



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

During this season of “aggressive campaigning,” we’ve all been reminded that our well-informed opinion counts, and our vote is powerful. The decisions made by our local, state, and national politicians affect us all, and the San Antonio Public Library points out that there are “two freedom cards,” your Borrower’s Card and your Voter Registration card—and every library is an official registration site, so make sure that both of yours are up to date.

Thanks to those Friends who spoke (or wrote) to their City representative about the importance of library services during the next fiscal year. The budget proposed by City Manager **Sheryl Sculley** included:

- Increased operating funds (from \$32.9 million to \$33.4 million)
- An additional \$250,000 in recurring funding for library books and materials, to a total of \$4.1 million, annually
- An allocation of \$1.5 million to fund items in the 2009 Facilities Assessment Study and additional maintenance needs identified by Library staff
- An additional \$181,641 to address capital outlay needs such as public seating, study/reading tables, display stands, and security cameras
- A reduction of \$295,389 due to efficiencies related to reorganization of circulation support and Government Documents at Central

Action will be taken on Sept. 13, 2012, to approve the budget, and it’s never too late to say “Thank you!” (or “More, please”!) to your councilperson.

Another important issue will be decided later in the fall, when the vote about dedicating revenue generated by a 1/8-cent sales tax is taken. As was articulated in the Strategic Plan, SAPL is committed to “expand and strengthen the Library’s role in supporting early literacy education to promote school readiness . . .” and “Pre-K 4 SA” may be a companion initiative to that goal. Summer Reading Program (with 23,000 registered in 2012), weekly story-hours, Young Pegasus, and Little Read Wagon workshops—it’s clear that SAPL wants to get children to read!

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Nominating Committee Report

Mary McAfee

The Nominating Committee will be meeting soon. If you are interested in being elected to the Board of Directors, please call: **Arline Braswell** at 210-822-6559 or **Mary McAfee** at 210-694-0505.

Congratulations, Friends! You Are One in a Thousand!

Well, my Friends, after an 18 month effort, we’ve just hit the mark of 1,000 Friends of the San Antonio Public Library! Actually, we are over the mark, according to the grapevine, as some membership envelopes are making their way to our mailbox, and our August membership campaign is still under way. Nevertheless, this is a very exciting time. THANK YOU to each branch!

Just about every branch brought in one or more new members to help us reach this goal. We also brought in a healthy group of new members who did not affiliate with any specific branch. As you know, in order to continue our stellar financial support to the San Antonio Public Library and maintain our membership fees at the current affordable levels, increased membership helps us on both fronts. Because our membership campaign for 2013 won’t begin until October, and in the spirit of friendly Olympic competition, I’m going to call our current status the semi-final race.

Below, I’ve listed the branch groups according to the increase in their membership level by percentage. Just as in the Olympics, there are some surprises and opportunities for changes in position left to the final race. Let’s begin the 2013 membership drive with an exceptionally strong baseline! Stay tuned for the award of the overall Gold, Silver, and Bronze membership branches in the November–December *SAPLings* and remember—we are all winners for SAPL!

FOSAPL Branch Olympic standings for new members in 2012

- 50% or higher: Parman (79.28%)
- 40-50% increase: Mission (48.12) Landa (41.82)
- 30-40% increase: Carver (38.46) Collins Garden (37.5) Forest Hills (31.58) Semmes (30.77)
- 20-30% Increase: Cody (30.00) Maverick (28.2) Great Northwest (25.00)
- 10-20% increase: Cortez (20.00) Guerra (19.05) Memorial (18.2) Central (17.86) Igo (17.5) McCreless (17.24) Tobin at Oakwell (15.6) Johnston (12.5) Brook Hollow (10.12)
- Up to 10% increase: Texana Genealogy (4.8) Thousand Oaks (3.3) Westfall (2.9)

Christie Smith

FOSAPL Membership Secretary

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting July 15, 2012

Submitted by *Anne Long*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, July 15, 2012, at 2:00 p.m. at the Westfall Branch Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Linda Nairn, Arline Braswell, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Mary McAfee, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzliff, Virginia Wong, and Jill Zimmerman.**

The Minutes of the May 20, 2012, meeting were printed in the July-August 2012 *SAPLings*. **Bob Mason** moved and **Mary McAfee** seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report – Nancy Gandara reviewed some of the meetings she had attended since our last meeting. While working the preview sale at the last BookCellar Tent Sale, she and **Mary McAfee** signed up 18 new Friends members. Nancy also worked with **Alana Woods** to get **Pat Konstam's** history of the BookCellar formatted and printed. Nancy is currently working with **Jessica Ramos** and the City Council to have the BookCellar recognized by the city with a Corporate Citizen's Certificate, in recognition of its 21-year history.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Wilson reported that the net assets for FOSAPL use are \$71,898.26 as of June 30, 2012. **Mary McAfee** made a motion to approve the Treasurer's report for audit. **Jill Zimmerman** seconded the motion, and the motion passed. Judy commented that in the first six months of this year, the branch libraries have raised almost \$41,000 and spent more than \$38,000 on programming and equipment.

Library Board Report –

Jean Brady thanked the branch Friends for an excellent first six months of this year and thanked all the FOSAPL members for their help with the bond and the budget. There will be more budget meetings beginning in August, and we are urged to continue our support. Jean reported that the Urban Libraries Council selected San Antonio Libraries to receive their Innovator Award for the Teen Programs. Parman Branch Library was also featured in the Council's newsletter with a full-page article about Sustainability.

Library Director's Report – Mark Gretchen is now the Interim Assistant Library Director for Public Service. He echoed **Jean Brady's** thanks for the hard work of FOSAPL and reviewed the budget results and bond proposals.

Library Foundation – Carol Black outlined some of the upcoming fundraising activities for the Foundation. She reported that the first board book in the children's series won an award at the Latin-American Book Fair. The second book in this collaborative effort with SAMA and Trinity Press is due out in October and will be about colors and shapes. The Foundation sponsored the Jason Project at the Central Library in July. San Antonio teens were able to participate in a live chat with the Nautilus Crew. With the retirement of **Kaye Lenox, Tracy Bennett** is now the new President/CEO of the Foundation.

Arts and Letters Awards – Bob Mason reported that the committee is receiving quite a few nominations for the awards. The ceremony will be held October 21, 2012, in the Central Library auditorium.

BookCellar – Linda Arronge reported that the

BookCellar's tent sale brought in \$8,300 before taxes. The BookCellar is trying something new by putting selected vintage books for sale on eBay. Paying by credit card is not an option at the BookCellar, but the BookCellar Committee is looking into the feasibility and logistics of adding that option.

Membership – Christie Smith reported that our current membership is 983. She encouraged every branch to consider holding a membership drive during the week of August 6, for a concerted effort to get us to our goal of 1,000 members this year. Christie also called for a small task force to assist her in investigating the possibility of some types of marketing for membership in FOSAPL. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Antoinette Franklin and Linda Arronge** volunteered.

OLD BUSINESS

Budget Process and 2012 Allocation Task Force – Due to time constraints, the task force has not yet met. They will meet before our next FOSAPL meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating committee – Mary McAfee and Arline Braswell agreed to have their names put forward as co-chairs of the nominating committee. **Barbara Celitans, Lucille Teeter, and David White** agreed to serve on the committee if elected, and **Aaron Konstam** put his name forward as an alternate if necessary. **Jill Zimmerman** made the motion we accept this committee as presented. **Linda Nairn** seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

MOU of FOSAPL and SAPL – Nancy Gandara dis-

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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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tributed a draft of the MOU and asked the members to read through and offer suggestions or direct questions to Nancy before our next meeting. We could possibly vote on this MOU in September or November.

Bylaws Task Force – Nancy called for volunteers to form a task force to review the present bylaws for FOSAPL. The following people volunteered: **Judy Wilson, Bruce Gill, Jill Zimmerman, and Leroy Braswell.**

Nancy Gandara thanked the Westfall Friends for delicious refreshments and called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mary McAfee** made a motion we adjourn and **Pat Mendiola** seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Better Planning to Spend Branch Friends' Gifts

Nancy Gandara

The Friends may not raise much money, but “every little bit helps”! In recent months there has been increased attention paid to the fact that some Branch Friends groups have carried over significant funds from year to year, so the Branch Managers were given a new form to use in planning their requests and tracking the expenditures that have been approved by the Friends.

Although the form records the “balance” that is listed on the Treasurer’s Report, the Friends group is still in control of how much is allocated for use by the Branch Library and when that contribution is made. If your Branch manager has questions about the new form, he/she should speak with a Branch Coordinator; if a Friend has questions or concerns, please talk with the FOSAPL Treasurer or President.



Igo

The Igo Branch Library continues to expand its activities for the patrons of the library. **Kathy Claspill** is forming a Tween Club (ages 10-12) for the library commencing on September 10 at 4:00 p.m. The club will meet on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month.

Tweens will be introduced to the art of puppetry, including puppet scripts, designing backdrops for puppet shows, and enhancing their acting skills by performing an original puppet show. Call the Igo Library to include your tween-er in the upcoming program for lots of fun.

We had the Summerfest during the months of June and July (*see photos on page 5*) as well as the summer reading program. Lots and lots of books were read. Thank you Mayor Castro for kicking off the Summer Program; it was a huge success!

In July, we approved the purchase of a 51" television to promote our upcoming events in an area that can be seen by all as you enter the library. **John Igo** donated the cost of the TV plus part of the installation. Thank you, John. We appreciate your generosity! John's family owned the property that our library and the Bonnie Connor Park were built on. John's family also had a small brick building that they believe was used to store milk until it was picked up by the milk truck. John calls this small building the

“Woller Outpost. (*See the story and photo on p 9.*)”

The Elderberries Senior Group had their meeting August 2 at 2:00, and the topic was How Does Your Garden Grow (*see photos on p. 5*).

Our next Friends meeting is September 8 at 10:30.

Tom Hill

Maverick

Kicking back to enjoy some lazy summer days—that's one way to describe the Maverick Friends' recent activities. Or you could say we're prepping for the big push for our October book sale.

We're always excited about Summer Reading at Maverick, and this year was no exception. Our opening was strong, there was great attendance at the special events, and there were about 150 participants at the party to close the program. The Friends provided financial support and assisted at the opening party.

On July 28, thanks to Adult Services Librarian **Ben Longoria**, we were able to bring Black Wolf to our library. Black Wolf played his flute and shared Native American stories with an enthralled audience of young and old. (*See photo on page 4*).

We skipped our July meeting, so the August agenda was packed. We learned the Teen Reading program is attracting more participants than ever. It's great to know they've outgrown the smaller study room and need the large meeting room.

Everyone is ready to roll up their sleeves and get to work on prepping for our October 6 and 7 book sale. Our efforts to increase donations seem to be working well. We'll be sorting books in September.

Several projects are in the works, including purchasing multimedia for the librarians' use in special programs, buying tables for the meeting room, and adding to the slat wall display panels for the shelf ends.

As always, we welcome all Friends to our monthly meeting—7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month at the library. Hope to see you there.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The next general meeting is Monday, August 20, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., and arrangements are being made to have a speaker from the Mitchell Lake Audubon Society. **Tom Nemeth**, President of the McCreless Friends group, has been spending time at the library boxing and sorting materials to prepare for the next book sale, which is scheduled for the second week in September—Sept. 8 and 9, from 10:00 a.m.-5:45 p.m. Volunteers are needed for that Friday for set up and the following Monday for packing up remainders. Remember that all proceeds go to support library activities.

Mary Gallagher and McCreless Branch Library Manager **Cammie Brantley** met to talk about upcoming expenditures and anticipated income. The combination fax-scanner-printer that the Friends have already paid for should be received in the next month. The McCreless Branch has been very active this summer. Thanks to the Friends, the library has been able to continue to support programming like Movie Night and to offer prize money for the Adult Summer Reading Club gift certificates. A display unit for bro-

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Branch Leaves, from p 3.

chures and flyers was purchased by the Friends group, providing more counter space for services at the front desk. Please come out and support the book sale so we can continue to do more for the library!

Jill Zimmerman

Parman

The Parman Friends met on July 22 to discuss the upcoming book sale. The first book sale will be in November. All Parman Friends are encouraged to donate used books and to save boxes and bags for the book sale. The Book Nook is stocked weekly with new and interesting books. Please shop the Book Nook to raise money for library programs. All Parman Friends are invited to the next meeting on August 26 at 4 p.m. The Parman Library always welcomes new friends.

Adrienne Becnel

Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell had a busy summer. The concrete is poured for our outdoor exercise park, and the equipment should be installed in September. A tree donated by our Friends has been successfully moved from the park location.

Tobin Library has a photography exhibit of the work of **Siggi Ragnar**. The artist is a native of Iceland, and his work as a photographer has been influenced by the harsh conditions, beautiful landscape, and distinctive light of the Northern Atlantic.

Summerfest, held on July 28, was attended by 130 children and 100 adults who

participated in games, face painting, balloon artists, a bin of prizes, and crafts.

The most successful Teen program of the summer was called "Eclectic Electric." Our Teen Librarian **David Gallin-Parisi** invited **JD** from the Central Library, who came with three guitars and amps. Our teens brought other instruments. It was loud, but fun!

Our library has two new Circulation Attendants, **Megan** and **Misty**. We also have a new air conditioning system.

Tobin Friends President **Dan Goddard** and Book Sale Chairperson **Janet Goddard**, sort donations on Sundays and report that we already have more books packed away than we had for our Spring sale. The Book Cart continues to do well. Our next Book Sale will be November 10. Thanks to all who donate books.

Arline Braswell

Summerfest at Tobin Library at Oakwell



Shamu balloon, bounce house, and crafts



Black Wolfe visited Maverick Library





Clay Craft 6/7/2012

SummerFest at Igo Library



Clay Craft
6/7/2012



Bird House Craft 7/5/2012



Crafting is
always fun!



Bird House Craft 7/5/2012



Make your own disguise . . .
nose, glasses, and moustache?



Baby Time 8/1/2012 – It's time to play and visit with friends!



Baby Time 8/1/2012 – Great toys, great
books, and good friends!



Seniors



Seniors

A Village, a Child, a Community

Antoinette V. Franklin

An evening of elegance and celebration will be held on September 22, 2012, to honor African American Women from the San Antonio Community. The Friends of the Carver Library and the Arts and Letters Committee of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. are the sponsors of this event, to be held at the Carver Community Cultural Center. The evening will begin with a reception at 6:00 p.m., followed by a program at 7:15 p.m. Performances will be given by singer and dancer **Selena Affram**, singer **Jaykee Carter**, and actress and singer **Cassandra Small**. **D. Anthony Miles, Ph. D.**, will serve as guest speaker.

This celebration serves as a follow up to the Talented Tenth of last year, which recognized 16 African American men who had achieved doctorates in various fields of study. In a paper written by **W.E.B. DuBoise** in 1903, "The Talented Tenth," are called on to challenge the young to be the best, seek a better alternative, and to "do Right." Following the precepts of the African proverb that states that "it takes a village to raise a child," the Women of the Talented Tenth Exceptional Scholars demonstrate that they have achieved success through higher education.

Tickets may be purchased at the Carver Community Cultural Center Box Office: Adults \$20, Senior Citizens \$15, Children (10+) \$18. For more information, contact **Antoinette V. Franklin**, Pres. Carver Branch Friends (201-264-1518 or antoinettevfranklin@gmail.com)



Magik Theatre – Dr. Krashundbang 7/21/2012



Sand Art Craft – 7/26/2012



Spikey Mikey – 7/12/2012



Sand Art Craft – 7/26/2012



Mad Science – 7/19/2012



Sand Art Craft – 7/26/2012



Mad Science – 7/19/2012

Cantinflas Retro: A Mario Moreno Retrospective



I am pleased to announce that in partnership with KLRN and our friends at the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, the San Antonio Public Library will host, “Cantinflas Retro: A Mario Moreno Retrospective” during the 2012 Hispanic Heritage Month.

This wonderful retrospective is a collection of photos and movie posters spanning the 50-year career of **Mario Moreno**, known around the world as “Cantinflas,” the iconic everyman character who represents the people of Mexico. For many of us here in San Antonio, his image and his films still hold places in our memories and our hearts, and there was a time not so long ago that a weekend wasn’t complete unless it included a trip to the Alameda or Aztec theaters to watch a *Cantinflas* double feature.

This exhibit is the first of its kind in the United States, and we are proud to host it right here in San Antonio. The Mario Moreno Foundation in Mexico City selected San Antonio over Los Angeles as its inaugural U.S. host, and the Library as a fitting home. In addition to the photos and movie posters, the San Antonio Public Library will host *Cantinflas* movie screenings at most branch libraries throughout the month and a lecture on the life and career of **Mario Moreno** near the end of Hispanic Heritage Month with an expert from his Foundation.

When we confirmed that San Antonio had been selected, we made the very important decision to bring in partners to work with us. The goal was that these partners would help us secure funding to make this happen and that they would work with us to promote this project across the city so that many citizens would know about it and would make time to visit us to share in this incredible experience. The obvious choices included our own Foundation—experts at fundraising—and KLRN—experts at communication. These two groups have worked tirelessly with us for the last few months on every detail and aspect of the retrospective, and we could not be more pleased at the way they have embraced *Cantinflas*. In fact, keep an eye out for these promotions when you’re watching your favorite KLRN programming or shopping at the Shops at La Cantera.

Finally, I have to say that an exhibit of this magnitude could not be staged without the support of the community, and it is because of these sponsors that we could even begin to consider hosting this retrospective. So if you know someone who works for or with one of these companies or institutions, please thank them for us: City of San Antonio Office of Cultural Affairs, Bromley Communications, Silver Eagle Distributors, la Familia Cortez, Texas A&M University San Antonio, and Univision 41.

To find out more about the retrospective, where you can see it, and which films our branch libraries will be showing, visit www.cantinflasretro.com.

Ramiro S. Salazar

Getting to Know Your Friends

Denise Barlow

Claudia Kohler

Lucille Ball said “If you want something done, ask a busy person” paraphrasing **Margaret Thatcher’s** earlier quote. **Denise Barlow**, Nursing Supervisor at Christus Santa Rosa, Law School student* at St. Mary’s School of Law, President of the Great Northwest Friends, Board member of the Alamo Breast Cancer Foundation Board, and volunteer for the National Breast Cancer Coalition, is a busy person who gets things done.

Denise was born at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware; however she grew up on a dairy farm west of Toledo, Ohio. Of course, Denise knows how to milk cows. She also was the Fulton County Dairy Princess. They couldn’t use the title Dairy Queen because ... well, you know.

Denise obtained a degree in Biology at Ohio Northern University and joined the Air Force R.O.T.C. After graduation, she went into the Air Force as a nurse. Denise’s two sons were born while she was stationed in Goldsboro, North Carolina. At one point in her career, the Air Force gave her 2 years off to get her Master’s in Nursing. In 2003, she spent 5 months in Kirkuk, Iraq, and was posted there when Saddam Hussein was captured.

Her favorite nursing position was in the Kidney Dialysis unit and she ended her 20-year career serving at Wilford Hall in San Antonio while performing that job.

In 2004, Denise was diagnosed with breast cancer. One of her volunteer jobs is for the “Deadline to End Breast Cancer in 2020,” and she is an advocate who is working to get signatures to Congress to pass “The Accelerating The End of Breast Cancer Act” – S.3237. If you would



like to sign this petition on-line, go to www.breastcancerdeadline2020.org/ to help.

Denise got involved with Great Northwest Library through her Homeowners Association. The H.O.A is the largest one in San Antonio, and one of the developer’s promises was to build a library for the community. While volunteering for the H.O.A, she went along with friends to “Friends” meetings. Great Northwest dropped out of FOSAPL for years. Three years ago, Denise wanted to bring them back, and so she became president of the Great Northwest branch Friends and started to recruit for this group. Denise feels it is her civic responsibility to get involved with her community, and she is doing this in so many ways. However, she says she is doing it for self fulfillment too – she LOVES giving parties like the one GNW had for their volunteers this week, and from the happy faces I saw, the volunteers loved the party.

*She has 2 years of schooling left.

Some good reads . . .

Christie Smith

Don't you just love to read a good book (novel, nonfiction, biography, whatever) about which you have some personal knowledge of the content (location, subject, process, people behaviors, etc.)? Such books pull me in with the lure of familiarity that adds to the pleasure and excitement of the read. Do add to your list of such works, the recently published books of long-time FOSAPL member, **George Beddingfield**.

George is a retired thoracic surgeon who has practiced around the world as a military and civilian physician. Following a period as a surveyor for the Joint Commission on the Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO), he has devoted himself full time to writing fiction since 2008. It is his medical background, experience as a hospital surveyor, and current events that bake up the plots based on hospital accreditation.

Unannounced (pub: Nov 2011) weaves a story of jihadist-inspired terrorism that uses unannounced surveys as a means to infiltrate America and make an impact on Western culture. (Unbeknownst by the JCAHO—as much as those in the healthcare field may

feel “terrorized” by a survey. Really.). *Conditional* (pub: May 2012) presents a Dallas area hospital CEO with links to the Mexican drug cartels who reacts to his hospital’s “conditional” rating with surveyor stalking

and kidnapping to name but a few extreme actions. At first glance these plots may sound far fetched, but given the news stories reported daily and what we have experienced over the last decade, I can actually imagine these events occurring. Who would have thought the life of a hospital surveyor to be so thrilling?

Conditional and *Unannounced* are not



George Beddingfield signing books at the Twig.

yet in the SAPL inventory but may be purchased at the Twig bookstore where George had a book signing on July 28. Print and Kindle copies may also be purchased through Amazon.com.

Alana Woods

Janet Evaovich is a fun storyteller. I just recently read *Wicked Appetite*, which had me in stitches. If you want to read something that will lighten your spirit, grab just about anything by Evanovich.

Nominations Sought for Library Champions

Beth Graham

The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees has announced that it is seeking nominations for the 2012 Library Champion Awards. These awards recognize individuals (not employed by the Library), businesses, and community organizations for their substantial involvement with the Library system, or who have contributed time, talent or resources that resulted in the enhancement of library service in San Antonio. The deadline for nominations is September 14. Award recipients will be honored at a ceremony at the Central Library.

Anyone may submit a nomination. Information and the nomination form are available at

<http://guides.mysapl.org/librarychamps2012> or by calling 210-207-2638. Completed forms may be mailed to the San Antonio Public Library Public Relations Office, 600 Soledad Plaza, San Antonio, Texas 78205; faxed to (210) 207-2603; or emailed to elizabeth.graham@sanantonio.gov.

The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees created the Library Champion Awards in 1996 to honor notable contributions to the Library system. Past award recipients include **Dr. Amy Freeman Lee**, former San Antonio City Manager **Alex Briseño**, author **Barbara Stanush**, Wings Press publisher **Bryce Milligan**, the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, the San Pedro Hills Women's Club, the *San Antonio Express-News*, and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation.

David Stanley, Author and BookCellar Volunteer

Nancy Gandara

Ever think about how much effort goes into writing a novel? It's clear that **David Stanley** knows about it first-hand, and the result is *The Grasshopper King* (ISBN 1466470402), which Kirkus Re-

views calls “a richly rendered coming-of-age novel minus the happy ending.” You may have met the author, as he is a regular volunteer in the BookCellar. Ask him about his early life near Pittsburgh, his

variety of jobs, and the many colorful and troubled characters about whom he has written. *The Grasshopper King* is available for sale online at Amazon.com and at www.stanleystomeontherange.com

Save the Date

**Annual FOSAPL Meeting
Sunday, Jan. 27, 2013**

- Election of new Officers and Board Members
- Vote on Bylaws Revisions
- Special Speaker

In Memoriam

It is with sadness that the Friends learned of the passing of **Mary Margaret Rode**. Mary Margaret and her husband, Paul, have been members of the Semmes and Texana Genealogy Friends groups. Mary Margaret was highlighted in the Nov-Dec 2011 issue of the *SAPLings* for the book signing of her collection of poems, *Morning Songs*. Mary Margaret always had a smile and brought a ray of sunshine with her. In tribute, here is her poem, "Matins," which was published in the *San Antonio Express-News*, October 18, 2009:

Matins

Mary Margaret Rode

Sliding into my slippers
I prepare to meet the morning
Just before sunrise when
I salute its majesty
A chorus of doves announce
The entrance of light
Climbing up the kitchen window
Inspiring my deep breath for
Exercise that unlocks my bones
Giving me a touch of youth

Then the squirrel jumps from
The pecan tree onto the scene
Shakes his bushy tail and
Searches for sunflower seeds
Spread carefully on his favorite spot
Ignoring the doves and blue jays
Surrounding him.

Watching this picture
I smile, remembering
The psalmist who said
"Joy comes with the morning."

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

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

Do you have a favorite author whose books you collect? Or do you simply like the convenience of owning the books you read for pleasure? You can find greater bargains than usual at the BookCellar through September and October, when all regularly priced hardback adult fiction is on buy-one-get-one sale. That's two books for \$1. The sale includes novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns and large print.

In addition, biographies are on buy-one-get-one sale during September.

The BookCellar has a large selection of premium-priced art books available now, representing a wide range of artists from many countries, artistic movements, and time periods. In addition, the store has an abundance of books on how to make art and do crafts donated by the Southwest School of Art and Craft.



The store also has an expanding collection of "vintage" books—fiction and non-fiction published 50 or more years ago—priced at \$1.

St. Cecilia Catholic School, which closed at the end of the past school year, donated dozens of boxes of current elementary school textbooks and teaching materials to the BookCellar this summer. This contribution has enabled many of these materials to be sold at low cost to area teachers, homeschoolers and other parents. Thanks go to St. Cecilia officials for thinking of the BookCellar as they sadly close an historic school.

As fall approaches, remember the BookCellar as a source of inexpensive ideas for Halloween costumes and holiday celebrations.

Library Board of Trustees to host public hearing on naming of small stone structure at Igo Branch Library

The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees will host a hearing for public comment on the naming of a small stone structure that is sitting on the grounds of Igo Branch Library, 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway, 78249, on Saturday, September 8, 2012, at 2 p.m. Citizens interested in expressing comment, naming recommendations, etc., should plan to attend and sign up to speak prior to the 2 p.m. start time. Comment may also be sent to sanantoniopubliclibrary@sanantonio.gov with "Woller Outpost" in the subject line.

All media inquiries should go to **Beth Graham**, San Antonio Public Library PR Manager, at 210-207-2638 or at elizabeth.graham@sanantonio.gov.



~~ 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.

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| <p style="text-align: center;">I would like to make the following donation of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> In honor of <input type="checkbox"/> A special event <small>Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of </p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> |
| <p style="text-align: center;">Please fill out the form, make your check payable to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and mail the form with check to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246</p> | <p style="text-align: center;">My name and address is:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~</i></p> |

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:

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

- | | |
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| <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

June 30, 2012

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

| FOSAPL INCOME | BUDGET | FOSAPL YTD | FOSAPL MAY-JUNE |
|---------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| BookCellar sales | 75,000.00 | 41,676.18 | 18,569.83 |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld | | (2,790.12) | (866.00) |
| Donations and memorials | 2,000.00 | 1,026.00 | 345.00 |
| Interest and sales tax discount | 600.00 | 228.22 | 66.40 |
| Membership | 8,000.00 | 4,450.00 | 1,265.00 |
| FOSAPL INCOME | 85,600.00 | 44,590.28 | 19,380.23 |

| BUDGET EXPENSES | BUDGET | YTD | MAY-JUNE |
|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Accounting | 1,500.00 | 280.00 | 80.00 |
| Arts and Letters program | 300.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Bank charges | 100.00 | 12.00 | 12.00 |
| Directory | 2,000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| FOSAPL Committee expenses | 200.00 | 24.76 | 240.95 |
| FOSAPL Insurance | 1,000.00 | 695.00 | 0 |
| Friends recognition | 100.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Fundraising program | 400.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Membership recruitment | 1,200.00 | 175.00 | 0 |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing | 4,350.00 | 2,328.62 | 562.87 |
| Office supplies | 170.00 | 72.93 | 52.88 |
| Parking | 600.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage) | 1,180.00 | 291.02 | 186.66 |
| President's expenses | 200.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Seed money for new groups | zero | 0 | 0 |

BookCellar Expenses

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|---------------------------------------|----------|----------|--------|
| Advertising | 1,000.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies | 1,500.00 | 63.68 | 63.68 |
| Commodities for resale | 2,000.00 | 922.51 | 380.28 |
| Equipment and maintenance | 1,500.00 | 0 | 0 |
| BookCellar insurance | 1,000.00 | 976.00 | 226.00 |
| Printing and copying | 200.00 | 393.62 | 70.90 |
| Recruitment of volunteer workers | 200.00 | 0 | 0 |
| Salary and benefits | 8,500.00 | 3,767.92 | 785.58 |
| Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration | 1,000.00 | 800.99 | 800.99 |
| Volunteer appreciation | 1,250.00 | 238.07 | 238.07 |

Library Support

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|--|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| Public programming & staff development | 50,000.00 | 16,000.00 | 0 |
| Donations from FOSAPL members no budget amt | | 491.00 | 225.00 |
| Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members no budget amt | | 900.00 | 100.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES | 81,450.00 | 28,433.12 | 4,025.86 |

| FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME | MAY-JUNE | YTD |
|---|------------------|------------------|
| Donations | 651.31 | 2,274.87 |
| Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers | 12,318.81 | 37,292.31 |
| Memberships | 300.00 | 1,350.00 |
| TOTAL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME | 13,270.12 | 40,917.18 |

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| Branch Friends group operating expenses | 589.05 | 2,873.68 |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department | 18,017.36 | 38,215.33 |

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts

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|--|-------------------|
| Compass Money Market *****8659 | 132,469.30 |
| BookCellar deposits | 30,014.78 |
| Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644 | 10,753.72 |
| Compass Checking ***-***8736 | 173,237.80 |
| Total Assets | (97,805.90) |
| Branch Designated Funds (-) | (602.20) |
| Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-) | (2,931.44) |
| Checks outstanding (-) | 71,898.26 |
| Net Assets for FOSAPL Use | |

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of June 30, 2012

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|------------------------------|------------------|
| Bazan | 1,721.32 |
| Brook Hollow | 22,012.40 |
| Carver | 4,009.81 |
| Central | 876.73 |
| Cody | 5,820.79 |
| Collins Garden | 657.31 |
| Cortez | 851.89 |
| Forest Hills | 1,828.59 |
| Great Northwest | 3,908.17 |
| Guerra | 4,658.47 |
| Igo | 7,111.14 |
| Johnston | 3,977.03 |
| Landa | 4,823.35 |
| Maverick | 6,249.48 |
| McCreless | 1,054.26 |
| Memorial | 3,168.41 |
| Mission | 792.56 |
| Parman | 2,318.59 |
| Semmes | 2,578.16 |
| Texana/genealogy | 4,348.27 |
| Thousand Oaks | 3,841.37 |
| Tobin at Oakwell | 7,571.03 |
| Westfall3,460.03 | |
| Writers (currently inactive) | 166.74 |
| Total Group Funds | 97,805.90 |

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.

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| September 8 | Semmes Fall Book Sale, 10 a.m. |
| September 8-9 | McCreless Book Sale |
| September 16 | FOSAPL Board meeting, 2 p.m., at Collins Garden |
| September 22-23 | Igo Book Sale |
| October 6-7 | Maverick Book Sale, 10-4 |
| October 12-14 | Cody Book Sale, Friday, Oct 12, 1-3 - Preview Sale for Friends; Saturday, Oct 13, 10-4 |
| October 13 | Brook Hollow Book Sale |
| October 15 | Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 7 p.m. |
| October 21 | Arts & Letters Award Ceremony, 2 p.m., at Central Library |
| November 10 | Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale |
| November 17 | Thousand Oaks Branch 25th birthday celebration, 10-3 |
| December 1 | Thousand Oaks Friends' Book Sale, 10-3 |

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

Brook Hollow Library
530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-496-6315

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

Cody Library
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
210-696-6396

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

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

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

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

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