The Friends of the Library Annual Book Sale will be held May 15–22 this year, and, as usual, lots of extra volunteers will be needed.

This year's event will differ from past sales in two ways: Instead of a single weekend, the sale will run for eight days, from Saturday, May 15, through Saturday, May 22. And prices on all but premium books (markups) will be cut in half—from 10 to 50 cents for most books.

The Book Cellar Committee decided to try this format to clear out a large backlog of books for which there is no room on the shelves and which continue to flow into the store daily. New inventory can be put out each day of the sale, hopefully attracting repeat customers.

The Annual Book Sale location will be the Book Cellar and the adjoining outdoor patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad. Books will be displayed on tables under canopies on the patio as well as inside the store. Sale hours will be 9 AM–4 PM on the two Saturdays, 11 AM–4 PM Sunday, and regular store hours of 11 AM – 3 PM on weekdays.

The event is a huge project that requires scores of volunteer hours and is a major fund raiser for the Friends. The sale is organized by the Book Cellar Committee, chaired by Jim Wogstad, but it requires a wider circle of workers than the Book Cellar volunteer staff alone.

In addition to the eight sale days, workers will be needed on Thursday and Friday, May 13–14, to help sort and display books, and on Sunday and Monday, May 23–24, to help pack away leftovers.

If you can help during any of the following hours, please call Book Cellar manager Treva Dickson at 227-9519 and tell her when you can volunteer.

- Thursday, May 13, 9 AM - 5 PM
- Friday, May 14, 9 AM - 5 PM
- Saturday, May 15, 9 AM - 5 PM
- Sunday, May 16, 11 AM - 5 PM
- Monday to Friday, May 17-21, 11 AM – 3 PM
- Saturday, May 22, 9 AM – 5 PM
- Sunday, May 23, 11 AM – 5 PM
- Monday, May 24, 10 AM until we're finished

The sale will include children’s books and adult fiction and non-fiction. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity to buy good books at super-bargain prices. And please come help with the sale.

Pat Konstam

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Dear Friends,

I want to give you an update about the Texas Library Conference held in San Antonio, March 17–20. A few important issues were brought out at the Conference that you should know about. First, the state-level budget has been cut for Library Services. A new project of ours will be to figure out how to let our representatives know what happens when the Library Budget is cut, no matter if it is at the state, county, or city level. It hurts, and it hurts everyone. Another issue was the US Patriot Act. There were several speakers about this issue. I have several handouts that I can pass on to you, or you can go the web for more information at www.alta.org or www.txla.org.

I’d like to thank the volunteers who opened the Book Cellar for the TLA President’s Party on Friday night so the people could see what it was like. THANK YOU Bettie Ward and Rowena Rodgers. I am so glad part of our Board came to the party hosted by the Library Foundation, and the President’s Party at Central Library.

As I mentioned before, we discussed money and how to get the budget that your library needs. This is a very important issue that everyone needs to be involved in. Talk to your representatives at the city, county, or state and national levels and let them know these are important issues and we should work with them for the funding our libraries need to move forward. If we want our children to have a better education, the Library is one of the things they need to help them get ahead. This can be a WIN-WIN situation for everyone.

Barbara Isner, President

FRIENDS OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
HIGHLIGHTS
March 24, 2004
Ronnie Retzloff, Secretary

Purchase of a shadow box to hold the Library Champions Award is pending.

Vaughn Balinger with Scholastic Book Fairs would like to sell Scholastic books (primarily a children’s market) at our branch book sales in exchange for a percentage of the profits (as yet to be established). They are willing to donate children’s books for our branch sales.

Current funds available as of March 24, 2004, were $99,312.40.

Membership is currently 808, 127 previous members have not yet renewed.

Treva Dickson is the new manager of the Book Cellar. We will distribute bookmarks at the San Antonio College Book Fair April 3rd. A one-half-price sale week is planned. Volunteers will be needed.

The Arts and Letters committee is considering Oct. 31 or Nov. 7 for this year’s awards ceremony.

Special Reports:
Library Administration:
Mary Louise Daneri assured the group that strategic plans are still in place and that good things continue to happen, despite the fact that they are not widely known.

Library Foundation:
Lucy Gale reported that TLA made the Library Foundation an honorary member. Lucy provided brochures about upcoming lectures and the library exhibit and auction.

The Maury Maverick family donated some books from his collection to the Book Cellar.

Plans are being made to purchase the home at 625 Shook. It will eventually become part of the Landa Library. Extensive renovations are required before the Library Foundation can move their offices there.

Library Board: Cathy Dean reported that a search firm request for proposal is in progress to begin the Library Director Search. The Henry Guerra branch is due to open May 19. (Updated information: Grand Opening has been delayed until Wednesday, June 9, 2:00 PM.) Library Board meetings are open and are held on the 4th Wednesday each month, alternating locations between Central and various branches. Dates and agendas are posted on the website and in all the branches.

Announcements:

Various branch activities, which have been or will be published in the SAPLings newsletter, were announced:

Thousand Oaks Book sale, April 17.

Carver Book Sale, April 3, 10 AM–3 PM.

Cody and Westfall are having a joint meeting April 13 with Maria Pfeiffer as their guest speaker.

Telephone Guide

Book Cellar ...............................................................227-9519
<http://www.sanantonio.gov/Library/friends/cellar.asp>
Central Library Administration ......................................207-2630
Central Library Information ........................................207-2500
Central Library Volunteer Office ....................................207-2502
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
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President, Barbara Isner ........................................533-1867
Vice President, Lucy Gale ........................................402-4021
Secretary, Ronnie Retzloff .......................................490-4337
Treasurer, Pat Cummins ...........................................737-7863
San Antonio Public Library Foundation .......................225-4728
Brook Hollow

Brook Hollow's spring used book sale will be from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Saturday May 15. We will be setting up for the sale the morning of Friday, May 14. While we are working Friday morning, Molly Robbins will join us with an update on the status of the Brook Hollow Library renovation and expansion. Members are urged to volunteer as much or as little time they have during one of these two days. With a good turnout, we should be finished with sale preparations by noon on Friday. On Saturday—sale day—help is needed throughout the day to straighten and organize books, answer questions, and cashier. We especially need help with clean up from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

On February 26, the Brook Hollow Friends held a Staff Appreciation Dinner for the branch staff. The story and photos are on page 4.

The next meeting of the Brook Hollow Friends will be Monday May 24, 2004, at 7:00 PM in the library meeting room.

**Cody**

Mark your calendars: the next Cody Branch book sale will be October 2. Although we were sad that long-time Cody Branch manager Metta Chicka retired in February, we wish her the best in all her future endeavors. We’re also happy that Interim Branch Manager Hayley Latshaw has been named permanent manager.

Cody Branch Friends Board member Martha Mead has been honored by Northside Independent School District by having a school named after her. Dr. Martha Mead Elementary School is being built in the Callaghan/Horizon Hill area, and it will open in 2005.

**Oakwell**

At the entrance to Oakwell Library, we have a delightful garden. The plants are native to the South Texas area. Most plants are marked with their names.

Mary McVickers, a Friends of the Oakwell Library Board member, is a member of the Native Plant Society. Along with other members of this Society, Mary has created and cared for this area so it is a beautiful setting. Thanks to Mary and her friends.

The computer classes at Oakwell Library have been full and have a waiting list. It is an excellent training with an instructor giving instructions as needed. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to receive this training and at NO CHARGE.

Our next Book Sale is May 22 from 11:00 AM until 3:30 PM. Mark your Calendars!!! The library has received a new CD cabinet to match an existing one. This cabinet is for the display area and should help patrons find a CD easier.

**Westfall**

In March, the Westfall Friends Staff Appreciation Luncheon committee, composed of Marilyn Keilman, Edith Wah, Rowena Rodgers, Eddie Patino, and Bettie Ward, served lunch to our great staff. We enjoyed having the opportunity to visit with them and to learn more about the many activities taking place at the branch.

The new officers for the Friends of Westfall for 2004–2006 are:
- President: Bettie Ward
- Vice-Pres: Dotty Adams
- Secretary: Marilyn Keilman
- Treasurer: Eddie Patino

We appreciate very much the contributions made by our retiring officers, Edith Wah and RoseMary Bryant.

**In Memoriam**

Our sincerest condolences go out to Aubrey George on the death of his mother, Annette George, who died March 30, 2004.
Friends Lifetime Library Champions recognized at Annual Meeting

As part of the Library’s Centennial celebration in 2003, the Library Board recognized three individuals and three organizations as Lifetime Library Champions. Half of these awards were Friends related: Val Poska, Norma Oppenheimer, and the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. Because of the timing of our Annual Meeting, the Friends were allowed the pleasure of recognizing our own Champions and celebrating them a little early.

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I was laid off from my job as a Life Insurance Actuary for a large San Antonio Insurance company in September of 2002 after a total of 30 years in that field. Fortunately, I was old enough (59) and had enough years of service to take early retirement. Now, at last, I was free to travel and, especially, read.

The library has always been an essential part of my life. I recall visiting the library with my mother when I was very young. Throughout my life I have continually been a library patron and have used them throughout my schooling.

To give myself something to do, I decided to become a volunteer at the Cody branch of the San Antonio Public Library. As I worked there, I realized how much I liked the atmosphere at the library as well as the people who worked there. I began to think that perhaps I would enjoy being on the staff. At this point in my life, the idea of working for the public good seems superior to toiling to produce corporate profits.

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I’m looking forward to a gratifying new career.

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Staff Appreciation Dinner

The Brook Hollow Friends hold a Staff Appreciation Dinner every year to honor the branch staff. This year, 40 Friends, staff members, and guests attended the dinner, held at Bambino Huey’s restaurant on February 26. We had a great time getting to know each other. Loyce Ince, our area representative on the Library Board; Mary Louise Daneri and Molly Robbins from library administration, were our special guests.

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We also displayed a sign featuring photos of all the Brook Hollow staff. It said “This Is Staff Appreciation Week; we think our staff does a great job, and we hope you do, too, and will tell them so!”
**CATCH THE WAVE @ YOUR LIBRARY!**

Summer Reading 2004
June 1-July 31

This summer, grab your sunscreen and a book, head for the beach or your hammock, and join the San Antonio Public Library on a virtual round-the-world vacation, visiting all seven continents as we go! This year, even adults can join the fun as we introduce our first-ever adult Summer Reading Club.

Pick up event calendars at any library or go to www.sanantonio.gov/library for event dates.

### Libro Sails the Seven Seas (for children of any age)

To sign up, go online to www.sanantonio.gov/library or fill out a form at any Library location, then pick up your treasure map. Read your way around the world, visiting each continent and collect your pirate's loot! (Awards available while supplies last.)

### Extreme Summer [for children and teens ages 13 (or entering 6th Grade) to 18]

Visit the Library web page at www.sanantonio.gov/library, or any Library location, to sign up and get your passport to summer adventure! Take a virtual trip around the world, participating in extreme sports as you go—surf the Great Barrier Reef in Australia, climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, raft the Amazon in South America. Keep track of the continents you visit and collect your prizes. (Awards available while supplies last.)

### New in 2004! Cruise Your Library (for high school and up)

The San Antonio Public Library is proud to introduce our first Summer Reading Club for adults. Register online at www.sanantonio.gov/library or at any Library location, and pick up your reading log. Read a book about each continent, and as you complete a book, stop by your Branch Library to register for a weekly drawing for an exotic prize basket. If you complete all seven continents by July 31, you can enter a drawing for the grand prize.

### Mark Your Calendar!

In addition to all the great programs planned at your local Branch Library, the San Antonio Public Library invites you to join us for our special Summer Reading Series. Join us at the San Antonio Public Library for fun all summer long! Seating is limited, and tickets will be required for admission to all Library-wide programs. Free tickets will be available approximately 1 week prior to each performance, at the location where the program will take place.

### Children's Programs

#### Cody Fisher: "I Love to Read" Magic Show

The "I Love to Read" show explores the wonderful world of reading and the magic found in books! This high-energy, fun-filled show combines magic, music, storytelling, puppetry, and tons of audience participation to show children the joys of reading and the adventures that await them in the pages of a book. Visit Cody's Web page at http://www.fishermagic.com.

#### Joe McDermott

Joe invites children and adults to sing, dance, and use their imagination as they listen to his catchy, kid-friendly songs. Learn more about Joe at http://www.joemcdermottmusic.com.

### Makeup 101 with Yvette Parrish, Mrs. Mexico Ethnic World 2004

Learn beauty secrets from an expert! Yvette Parrish is from San Antonio and is of Mexican-American descent. She was selected by an international committee to represent the country of Mexico as Mrs. Mexico Ethnic World 2004 at the international Mrs. Ethnic World Pageant in Washington, D.C. Recently Ms. Parrish accepted a position as beauty editor position for the Latina-American magazine Cuerpo. In addition to her writing career, Ms. Parrish dances flamenco and is an international makeup artist and owner of Texas Beauty Productions, her company which coordinates Latina fashion shows and all Texas events for Ethnic World delegates. Her makeup design was seen in...
**Summer Reading Program cont’d.**


**ADULT PROGRAMS**

**Claudette & After Hours Jazz Trio**

Join us for a smooth cruise with this vocal, piano, and saxophone trio, who set a perfect mood with your favorite romantic standards from Sinatra, Ella, & Ellington to the jazz and R&B sounds of today. If you'd like to hear more from these great musicians, visit their Web page, http://www.candemusik.com, to find out where their next gig is!

**FAMILY ACTIVITIES**

**Little Read Wagon**

San Antonio Public Library’s early literacy program Little Read Wagon offers a series of special presentations designed to show parents how to share special reading times with their babies and toddlers. All programs are free, but class sizes are limited — call 207-2517 to reserve your space.

**Read Together, Talk Together:** A parenting workshop focused on how parents of talkers (ages 2 and 3) can create an atmosphere of pleasure surrounding book-sharing and increase their children’s vocabulary.

**Sounds Like...** A parenting workshop focused on encouraging parents and caregivers of pre-readers (ages 4 and 5) to assist their children to gain sound awareness skills through letter and word games.

**Ready to Learn**

Presented by KLRN-TV and the Public Broadcasting Service, Ready to Learn helps prepare children for school by developing language, reading and number skills, and encouraging children’s social and emotional development. Join KLRN and the San Antonio Public Library for one of these great parents’ workshops. All programs are free, but class sizes are limited — reserve your space by calling 270-9000, Extension 2265.

**Texas Library Association Annual Conference March 17–20 — The party’s over!**

A nd there were indeed wonderful parties after the work days packed with meetings and programs.

Foremost for the Friends was the elegant reception sponsored by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation on behalf of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and the Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates (LiFTA, a Round Table within TLA). This gathering on March 18 at The Vault Restaurant brought together local Friends and Foundation board members, plus library staff and board members, to meet LiFTA attendees. TLA officials and board members of Library Partners, Inc., were also there to meet and talk with local library supporters. The setting was beautiful, the refreshments delicious, and the conversations animated—a very successful "first" for LiFTA.

A huge thanks to the Library Foundation for their generosity in hosting the reception, and special thanks to Kaye Lenox and Lucy Gale for making it happen. Kaye and Lucy also helped greet guests along with Friends President Barbara Isner, Beth Crabb from the Brook Hollow Friends, and LiFTA Chair JoAnna Lewis.

There were a number of dinners immediately following the reception, with San Antonio well represented at the Food for Thought dinner at the Menger Hotel. Local "foodies" sat at each table to talk about food and share cooking tips, and a different chef/author was introduced with each course. Long-time library supporter Rosemary Kowalski, RV Catering, was the introductory speaker, and she is a marvelous speaker who clearly has more than enough entertaining stories for a book of her own. Deborah Douglas of the Writer Friends graciously stepped in on short notice when one of the out-of-town chefs had to cancel. Dr. Debbie (so designated by the dinner committee chair) also generously donated copies of her book, Stirring Prose: Cooking with Texas Authors, to attendees. The concluding speaker was Diana Barrios Treviño of Los Barrios Restaurant, who spoke about the history of the Barrios family restaurant business and her book, The Los Barrios Family Cookbook: Tex-Mex recipes from the heart of San Antonio. Many thanks to SAPL staff members Martha Montemayor and Liz Arrevelos, who brought copies of Treasured Recipes from the San Antonio Public Library to sell alongside the chefs' books. (If you haven't seen it, ask at the Central lobby desk; the cookbook has some terrific recipes at a bargain price.)

LiFTA’s serious business earlier in the day included a business meeting and a program on the Patriot Act, followed by a very enjoyable luncheon with speakers Susan Wittig Albert (Texas Hill Country mystery writer whose latest book is A Dilly of a Death) and Roxie Munroe (author/illustrator—Ranch is her latest book, but her "must see" book to me is still The Inside-Outside Book of Libraries, which is in the library's juvenile collection).

Congratulations to TLA's new president-elect, Gretchen McCord Hoffman, a very active LiFTA member who coordinated the Patriot Act program. Congratulations also to Barbara Isner and Beth Crabb, who will be serving as LiFTA Chair-Elect and Secretary/Treasurer for 2004–2005.

There were several conference programs of particular interest to the San Antonio Public Library, and I'll report on some of them later.

Back to the parties for now. The final one was the President's All Conference Party held on Friday evening at Central Library. It's hard to do justice to that on paper—you really had to be there and experience the Mardi Gras atmosphere.

Visualize, if you can, a large crowd of people with beads and masks, music and dancing, food and drink spread throughout three floors of the library! Rowena Rodgers and Bettie Ward, who volunteered to open up the Book Cellar that evening, can tell you about it. Thanks again to them for allowing visitors a chance to see our Book Cellar. Enough people took a break from the festivities to spend about $50 there that evening, and, more importantly, to perhaps get some ideas for their own Friends’ groups and libraries.
### Form for Gifts, Donations, and Memorials

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

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

I would like to make the following donation:

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

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### Treasurer’s Report

**As of 3/24/2004**

**Pat Cummins, Treasurer**

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)
P.O. Box 831174
San Antonio, Texas 78283-1174

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**NOTE**

The Friends of the Library Board meeting will be May 12.
CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please refer to the Branch Leaves for support group meetings. It’s a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.

May 11 Writer Friends meeting, 7 PM, Fiesta Trails Barnes & Noble Book Store
May 12 Friends of the Library Board Meeting, 7 PM, Central Library
May 15 Brook Hollow Book Sale, 9 AM to 4 PM
May 15–22 Book Cellar’s Annual Book Sale, Central Library. See Page 1 for hours.
May 22 Genealogy Fair, sponsored by Texana/Genealogy, 10 AM–3 PM, Central
May 22 Oakwell Book Sale, 11 AM – 3:30 PM,
June 19 Westfall Friends Book Sale, 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
October 2 Cody Friends Book Sale.

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 these meetings.

DEADLINE FOR NEXT NEWSLETTER COPY IS JUNE 15, 2004

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to awoods@swri.org. Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, Texas 78238.