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2011**

### *From the President*



Dear Friends,

Have you seen the video clip of the year-old baby who learns to “flip” the pages of an iPad using her finger, and then tries to flip the pages of a magazine? Her frustration is evident: she can't figure out how to make those darn paper pages change, when she repeatedly applies the skills that she has learned on the iPad. While the video is both cute and funny, it reinforces the importance of our youth having a broad range of knowledge and information sources and formats—books, eBooks, tablets, laptops, and Internet access—available at the community library, school, home, and bookstores. We're grateful that the FY2011-12 budget that the City Council approved included funds to replace Library computers and to purchase new books.

It is also a good thing that we have talented Library staff to help us learn to use new technologies. Be sure to take advantage of computer classes taught at all the branches and Central and “Computing for Seniors,” which offered a class about “Devices” that gave me the confidence to send my first text, and use a Kindle.

For those of us who still get a thrill from pulp mysteries that are also bargain-priced, the BookCellar's “Half-Price Sale” in late November will be a perfect opportunity to stock up—and to “give thanks” for the volunteers that keep the store humming.

Many thanks, also, to **Linda Arronge**, Chair, and the members of the Arts & Letters Awards committee, **Evelyn Bonavita**, **Anne Long**, and **Antoinette Franklin** for their hard work—and congratulations to **Michael Nye**, **Patsy Sasek**, and **Frederick Williams** for joining an illustrious group of Awardees.

Have you sent in your membership renewal envelope (and check!) yet? You might be the one-thousandth Friend of 2012—and the support of each one of you is necessary for the San Antonio Public Library to continue to change lives through INFORMATION, IMAGINATION, and IDEAS. Please join today!

*Cheers,*

*Nancy Gandara*

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## **The Nominating Committee Report**

**Claudia Kohler**

The following Friends members have accepted the Committee's nomination to serve on the 2012–2014 FOSAPL Board of Directors. These names will be presented at the **Annual Meeting on January 15, 2012, at the Central Library at 2 p.m.**

- **Walter Ague**
- **Denise Barlow**
- **Arline Braswell**
- **Patricia Peak**
- **Jacqueline Willaivize**
- **Jill Zimmerman**
- **Antoinette Franklin**

The floor will be open for additional nominees. If you want to nominate someone, you must have his or her approval.

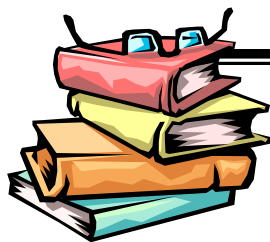
Members of the Nominating committee:

- **Shirley Coleman**
- **Ronnie Retzlöff**
- **Sue Ratliff**
- **Edward Sagebiel**
- **Claudia Kohler**

If you have any questions, please call **Claudia Kohler** at 210-372-0241 or **Sue Ratliff** at 210-521-1467.

## **BE ONE IN A THOUSAND!**

**R**enew your FOSAPL membership for 2012 TODAY! Please call (210) 653-4103 if you haven't already received your membership renewal letter in the mail!



# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

## Board Meeting

September 18, 2011

Submitted by Anne Long

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, September 18, 2011, in the meeting room at the Thousand Oaks Branch Library. Board members present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Linda Nairn, Pat Bjornson, Evelyn Bonavita, Shirley Coleman, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Claudia Kohler, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Mary McAfee, Josie Martinez, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzliff, Robbi Rupert, Ann Springer, and Virginia Wong.**

**Jackie Fremming** moved we accept the minutes of the July 17 meeting as printed in the *SAPLings*. **Ronnie Retzliff** seconded, and the motion passed.

**President's Report—Nancy Gandara** reviewed meetings that she had attended during the prior two months and highlighted her meeting with the Parman Friends group for orientation. She and administrative staff of SAPL met with the Landa branch group to discuss how funds raised by a Friends group fit into the library budget.

**Treasurer's Report—Judy Wilson** reported the net assets for FOSAPL as of August 31, 2011, as \$78,982.14. The Branch Group funds were \$93,713.48. **Mary McAfee** moved and **Claudia Kohler** seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, and the motion passed.

**Library Board of Trustees Report—Jean Brady** reported an increase in the City budget to the Library of over three million dollars. Among many other things, these funds will allow the Mollie Pruitt Branch on Roosevelt to open as a full service library. The Library Board has approved the Strategic

Plan and the City Council endorsed the Plan. The Board submitted a list of facilities projects totaling seventy-seven million dollars for consideration to be on the next Capital Improvement Bond election, although it is unlikely that all of those projects will be included.

**Library Administration—Kate Gray**, the Interim Assistant Director for Public Services, introduced herself to the group and issued a heartfelt thank you to everyone for the encouragement and support the Friends groups give to the library staff. She announced that the "board book" for toddlers that the Library Foundation created in collaboration with the San Antonio Museum of Art is on sale in bookstores and at HEB. The Library will also be collaborating with UT Health Science System on the annual "One Community One Book" initiative, and the book will be *Barefoot Heart* by **Elva Trevino Hart**. Mollie Pruitt Branch will open as a full service branch on Nov. 1. Kate also reported that the Bond issue will come before the voters in May of 2012, which means a final list of projects will be due by Jan. of 2012.

**BookCellar—Linda Arronge** reported that the BookCellar sales for September will be the 600s and for October will be Adult Fiction. The BookCellar committee discussed buying a cabinet to display more expensive books but felt the cost was too high.

**Membership—Christie Smith** made a comparative report of our membership now to that of a year ago. This month's report will also be used as a baseline for comparison in 2012. Our push in 2012 will be to reach the 1000 member

mark, and we only need 100 new members to meet that goal if we retain this year's membership. Of the 900 current members there are 329 with no email address on our records.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Arts & Letters Awards and Reception—Linda Arronge** invited everyone to the Arts and Letters Reception on Oct. 30 at 2:00 in the auditorium of the Central Library. This year the committee had 11 nominations from which to choose and made a selection of three highly qualified recipients.

**SAPL Strategic Plan—As** stated previously, the Strategic Plan has been approved and is available online for review. **Nancy Gandara** suggested that FOSAPL members read over the "Areas of Strategic Focus" pages, which she distributed, so we could discuss at our next meeting how FOSAPL members might better fit into the Strategic Plan.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Consideration of Bylaws—Nancy Gandara** introduced several members of the Friends of the Parman Branch who were in attendance: **Katherine Lavender** (President), **Marian Martinello** (Book Sale Coordinator), and **Ronnie Retzliff**, and said that the group's members were quite enthusiastic about joining FOSAPL. **Mary McAfee** made a motion that we accept the Bylaws of the Parman Branch Friends Group. **Pat Mendiola** seconded the motion, and the vote to accept was unanimous.

**Nominating Committee for 2012-14 FOSAPL Board—Nancy Gandara** put forward the following names for consid-

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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 Gandara ..... President  
Linda Arronge ..... Vice President  
Anne Long ..... Secretary  
Judy Wilson ..... Treasurer  
Linda Nairn ..... Immediate Past Pres

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2010-2012 Term

Pat Bjornson • Shirley Davis • Dolores Huber • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Pat Konstam • Josie Martinez • Bob Mason • Robbi Ruppert • Dorothy Smith

### 2011-2013 Term:

Evelyn Bonavita • Shirley Coleman • Jackie Fremming • Bruce Gill • Claudia Kohler • Robert LaCaff • Karen Matson • Mary McAfee • Pat Mendiola • Larry Purkey • Ronnie Retzliff • Ann Springer • Virginia Wong • Christie Smith, Membership Chair

## 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

Lyn Belisle, Chair • Bruce Gill • Nancy Gandara, *Ex Officio* • Claudia Kohler • Pat Mendiola • Linda Nairn, *Distribution*

**Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!**

The deadline for submitting articles and photos to *SAPLings* is the 10th of the even months (February 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10)

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods, [alana005@yahoo.com](mailto:alana005@yahoo.com). Printed articles and original photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.



# Branch Leaves

News from  
Branch Libraries

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## Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Friends held their semi-annual Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 15.

With over 13,000 books to choose from, the sale was a huge success resulting in total sales of \$3,051.60. In addition, 35 of our 81 members volunteered for the sale.

The Friends had their regular business meeting on Monday, Oct. 17. It was announced that with the recent Book Sale, a total of \$21,663.34 is available to assist with the needs of the branch. Accordingly, the Board authorized the Manager, **Beth Schorlemer** to proceed with the purchase of an RFID pad, barcode scanners and receipt printers, a back up battery for DLA, and more small carts for shelving books.

**Ms. Schorlemer** will also request estimates for providing sun screening material on the large windows on the north side of the library. A motion was made and passed to authorize overall spending for these items not to exceed \$7,500. Other improvements will be considered at a later date. The Landscape Committee was also authorized to provide minor maintenance items to the landscaping previously provided by the Friends. An election of officers was held for 2012-2014. President **Bruce Gill**, and Treasurer **Marilou Smith** were reelected to an additional term, and **Katherine Kay** and **Ann Springer** were elected as the new Vice-President and Secretary respectively.

The next Book Sale will be March 24, 2012. The Friends will also provide a staff appreciation dinner on Feb. 24, 2012.

*Bruce Gill*

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## Igo

*Igo Fibbers meet the first Saturday morning of each month except when there is a holiday conflict.*

The Fall Book Sale was a success and the FIBBERS now have our set up and organization down pat. We were glad to have helpers on the Thursday evening to set up. **Sophie He** and **Irene Chu** from Hector Garcia Middle School, recruited by **Barbara Kwiatkowski**, Teen Librarian, hauled boxes and unloaded books. **Pat** and **Frank Pasquale**, friends of **Jackie Fremming** and FOSAPL members, did their share of carting, sorting, and unloading as well. Many thanks, **Pat**, **Frank Sophie** and **Irene**. We discussed purchasing additional carts to use during set up and other ways to minimize the strain on our "aging backs."

Since Igo's book sale was the first of the 2011 FOSAPL Fall Book Sales, **Jackie Fremming** wrote in dates of other upcoming sales on the map showing where libraries are and handed it out to Igo sale visitors. Many people were eager to buy more books and appreciated the information. The sale brought in \$2700 for the two days Sept. 23 and 24.

Our Book Nook that resides in the library has generated enough money to pay for an additional new plum colored cart. Books were selected on Saturday after the full-day sale to hold for addition to the Book Nook cart. Our "I GO TO IGO" backpacks and bags will now be for sale from the Book Nook. They come in black and purple and are very popular. Ask at the front desk for details regarding their purchase.

**Kathy Claspill**, Branch Manager, reported that the library continues to be swamped with patrons. When we see staff sitting at the desk, some may think "is this all they do?" NOT! Kathy reported that each day the library pulls between 175 and 200 books to be placed on hold. In addition, they process between 10 and 18 crates of books each day. Not to mention all the re-shelving AND programming. The good news is that a new children's librarian will soon join the staff. We look forward to providing funds for new programming. We voted to buy new tee shirts for the staff and FIBBERS. They'll have a surprise feature—to be reported on in the next *SAPLings*.

*Kathleen McCloskey*

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## Landa

*The next meeting of the Friends of the Hannah Landa Memorial Library will be on Saturday, Nov. 12 at 1:00 p.m. See the Facebook page at [FriendsofHannahLandaMemorialBranchLibrary.com](http://www.FriendsofHannahLandaMemorialBranchLibrary.com)*

Current officers are **Diane Prickett**, President; **Martha James**, V.P./Communications Chair; **Olga Canales**, Treasurer; and **Sheila Figueroa**, Secretary. An active group of the Friends met on Oct. 22 and reviewed the existing Bylaws. Proposed changes will be voted on at the next meeting, prior to submittal to the FOSAPL Board. Holiday HEB gift cards will be given to the staff to express the Friends' appreciation of them. A closet in the public area has been fitted with shelves to provide an on-going donated-books sale, with an honor-system box for sales and donations. Come to the next meeting and bring *your* ideas of the "mission" of this group!

*Nancy Gandara*

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## McCreless

*McCreless Friends meeting will be Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m.*

The McCreless Board meeting will be Nov. 7 at 2:00 p.m., and the general meeting will be Nov. 14 at 5:30 p.m. Both meetings will be held at McCreless library.

Plans are being made to host local author, **Mel Brown**, at the meeting on Nov. 14. Nothing has been finalized yet, but if we are lucky enough to have him, it will be an interesting event for sure. Just browsing his website at <http://www.texasescapes.com/MelBrown/Mel-Brown.htm> provided much entertainment. Also at the meeting, we will be electing the slate of officers for 2012-13. Nominations are being sought and self-nominations are great! Please step forward and get involved!

Start putting away book donations to support the next book sale being held Saturday, Nov. 19, and Sunday Nov. 20, from 10:00 to 5:50. We will be setting up on Friday the 18th and could use all the help we can get. Volunteers are needed.

McCreless Friends T-shirts will be available at the book sale also at the low price of \$6. Remember that all proceeds go toward supporting the resources, services, and staff of our library.

*Jill Zimmerman*

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## Mission

*The next meeting of the Mission Friends will be Nov. 17, 6:00 p.m.*

The Friends of Mission Library held their first Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 8. Close to 50 boxes of books were collected. The community has been very supportive of the new branch, and this was evident in the number of people who came to purchase items.

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## Minutes, from p 2.

eration as the nominating committee for 2012-2014: **Claudia Kohler** (chair), **Shirley Coleman**, **Ronnie Retzliff**, **Linda Nairn**, and **Sue Ratliff**. A motion to accept the committee was made by **Mary McAfee** and seconded by **Jackie Fremming**. The motion passed.

**Nancy** expressed appreciation for the contributions of **Pat Konstam** and **Josie Martinez**, whose final terms will expire on Jan. 15, 2012. [NOTE: **Edward Sagebiel** subsequently replaced **Linda Nairn** on this committee, a change to be ratified by the FOSAPL Board on Nov. 20.]

**Budget Committee**—At our next FOSAPL meeting, we will be authorizing the budget for 2012. **Judy Wilson** will serve as chairperson for the Budget committee.

**Directory Task Force**—**Nancy Gandara** opened the floor for discussion of the value of reprinting the Directory or ways to update the existing one. The major concerns seemed to be expense and privacy issues. **Nancy** will gather a Task Force to explore the issue and options further.

**Reports of Branch Activities**—Representatives of each branch group present informed the audience about planned book sales, programs, and meetings.

There being no additional business, **Mary McAfee** made the motion we adjourn. **Jackie Fremming** seconded and the meeting was adjourned, after which the FOSAPL members enjoyed the delicious refreshments that had been prepared by the **Friends of the Thousand Oaks Branch**.

## Branch Leaves, from p 3.

There was a constant flow of customers throughout the day. In addition to books, magazines, and DVDs, Friends President, **Roberto Anguino** offered hand-crafted bird houses in various motifs, including models of Missions Espada, Concepcion, and San Jose. Additionally, Friends Vice-President **Terry Ibanez Santiago** offered several copies of the children's bestseller she illustrated, *That's Not Fair!/No Es Justo!: Emma Tenayuca's Struggle for Justice/La Lucha de Emma Tenayuca por la justicia* by **Carmen Tafoffa**. Ms. Ibanez Santiago provided volunteers from the National Honor Society of Brackenridge High School. They were a tremendous help, not only during the book sale, but also provided assistance to the children's librarian in preparing leaf cut-outs for a future craft activity. These young adults were some of the best customers at the book sale, expressing excitement and recognition for many of the titles they encountered on the sale tables, snatching up selections to add to their own private book collections. Don't let current media reports convince you that our young people are finding less favor with the printed book—that was not the case among these outstanding young scholars! Libraries and books have a very bright future indeed.

Mission Friends are pleased to announce that the first book sale yielded almost \$650! They are eagerly making plans for their next sale and hope to exceed this amount.

*Josephine Martinez*

## Parman

Friends of the Parman Branch Library met in September to elect officers for the Parman Branch.

**Katherine Lavender** was elected President; **Linda Janney**, Vice President; **Nancy and John Welsh**, Secretaries; and **Rashmi Sarlashkar**, Treasurer.

The Parman Branch Library has become one of the busiest branches in San Antonio with between 800–1,000 people visiting the library per day.

Nov. 5—Family Fair—New Playground Construction—City Year, a volunteer group, will be hosting crafts, storytelling, and lots of fun for the entire community.

Volunteers from the community will be constructing the new children's playground during the same day. If you have skills to help build the playground, please come on out and join us.

Nov. 1–12—Membership drive for Friends of the Parman Library Branch

Dec. 8—Staff Appreciation Day—The Parman Friends Group will host a luncheon for all staff at the Parman Branch at 11:00 a.m.

Dec. 10—Hot Chocolate and cookies, "Holiday Social" for the public at the Parman Branch.

Contact info for the Friends of the Parman Branch is **Katherine Lavender**, 254-592-2476 or happykat3@yahoo.com.

*Katherine Lavender*

## Texana-Genealogy

*Send inquiries about the group to [friendsoftexana@gmail.com](mailto:friendsoftexana@gmail.com)*

We held our fall meeting on Sept 24, 2011. **Frank Faulkner** updated us on the \$8,600 funds approved for use by the department. \$5,000 was spent on transferring data to microfilm, and now the *Commercial Daily Reporter* is back in the library, along with the copies on microfilm. After a long wait for the city's approval, a scanner has been purchased for the department. The Texana & Genealogy Room is requesting a computer and software to use with the

new scanner. The Friends approved \$3,000 for the purchase of these items. The Friends decided to try selling some books at the Fall Program events that run from Oct. 1–Nov. 13 to raise funds. While having an annual Book Sale in winter is still under debate, a tentative date was set for Feb. 11, 2012. The meeting wrapped up with an up close and personal viewing of the rare and valuable **King James Bible** held in the archives, along with a handwritten Latin Bible.

*Jennifer Schooley*

## Thousand Oaks

*Thousand Oaks Friends will continue to meet the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.*

The Thousand Oaks Friends are back to work supporting our library staff and patrons, working on the "bench project," which will provide seating outside the library for people waiting for the doors to open. Our branch was host to the FOSAPL Board meeting in September.

Treasurer **Pat Peak** reports that the Book Nook sales were going well, and plans are being made for the Dec. 3 Book Sale. We will combine setting up for the sale with decorating the library for the holidays. Our holiday party will be at **Linda Nairn's** home.

*Renee Hermanson*

## Tobin Library at Oakwell

Award-winning San Antonio mystery author **Jay Brandon** will be the guest speaker at the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell's annual meeting set for Nov. 12 at 2 p.m. A former Bexar County district attorney, Brandon has written half a dozen Chris Sinclair novels, including the Edgar Award final-

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## Report on Libraries in Rural Texas

Aaron Konstam

Pat and I recently took a trip vertically through Texas at the longitude roughly of Abilene. Along the way, we visited the libraries in a number of small Texas communities to see how they were doing. Going North, we traveled on US 83, the 2nd longest road in Texas (IH 10 is the longest). US 83 stretches from the valley to the Canadian border in North Dakota. Going south we traveled on US 283. The towns visited were Menard, Eden, Ballinger, Anson, Hamlin Guthrie, Paducah, Childress, Quanah, Vernon, Seymour, Throckmorton, Albany, Brady, and Mason. Of these towns we visited the Libraries in Eden, Ballinger, Paducah, Seymour, and Mason.

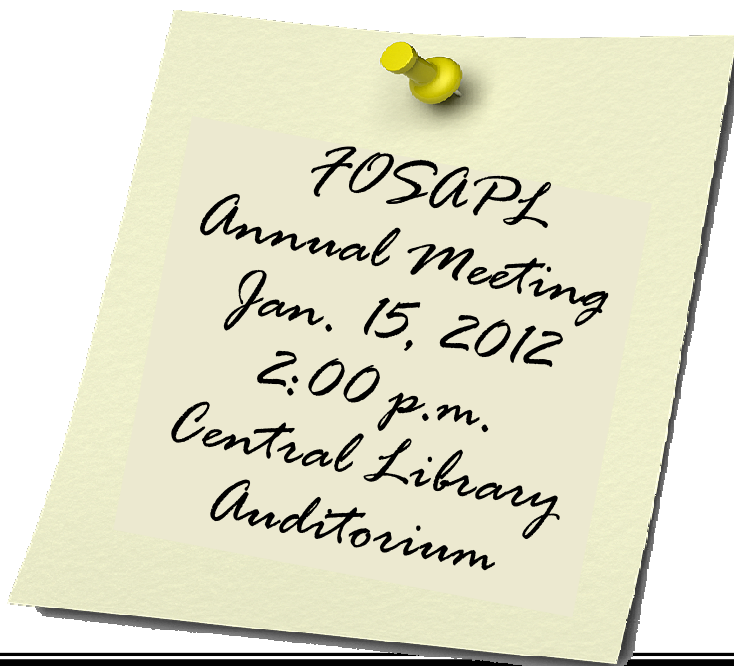
We found these libraries had a number of similarities and some interesting differences. Across the board all the Libraries were suffering from the withdrawal of state funding. In the next budget year the state has cut funding for Libraries by 88%. Included in the cuts are cuts for Interlibrary Loan and support for database access. As we saw, the effect of these cuts on the operation of small Libraries is devastating. One library that still had both city and county funding was operating with a budget of about \$33,000 a year. Another library in a nice new building it shared with the County Court had no money for purchasing new books.

Nearly every library was involved in selling books both through a shelf of books for sale and/or annual sales. The prices charged for the books ranged mostly from 50 cents to \$1. However, one Library charges \$3 for hardbacks. That Library had an interesting display strategy for their sale books. They were stored in a corner labeled "Cup and Chaucer." The coffee designation came from the fact that they had coffee and snacks for sale in the same corner.

At the other end of the spectrum was the library in Paducah, which is housed in the basement of the County Courthouse. This town is close to being a Ghost Town. Nearly all the stores around the town square were empty. We were told they have very few patrons except for tourists passing through. When they sold books, they sold them for 10 cents, but they have a hard time selling books. The feeling of the Librarian was the population reads but does not buy books. One town at this same end of the poverty spectrum had a sale which failed for lack of customers. Another Library had a sale where they sold books for 10 cents each and a dollar a bag, but they were only able to make \$50. One year they tried to sell books by the pound.

Nearly every Library had a Friends group with varying levels of dues. In several cases, the Friends groups were vital in getting additional funding for the Library. Every Library had some access to computers for its patrons. However, in some cases not all computers had access to the Internet.

## Igo Friends Fall Book Sale a Great Success!





## From the Library Director

### Happy New Year!



Fiscal Year 2012, that is. October 1 marks the beginning of a new fiscal year for the City of San Antonio, and this seems like a good time to reflect on the past twelve months.

Since September 30, 2010, the Library has opened two beautiful new branches in previously underserved areas of the community, one on the far south side and one on the far north side. Both were warmly welcomed and are seeing record usage. If you haven't yet visited the Mission Branch Library or the Parman Branch Library, I urge you to do so.

Much of the past year has been occupied by development of the Library's new Strategic Plan, and we have kept you up to date on our progress both here and through the local news media. I am pleased to announce that the Library Board of Trustees approved the plan on August 24, and that City Council ratified it on September 15. As we wind up this phase, I would like to express my appreciation to **Tom Frost** and the members of the Leadership Advisory Committee, who provided invaluable input; the task force of Library managers, who oversaw the project; and the work teams, who developed the exciting initiatives outlined in the Strategic Plan. We now move into implementation of those initiatives, beginning with our Staff Development Day training session in October. Watch for more to come!

Finally, I want to say thank you to a number of people. As I have often noted, the past several years have been hard for public libraries. However, San Antonio has been fortunate to have farsighted, enlightened leadership on the Library Board of Trustees, in the City Manager's Office, and from the Mayor and City Council. On September 15, the same day that Council ratified our Strategic Plan, they also approved the City's Fiscal Year 2012 budget. That budget included increased appropriations for the Library, including more funding to purchase materials and funding to grow the Library's early literacy initiatives. Without the support of the City's leadership echelons and Library stakeholder groups, including the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation and all of you who appreciate and use the Library, such progress would not have been possible. On behalf of the community, I say thanks again, and pledge that we will continue to live up to our new mission statement:

**The San Antonio Public Library changes lives through the transformative power of information, imagination and ideas.**

*Ramiro Salazar*

## Getting to Know Your Friends

*John Igo*

Claudia Kohler

There was no library where **John Igo** lived as a child, but a Book Mobile came and allowed you to take out 7 books at a time. John was a prolific reader and 7 books was not enough! Therefore, he got library cards for his parents so he could take out 21 books at a time.



John started his working connection with the library in the 7th grade at Lockhill Elementary School. He and his best friend checked out books for the whole school. Remember when the books had pockets and cards that were removed? They collected signatures, stamped the cards and checked them back in when returned. John remained friends with this boy all his life, and at one point John was writing love letters for the friend in the manner of **Cyrano de Bergerac**.

When John was 17 and in his first year at college, he was a Page at the Hertzberg Library. This was a paid position and he was recommended for it by his teachers. At that time, the public was only allowed on the first floor where they had the Fiction and Popular Biographies. When a patron wanted information on a certain subject, they wrote their question down and it was handed to a Page who researched and located the subject and brought back the book with the answer. The Librarian then wrote out the answer and gave it to the patron. It was at the Hertzberg that John met **Leah Carter Johnston** who started the Friends of the

San Antonio, and a few years later, she invited John to serve on the Board.

While in college, John would stop at the Westfall Library as it was in his path going home. Later, when he was at Trinity University, he used the Landa Library and of course he was involved

again. He remembers the Friends bought new carpeting for 2 floors at Landa. Later, he frequented the Cody branch too.

From 1976-1996, John was the Manager of the Theater Archives at the Hertzberg. During this time there was a huge Shakespeareana collection and also a comprehensive collection of Fiesta items including the Fiesta Dinner Theater. At one point in time, it was determined there no

longer was space for these items and they were headed for the dumpster. John got busy on the phone and invited local universities to come and put some of these items in their collections.

John attends as many of the Igo Friends meetings as he is able. His pet project is the puppet theater. John thinks puppets are a great way to get children interested in theater. He owned a set of Faust puppets and felt they needed to be shared; so he has donated them to the Igo Library. (See the photos on p. 7)

I took John's picture in his favorite spot in the Igo Branch, where he worked on his last 2 books and a 2-act play, which are at the Publishers right now. There is a section in the middle of the library with 4 rows of tables between the stacks. John always sits at the 2nd or 3rd table. You might find him there this week, working on a grammar reference book for adults.

To see more of John's writings and honors, please go to this web site: <http://www.johnigo.com/About.html> and if you have a question about grammar, go to <http://geminiink.org/archives/tag/john-igo>.

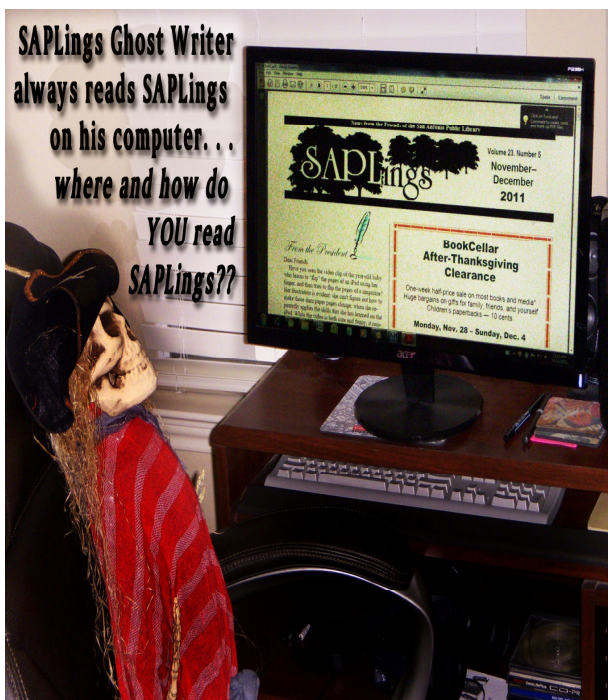


## Puppet Theater at Igo Library

**J**ohn Igo's pet project is the puppet theater. John thinks puppets are a great way to get children interested in theater. Pictured below are sets of woodland creatures and farm animals used by Igo staff to entertain the children.



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## Vintage Mexican Folk Art & Pottery Display at Cody

**T**his display was created for Cody Library by Friends member **Judy Malter**.





## Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony Online

Lyn Belisle

This issue of *SAPLings* had to go to press before the Arts & Letters Awards were presented on Sunday, October 30, 2011, to **Michael Nye, Patsy Sasek, and Frederick Williams**. But you can see photos and even videos of the awardees and guests when you access our online version of *SAPLings* at:

<http://lgdata.s3-website-us-east-1.amazonaws.com/docs/253/296395/saplins-vol23n6.pdf>

Enjoy the color photos and the videos, and remember that these are just some of the advantages of “going green” and paperless to save our precious library resources.



**Michael Nye**



**Patsy Sasek**



**Frederick Williams**

## How YOU Are Helping the Library and Friends

Nancy Gandara

We all know that the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is a “membership” organization, and that there is an annual Membership Drive. But do you know how the Friends’ money is spent?

Of a \$15 individual Adult membership, \$5 is allocated to the Branch or Interest Group that the member designates. The remaining \$10 is used to cover expenses of the organization, and contributes toward the annual gift to the Library system.

Even organizations that are run by volunteers have expenses, and FOSAPL and the BookCellar are no exception. The Treasurer’s Report that is printed in every issue of *SAPLings* itemizes those expenses.

- **FOSAPL expenses** include fees paid to professional accountants; expenses related to the Arts & Letters Award program; insurance for the Board members and BookCellar; preparation, printing and mailing *SAPLings*; seed money for new interest groups; and gifts to SAPL when a Life Member dies.
- **BookCellar expenses** include: salary and benefits for a part-time (20 hrs/wk) manager; canvas bags for resale; office supplies and expenses related to book sales; display equipment; and an appreciation lunch for the 50 volunteers who keep it open 32 hrs/wk, sort books, and do semi-annual sales. The most important “expense” is the Friends’ annual gift to SAPL. The



Library Director has used that gift for public programming, marketing, and staff development and training—areas not covered by the City Budget. During 2011, we will give \$42,000. Most of our revenue is from sales at the BookCellar, thanks to our dedicated volunteer workers and regular shoppers—but your membership fee is an important part of keeping the Friends growing, so be sure to join today!



## San Antonio Public Library offers e-Books for Kindle

Beth Graham

The San Antonio Public Library is excited to announce that its e-Book collection is now compatible with the Amazon® Kindle. Library customers can download popular and classic e-Books to a Kindle device or any mobile device running the free Kindle app, such as iPhone®, iPad®, Android™, and more. To get started, visit the Library's downloadable e-Book page.

The San Antonio Public Library also offers e-Books and audiobooks for use on PC or Mac computers and on popular mobile devices such as Smartphones, MP3 players, and e-Book readers like the Barnes & Noble® Nook™ and Sony® Reader.

Kindle users can browse the Library's collection of best-selling and classic e-Books from a PC or Mac computer, check out titles using a library card, and select "Get for Kindle" to deliver e-Books to their Kindle device or any device running the free Kindle app. Users who enjoy e-Books on Kindle will benefit from Amazon's Whispersync technology that synchronizes notes, highlights and last page read between their Kindle and free Kindle apps.

The San Antonio Public Library is partnering with OverDrive, Inc., to offer this service.

For more information about this and other San Antonio Public Library programs, resources and services, the public may call (210) 207-2500 or visit the Library's website, [www.mysapl.org](http://www.mysapl.org)

### Branch Leaves, from p 4.

ist *Fade the Heat*. The San Antonio DA investigates corruption in high-school athletics in Brandon's latest, *Running with the Dead*.

A member of the Texas Institute of Letters and the American Crime Writers League, Brandon is a graduate of UT-Austin, has a master's degree from The Writing Seminars of Johns Hopkins University, and a J.D. from the University of Houston. Other novels by Brandon include *Executive Privilege*, about a First Lady from Texas who enlists a San Antonio attorney to divorce the President, and *Milagro Lane*, based on his serialized novel published in the *San Antonio Express-News*. The Tuesday Thrillers Book Club meets Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Tobin.

More than 170 people showed up to see the Reptile

Man, a Tobin Friends-funded program. Tobin is a test library for Teen Time and Tween Time with special activities after school one day a week and snacks provided by the Tobin Friends. Heading up the new programs is **David Gallin-Parisi**, new Teen Librarian. Other purchases include a special rug used during Story Time and Toddler Time as well as a clock, easels, and shelf adapters.

Our Fall Book Sale netted \$2,800 despite competition from rain and UTSA football. We had a good turnout for new preview hours from 4 to 6 p.m. on Friday to fall within the state sales tax 24-hour rule. The next Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale is set for Feb. 10-11.

**Janet Goddard**

## BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar will hold a half-price sale during regular store hours the week after Thanksgiving. Most books, VHS movies, music CDs, and magazines will sell for half their usual price of 25 cents to \$1. Children's paperbacks will be 10 cents. The only items not marked down will be easy readers, some premium priced books, and book bags. The sale begins Monday, Nov. 28, and continues through Sunday, Dec. 4, during regular store hours: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. every day plus 3 p.m.-7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 1.



For holiday preparations, a wide selection of books on crafts, gifts, cooking and entertaining for Thanksgiving, Christmas, Hanukkah, and Kwanzaa is available now. Because of the half-price sale, there is no buy-one-get-one-free special in November. The December buy-one-get-one special will be adult and juvenile biographies.

**Andrea Mason** is a new member of the BookCellar Committee. **Linda Nairn** and **Diane Prickett** have resigned from the committee and are taking responsibilities in their library branches.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for the people who keep the store going is scheduled for Nov. 11. **Linda Arrange** is handling arrangements.

The BookCellar will be closed on Friday, Nov. 11, for Veterans Day, and on Sunday, Nov. 13, for the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon (which limits access to Central Library). It will close for Thanksgiving on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, Nov. 23-25; for Christmas on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Dec. 24-26; and for New Year's on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, Dec. 30-Jan. 1.

## The San Antonio Public Library invites entries for the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition

Beth Graham



Open to poets 18 and under, the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition invites young writers to submit their work, which is then reviewed by a panel of independent judges. Selected poems will be published in the 2012 Young Pegasus poetry anthology, and the authors honored at an award ceremony.

Submissions will be accepted from September 15 through December 15, 2011, and can be made online, in hard copy in person at any location of the San Antonio Public Library, or by U.S. mail to: Central Library, ATTENTION: Young Pegasus, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

For more information, please visit our website (<http://guides.mysapl.org/youngpegasus>) or call (210) 207-2621.

### ~~ Honors, Memorials and Gifts Form ~~

Honor a loved one, family or friends with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions, or a "just because." Doing so can also be a wonderful, thoughtful and lasting way to honor the memory of relatives or friends. If you like, add a brief note about the recipient of your honors on the back of the form. No donation now? Save the form for future use.

#### I would like to make the following donation of

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**P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246**

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## Friends Membership Application

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, STATE, ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TELEPHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_ UNLISTED ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH ☐

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

### I'M INTERESTED IN:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>BOOKSALES</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>COMMITTEES</b> (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>FOSAPL</b> Board of Directors<br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>HOSPITALITY</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>PUBLICITY &amp; COMMUNICATION</b> | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>POLITICAL ADVOCACY</b><br><input type="checkbox"/> <b>VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR</b><br>(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.) |
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### MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- |                                                        |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Adult)            | \$15  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL (Adult)                  | \$25  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) | \$5   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATRON (Per Person)           | \$50  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING (Per Person)     | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE (Per Person)             | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS                      | \$25  |

### STATUS/PAYMENT:

- ☐ **NEW MEMBER**  
☐ **RENEWAL**  
☐ **BRANCH GROUP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ **ADDITIONAL DONATION:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 How would you like your additional donation applied? \_\_\_\_\_

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday - Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM (when the Library is open).

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible  
**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
**Friends of the San Antonio Public Library**



# Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2011

Submitted by Judy Wilson

## INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL JULY-AUG
BookCellar sales	80,000.00	52,872.59	22,811.28
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(3,322.78)	(1,063.81)
Donations and memorials	1,000.00	968.00	123.00
Interest	300.00	396.39	114.39
Membership	<u>8,000.00</u>	<u>4,620.00</u>	<u>990.00</u>
<b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>	<b><u>89,300.00</u></b>	<b><u>55,534.20</u></b>	<b><u>22,974.86</u></b>

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	JULY-AUG
Accounting	2,400.00	375.00	
Arts and Letters	400.00		
Bank charges	100.00		
FOSAPL Committee expenses	200.00	82.66	27.29
Friends recognition	100.00	21.27	
Insurance	2,000.00	1,660.00	200.00
Membership recruitment	900.00	381.20	127.00
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	1,913.41	1,013.41
Office supplies	100.00	136.23	28.99
Parking	no budget amt	564.00	
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,500.00	473.44	88.00
President's expenses	300.00		
Seed money for new groups	200.00	100.00	100.00
"Show me the Money"/fundraising program	450.00		

### BookCellar Expenses

Advertising	1,000.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	300.00	831.45	556.38
Commodities for resale 1,800.00	1,151.43	394.80	
Equipment and maintenance	2,500.00	509.95	460.14
Printing and copying 200.00	20.00		
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits 7,100.00	5,375.69	1,480.60	
Volunteer appreciation 1,250.00	219.58	201.19	

### Library Support

Public programming & staff development	42,000.00	360.00	360.00
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	265.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	<u>no budget amt</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>

**TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES**      **69,350.00**      **14,740.31**      **5,237.80**

### FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME

	JULY-AUG	YTD
Donations	60.00	2,392.20
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, fundraisers	5,265.72	41,005.17
Memberships	180.00	1,615.00

### BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS EXPENDITURES

Branch Friends group operating expenses	552.73	3,245.87
Branch Friends group purchases for Library Branches/departments	15,181.70	63,496.93

## Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

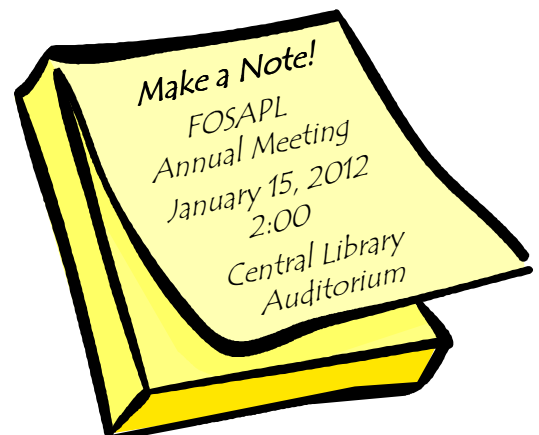
### Bank Accounts

Compass Money Market BookCellar deposits	124,789.51
Compass Money Market Gold	30,196.45
Compass	19,350.45
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>174,336.41</b>
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(93,713.48)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(40.46)
Checks outstanding (-)	(1,600.33)
<b>Net Assets for FOSAPL Use</b>	<b>78,982.14</b>

### Branch and Support Group Funds

**Balance as of August 31, 2011**

Bazan	1,621.32
Brook Hollow	16,827.79
Carver	3,266.31
Central	407.73
Cody	2,632.09
Collins Garden	426.66
Cortez	1,054.69
Forest Hills	2,680.56
Great Northwest	3,123.98
Guerra	4,083.28
Igo	4,315.94
Johnston	2,773.37
Landa	2,617.25
Maverick	3,638.90
McCreless	2,018.32
Memorial	2,475.30
Mission	75.00
Parman (no group formed)	40.00
Semmes	4,130.13
Texana/Genealogy	15,897.93
Thousand Oaks	5,449.85
Tobin Library at Oakwell	6,391.03
Westfall	4,120.21
Writers (currently inactive)	<u>3,645.84</u>
<b>Total Group Funds</b>	<b><u>93,713.48</u></b>





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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Sept. 15–Dec. 15 Submissions for Young Pegasus accepted (see story on p 9)
- Oct. 30** **Arts & Letters Awards, Central Library 2 p.m.**
- Nov 4–5 Guerra Friends Book Sale, Nov. 4, 4–6, and Nov. 5, 10–4.
- Nov. 5 Parman Family Fair & New Playground Construction
- Nov. 7 McCreless Board meeting, 2:00 p.m.
- Nov. 11 BookCellar Volunteer Appreciation Lunch
- Nov. 12 Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell annual meeting with guest speaker mystery author **Jay Brandon**, 2 p.m.
- Nov. 12 Landa Friends meeting, 1 p.m.
- Nov. 14 McCreless Friends meeting, 5:30 p.m.
- Nov 19–20 McCreless Book Sale, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
- Nov. 20** **FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2p.m. at the Cortez Branch Library**
- Nov. 28–Dec. 4 BookCellar Half-Price Sale, 11–3 p.m. daily, 11–7 Thurs. Dec. 1
- Dec. 3 Thousand Oaks Friends Book Sale, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Dec. 3 Collins Garden New Members Fiesta, 11:30–12:30; child care provided
- Dec. 7 Semmes Friends meeting and Christmas decorating party, 10:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8 Parman Staff Appreciation Day luncheon, 11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 10 Parman “Holiday Social”
- Jan. 15** **FOSAPL Annual Meeting, 2:00, Central Library Auditorium**
- Feb. 10–11 Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale
- Feb. 24 Brook Hollow Staff Appreciation Dinner

**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  
210-496-6315

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

Collins Garden Library  
200 N. Park Blvd, 78204-2434  
210-225-0331

Cortez Library  
2803 Hunter Boulevard, 78224  
210-922-7372

Guerra Library  
7978 Military Drive W, 78227  
210-673-1492

Landa Library  
233 Bushnell, 78212  
210-732-8369

McCreless Library  
1023 Ada Street, 78223  
210-532-4254

Parman Library at Stone Oak  
20735 Wilderness Oak

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

Thousand Oaks Library  
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233  
210-657-5205

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