **Liz Alves** is working to organize a Friends group at the new

branch. She also attended the Civic Academy at the Memorial Branch Library, and noted that the Memorial Friends had conducted their annual fundraiser, a parking lot for attendees at Oyster Bake. Nancy joined the Friends of Las Palmas and Collins Garden at the Fiesta de los Niños at Port San Antonio, where she staffed the face-painting table. She, Friends Past President **Karen Matson**, and Library Board member **Jean Brady** attended the Collins Garden Friends fundraiser at Viva Vegeria. Nancy represented the Friends at the 2017 Young Pegasus Awards ceremony on May 7, where 45 young poets between the ages of seven and seventeen were honored. This year's ceremony was held in memory of **John Igo**, the long-time library supporter for whom the Igo Branch Library is named. She attended the Board Builder luncheon sponsored by the Library Foundation, and joined meetings of the Cody Friends and Igo Friends. Finally, on May 19, Nancy attended the first-ever Exceptional Library Leaders and Advocates awards, which included recognition of Friends **Roberto Anguiano** (president of the Mission Branch Friends), **Frank Faulkner** (President of the Texana/Genealogy Friends), **Mary Leal** (President of the Johnston Friends), and the **District 2 Branch Library Initiative**, which includes **Liz Alves** as a member.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Report for March and April 2017. She noted that branch Friends groups had been spending down their balances, especially as they assisted with prepara-

tions for the 2017 Summer Reading Program. **José Duran** requested that a column be added to the Treasurer's Report, showing actual year-to-date expenditures (as well as the amount budgeted). It was moved and seconded that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, which passed.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Administration:

Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** noted that the Schaefer family had received a Benefactor Award from the Texas Library Association in recognition of their donation of land for construction of the branch library and that the Potranco Branch was recognized with the Wayne Williams Library Project of the Year Award. The Potranco Branch also received an award from the Alliance for Innovation, for Outstanding Achievement in Local Government Innovation. **Ramiro** announced that the 2017 bond initiative, which includes \$12.1 million for library projects, had passed during the recent municipal elections. He also recognized several special events sponsored by the Friends, including Carver Branch Library's Pan-African Cultural Festival. **Ramiro** noted that the Library Trustees and management team had been involved in development of the Library section of the Fiscal Year 2018 City budget, and asked that all Friends participate in contacting their council members to support Library funding. He announced that the Landa Branch would be closed for renovations from June 5 through September 20 and summarized the projects

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote

public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

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SAPLINGS

Managing Editor **Alana Woods**

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at www.friendsofsapl.org.

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

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

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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Nancy GandaraEx Officio

planned. He gave an update on progress to date on creation of the Latino Collection and Resource Center on the first floor of the Central Library.

Library Board of Trustees: Board member **Lupe Ochoa** thanked the Friends for supporting the 2017 bond initiative and asked that they continue their support during the FY 2018 budget process.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: **Brianna Kirk** reported on the success of the 2017 San Antonio Book Festival, held April 8 at the Central Library and Southwest School of Art & Craft: a total attendance of 20,000 people saw presentations by 95 authors. There were 350 exhibitors, and 550 children attended in groups. Authors visited five schools and the Santa Rosa Children's Hospital. Brianna noted that the Library Foundation had raised \$25,000 during the 2017 Big Give campaign. She announced that a gala was planned for October 28 for the opening of the Latino Collection and Resource Center.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** reported that the BookCellar had seen a one-day income of \$2,700 during the Book Festival on April 8.

Membership Secretary: Acting Membership Secretary **Linda Cheatum** noted that May is the month when nonrenewing members are dropped from the organization roster and that a total of 183 members would be dropped. In response to a question, she said that not all those being dropped had discontinued their membership; some were deceased, others had moved away, etc. She announced that 18 new member registrations had been received in the past week, and that total membership stood at 802.

Financial Review Committee: Committee Chair **Beverly Duran** reported that the committee had met on April 20 to review the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library financial records from January through December 2016 and that no irregularities were noted. The committee made the recommendation that the records be stored in the Texana/Genealogy vault at the Central Library, for improved security of them.

Arts & Letters Awards: Committee Co-chair **Kim Cauthon** announced that nominations were being accepted for 2017 Arts & Letters Awards, and that submissions could be made online or by mail. She noted that the Central Library auditorium had been reserved for Sunday, October 22, for the ceremony.

Logistics to support 2017 Adult Summer Reading Program: **Nancy Gandara** reported that participating adults could receive "punches" on their summer reading cards and that each punch would enter a participant in a drawing to win a T-shirt or a \$50 home improvement gift card provided by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. A total of four punches will entitle a participant to receive a free book. Those participants would receive coupons that they could present at the BookCellar or their branch library for their books. **Delia Trimble** asked if there was a provision if more than four books were read by an individual, and **Jessica Zurita** from Library Administration answered that there would be system-wide prizes awarded at the end of the summer.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval of the bylaws of the Friends of the Thousand Oaks

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Brook Hollow

On May 27, the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees voted unanimously to name the Brook Hollow Meeting Room after **Pat and Neal Bjornson** in recognition of their 20+ years of service to the Brook Hollow Library, Brook Hollow Friends, and the surrounding community! Pat and Neal have given so much over the years, both in terms of time and creativity, and the Brook Hollow Friends owe much of their current success to the two of them. Central Library staff will prepare a plaque to be hung in the Brook Hollow Library. There will be a ceremony to name or dedicate the room and hang the plaque within the next few months. We'll publicize the date when we know it so all can attend.

Several months ago, the Brook Hollow Friends agreed to purchase a number of items, including Summer Reading t-shirts for the staff, a button maker and related supplies for the teens, and furniture (tables and chairs) for the Teen Area. Branch Manager **Heidi Novotny** recently told us how much the teens were enjoying the furniture and that it helped to "mark" the area as their space. In the past, we've tended to focus a majority of our expenditures on programs and items for young children. We're now more attuned to the teens' needs, thanks to the addition of Teen Librarian **Caroline Mossing**.

We hosted our Staff Appreciation Dinner at the Alamo Cafe on Thursday, June 8, 2017. There was a good mix of Staff, Friends, and guests. The Brook Hollow Friends were especially pleased to welcome **Loyce Ince** and **Marcie Ince** (our former and current District 9 Representatives to the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees), **Ray Ince** (son of Loyce and husband of Marcie), and FOSAPL President **Nancy Gandara**. We held a drawing and awarded several prizes, including beautiful items made of wood (paperweights, bookmarks, and ornaments) by master woodworker (now retired!) **Neal Bjornson**. Brook Hollow Friends Secretary **Veronica Rouse** decorated the party room with balloons, fresh flowers, and (of course!) books. She also coordinated with Friends who volunteered to provide desserts. Thanks for handling everything so well, Veronica!

The Brook Hollow Friends are funding several future functions in connection with the Summer Reading Program, including Happy Tails (animals), Spikey Mikey (magician) and Daisy Bee (balloon artist/clown).

Our June Friends' Meeting had to be rescheduled due to the runoff election, and hasn't been held as of this writing. We plan to hold our Annual Used Book Sale on Saturday, September 16, 2017.

Pat Finley

Encino

Encino Branch started the summer season with a Kick-off Party and a Mini Book Sale on June 10, 2017. This is the first book sale for Encino. The Encino Friends wish to thank the Brook Hol-

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low Branch for use of their “Book Sale” Banner.

This quarter, the funds raised by the Friends of Encino’s ongoing book cart sales have been used for:

Healthy snack ingredients from HEB for use during Teen Time. The teens enjoyed making smoothies, chocolate dipped fruit, and trail mix.

An HDMI-video adapter that enabled the teens to use the Oculus Rift virtual reality headsets. Encino’s staff also tried out the Rift (see the photos at friendsofsapl.org).

Supplies for summer’s Messy Fridays: sensory bin ingredients, craft supplies, and shaving cream. Last year’s Messy Friday program was the most popular weekly event at Encino, bringing in more than 50 children and their parents each week. This year’s event will happen each Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. on Encino’s covered patio.

Due to popular demand for read-a-longs at Encino, the Friends purchased a free-standing piece of furniture that holds read-a-longs in the children’s space.

Carla Pomager

Forest Hills

The Forest Hills Friends met on Sunday, May 7. We are currently seeking a secretary, due to a recent resignation. Our next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 9, at 2 p.m. Our Book Nook is maintained by our Friend **Barbara Wilkinson**. We welcome donations of gently used popular books, DVDs, and CDs for our Book Nook.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Igo

The Igo Branch Library had planed a book sale for June 3

and 4, however with the advent of “run-offs,” we were unable to have these dates!

Igo Library Branch Manager **Tim Johnson** suggested a date we could reschedule the book sale. Our new date for the book sale is July 29 and 30. I hope you can come. Our theme with be Harry Potter’s Birthday.

Tim’s staff has come up with some unique ideas to dispose of our old torn-up books, please see photos at friendsofsapl.org.

Our next meeting will be July 8. We will go over our plans for the book sale and request for volunteers. Our next meeting will be September 9.

Elderberries program meeting is Thursday, July 6, 2 p.m., **Dr. Denise Barkis-Richter** will discuss her new book, “100 Things to Do in San Antonio Before you Die.”

She also does an online blog, “San Antonio—Beyond the Alamo and the Riverwalk.”

Tom Hill

Landa

Landa Library Temporarily Closed for Restorations and Renovation

Landa Library (233 Bushnell Ave., 78212) will be closed June 5–September 20.

The book drop and playground will remain open. Holds listed for pickup at Landa will be available at the Tobin Library at Oakwell during the closure. Library patrons are invited to visit these nearby locations: Central Library, San Pedro Library, or Tobin Library at Oakwell.

Nancy Gandara

Las Palmas

Friends recently welcomed new Library Assistant **Elvia Ramos** and Landa’s Children’s Librarian **Jasmin Salinas**, who

is at Las Palmas for the summer while the Landa Branch is undergoing renovation.

In late May, the Las Palmas Friends sent out a flyer detailing “Summer at the Las Palmas Library” to schools and organizations in the neighborhood and received good feedback. We are sponsoring three special programs in July and will provide snacks for many of the summer activities.

Technology volunteers are still very much needed to provide one-on-one basic computer help for our patrons, many of whom don’t have computers at home and/or access to the internet. We’re informing some area businesses and organizations about the Tech Volunteer Program eligibility requirements that include an application and background check. Volunteers for the Chess Program are also being sought.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Summer may be the best season at any library. It sure seems that way at Maverick. With loads of programs, there’s truly something for everyone. And the Maverick Friends have some connection to almost everything that’s happening.

Our new Teen Liaison Library Assistant **Mary Lou Bleichwehl** has hit the ground running. Although she just started in May, her Teen Time and the Tweens Only Book Club programs are off to a great start. The Friends get to help by providing refreshments and some supplies for the groups. Welcome, Mary Lou!

As usual, Children’s Librarian **Amy Roberts**, has the Summer Reading program in high gear. Photos from the Friends-sponsored Kick-Off

Party are included on friendsofsapl.org. Amy reported about 200 folks—children and their grown-ups—came on June 7 to share in a craft project, balloon animals, and refreshments. Friends who helped make the party a success were **Barbara Steinhauer, Roe Klepac, Kim Henage, Joan and Imogene Daily, and Elizabeth Bircher**.

In addition to providing the refreshments and balloons for the Kick-Off Party, the Friends are funding three of the special performances for Summer Reading. Happy Tails will bring live animals to the library on June 28. On July 12, at 2 p.m., it will be Illusions by Blake, and on July 26, at 2 p.m., Spikey Mikey will entertain. Other scheduled performances included, Mad Science on June 21, Sandbank Shadow Puppets on July 6, and Illusions by Blake on July 12. Please note, due to space limitations free tickets are required for all performances. Tickets will be available on the Monday before the performance.

As if all this isn’t enough to keep children busy this summer, Amy continues her regular Story Times on Mondays and Wednesdays. There is also Lego Time on Monday afternoons.

Just to prove summer isn’t just for kids, Adult Librarian **Ben Longoria** is busy with the Adult Summer Reading program. Friends will support the program with donations of books to be awarded as prizes and coupons to be redeemed at our next book sale.

Speaking of the next book sale, we have a date. Be sure to come by on September 23 and 24 to see our offerings.

As usual, we will skip our July meeting. We’ll meet again at 7 p.m. on August 1. If

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you're in the neighborhood, please drop in. Friends are always welcome at Maverick.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

McCreless Friends have recently purchased DVD cleaners but more fun than that is our purchase of a huge amount (about 2,000) of Legos for the children's program. We were assured that we can play with them if we want to. At deadline time, we don't have a total dollar amount from our June 17 "Dads and Grads" sale. We are looking forward to our hosting duties for the June 28 Library Board meeting at McCreless Library and also planning our next meeting on Monday, September 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m.

Paula Massengale

Memorial

The Memorial Amigos once again held a very successful parking fundraiser during Fiesta Oyster Bake during the evenings of April 19 and 20. Since Memorial Library served as an Early Voting location during the recent City Election, those who voted at Memorial were offered a free book from our recently expanded Book Nook. This incentive led to increased Book Nook sales. Our third quarter meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Mission

Mission Community Garden is a big hit, and we have a community garden workday for people to volunteer every Saturday.

The Mission has partnered with the Mission Marquee for

the Farmers Market and Artisan events every third Saturday of the month from March through November this year.

For the summer, the branch is having Table Tennis classes for young people, every Friday at 11:00 a.m. There are going to be five sessions during the summer, a great opportunity for young people to become familiar with this sport.

Mission Library is part of Fitness in the Park, a popular city initiative to get people active during the summer months. The library's Yoga and Table Tennis program are part of this initiative.

Every Sunday in July, Mission Library is having a Tree of Life program; *Arbol de la vida, voces de la tierra* public sculpture project where people will fabricate clay sculptures for the project.

The Branch is partnering in the month of August with AARP for a shredding event for the public and computer classes for seniors.

In the coming months the Mission Library is going to become a Seed Library . . . stay tuned!

Oscar González

Pan American

The branch received a donation of a new ping pong table recently. It will allow our youth to learn the game or practice their skills if they already play. Summer classes are planned for Monday and Wednesday with times to be determined. A goal of the program is to create a competitive Table Tennis Club between Pan American and Mission libraries. This generous gift comes from Coach **John Trevino** who created the Table Tennis Club at UTSA and also initiated a similar program at

the Westside YMCA. Additionally, Coach Trevino is graciously donating his time at these branches to teach and supervise the programs. We are excited about the possibilities.

Our first chess tournament was held June 19. Our thanks go to **George Barrera**, who in addition to being the instructor, donated new chess sets to the branch. The friends are grateful to these individuals not only for their generosity but the commitment of their talents for the benefit of our youth.

In addition to the tournament on June 19, we held our 2nd Annual Youth Garden Camp. Once again, we exceeded our registration quota and had a long waiting list. We expected parents and grandparents to participate and they did. We also had volunteers from the Bexar County Master Gardeners and other friends groups. We are appreciative to all those that support our branch in so many ways.

Jesse T. Valdez

Parman

Parman has many fun summer opportunities for adults and children. Visit our events calendar at mysapl.org for more information. In July, Parman will host a Bonzai for Beginners class on Thursday, July 8th from 6–8 pm. Participants will have a hands-on experience and lecture. More information and registration is at mySAPL.org or by calling 210-207-2703.

The Alamo Area Woodcarvers are hosting a Beginners Woodcarving class on Saturday, July 15th. Class registration is online at mySAPL.org.

Rhonda Matson

Thousand Oaks

In April we hosted a staff appreciation luncheon. **Leila Hileman** provided table decorations from her collection of Tasha Tudor And Tomie d Paolo. She also had goody bags for each staff member. We have a great staff at T.O. It was good fun to visit with some of them over lunch.

Betty Walters and **Laurine Crosby** attended classes on the new procedure for depositing and accessing our funds. As Treasurer, **Betty Walters** has been navigating this change. Thank you, Betty.

On June 3 we held our summer book sale. It was also the kick-off for summer reading program. We also had opportunity to wear new shirts. It was a very active day for Thousand Oaks. Great start for Summer. We are a small but mighty group!

Ginger Hobbs

Tobin at Oakwell

More than 60 teens attended Tobin's End of School Year Party, where they enjoyed a waffle bar; started a group art activity that will continue to grow over the summer; made lots of lime, strawberry, and orange-flavored edible slime (and enthusiastically debated whether it was slime, oobleck, or some other variation); and generally had a lot of fun.

They also got the inside scoop about the upcoming summer reading program, played building games as part of the Summer Reading Program's theme of "Build a Better World" with pipe cleaners, neon straws, and Legos, and talked with representatives from local nonprofit organizations who encourage teens to volunteer and participate in

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From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the summer. On June 1, we kicked off the Mayor's Summer Reading Club for children and the Summer Reading Program for teens and adults. We have built a schedule of programs around this year's theme of "Build a Better World." We will be offering programs on such topics as tips on water conservation, writing auto-

biographies, and financial wellness to name a few. Of course we want people to read, so many books will be made available to choose from in our locations as well as online through the Digital Library. If you haven't signed up yet, visit mysapl.org/srp. Our events calendar, available online or in branches, provides more details about all of the programs to attend.

SummerFest, the final celebration and closing of summer reading, is scheduled to take place on July 29 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Central Library. Activities for children and families will be offered in celebration of reading, learning, and fun. Please help us spread the word with the community.

Also starting in July is a new program for young adults called *Adult-Up!* This exciting new series provides programs and support for young adults to develop skills they need to succeed in the world. From the basics of home repair and maintenance to managing stress, money management, eating healthy on a budget and more, these fun and informative programs will empower new (and not so new) adults with the life skills they never knew they needed. *Adult-Up!* will take place at a number of library locations throughout the city. Visit the events calendar at mysapl.org for a complete schedule.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your continued support of the San Antonio Public Library. Your contributions of time, talent, and resources are greatly appreciated by the Library staff and the entire San Antonio community.

Sincerely,
Ramiro Salazar

Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of

by

E. Robert Adams	Lynette Poss
Elspeth Blakeman	Denise Barlow
Patsy McKinney Brown	Carol and Riley Palmer
Margaret Lecznar	Yolanda Richardson
Clifford Robin	Bonnie R. Simons

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their communities about how teens can personally help to "build a better world."

Our all-ages summer reading kickoff was a smashing success, with almost 350 in attendance. Thanks to being generously funded by the Friends of the Tobin at Oakwell Library, we were able to include performances by the Fire on the Mountain Cloggers (who even worked in some audience participation), a paper-based art activity by the nonprofit arts organization Say Si, and a variety of refreshments and snacks for everyone. The celebration continued out into the parking lot with a visit from the Mobile Fit Van for the duration of the entire event. Everyone is very enthusiastic and we've already begun receiving several completed reading logs from the children's program as well as a few completely punched cards from the adults as soon as they were allowed to turn them in! The teens for their part have been reading up a storm and

dropping in for programming to have some summer fun and fill out participation slips for their summer reading program, as well as signing up to volunteer at the branch over the summer.

The NEISD free-lunch program for kids and teens, partnering with the USDA, began on June 12. Every day from Monday through Friday we have a crowd of parents with kids and teens drop in to enjoy some yummy, healthy food! We have restructured our programming so that everyone can go from a satisfying lunch straight into a program tailored for one of the different age groups each day, including Kid's Time, Teen Time, and the Tween & Teen anime/manga club known as the Tobin Tofu. The lunch program will continue every weekday through August 4. We've already had great feedback and participation, and look forward to the lunch program enriching the rest of our summer!

Alethea Bugg

Start Potranco Friends

Help start the Friends of the Potranco Branch! Come to the meeting on Saturday, July 29, at 2 p.m.



Photo by Rosalie Klepac

Builders display their creations at the Maverick Summer Reading Kick-Off party.



Looking for Photos from Your Friends Activities?

Visit friendsofsapl.org for photos and the latest announcements.

Branch Library: Sandra Wilkinson moved approval of the by-laws; Antoinette Franklin seconded. After remarks by Betty Walters from the Thousand Oaks Friends group and some discussion, Mary McAfee called the question, and the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a task force to review the Bylaws and standing rules of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and recommend revisions if necessary: Nominated for the task force were Jesse Valdez, Richard Morales, Sandra Wilkinson, Kim Cauthon, and Nancy Gandara (*ex officio*.) Mary McAfee moved approval; Stephanie Serrata seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of a committee to oversee the publication of the SAPLings newsletter: Nominated for the committee were Lyn Belisle, honorary chair; Beth Graham, chair; Beverly Harris, Stephanie Serrata, Angela Ehrenfried, Alana Woods, David Parsons, and Nancy Gandara (*ex officio*.) Jill Zimmerman moved approval; Pat Mendiola seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Consider approval of a recommendation by the BookCellar committee to increase the BookCellar manager's salary by \$1.00 per hour: José Duran moved approval of the recommendation. Mary McAfee seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. José asked that the budget for BookCellar operations be increased by \$1,557 to cover what would otherwise be a shortfall.

ADJOURNMENT

After expressing her appreciation for the refreshments that had been provided by the Friends of the Landa Branch Library, President Nancy Gandara requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. José Duran made the motion, Sandra Wilkinson seconded, and it was passed without discussion.

BookCellar News

Stephanie Serrata

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

Now for breaking news from the BookCellar: The San Antonio Express News generously donated hundreds of books that have been read and reviewed by Express News book critics. Most are first-run books, so they won't last long. Hurry down and take a look at all of our amazing titles. We'd like to thank the San Antonio Express News for their contribution to the BookCellar. We would not be able to offer these fabulous bargains to our customers were it not for their amazing donation.

On Saturday, May 20, Cynthia Conley held a markups workshop. Six volunteers attended a class to learn about what constitutes a "marked up" item. During processing, certain items are put aside and delivered to the markup section where they are examined and researched online to determine whether they will be priced differently from a regularly priced item. These special items include books, vinyl albums, CDs, and DVDs, which are then tagged and placed on various displays throughout the BC. We could not keep our markup shelves stocked without Cynthia Conley's diligent and tireless efforts. Throughout the summer, BC volunteer Brittany Jenkins will conduct a computer workshop that will focus on various computer programs, such as Microsoft Word and Excel, which we use to conduct day-to-day business. Miss Jenkins will also revisit iPad procedures and answer questions regarding the Square.

The BC is also pleased to announce that we have added two new members to the BC Committee—Linda Moore and Christel Villarreal. These lovely ladies have been volunteers for more than a year and have received their purple aprons. Mon Congrats! I'm sure you will be a tremendous asset to the committee, and we all look forward to working with you.

BC Specials*: July—Regularly priced hardback fiction will be 50¢ each or



3/\$1.00. This includes general fiction, mysteries, large print, sci-fi, and westerns. Classics and Spanish are excluded. Art markups will be 30% off.

Attention All Teachers: Get ready for our Back to School (expanded inventory) Sale which begins on July 22 and runs through July 30. Come and enjoy our low prices and some unannounced specials. Expanded inventory will be on the patio.

August: Regularly priced adult nonfiction (0 through 900s) will be 50¢ each or 3/\$1.00. Customers must buy in multiples of 3 to get the lowest price, but can mix and match Dewey numbers. This special also excludes Classics and Spanish.

I'd like to take this opportunity to add a personal touch to the BC News. This section will focus on exciting, interesting and extraordinary things that have happened in the BC recently. I have christened this section as follows:

Bookmarks

Thanks to BC Committee Chairman Richard Morales and Committee Member Jesse Valdez, volunteers now have a BC t-shirt which we will proudly don during special events. The shirts are beautiful and are a sign of our pride and unity. Here's to a job well done, gentlemen!

Kudos to BC Manager Andrea Mason for finding a customer's dentures that had accidentally been thrown into the trash can. Being the epitome of leadership and service, Andrea rummaged through the trashcan at the counter and saved the customer the trouble and expense of replacing his dentures.

Finally, thank you Mr. Exterminator for taking care of our bug problem. Gross!!!

This concludes another edition of the BC news. Please join us for the September-October edition. Until then, happy reading...

*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.

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| July 4 | Libraries closed for the holiday |
| July 6 | Igo Elderberries, Dr. Denise Barkis-Richter will discuss her new book, "100 Things To Do in San Antonio Before You Die," 2 p.m. |
| July 8 | Friends of Igo meeting |
| July 9 | Friends of Forest Hills meeting, 2 p.m. |
| July 16 | Friends Board Meeting, Bazan Branch, 2 p.m. |
| July 22 | Friends of Texana/Genealogy meeting, Central Library, 10 a.m. |
| July 29 | Friends of Potranco Branch organizational meeting, 2 p.m. |
| July 29–30 | Igo book and bake sale |
| Aug. 1 | Friends of Maverick meeting, 7 p.m. |
| Aug. 2 | Friends of Semmes meeting, 10:30 a.m. in the quiet room |
| Aug. 10 | Friends of Memorial meeting, 6:30 p.m. |
| Sept. 4 | Libraries closed for the holiday |
| Sept. 9 | Friends of Igo Branch meeting, 10:30 a.m. |
| Sept. 16 | Brook Hollow book sale |
| Sept. 18 | Friends of McCreless Branch meeting, 6 p.m. |
| Sept. 21 | Friends Board Meeting, Great Northwest Branch, 2 p.m. |
| Sept. 23–24 | Maverick book sale |
| Dec. 2 | Thousand Oaks book sale, 10–3. |

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.

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530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-207-9030
Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500
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)
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
Potranco Library
8765 State Hwy 151 Access Rd., 78245
210-207-9280
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15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-207-9110
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