



From the President

Dear Friends,

I hope y'all are enjoying your summer reading! I have started on our "1 Book~1 San Antonio" selection, *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation* by local author **John Phillip Santos**. Everyone in San Antonio should be discussing this book by the end of the summer. The library has many copies of it, so you can reserve one at your nearest branch. Also, the author is scheduled to do a reading at each of the branch libraries this summer. So you will have a chance to meet him and ask questions.

At our May board meeting, we approved the bylaws of the Maverick Friends. They were welcomed as our newest branch group. The librarians at Cortez, Forest Hills, and Landa are also trying to start up groups. If one of those branches is where you usually go to the library, just check with the librarian there for information about being a charter member of one of those new groups.

San Antonio's city council is currently working on the budget for 2007. As Library Friends, we need to do our best to advocate for the library system. Dates to be aware of are:

- Aug 10—The FY 2007 Proposed Budget Presentation
- Aug 14–28—Community Hearings on the FY 2007 Proposed Budget
- Aug 16–Sept 6—City Council Workstations on the Proposed Budget
- Aug 30—Public Hearing on the FY 2007 Proposed Budget
- Sept 7—FY 2007 Budget and Property Tax Rate Adoption

Let's try to attend these August meetings! In the meanwhile, we can help by contacting our city council representative and telling them that libraries need to be a high priority. You can phone them, write to them, email them, or—best of all—talk to them in person. Also, there are Suggestion Boxes at all library locations ("Community Budget Input Dropbox"). Just write your suggestions on the form provided there and drop it in the box. Points to mention are:

1. Increase the base budget for books and materials
2. Enhance funding to provide additional outreach and programming at library locations
3. Enhance funding so that libraries are safe and welcoming public spaces
4. Enhance funding to improve access to electronic information
5. Increase funding for replacement of furniture and equipment

Your Friend,
Linda Nairn

Library Board Names Four as Library Champions

The Library Board of Trustees selected four outstanding volunteers to receive Library Champion Awards. The recipients of the awards were honored at a ceremony on May 24 in the Central Library Auditorium.

The Library Champion Award, presented annually, was created to recognize individuals and organizations that have made notable contributions of time, talent or resources which have resulted in the enhancement of public library service in San Antonio; or which have had substantial involvement in the support of the San Antonio Public Library system over a period of many years.

This year's honorees were:

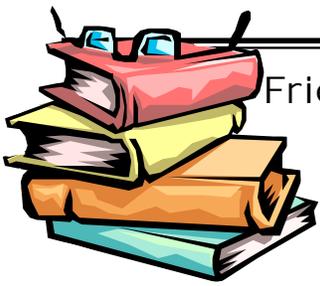
Georgine Smith, a veteran of more than fifteen years' volunteer service at McCreless Branch Library. Ms. Smith volunteers 10 hours a week at the branch, assisting in roles that vary from greeter to storytime and arts and crafts assistant. Her nominator noted of Ms. Smith, "Her dedication and positive role modeling have been an inspiration to the young patrons she has watched grow up."

Louise Abbey, a member of Friends of the Library, volunteers at Oakwell Branch Library. Ms. Abbey has volunteered at Oakwell Branch Library since 2000 and has logged more than 1500 hours of service. She undertakes tasks at the checkout desk, processes items on hold, and serves as branch greeter. A staff member commented of Ms. Abbey, "Louise is

as dedicated and enthusiastic about her volunteer responsibilities as any full-time employee. Patrons and staff alike enjoy interacting with Louise."

Loubelle Vandeventer, Westfall Branch Library volunteer. Ms. Vandeventer has been a volunteer since 1993, working twice a week at the branch library, assisting with shelving books and entering data on the computer. She is a member in three book clubs, and leader of two of them. Ms. Vandeventer assists the Friends of Westfall Branch Library with their regular used book sales. Staff at the branch said, "Her outstanding volunteer efforts and dependability over so many years have truly contributed to the excellent public service provided by the San Antonio Public Library."

Richard Kierbow, a member of Friends of the Library, is a Brook Hollow Branch Library volunteer. Staff at Brook Hollow said, "If the branch could give a Best Patron award it would go to Richard Kierbow." During the recent renovations at Brook Hollow Branch Library, Mr. Kierbow worked four to eight hours a week for several weeks to help pack up the books and move them out of the main area of the library prior to the beginning of construction work. Mr. Kierbow returned to assist with unpacking and reshelving to ready the branch for reopening. The branch manager noted, "His commitment and comradeship increased staff morale and made all the hard work more enjoyable."



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

May 21, 2006

Submitted by *Sheila Figueroa, Secretary*

Call to Order: Linda Nairn, President, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m.

Board of Directors and Officers present: Linda Nairn, Robert LaCaff, Sheila Figueroa, Nancy Gandara, Betty Kelly Berry, Pat Brown, Lee LaCaff, Aaron Konstam, Rowena Rodgers, Anna Cleve, Teresa Garza, Janie Oosterveen, Ronnie Retzloff, Pat Konstam, Bruce Gill, Libbie Roussin, Lora Eckler, Lois Galbraith, Priscilla Vigilante, Judy Wilson, and Tom Nemeth.

San Antonio Public Library Administration present: Beth Graham

San Antonio Public Library Trustee Chairman present: John Nicholas

San Antonio Public Library Foundation present: Lucy Gale

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected and recorded.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Gandara reported on accounts through Apr 30 and distributed the report to all present.

REPORTS:

Linda Nairn thanked Forest Hills Branch Library for hosting the Friends of the Library. The Westfall Branch Friends supplied the refreshments. Branch Manager of Forest Hills, John Powell, stated that on Wed, Jun 21, at 7:00 p.m., there would be an organizational meeting to begin a Friends Group for Forest Hills.

Library Board: John Nicholas stated that the Board would be meeting on Wed, May 24, at 4:30 p.m. at the

Central Library with the Champions Awards Ceremony to follow at 6:30 p.m. The new Hausman Road Library will be named after John Igo. Also, the Library Board is involved with the City's new budget.

Library Administration: Beth Graham reported that The Library Champions Awards is May 24. The Houston Street Fair at 2 p.m. Sat., May 27, will kick off the 1 Book~1 San Antonio campaign. The summer reading campaign kick-off honoring the two major sponsors: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and Security Service Federal Credit Union will begin at 10:30 a.m., Wed., May 31, at Central Library. There are two new branch service coordinators, Kendra Trachta and Sandy Matthews. Beth Bermel is the Central Library Administrator.

Library Foundation: Lucy Gale reported that in April about 200 attended the reception for the artist Sebastian. At the Latino Art Auction, about 150 attended. Mi Tierra donated the food, and about 27 of the 50 art pieces were sold. Lucy attended the Texas Library Association's luncheon in Houston. The Foundation nominated CPS Energy for their grassroots fundraising efforts—CPS Energy raised over \$180,000.00. Texas Library Association chose CPS Energy as their benefactor. There were about 250 at the 1 Book~1 San Antonio gala with several authors offering selected readings. The San Antonio Symphony played Sir Anthony Hopkins' written

music. His art work was for sale—30% of the money goes to the Born to Read Program. In the Fall, the Foundation will be working with AT&T and SAISD to see that every second grader receives a library card. For the 1 Book~1 San Antonio campaign, John Phillip Santos will visit every branch library by September, and there will be various programs complementing the themes of the book.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Arts and Letters: Robert LaCaff and Alan Cutler established a co-chair relationship. The date has been set for October 22, 2006. Robert has received several nominations and the deadline is June 15.

Book Cellar: Aaron Konstam distributed an earnings comparison of years 2005 and 2006 for the Book Cellar. He reported that the Book Cellar needs volunteers. Volunteers can get their books for half price and receive free parking.

Robert LaCaff, Vice President, stated that the new directory is ready to be proofed.

Membership: Ronnie Retzloff reported there are 859 members of which 155 are life members.

Newsletter: No report.

OLD BUSINESS: 30 plastic holders will be distributed to all branches and the Central Library, Texana, etc. to hold the Friends' Membership envelopes.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Maverick By-Laws were presented and approved. It was announced that

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San

Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Linda Nairn President
Robert LaCaff Vice President
Nancy Gandara Treasurer
Sheila Figueroa Secretary
Barbara Isner Immediate Past Pres

BOARD MEMBERS

2005-2007 Term

Vera Banner • Betty Kelly Berry
Pat Brown • Lou Harris
Aaron Konstam • Lee LaCaff
Maria Pfeiffer • Rowena Rodgers

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Anna Cleve • Alan Cutler
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Pat Konstam • Josie Martinez
Janie Oosterveen • Ronnie Retzloff

SAPLINGS

Newsletter published every two months for the information of member Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and others supportive of our ideals and activities.

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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Article contributions for publishing in the newsletter are always welcome!

The deadline for submitting articles and photos to SAPLings is the 15th of the month

(February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15, and December 15)

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods at <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.



Brook Hollow

Brook Hollow has a Library Champion

If Brook Hollow Library were to give a Best Patron Award it would go to **Richard Kierbow**, but since



there is no such award, the Brook Hollow Staff nominated Richard as a Library Champion. For 20+ years this former Air Force pilot has served Brook Hollow as he served our country ... with diligence. Most particularly Richard was a great help to the staff during last year's renovations. Prior to closure last spring Richard helped pack up a large portion of the library's books. Again last fall, Richard was there every day working on unpacking and shelving books, in preparation for reopening. In fact, Richard became a *de facto* member of the staff—Truly a Library Champion.

Other activities going on at Brook Hollow are our summer reading program, developing teen program, and plans for showing movies in different settings & venues, made possible due

to the purchase of a movie license (a gift from the Friends). Design work also continues on our landscaping plans, with which we hope to begin planting & moving dirt sometime this fall.

We had a wonderful book sale at Brook Hollow this spring; 28 Friends helped. We had a pizza and salad lunch with the staff while we were setting up, and we made \$4,500. The money was great, but the best part was so many Friends helping! It was almost like a family reunion, only better, because we all like each other!

Pat Bjornson

Carver

The Friends of Carver Library will meet on the 4th Saturday every other month in the year. The next meeting will be Aug 26.

Our last book sale was the first Saturday in April. Thanks to all members who participated—your efforts led to a successful book sale.

The Carver Library and Friends hosted the FOSAPL Board meeting in April 2006.

The Friends were very excited to assist **Mr. Delgado**, manager of the Carver Library and his staff in a very successful Summer Reading kick-off party Jun 3.

Rowena Roby

Cody

The Cody Friends hosted local author and UTSA professor of Comparative Literature, **Steve Kellman**, who spoke about his latest book, *Redemption, The Life of Henry Roth*, which put him on the cover of *The New York Times Book Review* last year.

There was an election of officers: **Carol Van Cleave**

is the new President, **Janna Lawrence** is newly elected as Vice President, **Dr. Martha Mead**, newly elected Secretary, and **Anne Susswein** remains Treasurer. In addition, they added five new board members: **Judy Malter, Lynette Poss, Pat Horlacher, Alan Cutler, and Ida Blankenship**. Remaining on the board but not holding office are: **Margaret Lecznar, Dr. Mickey Tehan, and Pat Mendiola**, who is Cody's liaison with FOSAPL.

Carol Van Cleave

Guerra

We had a very successful book sale. We were able to add some boxes of books from Cody Library to our sale. Thanks, Cody, for sharing those books. Friends of ours pitched in to help us set up and tear down.

Thanks so much to **Anna Anderson, Jesus and Mary Garza**, and the staff at Guerra Library for all their help.

Of course, we could not do the sale without our usual gang of workers, **Anna Cleve, Delores Huber, Bob Blackstone, Virginia Gill, Evelyn Thomas, and Brian Eckler**. Thank you so much for all your hard work.

Our next book sale will be Nov 11 and 12. It is a great time to shop for books to give for the holidays.

We were able to purchase a memory card for the library's camera, CD/DVD cleaner repair machine, some other things, help with programming and have a display cabinet and gallery strips closer on the wish list.

Don't forget our library's 2nd Birthday Bash will be celebrated Jul 15, with events and goodies. Come join us!

Lora Eckler

Johnston

The Johnston Library will be having its book sale on Fri. & Sat., Aug 4 & 5.

John Phillip Santos will be visiting Johnston at 7:00 p.m. on Wed, Jul 19, for the "1 Book~1 San Antonio" project. As author of *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation*, Mr. Santos will take you back to a San Antonio full of vibrant characters and places through stories of life and his family history. His program will be accompanied by a performance from classical guitarist, **Ray Tamez**. Join us for an extraordinary author visit.

The Friends of the Johnston Library have generously purchased new display furniture to hold more DVDs. This will expand our DVD browsing collection and allow patrons to take home more good movies. Many thanks to the Friends of Johnston.

Vivienne Beckett

McCreless

The summer reading program is off to a good start with current registration of 435 participants. Seventy-six children took part in the Dragon Craft. One hundred sixty people enjoyed the free snow cones.

Exact figures for the recent book sale are not available, but the estimate is \$600-\$650.

Kudos to branch manager **Cammie Gunter** who joined with a community of volunteers to clean up Southside Lions Park recently. She pulled trash out of the lake and helped tidy the grounds. It's great to see Cammie expanding her role of service!

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Many of the best have been honored with Library Champion Awards

Library Champion Awards have previously been awarded to **Helen G. Jacobson, Mary Womack McAfee, Dr. Amy Freeman Lee, former City Manager Alex Briseño, Michael “Mickey” Schott, Jenny McChesney, Paul E. Castillo**, the San Pedro Hills Women’s Club; **Barbara Stanush, Bryce Milligan**, Los Padrinos de Las Palmas Branch Library, the Zunné Racing Group, Library volunteer **Alice Smoak, Ivanna Gonzales**, Cash for College founders **Cynthia and Philip McKee**, *Opportunity Magazine* Publisher **Stephen L. Nichols**, the San Antonio Zoo, Texana/Genealogy Volunteer **Joanne Seymour**, the San Antonio Museum of Art, Latino collection volunteer **Mario Longo-**

ria, the Great Northwest Library Friends, Bolner’s Fiesta Spices, Mex-Sales Company, Prost Marketing, the Consulate General of Mexico, the San Antonio Chapter of the Native Plant Society of Texas, CPS Energy, the Phyllis Browning Company, KSMG Radio/Magic 105.3, the Sunshine Cottage School for Deaf Children, the Boeing Company, San Antonio Water System, Verizon, Promotional Management Group, and Library volunteers **Margaret Lecznar, Vera Banner, Patricia Bjornson and Guillermo Nicolás**.

As part of the Library’s Centennial celebration in 2003, Lifetime Library Champion awards were given to 18-year Library volunteer **Norma Oppenheimer**; retired library

science professor **Val Poska**, chairman of the committee that developed the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Book Cellar Used Book Store, which raises funds for the Library; County Judge **Nelson Wolff** and community volunteer **Marie Swartz**, instrumental in the initial planning and development of the Central Library; the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, which provides funds and volunteer assistance for the Library; the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, the non-profit organization that raised \$5 million for the construction of the Central Library and another \$5 million in its Centennial development campaign; and the *San Antonio Express-News*, long-time media supporter of Library projects and programs.

Book Cellar News

The Book Cellar’s Summer Reading Sale on hardback fiction continues through August. Buy one hard cover novel, mystery, big print fiction, western, young adult, or children’s fiction and get another one free. Science fiction, easy readers, and specially priced books are excluded from the sale.

In time for back-to-school projects—back issues of *National Geographic* magazine will cost a nickel during August—half their regular price of 10 cents each.

For birthday or anniversary gifts, or just reminiscing, the store has a wide array of encyclopedia year-books, stretching back for decades, priced at 25 cents each.

In addition to the monthly specials announced here, the Book Cellar has periodic short mini-sales to clear excess inventory on particular categories of books, so drop in often to see what’s on sale, or call 210-227-9519.

Donations and Memorials

*Sheila Figueroa,
Chairman*

In Memory of:

Mary W. Browning

By

Mary Jane Groth

A Challenge for FOSAPL Members

One of the primary functions of Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is to generate monies to support Library activities and functions. A major part of the money comes from sales at the Book Cellar, our used book store. The activities of the Book Cellar to raise that money are handled by a small group of 30 dedicated volunteers. Some of these people have been doing this volunteering for the whole decade and a half that the Book Cellar has been in existence.

But as time goes on, people develop health problems,

die, or move away, and the number of volunteers needs to be increased. We could use 60 or more volunteers to process the dozens or more boxes of books we receive every week.

I could say it more politely, but more FOSAPL members need to step up to the plate and volunteer. Otherwise, the funds promised to the Library for summer programs and staff development cannot be realized.

This means you all out there. Volunteering at the Book Cellar is fun and rewarding. If you are a book lover, this is the place to vol-

unteer. Volunteers can buy books at half our ridiculously low normal prices. You meet interesting people. Your parking is paid. (You do have to bring your own lunch.) You can choose to work any day of the week from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., or on Thursdays from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. So sign up and participate.

Call **Monica Hernandez** (the store manager) at 210-227-9519 or me at 210-656-0355.

*Aaron Konstam, Chair,
Book Cellar Committee*



Mythical Beasts, Magical Books

Summer at SAPL has something for everyone!
Dukes and Damsels, Dreamers and Dragonologists
<<http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/events/SRP/>>



Get ready for a summer of reading fun at the San Antonio Public Library! From June 1 to July 30, children and teens can read books to get a book! And we've got lots of great programs to keep you coming to the library week after week, all summer long. Joining the fun is easy—Registration starts June 1 in person and online!

Don't miss the mystery.
Don't miss the magic.

You can either register online for the program you wish to enter and print out a kid or teen reading log or go to your favorite SAPL Branch and pick up your reading log.

Kids Program

The Kids program is open to children from newborn to those going into 5th grade!



Kids Participants Will:

- ▶ Join the 2006 Summer Reading Club beginning June 1.
- ▶ Record your reading accomplishments on your Dragon Log.
- ▶ When you've read—or listened to—15 hours, bring your log to the library so you can select a free paperback book that is yours to keep.

Kids Events

We've got LOTS of great programs to keep you coming to the library week after week, all summer long! Check out the Summer Reading Program calendar to get the scoop on everything going on at your library!

Don't know what to read?—Then find out what kids are reading <<http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/kids/>> with book suggestions by kids, for kids.

Did you read something good or not so good and want other kids to know?—Then Recommend a Book.

Teens Program

This program is open to teens going into 6th grade up through high school.

Read 15—Get One Free!

Pick up a reading journal and record the authors and titles of the books you read this summer.

Looking for a good read? Check out Book Links <<http://www.youthwired.sat.lib.tx.us/BookLinks2.0/welcome.htm>>.

When you get to magic number 15, drop by your neighborhood library to pick out a book to take home for keeps.

Free prize paperbacks are available after June 15 and must be claimed before August 15.

Summer Reading: Events—Summer Fest

Saturday, July 29th - 11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Central Library - 600 Soledad

Join us at the Central Library for Summerfest 2006, a city-sized celebration for summer readers!

Family & Kids

Children's activities start at 11:00 a.m. (11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.)

Magik Fairytale Theatre

Special performances of *The Reluctant Dragon*. (12:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.)

Plus . . .

- ▶ Face painting
- ▶ Balloons
- ▶ Dragon crafts
- ▶ Bouncy dragon
- ▶ And lots more!

Don't miss the fun.

Teens

After all those yummy books, end your summer in style! Summer Fest 2006 @ Central Library @ our **TEENS-ONLY After-Party** (4:00–8:00 p.m.)

Brian Brushwood, Bizarre Magician

This performance is for teens only and is not appropriate for children (4:00 p.m.)

Last year, Brian seemed to cut off his tongue—but don't worry, it was just an illusion. Don't miss what happens this year. **Jay Leno** calls Brian "amazing." We're sure you'll agree.

DJ GQVelasquez: House Music

San Antonio's pioneer DJ and Central Library's resident **DJ GQVelasquez** brings thousand of watts of sound and a killer light show. He defies you to sit still.

Plus . . .

- ▶ Free pizza
- ▶ Soda
- ▶ Henna tattoos
- ▶ Jewelry
- ▶ Crafts and more

Show your San Antonio Public Library Card and receive a raffle ticket for door prize drawings.

Reminder: McCreless is expected to close sometime in July, perhaps into August for needed repairs. Please call before heading out to a scheduled program during that time.

The book study on *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation* by local author, **John Phillip Santos**, scheduled for Aug 26, will be moved to Carver Branch Library **IF** McCreless is closed. **Cammie Gunter** will lead the study.

Vera Banner

Oakwell

The Oakwell Library has had a busy and productive May, and more events are planned.

The quarterly book sale was held in May, and it was a great success. We continue to have legions of dedicated volunteers who make it possible. **Pat DePasquale**, our new book sale chairperson, was organized and enthusiastic, and we are deeply grateful for her hard work. We continue to have many, many donations that make our book sale a popular and well attended affair. The next book sale will be held Aug 19. We

always need book donations, as well as volunteers to help set up and break down the book sale. For more information or if you want to donate or volunteer, call the Oakwell Library at 210-828-2569.

The Friends of the Oakwell Library hosted an appreciation dinner for the Oakwell staff in May at the Barn Door. The staff was honored for their professional and generous work. The food was terrific, and everyone had fun getting together and taking pictures.

The kick-off party for the summer reading program is June 1. Some of the summer reading programs are "Medieval Potpourri", "Mermaid Candles," Angel Script," and "Dragon Sun Catchers." Check with the Oakwell Library staff for more information on programs, dates and time at 210-828-2569.

Hope everyone has a safe and fun summer.

Fern Burke

Semmes

Semmes Library will hold a reception and book signing for **John Phillip Santos**, author of *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation*, Aug 20 at

2 p.m. The Semmes Friends will have their first book sale from 9-3, Sat., Sept 23.

Tom Anderson

Thousand Oaks

At the May meeting of the Thousand Oaks Friends, it was decided to postpone the book sale planned for June and reschedule it for Sat., Aug 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Hope to see you.

The Friends also have started planning the Septem-

ber Staff Luncheon. This luncheon is in recognition of their dedication to making our library a success.

On Sun, Jul 16, at 1:30 p.m., **John Santos**, author of *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation* will be visiting the Thousand Oaks Library for a book signing. The Friends will have refreshments available to those who come to visit with Mr. Santos. Mark your calendars and join us.

Nancy Fitzgerald

Minutes (Cont'd from p. 2)

Maverick Library has approximately 17 members. An anonymous donor gave them \$2,000.

Barbara Isner will write a report on the Texas Library Association convention.

Branch News and Announcements:

Bazan had its first book sale May 20, and they made over \$200. Their next book sale is Aug 11.

Brook Hollow had a Master Gardener at their last talk.

Carver will have a book sale later in the summer.

Guerra will have a book sale Jun 3 and 4 and their Second Birthday Bash July 15. **Lora Eckler** thanked the Cody Branch for giving the leftover books to them for their book sales.

McCreless' next book sale is May 20 and 21, 2006; the next one on Aug 19 and 20.

Memorial's Community Fair was a big success. Their first birthday celebration is being planned for June. They raised \$600.00 selling parking spaces during the Fiesta Oyster Bake at St. Mary's University.

Oakwell made approximately \$1,500 at their book sale.

Semmes thanked Brook Hollow for books for their book sale on Sept 23.

Thousand Oaks has had to reschedule their summer book sale to Aug 19.

Westfall's book sale is on June 17 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

It was suggested that there be an open workshop where sharing of ideas for book sales, etc. can take place. Possibly a Saturday morning workshop. More discussion to follow.

Linda Nairn reported that the City Council will be having an open session on June 28 to set budget goals. Everyone is encouraged to talk to your councilperson about the value of having libraries. Write letters, make telephone calls, encourage others to attend the meeting.

The next meeting of the FOSAPL is July 16 at 2 p.m. at the Semmes Branch Library.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:33 p.m.



Oakwell Library Staff at Appreciation Dinner at Barn Door May 12.



Friends of Oakwell Library at Staff Appreciation Dinner.

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

April 30, 2006

Submitted by Nancy Gandara

	Balance		
Accounts			
Working Capital Account	\$51,623.85		
Money Market Gold Account	\$25,115.69		
Money Market Gold Account	\$54,514.33		
Checking Account	\$88,897.66		
Total Assets	\$220,151.53		
Branch-designated Funds	\$73,891.25		
Total Liabilities	\$73,891.25		
OVERALL TOTAL	\$146,260.28		
	Budget	Mar/Apr 06	Year-to-Date
Income			
Book Cellar	\$64,000	\$18,875.45	\$29,576.75
Branch/Special Interest			
Group Book Sales		\$5,627.82	\$13,414.67
Donations	\$1,000	\$2,212.00	\$4,157.00
Interest	\$1,500	\$426.47	\$899.35
Membership	\$7,000	\$3,054.00	\$5,765.00
Transfer from Savings	\$32,875		
Total Income	\$106,375	\$30,195.74	\$53,812.77
Expenses			
Accounting	\$2,650		\$150.00
Arts and Letters	\$500		
Bank Charges	\$150		
Book Cellar Expenses			
Advertising	\$2,200		
Commodities for resale	\$500	\$427.00	\$427.00
Internet & software	\$200	\$49.75	\$49.75
Salary & benefits	\$8,200	\$1,180.00	\$2,360.00
Volunteer Appreciation	\$400		\$101.24
Water service	\$500	\$68.00	\$142.00
Bulk Mail	\$2,000		\$1,000.00
Committee Expenses	\$400	\$46.91	\$46.91
FOLUSA Membership	\$100		\$100.00
Friends Recognition	\$100		
Insurance (bonding)	\$125		
Library Support			
Programming for public [all year, all ages]	\$40,000	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
Staff development & training	\$30,000	\$20,925.00	\$20,925.00
Mail Box	\$100	\$72.00	\$72.00
Membership Directory	\$2,000		
Newsletter Prep/Editing	\$1,600		\$200.00
Newsletter Printing	\$2,000		\$426.29
Office Supplies	\$400	\$151.35	\$643.27
Parking	\$4,000	\$1,061.00	\$1,724.00
Postage	\$300	\$23.71	\$23.71
President's Expenses	\$350		\$261.00
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches)	\$7,600	\$2,763.15	\$4,309.69
Total Expenses	\$106,375	\$46,767.87	\$52,961.86

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Dec. 31, 2005–Apr. 30, 2006

Bazan	\$71.00	\$119.00
Brook Hollow	\$19,483.55	\$22,641.61
Carver	\$1,812.39	\$1,819.06
Cody	\$8,756.82	\$5,258.43
Guerra	\$2,152.56	\$2,164.56
Johnston	\$1,014.06	\$966.95
Maverick		\$2,078.00
McCreless	\$3,048.06	\$6,183.33
Memorial	\$2,860.00	\$4,243.77
Oakwell	\$5,716.68	\$6,853.74
Semmes	\$33.00	-\$43.00
Texana/Genealogy	\$9,548.48	\$11,704.30
Thousand Oaks	\$4,158.22	\$3,678.54
Westfall	\$4,770.14	\$4,268.48
Writers	\$1,936.48	\$1,954.48
Total Group Funds	\$65,361.44	\$73,891.25

Assistant Director Appointed for San Antonio Public Library

San Antonio Public Library Director **Ramiro S. Salazar** has announced the appointment of **Mark Gretchen** as Assistant Director for Public Services. He joins an executive team that includes Mr. Salazar and Assistant Director for Support Services **Aubrey W. George**. Mr. Gretchen will provide management oversight for the activities of the Central Library and 22 branch libraries.

Since 2001, Mr. Gretchen has served as Director of Community Services for the City of Seguin, Texas, overseeing the Library, Parks & Recreation, Coliseum, and Golf Departments. Prior to that, he was Library Director for the City of Seguin, and previously served the San Antonio Public Library as Reference Services Manager. He has also worked for the Corpus Christi (Texas) Public Library, as References Services Manager and the Copperas Cove (Texas) Public Library as Director.

Mr. Gretchen received his Bachelor of Arts and Master of Library and Information Science degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. He is a member of the Texas Library Association, Public Library Association, and American Library Association, as well as Beta Phi Mu, the international library and information studies honor society, and Phi Beta Kappa, the national academic honor society.

The new Assistant Director will assume his post on June 26. Of the position, Mr. Gretchen said, "I am looking forward to this wonderful opportunity to work with Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** and the rest of the Library team to provide outstanding library service to the citizens of San Antonio."



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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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| July 15 | Guerra Library 2nd Birthday Bash |
| July 16 | Thousand Oaks will host John Phillip Santos to discuss <i>Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation</i> , 1:30 p.m. |
| July 16 | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Semmes Library, 2 p.m. |
| July 19 | Johnston Friends meeting with John Phillip Santos to discuss <i>Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation</i> , 7 p.m. |
| Aug. 4-5 | Johnston book sale |
| Aug. 11 | Bazan book sale |
| Aug. 19 | Oakwell book sale, 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. |
| Aug. 19 | Thousand Oaks book sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. |
| Aug. 19-20 | McCreless book sale, Sat., 9 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sun., 1-4:45 p.m. (Call 210-532-4254 to verify. If McCreless is closed for renovation, event will be cancelled.) |
| Aug 20 | Semmes Friends meeting with John Phillip Santos to discuss <i>Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation</i> , 2 p.m. |
| Aug. 26 | McCreless book discussion: <i>Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation</i> , 10 a.m (If McCreless is closed for renovation, the study will be moved to Carver Branch, same day, same time. Call 210-532-4254 to verify.) |
| Aug. 26 | Carver Friends meeting |
| Sept. 23 | Semmes book sale |
| Oct 22 | Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony |
| Nov 11-12 | Guerra book sale |

Bazan Library
 2200 W. Commerce, 78207
 210-225-1614

Carver Library
 3350 E. Commerce St, 78220
 210-225-7801

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

Johnston Library
 6307 Sun Valley, 78227
 210-674-8410

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

Oakwell Library
 4134 Harry Wurzbach, 78209
 210-828-2569

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

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

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.