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 proposal 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

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.

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**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

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 BookCeller 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 Celtans, 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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Minutes, from p 2.

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

T he 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 tweener 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-

Branch Leaves cont on p 4.
Chures and flyers was pur-
chased 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 equip-
ment should be installed in
September. A tree donated
by our Friends has been suc-
cessfully moved from the
park location.

Tobin Library has a pho-
tography exhibit of the
work of Siggi Ragnar. The
artist is a native of Iceland,
and his work as a photogra-
pher has been influenced by
the harsh conditions, beauti-
ful landscape, and distinc-
tive 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 sum-
mer 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 instru-
ments. It was loud, but fun!

Our library has two new
Circulation Attendants, Me-
gan 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.

Arlene Braswell

Black Wolfe visited
Maverick Library
SummerFest at Igo Library

Clay Craft 6/7/2012

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

A n 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)
From the Library Director

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

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 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.
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 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 Evanovich* 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.

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**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.

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**Some good reads . . .**

**Christie Smith**

Do you 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 Reviews 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](http://www.stanleystomeontherange.com).
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 pm. 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.

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 Geneology Friends groups. Mary Margaret was highlighted in the Nov-Dec 2011 issue of the SPALings 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

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.
~ ~ 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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Friends Membership Application

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☐ FOSAPL Board of Directors
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☐ PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION

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☐ INDIVIDUAL (Adult) $15
☐ DUAL (Adult) $25
☐ INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) $5
☐ PATRON (Per Person) $50
☐ CONTRIBUTING (Per Person) $100
☐ LIFE (Per Person) $250
☐ 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).

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**INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS**

**FOSAPL INCOME**

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<td>BookCellar sales tax withheld</td>
<td>(2,790.12)</td>
<td>(866.00)</td>
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<td>Donations and memorials</td>
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<td>Interest and sales tax discount</td>
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**BUDGET EXPENSES**

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<td>Membership recruitment</td>
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<td>Office supplies</td>
<td>170.00</td>
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<td>Parking</td>
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<td>Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)</td>
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<td>291.02</td>
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**BookCellar Expenses**

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<td>Commodities for resale</td>
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<td>Equipment and maintenance</td>
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<td>BookCellar insurance</td>
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<td>Salary and benefits</td>
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<td>Volunteer appreciation</td>
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**Library Support**

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**FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME**

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<td>Donations</td>
<td>651.31</td>
<td>2,274.87</td>
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<td>Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers</td>
<td>12,318.81</td>
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<td>Memberships</td>
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<td>13,270.12</td>
<td>40,917.18</td>
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**Branch Friends group operating expenses**

| Category                              | 589.05   |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department | 18,017.36 | 38,215.33 |

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**Treasurer’s Report**

June 30, 2012
Submitted by Judy Wilson

**Save the date! Attend the Arts & Letters Award program on October 21, 2012, 2 p.m., at the Central Library.**
**CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS**

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

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