

From the President

Dear Friends,

"No duty is more urgent than that of returning thanks," as James Allen said. Join me in expressing our appreciation to:

- The **voters of San Antonio**, who passed the 2012 Bond Election, so that we can all look forward to the next five years of Library improvements, renovations and three (!) new branches
- The **volunteers (and shoppers)** who worked so hard to give us another successful **BookCellar Tent Sale and 21st Anniversary** celebration
- The **Friends of Texana/Genealogy** who worked with library staff and 60 volunteers to research family names during the Texas Folklife Festival, where they gave out 1,400 (free) name certificates
- The San Antonio Public Library, with **Trustees and staff** who are committed to **changing lives through the power of information, imagination, and ideas**—as seen in their work and programs
- Our fellow 917 members of the **Friends of the SA Library**, who show their support through their contributions and time at the branches, Central Library, and BookCellar

During the rest of this hot and dry summer, Summer Reading Programs are not just for kids and teens: check out the programs for the "**Igo Elderberries**," the **Great Northwest Readers** and for **McCreless adults** (with prizes!). And if you read a book worth recommending, let your Friends know about it: send your 150-word (or less) book review to alana005@yahoo.com so that we can include it in the next issue of *SAPLings*!

Lucky for us, Library and City of San Antonio staff are not sitting around reading Best Sellers when they *should* be working. Look for progress on these construction projects that are currently underway:

- Carver – parking lot expansion, playground construction
- Central – plaza, basement landscaping
- Mission – playground and fitness trail
- Security systems for 12 branches and Central
- Energy efficiency retrofits for 16 and Central

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Arts & Letters Awards

Evelyn Bonavita

The Arts & Letters Committee has announced a deadline of August 17 for submitting nominations for this year's awards. So put on your thinking caps: Have you read an exciting book by a San Antonio author? Did an actor in a local production delight you? Was there a particular musical performance that stood out in your mind? The committee urges you to send us those names—with background information of course—and your reasons for the nominations.

You're welcome to submit more than one nomination. The ceremony will be in October, and if it follows the pattern of years past, it will be a delightful afternoon in itself.

Please send your nominations to **Evelyn Bonavita**, 334 Royal Oaks Drive, SA 78209. Or you can e-mail me at ebonavita@satx.rr.com. My telephone number is 210-828-1368 if you need more information.

BookCellar Celebrated 21 Years!



The BookCellar 21st birthday cake was made by volunteer **Rachel Sanchez**.

Volunteers celebrate the BookCellar's 21st birthday. L-R, **Nancy Gandara, Rachel Sanchez, Evelyn Bonavita, Pat Konstam and Linda Arronge**.



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting May 20, 2012

Submitted by *Anne Long*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, May 20, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Mission Branch Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Evelyn Bonavita, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Bob Mason, Patricia Peak, Ronnie Retzliff, and Jill Zimmerman.**

The Minutes of the March 18, 2012, meeting were printed in the May-June 2012 *SAPLings*. **Mary McAfee** moved and **Jackie Fremming** seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report—Nancy Gandara outlined the many meetings and gatherings she had attended since our last meeting. She represented the Friends at a reception for **Kaye Lenox**, for which we, the Friends, contributed \$100 toward the purchase of wine. Nancy also met with a group of Foundation members who would like to form a Branch Advocacy Committee to focus on the four branch libraries that have no active Friends group. The libraries are Las Palmas, Pan American, Pruitt Public Library at Roosevelt High School, and San Pedro.

Treasurer's Report—Judy Wilson reported that the net assets for FOSAPL use are \$55,434.25 as of April 30, 2012. **Mary McAfee** made a motion that the treasurer's report be approved for audit.

Claudia Kohler seconded the motion, and the motion passed.

Library Board Report—Jessica Ramos stood in for **Jean Brady** on behalf of the Library Board. Jessica passed

out information about budget hearings to be held around San Antonio and encouraged the members of FOSAPL to attend the meetings and be strong advocates for the library as the budget process moves forward. **Mark Graham** has been selected as the Interim Assistant Director of Public Services and **Kate Gray** will resume her prior duties and title of Branch Services Coordinator.

Library Director's Report—Kathleen Donellan, reporting for **Ramiro Salazar**, also stressed the importance of the public's input at the budget hearings. All five of the bond issues passed, but the next challenge will be securing a good operating budget for next year. Kathy asked that we, as members of the Friends of San Antonio Public Library, be visible and vocal in our support of San Antonio's libraries and their importance to our city and our communities.

Audit Committee—Claudia Kohler met with the members of the Audit Committee, **Walter Ague, Linda Arronge, Nancy Gandara, Pat Peak, and Judy Wilson**, on May 16, 2012, at Semmes Library. After a review of the financial records for 2011, no anomalies were found, and the records were approved. The Audit Committee and the members of FOSAPL commended **Judy Wilson** for her attention to details and her excellent record keeping. **Jackie Fremming** moved the audit committee report be approved, and **Bob Mason** seconded the motion. The report was approved.

BookCellar—Linda Arronge called for volunteers to help with the BookCellar's Tent Sale May 31–June 4. The preview sale for members only will be on Thursday night and

will also be a time to celebrate the BookCellar's 21st birthday.

Membership—Christie Smith reported that our current membership is 917 with 218 new members. She pointed out that membership is not an actual committee as there are no members. This would eliminate the need for a chairperson. Christie requested that the position be called Membership Secretary.

SAPLings Newsletter—Lyn Belisle has been and is working so diligently to make our newsletter, "Better, faster and more engaging." The January 2012 goal of transitioning to an online newsletter has gone well. Lyn asked us all to spread the word to those who didn't get the last newsletter either in paper form or on the internet to please contact her and to please send in an email address if you have one.

OLD BUSINESS

FOSAPL and Social Media—Jill Zimmerman and Alana Woods have been looking into the benefits of social media to the Friends of San Antonio Public Library. Among those benefits would be added service to members by providing current information on events, benefits to our membership drive, and making information more readily available between newsletters. Jill outlined several different opportunities for using social media such as: Facebook, Twitter, RSS feeds, Tumblr, YouTube, and Good Reads reviews. Jill and Alana recommend a standing committee with input from people at each branch in overlapping terms to decide what we hope to accomplish using social media and make selections of which to use. This committee could also ensure that the social

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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.com.

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!

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media remains current, relevant and used by the members and nonmembers.

NEW BUSINESS

Arts and Letters—**Evelyn Bonavita** and **Bob Mason** will co-chair the Arts and Letters committee this year. They called for volunteers for the committee and **Bruce Gill** and **Ronnie Retzloff** volunteered. The deadline for accepting nominations is August 17, 2012, and the presentation will be held in October.

Nancy Gandara thanked the Mission Friends for delicious refreshments and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Karen Matson** made a motion we adjourn, and **Evelyn Bonavita** seconded. The meet-

From the SAPL Foundation

Lacey Floerke

The San Antonio Public Library Foundation works to ensure all San Antonians are aware of the San Antonio Public Library's services and resources that suit all needs and interests. Below are some current and upcoming projects that benefit the Library Foundation and its efforts to bring awareness about our libraries:

★ **Hemingway's Birthday Celebration**—The Library Foundation will host an event on July 21 in celebration of **Ernest Hemingway's** birthday. Guests will celebrate his achievements in the literary world while mingling with other advocates for education and literacy.

★ **Lee Woodruff Literary Celebration**—The Library Foundation is hosting a lunch and conversation with **Lee Woodruff** on

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Great Northwest

On Saturday, June 9, Great Northwest Library had a very successful 1-day only book sale. Despite having over 700 people in the library on Wednesday and Thursday for the children's t-shirt programs, library staff, Friends, and volunteers helped get most of the books out and continued to unpack books during the sale! We also sold cold bottled water, which went over well because temperatures soared into the 90s that day. Special thanks to our dedicated Friends: **Josie, Bernadette, Cathy, Elsbeth, Larry, and Kitty** and our new Friend **Marion** for putting out books and working the sale. Thanks to **Linda Arronge** who surprised me Saturday morning and was a great help during the morning check-out rush, and thanks to our Children's Librarian, **Cari** and her family, youth volunteers **Misty** and **Andrew** and our Scout volunteer who helped keep the sale running smoothly throughout the day. We started a \$5 "little black bag" bag sale at 12:30 and reduced the price periodically until the bags were only \$2 for the last hour. Our sale profit was nearly \$950.

The Great Northwest Quilting Bee has created and donated another beautiful quilt to be given away to one person who donates to the Great Northwest Friends during the summer. Tickets for the quilt are \$1 each, 6 tickets for \$5 or 15 tickets for \$10. This year's quilt is bright and summery and very

popular with the staff and patrons. The quilt may be viewed hanging in the library. Place your donation and tickets in a snack bag found on the counter and drop into the book cart cash box. The drawing will be held at the Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on August 6.

We have been approved to purchase three benches for our library. We will purchase them by the end of June. We hope people will find it nice to have a place to read outside, and students waiting for someone to pick them up will have a comfortable place to sit. We spent \$600 on new puppets for the children's summer program and provided financial support for the teen and adult programs. The fish tank has been rejuvenated with new fish, so come visit us and take a look. Soon we hope to purchase a couple more tables to match the ones we got last year so our next book sale won't have so many books in boxes on the floor!

Denise Barlow

Igo

Wow, summer is starting off with a bang!

We have the Summer Reading Program that started June 1 (Tots, Teens, and Adults).

Our newly formed Senior Program, the Elderberries, had our first full fledged program—an Ice Cream Social. We had 20 Seniors present, and everyone seemed to enjoy our program. Advertise food (ice cream), and they will come.

Our teen program is growing every day, and **Barbara Kwiatkowski** (Teen Programmer) has done an outstanding job of providing activities for the teens. *See pictures on page 6.*

At our last meeting, **John Igo** shared with the members of the Friends of the Igo Branch Library a copy of his old family recipe entitled "Annie Igo's Bishop's Bread." John said it was "to die for" and very popular with all who ate it. The recipe can be found at friendsofsapl.com.

Besides our book sales, we now have a couple of book shelves within the Igo Library with paperback books and hardback books for sale. We have been doing very well with the sale of these books each and every month.

Tom Hill

Maverick

The Maverick Branch had a very successful sign-up for the Summer Reading Program for 2012. The children and their parents were excited, and they all had fun making their hats. I asked one of the older boys if he would be reading at least one book per week, and he replied with a big grin, "more like 10 or 20 books a week"! The Friends came to help pass out the craft sheets, the cookies, and the juice, and as always, to catch up with one another. Look for photos from this event on page 5.

At our meeting in June, we agreed to support a new summer event. An acquaintance of one of the staff is a native American who will be playing his flute and drums, and telling native stories. It sounds fascinating. We are told the native flute has an unusual and beautiful sound. This event will be held on Saturday, July 28, most likely around 2 p.m.

The Maverick Friends have agreed to take July "off," so our next meeting

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will be the first Tuesday in August, and we would love to see you there at 7 p.m.!

Claudia Kohler

McCreless

From **Mary Gallagher**, our ace reporter, we get the latest news of our group's summer activities. The April book sale added over \$700 to our treasury so we can continue to support the activities and staff at our branch library. A great big SHOUT OUT to all the volunteers and buyers for their contributions to the successful book sale. Because of this activity and similar fundraising, our Friends group was able to purchase four new chairs for the library staff.

In addition to the monetary rewards from the activities, four new members have joined the Friends Group. A general meeting was held on Monday, June 11, at 6 p.m. Approved was the purchase of items from the Branch Manager's wish list, introduction of a new library employee, update on library programs for the summer, and approval of funds in support of the regular weekly activities for the adults, kids, and teens groups.

Our next general meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 20, and the next book sale will be Saturday and Sunday, September 8 and 9. Volunteers will be needed to set up the Friday prior to the sale and to pack up books on the Monday after the sale. Please call **Tom Nemeth** at 210-797-8446 if you can volunteer to help or wish to have more information about the McCreless Branch Friends of the Public Library.

Jill Zimmerman

Mission

The Friends of Mission Library held their second book sale on Saturday, April 14. On Friday, April 13, as part of the preview sale, a book reading and signing by San Antonio's Poet Laureate **Carmen Tafolla** was held. Ms. Tafolla read from her bestselling children's book *That's Not Fair!/No Es Justo!; Emma Tenayuca's Stuggle for Justice/La Lucha de Emma Tenayuca por la Justicia*, as well as some of her poetry. The community was very enthusiastic in their reception of Ms. Tafolla's readings. In addition to the book reading, Mission Friend **Terry Ybanez** displayed her artistic works, including the illustrations for Ms. Tafolla's book *That's Not Fair!* Sales for the two-day event totaled nearly \$800.

Where has the time gone! Can you believe that Mission Library has celebrated its first birthday? On April 30, the Friends of Mission Library provided a birthday cake for the celebration. The Harlandale Middle School Jazz Band, under the direction of **Victor Alvarado**, provided the music for the estimated 300 visitors who attended the festivities. At the general membership meeting held on May 17, Mr. Alvarado was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Mission Friends Executive Board. Also on hand to accept accolades were student trumpet players **Anna Kaiser** (7th grade) and **Troy Carrillo** (8th grade).

Science Day is coming to Mission Branch on Friday, July 27. The TAME Trailblazer, a mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer will visit Mission Branch

from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. This 40-foot exhibit trailer houses a variety of engineering and science exhibits targeted at students in grades 3–7. Developed and maintained by the Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering (TAME), the Trailblazer is the only interactive science and engineering museum-on-wheels in Texas. The Trailblazer visits schools and community events helping raise students' awareness of and motivation to pursue careers in science and engineering, especially among minority students. Volunteers are needed to help with activities. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Branch Manager **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez** for more information.

Josie Martinez

Parman

The Parman Friends granted the wishes of the Parman staff by purchasing all of the items on the Parman Wish List. A Kindle Touch, Amazon gift cards, Cricut Cutter, flannel board, cooking supplies, and board games were purchased to support library programs. The Friends also provided refreshments for the first anniversary of the Parman Library. The ongoing book sale has been very successful. Please continue to donate used books. The Book Nook is stocked several times a week with new and exciting selections. The Parman Library always welcomes new friends.

Adrienne Becnel

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Friends of the Tobin at Oakwell Library held a successful book sale June 2. Despite the scant donations, we

netted \$1375.70 in proceeds. Our next sale will be November 10. **Janet Goddard**, book sale chair, thanked all our volunteers for help with the sale. Our book cart, located inside the front entrance, has proved to be so successful that we may have just two sales a year, in Spring and Fall.

Tobin Library at Oakwell will unveil a new outdoor exercise park at the end of July in time for Summerfest. Located on the east side of the library, the new workout area will feature fixed equipment and explanatory panels for a variety of exercises designed for all ages.

Encouraging better fitness by providing safe places for physical activity is part of the Communities Putting Prevention to Work strategy for combatting obesity in San Antonio. A CPPW grant, part of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, is funding the workout station, which is free and open to the public.

Arline Braswell

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September 26 at the Pearl Stable to celebrate her first fiction novel, *Those Who Loved Me Most*.

★ **Literacy Caravan**—With the support of Scholastic, United Way, the San Antonio Public Library, and the Library Foundation, this mobile classroom will again be able to travel all over San Antonio during the 2012–2013 year and bring literacy to our city's youth.

Check out our website—

www.sapl.org—for more information, scheduling and details on how you can take part in these efforts.

July 27 Will Be Science Day at Mission



The TAME Trailblazer, a mobile science and engineering exhibit trailer will visit Mission Branch from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

Summer Reading Program Kickoff at Maverick

Kickoff participants and teen volunteer at Maverick try on their craft. Staff and Friends helped make the event a big success



Donations and Memorials

Submitted by Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of

Raymond E. Leis by Stella D. Leis
Josephine Thompson by Magna Charta Dames and Barons
Austin W. Betts by Roberta W. Betts
Edith Brons O'Connel by Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Karenbauer
Hugh Half, Jr. by The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
Constance Jones by The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

In Honor of

Marty Barton-Rivera by Rowena P. Lopez

Donations

AT&T United Way	Barbara Jean Mathews
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Kenneth A. Kist	Dru Van Steenberg & Timothy Cone
Cynthia Lyle & David T. Young	Ruth Eilene Sullivan
Daniel Markson	





Igo's Teen Program a Big Success!

Igo's teen program is growing everyday and **Barbara Kwiatkowski** (Teen Programmer) has done an outstanding job of providing activities for the teens.



Great Northwest Book Sale and Quilt Raise Funds



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The Great Northwest Quilting Bee has created and donated another beautiful quilt to be given away to a person who donates to the Great Northwest Friends during the summer.



Summer Reading Program in Full Swing



We are in the middle of what is a hot and busy summer with planned vacations to warm beaches and time spent in cool swimming pools. As we enjoy ourselves we must not forget the importance of making sure that our children and teens continue to develop their reading skills during their summer vacations.

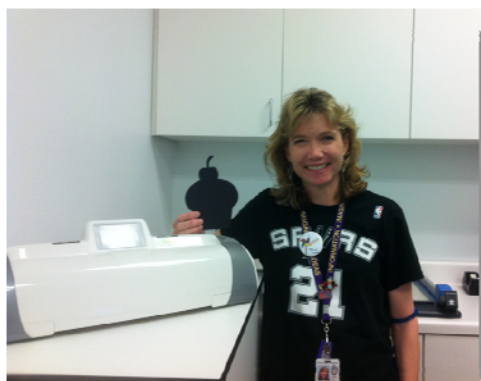
On May 29, the San Antonio Public Library was honored to host **Mayor Julian Castro** as we officially kicked off the 2012 Summer Reading Program. Literacy and education are major components of Mayor Castro's vision for San Antonio within the SA 2020 Plan, and his support of this important program demonstrates his commitment to these two important city-wide priorities.

During our kick-off event, Mayor Castro shared his own experience of the joy his young daughter experiences when he and Mrs. Castro read to her. Our goal is for children and teens of all ages to feel that same joy when they pick up a book and immerse themselves in new adventures. That is why Mayor Castro has made this program a focus of his administration.

We are also pleased that Whataburger has agreed to be the signature partner of this program. Its support is already helping the Library make this year the best year yet for summer reading. And while on the subject of support, I want to thank all of the other partners who are supporting the 2012 Mayor's Summer Reading Club and Teen Summer Reading Program: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, San Antonio Public Library Foundation, San Antonio Area Foundation, The Zachry Foundation, Univision 41, Sundt Foundation, City Base Cinema, Scholastic, Inc., VIA Metropolitan Transit.

We cannot thank these companies and organizations enough for the commitment they are demonstrating to the youth of San Antonio!

Ramiro S. Salazar



Parman librarian
Carrie Vance with Cricut that the friends bought with book donations

Getting to Know Your Friends

Tom Nemeth, BookCellar Volunteer

Claudia Kohler

Tom Nemeth was born in El Paso, Texas, but grew up in Spokane, Washington, and Astoria, Oregon. He joined the Army when he was in his teens. Before joining, Tom was a runner, and he won awards for running while in Basic Training. The Army put him into Medical Labs where he did Pathology and lab testing. He worked in San Francisco; Washington, D.C.; Denver; and San Antonio, where he was assigned when he retired.

Tom has always loved books, so it was no surprise that he found the McCreless Friends bookstore at the McCreless Mall where he became a volunteer. After the Friends left this book store, Tom took it over as a non-profit. He named the book store "Books at McCreless Mall," and he ran this with six different non-profits whose volunteers worked there and were paid according to how much money each took in. The Mall was letting them use the space rent free, and then a paying customer wanted the space so they had to move to a new location that was much smaller. Eventually the book store closed, and Tom had to find a place to store as many books as he could—he also gave away many, many books.

Tom decided to be a proprietor of used books and had a short-lived used book store on Highway 181.

Next Tom opened a book store in Poteet with a friend and called it "The John F. Tyer's Highway 16 Used Book Store" for his buddy. Unfortunately, Poteet wasn't too interested, and this store closed too.

During the years, Tom bought out two book stores and one library, not to mention book shelving. Tom says at one point he had 7 miles of shelving! For awhile, he had a business focusing on books and other supplies for home schoolers.



I asked Tom what he likes to read most, and he replied it was Texas history, particularly the Spanish/Colonial period.

When Tom is not hanging out at the BookCellar, or doing odd handyman jobs, he is writing a book about the Battle of Rosillo Creek, which took place in 1813. The battle occurred about 9 miles south of San Antonio near Rosillo Creek and Salado Creek.

Tom also has plans to renovate a 60-year-old house in his spare time. He wants to make it as "green" as possible and also handicap friendly to include a care-taker's apartment over the garage.

The Friends know Tom as the President of both Memorial Friends and McCreless Friends and as a long-time volunteer at the BookCellar. I asked what a BookCellar volunteer does and he replied: unloads books from the loading dock, picks up books from branches to bring to the BookCellar or from private donations, sorts incoming books, re-boxes books, helps customers, shelves books, and acts as cashier. His favorite job is sorting romances, and Tom can tell you the many different types of romance books, so be sure to ask him about them when you next visit the BookCellar!

BookCellar Tent Sale Raised \$8400!

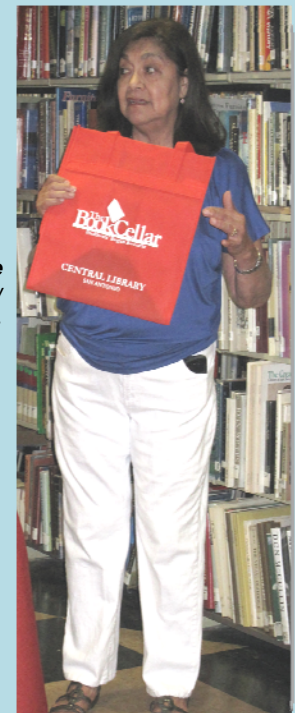
The Tent Sale attracted hundreds of thrifty shoppers, distributed thousands of books back into the community, and took in \$8,400.

A total of 63 people worked at the sale—45 from FOSAPL, 11 from J.P.Morgan Chase's volunteer corps, and 7 from Valero Energy's retiree volunteer group. A big thank you goes to all of them.

Linda Arronge thanks volunteers as they prepare for the Preview Sale.



BookCellar children's area



Linda Arronge shows the new book bag.



Nancy Gandara and Mary McAfee signing up new members



Saturday crowd

Tent Sale Volunteers

Thanks go to the following Friends for their work on the BookCellar's 2012 Tent Sale:

Linda Arronge	Carole Martin
Evelyn Bonavita	Andrea Mason
Virginia Bowden	Robert Mason
Mary Chase	Mary McAfee
Anna Cleve	Richard Morales
Cynthia Conley	Tom Nemeth
Kelly Crespín	Chuck Olson
Sabrina Crespín	Judy Olson
Frank DePasquale	Daniel Pena
Pat DePasquale	Diane Prickett
Mary Donell	Rowena Rodgers
Beverly Duran	Rachel Sanchez
Ruth Galindo	Stephanie Serrata
Nancy Gandara	Norm Sonnenschein
Bruce Gill	Edith Speert
Monica Hernandez	Bennett Stampes
Yolanda Herrera	David Stanley
Lyssa Hogan	Arturo Titian
Aaron Konstam	Thelma Stewart
Pat Konstam	Barbara Suk
Anne Long	Tom Suk
Ira Lott	Carlos Valdes
Judy Malter	Jim Wogstad
Alejandro Marez	



Have you heard about the District 125 Book Drive? Over the past six years, the Office of District 125 State Representative **Joaquin Castro** has worked with individuals and local book stores to help fight illiteracy in San Antonio through an annual book drive and has distributed over 130,000 books to more than 130 schools and shelters across the city. Access to books in the community and home is proven to increase literacy levels and success in school—and it's fun!

This year, SA-READS Book Drive and Awareness Campaign is proud to count among its supporters: Literacy San Antonio, San Antonio Youth Centers, Half Price Books, the Twig Bookshop, Barnes and Noble Bookstores, Firstmark Credit Union, the San Antonio Food Bank and the San Antonio Public Library.

The Central Library and Library Branches will be serving as collection sites for new and gently used books of all reading levels and genres (although the focus is on collecting books written for children and teens).

For more information about the SAREads Book Bank and other SAREads initiatives, visit sareads.org. If you have questions about how you (or a Friends of the San Antonio Public Library group) can contribute to this book drive, please contact **Jessica Ramos** at Jessica.ramos@sanantonio.gov.

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam with Andrea Mason

The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11:00 a.m.–3 p.m. every day
plus 3–7 p.m. Thursdays
(210) 227-9519

The BookCellar celebrated its 21st birthday on May 31 at the Friends Members preview that opened the annual Tent Sale held on June 1–3. The celebration included a birthday cake baked by volunteer **Rachel Sanchez**, introduction of a new red book bag advertising the store, and distribution of a brochure summarizing the store's history and listing people who have kept the BookCellar going, enabling it to raise \$1 million since it opened April 6, 1991.

Lyn Belisle created the design on the book bag, **Nancy Gandara** found the best deal for its manufacture, and the BookCellar is selling it for \$3. **Pat Konstam** wrote the text for the history brochure, and **Nancy Gandara** arranged for **Alana Woods** to design and print it. The celebration was organized by the 21st Birthday Committee, which includes **Linda Arronge** as chair, **Evelyn Bonavita**, **Nancy Gandara**, **Andrea Mason**, **Rowena Rodgers**, and **Lucille Teeter**.

The Tent Sale attracted hundreds of thrifty shoppers, distributed thousands of books back into the community, and took in \$8,400. Committee chairs who organized the sale included **Richard Morales**, tent set-up; **Tom Nemeth** and **Bob Mason**, tables and displays; **Andrea Mason**, children's books; **Stephanie Serrata**, volunteer lunches; **Pat Konstam**, media publicity; and **Monica Hernandez** and **Linda Arronge**, finding non-profits to take sale leftovers. BookCellar Committee Chair **Linda Arronge** was sale supervisor. A total of 63 people worked at the sale—45 from FOSAPL, 11 from J.P.Morgan Chase's volunteer corps, and 7 from Valero Energy's



retiree volunteer group. A big thank you goes to all of them.

The BookCellar's 21st birthday was the theme of the annual pot-luck supper for volunteers and spouses held at the store after closing on April 31 and attended by 27 people. **Anne Long**, **Andrea Mason** and **Linda Arronge** handled the preparations and program, and participants brought the food—from ham to chicken to eggplant parmesan to lasagna, with delicious side dishes and an assortment of desserts. **Anne Long** and **Gail Long** decorated the tables with books and pottery filled with colored paper flowers. The person at each table whose birthday came closest to a significant date in BookCellar history won a free book from the store's collection. Volunteers were asked to share memorable experiences they had while working at the store. **Andrea** and **Bob**

Mason have printed and posted those memories, along with photos of the individuals who shared them, on a BookCellar window.

The buy-one-get-one special in July is regularly priced adult and children's nonfiction in the Dewey Decimal 300s. This series ranges from money management, family relationships, social issues and politics to military history, true crime, education, etiquette, and folklore. The August BOGO special will be regularly priced 800s for adults and children. The 800s include literature, writing manuals, drama, poetry, humor and literary criticism.

If midsummer heat and boredom are getting to you or the children, remember the BookCellar for an air-conditioned outing where you can find bargain-priced reading and listening materials for all ages.

~~ 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

\$ _____

☐ In honor of ☐ A special event ☐ In memory of
Birthday, Anniversary
 Graduation, a Gift, etc.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Please fill out the form, make your check payable to
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
 and mail the form with check to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts
P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246

Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

My name and address is:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

Telephone: _____

~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~

Friends Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ UNLISTED ☐ DO NOT PUBLISH ☐

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

____ I'll read the newsletter electronically OR ____ Send newsletter to me via US mail

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

- ☐ BOOKSALES
- ☐ COMMITTEES (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)
- ☐ FOSAPL Board of Directors
- ☐ HOSPITALITY
- ☐ PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION

- ☐ STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
- ☐ POLITICAL ADVOCACY
- ☐ VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR
(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)

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 |

FOSAPL membership year is Jan 1 - Dec 31.

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).

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- ☐ NEW MEMBER
- ☐ RENEWAL
- ☐ BRANCH GROUP: _____
- ☐ ADDITIONAL DONATION: _____

Donations are always welcome! Please Specify
 SAPL _____

FOSAPL _____

Branch Library _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

April 20, 2012

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL MAR-APR
BookCellar sales	75,000.00	23,106.35	11,708.70
BookCellar sales tax withheld	(1,924.12)	(879.86)	
Donations and memorials	2,000.00	681.00	205.00
Interest	600.00	149.69	59.51
Membership	8,000.00	3,185.00	1,505.00
Miscellaneous income		-	12.13
FOSAPL INCOME	85,600.00	25,197.92	12,610.48
BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	MAR-APR
Accounting	1,500.00	200.00	
Arts and Letters program	300.00		
Bank charges	100.00		
Directory	2,000.00		
FOSAPL Committee expenses	200.00	47.72	(216.19)
FOSAPL Insurance	1,000.00	695.00	695.00
Friends recognition	100.00		
Fundraising program	400.00		
Membership recruitment	1,200.00	175.00	28.15
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	1,765.75	1,047.58
Office supplies	170.00	20.05	(21.02)
Parking	600.00		
Postage (bulk mail, P.O. box, postage)	1,180.00	291.02	(11.00)
President's expenses	200.00	250.00	
Seed money for new groups	zero		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	1,500.00		
Commodities for resale	2,000.00	542.23	375.06
Equipment and maintenance	1,500.00		
BookCellar insurance	1,000.00	752.00	
Printing and copying	200.00	322.72	217.79
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits	8,500.00	2,982.34	1,480.60
Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration	1,000.00		
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00		
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	50,000.00	16,000.00	16,000.00
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	266.00	200.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	800.00	
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	81,450.00	25,109.83	19,795.97
FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME		MAR-APR	YTD
Donations		696.45	1,623.56
Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers		18,121.49	24,973.50
Memberships		485.00	1,050.00
TOTAL		19,302.94	27,647.06
Branch Friends group operating exp		1,472.73	2,284.63
Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department		10,596.70	20,197.97

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	113,849.51
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644	30,005.06
Compass Checking ***-***8736 (as of 5-7-12)	17,517.57
Total Assets	161,372.14
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(103,844.52)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(460.01)
Checks outstanding (-)	(947.79)
Checks from May 2012 cashed (-)	(685.57)
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	55,434.25

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of April 30, 2012

Bazan	1,721.32
Brook Hollow	22,460.19
Carver	3,999.81
Central	851.73
Cody	5,023.23
Collins Garden	530.61
Cortez	986.91
Forest Hills	1,518.78
Great Northwest	4,027.90
Guerra	4,534.63
Igo	8,204.70
Johnston	3,563.63
Landa	4,886.52
Maverick	6,904.90
McCreless	1,887.25
Memorial	4,129.16
Mission	659.50
Parman	2268.55
Semmes	3,556.15
Texana/genealogy	6,881.23
Thousand Oaks	4,013.76
Tobin at Oakwell	6,274.88
Westfall	3,513.34
Writers (currently inactive)	1,445.84
Total Group Funds	103,844.52

Save the date!

*Attend the
Arts & Letters Award
program on
October 21, 2012, 2 p.m.,
at the Central Library.*



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

July 15	FOSAPL Board meeting, 2 p.m., at Westfall
August 6	Great Northwest Staff & Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon (and Quilt Drawing!)
August 7	Maverick Friends meeting (7 p.m.)
August 10	Deadline to submit articles for September-October <i>SAPLings</i>
August 17	DEADLINE for Submittal of Arts & Letters Award Nominations
August 20	McCreless Friends meeting
September 8&9	McCreless Friends' Book Sale
September 16	FOSAPL Board meeting, 2 p.m., at Collins Garden
October 13	Brook Hollow Book Sale
October 21	Arts & Letters Award Ceremony, 2 p.m., at Central Library

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

Great Northwest Library
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-684-5251

Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-680-9346

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

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
210-344-2373

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.