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From the President



Dear Friends,

Congratulations to all who made this year's Big Book Sale such a success: special thanks to **Aaron and Pat Konstam, Monica Hernandez, members of the Book Celler Committee, and volunteers (including those of Valero Energy)** — and all of you **Friends who shopped!** Preview Party shoppers came from as far away as Mexico and departed with boxes of bargain goodies.

In the past few years, the Book Celler's sales have provided the funds that the Friends contribute to the San Antonio Public Library for the Summer Reading Program and for year-round staff development. But while our donation may "fill the holes," without support from the City Council, there will be painful cuts to the Library's budget for 2009–2010. **The reductions will result in fewer materials being purchased, service hours being cut, or branches being closed.**

The "Today Show" recently ran a story about how people are using their public libraries during this hard economy: more people are using library internet-access computers to find jobs, résumé-writing classes and computer-use classes, children's programs, DVD's and CD's, etc.—which just goes to prove that American Library Association saying, "Libraries will get you through times of no money better than money will get you through times of no libraries!"

But it's not enough to have a catchy saying or even polls that *prove* that "San Antonio Loves Its Libraries" when the City budget is cut. It takes each of us to speak up for literacy, lifelong learning, and the economic value of the Library. Contact your Councilperson **now** to express the importance of our Library to the daily life of you and your family, and to the economic health of our city. Personal anecdotes mean a lot, so don't be shy!

Finally, "Good job!" to **Jean Brady**, a Friend and currently the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the SAPL, as she has been honored by the national Urban Libraries Council for her efforts to promote the library to both local government leaders and the community.

And don't forget to make time to read (or listen to an audio book from the San Antonio Public Library) during the lazy days (?) of Summer . . .

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara

Show Me the Money

How to Raise It, Bank It, and Spend It!

Saturday, July 18, 2009

9:30 a.m.–Noon

*Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad, 78205*

Book sales - planning, pricing, advertising, Internet sales tools

Membership - recruitment and retention

Purchasing procedures

Treasurers' duties, forms, reports

Who should come: Officers and Book Sale managers of Branch groups

Parking: *FOSAPL will pay the entire cost for attendees who park in the Library Garage.*

2010 Budget Priority Process Has Begun—Support Our Libraries!

Cathy Dean

The City Council, City Manager, and staff have already begun meeting to review priorities for next year's budget recommendations. This process will continue throughout the coming three months, and it's vital that we contact the Mayor and City Council in support of library funding early in the process. For your ready reference, here's an updated list of our current City Council members with their City Hall phone numbers. The City's web site listing at www.sanantonio.gov/council/ also has direct email links for each councilperson.

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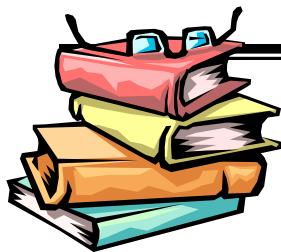
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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting

May 18, 2009

Submitted by **Linda Arronge**

President **Nancy Gandara** called the meeting to order at 2:05. Present were **Nancy Gandara, Bruce Gill, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Evelyn Bonavita, Shirley Coleman, Shirley Davis, Jackie Fremming, Dolores Huber, Claudia Kohler, Robert LaCaff, Mary McAfee, Josie Martinez, Pat Mendiola, Ann Tobin, and Lyn Belisle.** **Yolanda Kilpatrick** from the Forest Hills Friends group welcomed the members.

The minutes were printed in the *SAPLings*. After a correction about the amount donated to Maverick Library—it was \$2,000 instead of \$200—the minutes were approved as amended.

President's Report. **Nancy Gandara** attended the Library Board meetings in April and May 2009. She reported that *The Java Nook* finally opened outside the Central Library. Gandara also attended the Library Champions Awards.

Treasurer's Report. **Judy Wilson** reported she received \$40 from **Rick Kelsey** as a donation. She also reported that she bought \$100 worth of stamps because the price of stamps was going up. The report will be filed for audit.

Library Board Report. Board President **Jean Brady** was unable to attend the meeting because it conflicted with this year's annual Young Pegasus Awards.

Library Administration. **Aubey George** reported that he attended the "B" session of the City Council. This meeting starts the Budget cycle.

Two new branch libraries are going to have public meetings. The Stone Oak meeting will be Tuesday, May 19, at

Wilderness Oak Elementary. The Mission Library will meet at Gilbert Elementary on Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30.

Memorial Library is putting in shelves that were approved on the last Bond 2007.

The Roosevelt Library will not open until October 2009 to save money.

Also, some of the libraries are sharing managers to save money, and we do not know how long sharing managers will continue.

Foundation. **Sarah Swinney** was unable to attend but sent the following memo in her absence:

The Foundation was notified that the National Endowment of the Arts will provide a grant for The Big Read in 2010. This will be the third year. The SAPL staff voted on the title, and the winner was *Bless Me Ultima*. **Sarah Michelle Ricondo** and **Diana Starett** will attend the orientation in Minneapolis in June.

The Library's 25th Anniversary Celebration of *The House on Mango Street* was a wonderful success.

The Foundation will complete its pilot project with Scholastic Caravan in May 2009. The first seven months were a tremendous success. The proposal for next year is currently wrapping up.

Committee Reports

Book Cellar—Presented by **Anne Long**. The sale will be Friday, June 19, through Sunday, June 21, with a Preview Sale Thursday, June 18, from 4–7. for Friends of the Library members. Branch libraries who wish to pick up books may do so on Monday, June 22, between 10 and 3.

Membership. **Claudia Kohler** reported that no memorials were received. The current paid memberships stand at 772.

Newsletter. It was reported that 677 newsletters were mailed out. **Mary McAfee** said that 75 newsletters were delivered to the Book Cellar.

Old Business

Bruce Gill reported that the Audit was complete. The committee (**Robbi Rupert, Bruce Gill, Pat Peak, and Judy Wilson**) had these recommendations:

Require the Book Cellar manager to send the original daily receipt log to the treasurer by the end of the 3rd of each month

Require verification of the bank statements by two members of the Executive Board. Consider having quarterly tax reports done by the Treasurer for the Book Cellar manager's withholdings.

Arts and Letters. **Linda Arronge** reported that the *SAPLings* contained notice that we are accepting nominations for the Arts and Letters Awards until July 1. The nominees should contribute to the Arts and Letters by their talent or ability to encourage others.

New Business

Show Me the Money. **Nancy Gandara** reported the program will be on Saturday, July 18, at the Central Library. The members discussed and agreed to allocate \$400 for refreshments and parking. **Ann Tobin** said she would try to get the refreshments donated.

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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

Newsletter published every two months for the information of member Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and others supportive of our ideals and activities.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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Article contributions for publishing in the newsletter are always welcome!

The deadline for submitting articles and photos to *SAPLings* is the 15th of the month

(February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15, and December 15)

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods at <awoods005@satx.rr.com> and Cathy Dean at <ca-dean@sbcglobal.net>. Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.



Branch Leaves

News from
Branch Libraries

Brook Hollow

Summer is underway at Brook Hollow, with a nice new flat-screen TV and stand, provided by the *Friends*. The old television set, which had also been provided by the *Friends*, had seen considerable use over the years, but has now gone the way of analog television. The new 42" screen will not only serve larger groups, but with more realistic high-definition movies.

Also underway, with additional financial support from the *Friends*, is Brook Hollow's Summer Reading Program. Again this year, we'll be offering programs for both youth and adults. The adult program is showing steady growth with each year and has become a permanent fixture in the library's offerings.

Our fall book sale will be a little earlier than normal this year, so please mark your calendars now for Saturday, October 3! Quality donations are already coming in, and we're excited for what looks to be another great sale.

We wish everyone good reading . . . and a wonderful summer.

Richard Bowser

Cody

The Cody *Friends* are purchasing new tables for the meeting rooms. And we're planning the next book sale, which will be in October. We'll be purchasing another cart for receiving books.

And Cody *Friends* welcome our board Cynthia Talboys, an indispensable volunteer.

Carol Van Cleave

Collins Garden

The friends of Collins Garden would like to welcome three new members: **Gloria Almaraz, Mary Olga Montez, and Lori Simpson.**

We netted \$133 in our May book sale. Thank you, **Maria Velazquez**, who helped with setup and the sale.

Collins Garden *Friends* acquired a 10.0 Mega Pixel, 3" LCD screen digital camera and 4 Gb memory card for the Library staff use in May.

Richard O. Morales

Forest Hills

Forest Hills displays for May and June included Asian and Pacific American Heritage Month; Dragonology; Memorial Day; Hurricane Season; Great Outdoor Month and Audio Month. We had an art display by artist **Elizabeth Goode** entitled *Women in Veil Series*. Forest Hills is awaiting the installation of the self-service terminals under the RFID program.

The Children's Librarian **Cindy Moreno** went to Esparza Elementary and Colby Glass Elementary for Summer Reading Outreach. During the first week in June, the 1st graders from Villarreal Elementary came to visit the Forest Hills Library for a tour, a craft, and to check out books.

On Saturday, June 6, Forest Hills had its Summer Reading Kick Off Party. **Susan Frigge** of the Snake Connection came to talk to an audience of 75 about snakes and let the kids, parents, and some staff members hold "Chubsy," a ball py-

thon. She brought along some snakes with her. The other snakes were "The Leucistic," a Texas rat snake; "Okatee," an Okeetee corn snake; "Hopscotch," a checkered garter snake, and two of Okatee's offspring—one showing the albino gene and one not.

The Forest Hills *Friends* group purchased a popcorn maker for the branch. After a very successful book sale, staff is compiling a wish list for them to consider.

The Forest Hills *Friends* purchased a rug for the children's area/storytime; photos of the rug and the bulletin board thanking the *Friends* are on page 5.

On Tuesday, June 9, **Cindy** and **Cresencia Huff**, from Little Read Wagon, went to the WIC Clinic for Outreach. Cindy read some stories and Cresencia had some activities for the kids to do.

On June 13, the Contrarian Viewpoints Book Club met to discuss the book *Accountable* by **Tavis Smiley**. In addition, the Forest Hills Book Club met on June 18 to discuss the book *Walden* by **Thoreau**.

On Monday, June 15, **Azul Barrientos** performed her folk songs to the BACK Pack audience.

The second Baby Time of the Summer at Forest Hills was on June 20 with short stories, bouncy rhymes, and songs.

On Tuesday, June 23, Ronald McDonald performed a story time for the 11 a.m. audience.

Johnnie Spraggins

Igo

As a result of quick action on the part of **Jackie Dyess**, Part Time Library Assistant at Igo, the library took advantage of the closing of a Barnes and Noble book store and acquired approximately

\$14,000 worth of slightly used furniture and other book display items. Jackie works part time at both Barnes and Noble and the library. Being familiar with the library's needs, she stepped right up and approached the store manager to donate any furniture they would not be reusing in another store. Getting the furniture to the library turned out to be a tricky maneuver, but Igo staff pitched in and "huffed and puffed" and got the new furniture in place. The new New Books Display area is now situated right as you come in the library, and **Kathy Claspill** reports that books are now flying off the shelves.

Several FIBBERS attended the author presentation by **Diane Fanning** on May 27. She was well received, and all present at our last meeting were encouraged to check out her books. Interestingly enough, Diane's house was featured in the *San Antonio Express-News* a few days after her talk.

Igo Library hosted a reception on May 28 to recognize patrons whose donations formed the basis for funding for the Igo Library. For the first time, many of us saw the new inscriptions around the pool in the back of the library. As usual the San Antonio Library Foundation, with the help of **Soonalyn** and **Daniel Jacob**, presented a lovely evening with music, fabulous food, and short words of welcome and donor recognition. Donors were given the new Igo Library book bags as a token of appreciation by the *Friends* of the Igo Branch (FIBBERS). The evening was lovely, and guests stayed around visiting and enjoying the outside area until the library closed.

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Speaking of our new book bags, they are now available for purchase. FIBBERS will be on hand at various times with a sale table. Please contact one of us if you would like a bag or leave your name at the library and we will get in touch with you.

By the time this goes to press, the summer reading and children's programs will be well under way. Large numbers are anticipated, and with FIBBER funds, we were able to provide funding for food and giveaways for participants. In addition, we've been able to approve purchases of nine new puppets and a Wii game.

Put on your calendars the weekend of September 12–13 as the dates of the FIBBERS Fall book sale. Saturday's sale will be from 10–4 and Sunday from 1–4. Helpers for setup will be welcomed on Thursday, Sept 10, from 5–9 and Friday from 10–4.

Kathleen McCloskey

McCreless

McCreless branch library will be closed during August to complete renovations. This means the locations of our meetings will change. Please note that the August board meeting will be held Wednesday, August 12, at 2:00 p.m. at the Literacy Center on Ada St., next to the McCreless Library. The August General meeting will be held Thursday, August 20, at 6:30 p.m. around the corner from the library at Gevers Hall on Gevers St. Refreshments and a short business meeting will begin at 6:30, and the program will begin at 7:00. Local author, **Florence Weinberg**, will be the guest speaker in August. Retired professor of Spanish and French literature, she is the author of eight books, seven of which

are currently in print. An avid researcher with extensive knowledge of language arts, literature, and history, she makes her characters and settings come alive. Her latest books, *Seven Cities of Mud* and *Sonora Moonlight* received 5-star book reviews on Amazon. As one reviewer states, "To write credibly about an event in the sixteenth century from only one surviving document is brilliant." If you love historical fiction, romance, and mystery, you will not want to miss this author's stories.

It's summertime in full swing at McCreless library, which means the Friends Group is busy supporting the summer reading programs and activities. The membership approved funds for pizza, drinks, and entertainment for the summer reading program and supplies and treats for the summer Teen program. And on July 6, the Friends group is providing all the fixings for a "make your own sundaes" dessert feast in support of the staff party lunch.

Our Master Gardener program with **Joyce Felter** was a huge success. Twenty five people attended the program. There was a lively question and answer session as well as great information on how to help your yard survive the summer without drying out the aquifer. If you missed it, promise yourself not to miss the next meeting.

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

Semmes Library staff honored its Friends with a thank you luncheon on Monday, May 11. The staff members are mighty fine cooks, and we enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with some of the newer staff members. We had an added treat during the lunch-

eon in that we were joined by **Kate Gray**, former library manager who departed last December to work directly with about half the SAPL branches.

On May 16, we held another successful book sale. Though we had a very large inventory of books and used the outside patio for the early hours of the sale, we were able to move everything inside just before we were blessed with a terrific cloudburst. At this time, we have not finalized the date for our fall sale as we're still checking and negotiating dates. Our library is a great community resource as evidenced by the demand for voting, meeting, movies, and other program space. We expect to settle on an early October date, but check the September *SAPLings* and library notices in September for the verified date.

Have a wonderful summer. Happy reading!

Christie Smith

Texana/Genealogy

The next meetings of the Friends of Texana/Genealogy will be in the Texana Room, Central Library, 10 a.m., September 19 and November 14.

Tim Draves

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Staff technician **Richard Reeves** is bursting with pride these days. His two daughters, **Helen Carol Reeves**, 11, and **Sarah Faye Reeves**, 13, are now published authors with poems in the San Antonio Public Library's *Young Pegasus* magazine. The Reeves sisters are in good company. Of 1,750 poems submitted, only 86 were selected for publication. Previous *Young Pegasus* poets include **Jay Brandon**, **Henry Cisneros**, **Naomi Shihab-Nye**,

and County Court-at-Law judge **Michael Merry**. Sarah Faye was also one of eight young people in Texas to receive the National Council of Teachers of English Promising Young Writers Certificate of Recognition.

Staff and Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell along with their spouses enjoyed a lovely time at our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner at The Barn Door Restaurant on June 5. (See pictures elsewhere in this issue) Each staff member received an HEB gift certificate from the Friends, and a lucky few won the door prizes—flowering plant centerpieces.

Pat DePasquale and our loyal book sale volunteers did a splendid job at our May book sale despite a heavy downpour in the afternoon and fewer book donations than in the past. This was Pat's last sale as Chairperson, and she and her husband Frank are off on a well-deserved vacation. **Janet Goddard** will take over as Book Sale Chair in the fall. Our next book sale will take place on Saturday, October 10, with a preview sale for members of Friends of all branches on Friday afternoon, October 9.

Book sales make it possible to provide extras that help to make the summer programs special. We will fund prizes for **Monty Holcomb's** chess tournament and also help **Ginny Hurst** with a special program about snakes. There will be more opportunities to supplement children's programs when our new children's librarian arrives in July.

Joan Hildreth

**4th Annual National
Friends of Libraries
Week
October 18–24**

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Branches

Carver Library had a sale on Sat., May 23. They will have an open house on June 17. There will be arts and music from 11–4.

Collins Garden Library will have a garage sale and book sale from 8–3 on May 30.

Guerra Library is having a book sale June 6–7. They will celebrate their 5th anniversary in July.

Igo Library had a mini-sale and received a display case from **Barnes & Noble** book store.

McCreless Library is having a master gardener at the meeting this month and will also welcome **Florence Weinberg** in August. In October, they will tour the library at St. Philips.

Tobin Library at Oakwell volunteers had a luncheon at the Barn Door. They also purchased a computer/table for special needs persons.

Semmes Library made \$3,100 at their sale.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30.

The Forest Hills Friends purchased a rug for the children's area/storytime. The bulletin board is a thank you from the Library staff to the Friends.



The Best School Supplies Are @ Your Library!

Beth Graham

Where, oh where, does the time go? The kids just get out of school, and before you know it, it's back-to-school season once again. While you're busy shopping for No. 2 pencils, notebooks, and yellow highlighters, remember that the most important school supply of all just might be your library card (<http://www.pbclibrary.org/cardfaq.htm>). From the kindergartener entering school for the very first time to the teenager graduating from high school to college, the library offers a variety of resources to help your child succeed in school.

Check out books—For school assignments, to learn on your own, or just for fun! For those

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Donations and Memorials

Submitted by Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of

Anna G. Revado
Jessie Cox
Irwin "Mike" Sexton
Jack Lapham
Patty Myers

by

Dorothy Smith
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
Edith Speert
Dorothy F. Griffin

In Honor of

Norman Sonnenschein
Pat & Hall Hammond

by

Lois Burrill
Morgan Price and Joan P. Harris

Book Cellar's Big Summer Sale



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just getting started, the library offers beginning readers and early chapter books. The children's collection at the library includes over 650,000 books.

Use a computer—The library has 35 public access computers at the Central Library, and over 350 available system-wide. Students can use the internet for research, practice math and reading skills with computer games, or type up papers and school projects. Bring a disk or flash drive if you need to save your work.

Get answers—Need help with a homework assignment? At mysapl.org the Library has posted a Homework Guide to help you search our

catalog, review databases, and even take a look at our favorite resources—all in one place. Find and use this information from your home computer or visit the Library—every Library location offers free wireless access and computers for public use. Here are a few highlights of the Library's homework resources. Just click the "databases" link on the mysapl.org home page to find these helpful aids and more, and if you need help locating and using these or other materials check with your local librarian or call 207-2500.

- Tutor.com—Free online tutoring in math, science, social studies, and English

for grades 4–12 and College Intro. Available every day 3–10; *en español* Sunday through Thursday 3–9.

- [Searchasaurus](#)—Complete with erupting volcanoes, dinosaur guide and compass, Searchasaurus is an exciting and easy way for young researchers to experience online searching.
- [Kids Search](#)—Kids Search is designed especially for youth in grades K-8 and serves as an interface for searching across multiple databases.
- [Biography Resource Center](#)—This database integrates biographies with related full-text articles

from hundreds of periodicals, as well as tens of thousands of images and links to hand-picked web sites.

- LearningExpress—Preparing for an advanced placement test or the SATs this year? LearningExpress offers interactive, online practice tests for these and many other exams. You can get immediate scoring, complete answer explanations, and an analysis of your results. In addition to the practice tests, there are online tutorial courses to help you improve your reading, writing, and other academic skills.

Book Cellar News

Pat Konstam

The Big Summer Sale in June brought in just over \$8,000, making in one fast-paced weekend what the Book Cellar takes in during seven weeks of daily sales. The sale took a tremendous amount of work, which was provided by 52 volunteers from the Friends plus 35 people from Valero Energy Corp. As an additional benefit for FOSAPL, 27 new members signed up in order to attend the members-only preview sale.

St. Philip's College gave the Book Cellar 1,000 boxes of books withdrawn from its library just before the Summer Sale, greatly expanding the sale inventory and making a large number of scholarly and technical books available to the public at low cost. We thank the college

for its contribution to the work of Friends of the Library.

One task of the Book Cellar Committee during the past seven months has been developing a concise mission statement for the Book Cellar and an updated summary of committee policies. The resulting mission statement says: "The Book Cellar, operated by Friends of the San Antonio Public Library volunteers, makes available to the public books and media withdrawn from the Library or given by donors. The Book Cellar sells these materials at affordable prices and uses the money to subsidize Library programs." The policy statement is scheduled to be presented to the FOSAPL Board at its July 19 meeting.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Supper and Apron Award Cere-



mony is scheduled for Monday, July 27, from 4–6 p.m. in the Book Cellar. All Book Cellar volunteers and spouses are invited and asked to bring food to share.

Two-for-the-price-of-one specials in July and August are depending on what's left after cleanup from the big sale. Call the Book Cellar at (210) 227-9519 to see what they are.

Correction: Rowena Rodgers is a member of the Book Cellar Committee. Her name was inadvertently omitted from the list of members in May–June issue of the *SAPLings*.

Book Sale Volunteers

The following people helped make the Book Cellar's 2009 Summer book sale a success:

Linda Arronge
Vera Banner
Virginia Bowden
Pat Brown
Alethea Bugg
Rita Corey
Juliana Davis
Jesse Diaz
Beverly Duran
Roger Felan
Ruth Galindo
Nancy Gandara
Bruce Gill
Faye Hallford
Monica Hernandez
Brandi Ibarra
Aaron Konstam
Pat Konstam
Margaret Lecznar
Ira Lott
Marilyn Maizel
Carole Martin
Josie Martinez
Andrea Mason
Robert Mason
Mary McAfee
Pat Mendiola

Sue Mersinger
Richard Morales
Linda Nairn
Tom Nemeth
Chuck Olson
Judy Olson
Charley Pond
Larry Purkey
Margaret Reinaas
Rowena Rodgers
Milinda Schwab
Norm Sonnenschein
Edith Speert
Ann Springer
Bennett Stamps
Shirley Stamps
Cynthia Talboys
Lucille Teeter
Arturo Titian
Rolando Villalpando
Mary Allyn Watson
Rita Wilkinson
Judy Wilson
Jim Wogstad
Carol Wooster
Plus 35 Valero
Volunteers

San Antonio Author Debuts Book, Hosts August 22 Teen Writers Workshop

Beth Graham

Local author and San Antonio Independent School District teacher **Veronica Goldbach** will host a Teen Writers Workshop on August 22 at 12:00 noon at the Central Library for teens interested in learning about writing and getting published. Goldbach released her first book, a young-adult novel called *Deep in the Heart of High School*, in May. Goldbach describes her book as *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* meets marching band in Texas. Written with verve and touches of humor, the voices in this first novel ring with authenticity. A Kirkus review calls it "enjoyable and notable for its Texas milieu." Teens are invited to meet Goldbach at a book signing party after the workshop at 2:00 p.m. at Teen Services.

Goldbach grew up in San Antonio, Texas, and went to school less than five minutes away from the Alamo. After receiving a B.A. in humanities and an M.A. in teaching middle grades from Trinity University, she became a public school teacher. She has taught English as a second language at inner-city middle and elementary schools in Los Angeles, California, and currently in San Antonio, where she now lives. Veronica became interested in writing young adult fiction while trying to find novels that her seventh-grade students could relate to and also enjoy. She is currently teaching future writers in San Antonio, and this book marks her debut.

The book signing and workshop are free and open to the public. One hour of free parking is available in the Central Library parking garage with a validated ticket. For more information, the public may call 210-207-2500.

Tobin at Oakwell Friends host Staff Appreciation Dinner

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San Antonio Trustee Jean Brady Named 2009 ULC Urban Player

Award honors Brady's role in elevating awareness of the Library's contributions to its City

May 5, 2009 (CHICAGO) – San Antonio Public Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** is the first trustee ever to receive the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) Urban Player Award. She's being honored at ULC's annual membership meeting for her role in earning greater recognition of the San Antonio Public Library on a decision-making level within its city and the resulting consolidated effort to create a sustainable funding base. The Urban Player Award is presented each year to the individual who most profoundly demonstrates library and community leadership. Ms. Brady will collect a prize of \$1,000.

"Jean's community leadership skills made the San Antonio Public Library not only relevant, but also critical to the lives of San Antonians," said Eva Poole, Director of Libraries, Denton (TX) Public Library and Chair of the 2009 Urban Player Award Selection Committee.

"Since her election to the Chair of the Board of Trustees of the San Antonio Public Library, Jean has dedicated her time and energy to raising the Library's profile with community decision-makers. More than just an advocate, she has demonstrated leadership throughout her term of office, developing and implementing strategies to effectively present the Library's case to both the government and the community at large," said San Antonio Public Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**. "We are delighted to see her leadership recognized with this award from the Urban Libraries Council."

Elected board chair in 2006, Ms. Brady was inspired by a number of events that showed little consideration for the Library's needs relative to other city departments. She formed a Library Advocacy Committee that lobbied council members and directed outreach efforts, as well as a speakers' bureau to make presentations about the Library to civic organizations and community groups. Further, she was pivotal in finding platforms to communicate the Library's role in a variety of civic and community quality of life issues. The result was the development of widespread support of the Library and understanding of its contributions. In fact, a subsequent community poll showed that more than 90% of those surveyed considered the Library a good use of public funding and that nearly three-quarters would support designating sales tax revenues to generate funding for the library. These results were announced at a news conference in February 2009, at which time Ms. Brady called for the Library to be included in a referendum to designate one-eighth cent of the city sales tax for Library funding.

"Jean's work is a clear demonstration of the pivotal role trustees can play in bringing the library to the community table," said **Patrick Losinski**, Director of the Columbus Metropolitan Library and Chair of the ULC Executive Board. "She's built an important model for partnership among libraries, their boards and their communities."

Past winners of the ULC Urban Player Award include **Sam Morrison**, Director of the Broward County Public

Library; **Carlton Sears**, Director of Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County; **Lynn Lockwood**, Baltimore County Public Library; **Fontayne Holmes**, Director of the Los Angeles Public Library; and, **Jo Bryant**, Director of the Toronto Public Library. Learn more about the Urban Player award and other ULC awards at www.urbanlibraries.org.

About the Urban Libraries Council

For more than 30 years, the Urban Libraries Council (ULC) has worked to strengthen public libraries as an essential part of urban life. A membership organization of North America's premier public library systems and the

corporations that serve them, ULC serves as a forum for sharing best practices resulting from targeted research, education and forecasting. ULC's programs are acclaimed for inspiring new organizational models that invigorate urban libraries and enrich the areas surrounding them. ULC is headquartered in Chicago. For more information, visit the group on the Web at www.urbanlibraries.org.

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2010 Budget, continued from p 1.

Public budget presentations and hearings are scheduled for the following dates. See www.sanantonio.gov/budget/cbid.asp for the entire schedule and other FY 2010 budget information.

Thursday, August 13

City Council "A" Session: City Manager presents FY 2010 Proposed Operating and Capital Budget to City Council and City Council considers the FY 2010 Proposed Ad Valorem Tax Rate and set date, time and place for public hearings and adoption of tax rate.

Monday, August 17–Friday, August 28

Individual City Council District Community Budget Hearings

Tuesday, September 1

City Council Public Hearing on the FY 2010 Proposed Budget (6:00 p.m.) preceded by staff summary report of issues discussed at individual City Council District Community Budget Hearings

Thursday, September 17

City Council "A" Session:

- 1) City Council considers FY 2010 Annual Operating and Capital Budget, the Ad Valorem Tax Rate, Revenue Adjustments, and the Operating and Capital Budget Appropriations Ordinance.
- 2) FY 2009 Closing Ordinance

Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

Honor a loved one with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, or "just because." It can also be a wonderful, thoughtful, and lasting way to honor the memory of a relative or friend.

If you do not want to make a contribution at this time, clip this form and save it for the appropriate occasion.

I would like to make the following donation:

- ☐ In honor of ☐ In memory of
- ☐ Special event (birthday, graduation, etc.)

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Amount \$ _____ (All donations are tax deductible.)

Acknowledgement to:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

My Name and Address:

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____

Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
and mail to: **Sheila Figueroa**, Chair, Gifts, Donations,
& Memorials

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)



FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY

Membership Application

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone _____

____ Individual (Adult) \$ 15

____ Dual (Adult) \$ 25

____ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18) \$ 5

____ Patron (Per Person) \$ 50

____ Contributing (Per Person) \$100

____ Life (Per Person) \$250

____ New Member

____ Renewal

Branch Group _____

Additional Donation \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

____ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

____ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

____ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).
Your contribution is tax deductible.

and mail to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)
P.O. Box 461523

San Antonio, Texas 78246

(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2009
Submitted by **Judy Wilson**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

	Budget	Mar/Apr	FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD
Income				
Book Cellar sales/Group Book Sales	\$ 73,000.00	\$15,661.10	\$ 22,532.27	\$23,339.33
Donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 45.00	\$ 460.00	\$ 3,855.50
Interest	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 195.64	\$ 393.71	
Membership	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 605.00	\$ 6,950.00	\$ 3,060.00
FOSAPL Income	\$ 93,000.00	\$16,506.74	\$ 30,335.98	
Transfer from savings, if needed	\$ 35,375.00			
Assets to be used during 2009	\$128,375.00			
Branch Groups income				\$30,254.83
Expenses				
Accounting	\$ 2,000.00			\$ 125.00
Arts and Letters	\$ 400.00			
Bank charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 12.00	\$ 15.00	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$ 1,000.00			
Book sale(s) expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 101.14	\$ 128.29	
Commodities for resale	\$ 500.00	\$ 194.58	\$ 365.28	
Equipment and maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 525.52		
Internet and software	\$ 100.00			
Printing and copying	\$ 100.00			
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$ 500.00			
Salary and benefits	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 2,387.00	
Volunteer appreciation	\$ 1,000.00			
Branch Group operating expenses				\$ 1,848.25
Bulk mail	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 180.00	
Directory 2009-2011	\$ 3,000.00			
FOSAPL committee expenses	\$ 100.00			
Friends recognition	\$ 100.00			
Insurance (bonding)	\$ 125.00			
Library Support				
Programming for public (all year, all ages)	\$ 40,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	
Staff development and training	\$ 45,000.00			
Memorial gifts for Life Members	no fund amt.		\$ 200.00	
Various Branch Group purchases				\$15,652.11
Mail box	\$ 75.00	\$ 27.00	\$ 27.00	
Membership recruitment	\$ 1,000.00			
Newsletter prep/editing	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 600.00		
Newsletter printing	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 333.91		
Office supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 246.47	\$ 390.85	
Parking	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 436.35	\$ 1,330.10	
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 98.83	\$ 257.91	
President's expenses	\$ 350.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	
Sales tax (Book Cellar & branches)	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 1,041.75	\$ 1,989.98	
Seed money for new groups	\$ 300.00		\$ 100.00	
Total Expenses	\$128,375.00	\$23,438.12	\$ 29,055.84	\$17,500.36

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$ 63,488.60
Guaranty Money Market Gold Account	\$ 37,758.37
Guaranty Checking Account	\$ 29,116.11
Certificate of Deposit (4% APY) matures 11/07/09	\$ 75,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 205,363.08

Branch Designated Funds (-) \$(113,020.42)

Net Assets for FOSAPL Use \$ 92,342.66

Branch and Special Interest Group Funds April 30, 2009

Bazan	\$ 1,745.16
Brook Hollow	\$ 12,174.22
Carver	\$ 2,972.03
Cody	\$ 8,938.65
Collins Garden	\$ 37.22
Forest Hills	\$ 2,994.47
Guerra	\$ 3,599.10
Igo	\$ 3,358.25
Johnston	\$ 1,607.24
Landa	\$ 405.00
Maverick	\$ 9,471.05
McCreless	\$ 3,766.49
Memorial	\$ 4,372.37
Tobin at Oakwell	\$ 18,811.77
Semmes	\$ 3,012.08
Texana/Genealogy	\$ 20,545.11
Thousand Oaks	\$ 5,744.83
Westfall	\$ 5,809.54
Writers (currently inactive)	\$ 3,645.84
Las Palmas (no group formed)	\$ 5.00
San Pedro (no group formed)	\$ 5.00
Total Group Funds	\$113,020.42



Barbara Scott-Gore, who is a member of the Brook Hollow Friends, has been dressing up as The Cat in the Hat and reading to children for over ten years. She has read to children at both the Brook Hollow and Semmes libraries, and she has also read to children at North Central Hospital, the Children's Shelter, and many elementary schools. If you would like more information, contact Barbara or Brook Hollow Friends.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

July 18	Show Me the Money, Central Library, 9:30–Noon
July 19	FOSAPL Board Meeting, Semmes, 2 p.m.
July 27	Book Cellar Volunteers Appreciation Potluck Supper (for volunteers and spouses), Book Cellar, 4-6 p.m.
Sept 12–13	Igo Fall Book Sale
October 3	Semmes Fall Book Sale
October 10	Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale

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

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-561-6113 (also TTY)

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-650-9540

Tobin at Oakwell Library
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
210-828-2569

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.