Dear Friends,

Spring has definitely arrived in San Antonio! We are finally getting some much needed rain. The wildflowers are in bloom, and Fiesta has come and gone. When you are thinking of summer reading, be sure to read our 2007 "1 Book, 1 San Antonio" selection. That is The Gates of the Alamo by Stephen Harrigan. Everyone in San Antonio will be discussing this book soon. The library has several copies of it, so you can reserve one at your nearest branch. You can also reserve a book online. Just go to www.sanantonio.gov/library. (You will need your library card number.)

The Annual Spring Book Sale at our Book Cellar went well. Aside from the money it earned for us, it brought new people into the Book Cellar. Some had never realized that the Book Cellar was in the basement of our Central Library. Or they were surprised that it was so large and had such an extensive selection of books. If you have not visited the Book Cellar, or haven't recently, you really should stop by soon. It is open every day the library is open, from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m., and on Thursdays until 7 p.m. You will be delighted at the choices available. Something for everyone!

We have a new Friends group starting at Landa Branch Library. They had an organizational meeting in March and are busy forming their bylaws and choosing their officers. Hopefully, they will be official after our May board meeting.

Also in May are our San Antonio city elections. We will be electing both city council members and our mayor. The important Bond Program will be on the ballot, too. Please go out and vote – either during early voting or on Election Day, May 12. We want to support our libraries as much as we can!

Your Friend,
Linda Nairn

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**Bond Program and City Council Elections—May 12, 2007**

(Early Voting April 30–May 8)

**Vote for Proposition 4, Library Improvements**

I t's all or nothing on the Library Proposition, so even if there's no library project in your district, please Vote Yes for libraries across the city!!!

The City of San Antonio Bond Program Information Guide states that Proposition 4, Library Improvements, "authorizes the City of San Antonio to issue bonds, the proceeds from which will be used to acquire, construct, improve, renovate and equip library facilities or other learning center facilities. This proposition also would allow for the acquisition of lands and rights of way necessary to accomplish such purposes."

Repairs and renovations to branch library facilities are proposed for 8 locations. Two new branches are also proposed, with funding designated for "site acquisition, design and construction of a branch library" (additional funding is needed to complete both new branches). Renovation of an existing building on the campus of Robert E. Lee High School (or another identified site) is proposed "to provide a Fine Arts Library for use by the general public in coordination with leveraged funding from North East Independent School District."

- **Bazan Branch Library (District 5)**: $375,000
- **Collins Garden Branch Library (District 5)**: $400,000
- **Cortez Branch Library (District 4)**: $300,000
- **Johnston Branch Library (District 4)**: $300,000
- **McCreless Branch Library (District 3)**: $450,000
- **Memorial Branch Library (District 5)**: $300,000
- **Oakwell Branch Library (District 10)**: $325,476 (replace roof)
- **Pan American Branch Library (District 4)**: $300,000
- **District 3 New Branch Library**: $4,175,000
- **District 9 New Branch Library**: $3,000,000
- **Fine Arts Library (District 1)**: $1,100,000

**Total**: $11,025,476

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**Book Cellar News**

Chefs in uniform discovering hard-to-find recipe books, teenagers finding books on military weapons or the "Left Behind" fiction series, parents hauling armloads of children's books, little kids excitedly announcing their finds, adults carrying stacks of art and coffee table books, foreign military educators from Lackland AFB hunting English teaching materials to take home to their countries, lots of folks...
President's Report: Linda Nairn reported that she traveled to Austin, Texas, for the state's Library Legislative Day on Feb. 6. She asked that everyone contact their state legislators to request support of library funding bills. Linda and several of our Friends' board members attended a joint workshop on Feb. 22 sponsored by the Library Board, the Library Foundation, and the Friends of SAPL.

Sally Reed, Director of Friends of Libraries USA, was the speaker and her topic was advocacy. On March 24 Linda will conduct a meeting at the Landa Branch library to organize a new Friends group.

Treasurer's Report: Nancy Gandara distributed a 2006 report as of Feb. 28, 2007, which was accepted and filed for audit.

Reports

Library Board: Jean Brady, Chair, reminded everyone that the bond election and City Council elections are in May, and encouraged us to attend neighborhood meetings where council members and candidates appear to speak. The Library District Commission will conclude its work in May. Jean announced that the Board has a new naming policy that provides for adding a person's name to a geographic location name.

Library Administration: Mark Gretchen, Assistant Director for Public Services, thanked the Friends for money donated, specifically referring to the production of "Camp Logan" held at the Carver Center. Mark reported on various capital projects: The Igo Branch is ahead of schedule; San Pedro Branch is going well; Landa has a roofing project scheduled for May, and it will be closed for approximately six months for the Landa Gardens Conservancy Project—landscape and parking lot renovations. Carver, Bazan, and Cortez Branches will close in April and May for renovations, and Memorial Branch in early June. He stated that the library's website has good information on the bond propositions. A new service is being offered whereby audio books can be downloaded onto a computer or MP3. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) stickers will be put into books at the libraries, which will help with self-checkout. Libraries will not have to close in order to complete this project.

Library Foundation: Victoria Smith reported for the Foundation; she is acting in the position held previously by Lucy Gale. Victoria reported the 1 Book, 1 San Antonio Campaign had begun with the March 7th announcement of this year's book, The Gates of the Alamo, by Stephen Harrigan. She also reported that the Jeun House at Landa was being renovated to make it ADA compliant.

Viki Ash, Children's Librarian, thanked the Friends for its monetary support. She reported that flannel-board easels were purchased and the children's librarians wrote thank you cards to FOSAPL. Viki also reported that 10,000 copies of Green Eggs and Ham were received, to be given away at the end of April.

Committee Reports

Book Cellar: Aaron Konstam requested a $2,500 line of credit for Book Cellar equipment and maintenance, the Board unanimously approved it. Bruce Gill is a new member of the Book Cellar committee.

Membership: Ronnie Retzloff reported 697 individual members paid in full to date, reflecting an increase following the second renewal notices. The 225 former members who have not renewed at this time will be dropped from the roster. The Board thanked Ronnie for her years of service as chair of the Membership Committee and welcomed Claudia Kohler as the new chair.

Newsletter: Cathy Dean requested feedback on the current 12-page issue and stated that volunteers are needed to handle bulk mailing.

Arts and Letters Committee: Alan Cutler, Pat Brown, and Bruce Gill have agreed to serve as committee members, with a chair to be determined.

Branch News and Announcements:

Carver will have a meeting on March 31. Cody is the "trial" branch for the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) System. Maverick's first anniversary party had approximately 800 in attendance.

Thanks to Carol Van Cleave and the Friends of Cody for refreshments.

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 Alan Woods at <awoods@swri.org> and Cathy Dean at <ca-dean@sbcglobal.net>. Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alan Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., 78238.
Brook Hollow

The Friends are busy this spring at Brook Hollow. A number of items have been purchased from the library staff's Wish List, including a large round picnic table with seating for eight, which has been installed under a nice shade tree for use during staff breaks and lunches. We were also able to secure a new floor buffer, which combines the wash and rinse cycles, greatly reducing cleaning time for the library's custodian.

Work is proceeding on our multiyear Landscaping Project, particularly along the front of the library. A number of perennials and shrubs were recently planted, which will provide a variety of color as we go from spring into summer here in south Texas.

Plans are also on schedule for our upcoming Book Sale, set for Saturday, May 19. While donations initially got off to a relatively slow start, they are now coming in at a rapid pace, which will enable us to offer a wide range of quality books and media at our spring book sale.

Please make a note to stop by Brook Hollow on the 19th, both to check out the new Texas Xeriscape plants and to participate in our spring book sale. We look forward to seeing you.

Richard Bowser

Cody

We're losing a dedicated, capable, and valued member, Janna Lawrence, in June, because she's taking a job out of state. Janna, thank you for all you have done to make Cody's book sale what it is. We'll miss you.

Our next Book Sale is May 19, 9:00-3:00. Our behind-the-scenes organization has gotten a big boost because of increased member and board member involvement. Cody is the first branch to set up the RFID system for checking books in and out, and we've just started using the system.

Carol Van Cleave

Guerra

April was an exciting month for us. I stepped down, due to my appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. We had elections and these wonderful people stepped up to be Guerra officers.

- President, Delores Huber
- Vice President and Treasurer, Evelyn Thomas
- Secretary and Friends Board member, Anna M. Cleve

We purchased and took delivery of our first display case, and it is already being put to good use. We have other things on our wish list, so Guerra will have a book sale on June 2 and 3. Come on down and help us add to the library.

Claudia Kohler

McCreless

McFriends enjoyed hearing Master Gardener Orlando Martinez at their April 18 meeting. We also look forward to learning more from him on his Saturday morning radio show (KEDA 1540 AM, from 9 to 11 a.m.).

Because McCreless is an Early Voting site again, we're stocking up on Friends membership envelopes and planning a lobby display during that period to publicize our group's support for the library.

Cathy Dean

Semmes

Since our last newsletter, Semmes Friends joined the library staff in recognizing several milestones and celebrating great events. We welcome the arrival of Children's Librarian, Randi Jones. Randi stepped in to fill the vacancy created when Michelle DiGiacomo retired and has been on Semmes staff since February 12th. Randi started working for the SAPL exactly 12 years ago in the Young People's Department at the Old Main Library. She joined the Las Palmas library staff in the Spring of 1996 where she stayed until her most recent move to Semmes. Randi has academic degrees in Elementary Education, French and Library and Information Science. She is an accomplished guitarist and intends to include music as a regular part of each storytime, having the children use the Semmes percussion instruments. She will also incorporate languages into the storytimes as appropriate. If you are interested in learning "Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes" in Spanish, French and/or Japanese, 'e'mon by! We are also very proud of Semmes librarian Haley Holmes who has completed all requirements for award of the Doctor of Philosophy Degree from the University of North Texas in Denton. Congratulations, Haley!

The Semmes Friends held its second book sale in early March, enabling the Friends to purchase book shelving for new books for the branch.

Lastly, the Friends were honored to participate in the library mission of community education by co-sponsoring a debate between the District 10 City Council candidates on April 24.

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Friends of the Library will sport their new aprons at the Spring Book Sale on May 5 from 10 to 3. The group purchased plain aprons, and member Nancy Fitzgerald added customized pockets. Membership in the Friends organization is being promoted at this year's sale. Bookmarks, designed by

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member Renee Hermanson, will be placed in books purchased at the sale. Thousand Oaks Library staff will no longer need to make a trip to the Central Library for a projector when they want to show movies. The Friends purchased a new projector for permanent use at Thousand Oaks. In addition, they purchased a movie license for use in the branch.

Plans continue for activities commemorating our 20th anniversary.

Leila Hileman

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Note that we have a new name. The San Antonio Public Library Board voted at its February meeting to change the name of the Oakwell Branch to the Tobin Library at Oakwell. We thank the Tobin Endowment for taking us under its wing.

We also have a new president. Mary McVicker surprised us all by announcing in February that she was resigning as president and moving to the state of Washington. Mary is a long-time member of the Friends of SAPL who served several terms as president of Oakwell Friends, developed our native plant garden, was chairman of our volunteers, editor of our newsletter, and general all around helper. She was the first recipient of our "Best Friend" award, and she will be sorely missed.

With the help of all our board members, former vice president Joan Hildreth is attempting to fill her shoes.

Book Sale chairperson Pat DePasquale and her dynamic team scored another success at our February 17th sale. We netted a little over $2,000. Pat always welcomes donations of current titles and greatly appreciates the many volunteers who put in countless hours to guarantee our success.

On March 5, the staff honored its many volunteers with a lovely luncheon in the meeting room of the library. All staff members told what they do and how the volunteers make their particular tasks easier. It was a wonderful opportunity to get better acquainted with the librarians, and we really got a feel for the many different jobs that are required to serve the public in our busy library.

Our library is used in many ways by citizens of all ages. The computers are popular with seniors, working people, and students. The Tuesday morning story hour for toddlers, conducted by Debbie Martin, is a hit with mothers and 25 to 30 kiddies. The monthly afternoon book club, moderated by manager Wendy Friedman, has at least 15 enthusiastic participants. Betsy Dalton keeps the after-school crowd busy every Wednesday with craft activities, a "graphic novel" club, game tournaments, and many other fun activities for the Ckool kids at Oakwell.

Oakwell plans a summer reading program for its adults that keeps the overall theme of "Sail Away with Books." Readers over the age of 18 can register to win a basket filled with goodies, such as a new beach towel, puzzle books, and soothing aloe vera gel. For each four books read, an adult may enter one time. "This is an excellent way for grown-ups to provide positive role models for the younger ones," Sherrie Hardin, adult programming coordinator, said. "When a child sees an adult reading it lets them know reading is an important aspect of life."

We will honor all the members of this hard-working staff with an Appreciation Dinner at the Barn Door restaurant at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, May 4.

Our next Book Sale will be held Saturday, May 19, from 10 to 3. We hope to see you all there.

Joan Hildreth

Westfall

The April 17th meeting was highlighted by the appearance of Gregg Barrios as our guest speaker. Mr. Barrios spoke of his fortunate encounter with a librarian who encouraged him to apply for a job with a local paper in Victoria. The job was as book reviewer and it led him into a profession as book editor for the San Antonio Express News and later as a film and arts columnist at the Los Angeles Times. He is a regular contributor to the Texas Observer and the San Francisco Chronicle Book Review. His play Rancho Pancho was selected for a reading at the prestigious Tennessee Williams Literary Festival in New Orleans in March 2007. He is currently at work on a play about Candy Barr.

Diane Fanning, a New Braunfels resident and true crime author, will speak about her books and sign copies at the May 22nd meeting, 7 p.m.

Pat Cummins

Writer Friends

The Writer Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is hosting a reading and book signing, Tuesday, May 8, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes and Noble, San Pedro Crossing, 321 NW Loop 410. Featured authors are: Diane Fanning, Under the Knife; Dr. Deborah Douglas, Foot Soldiers: Stories from the Breast Cancer 3-Day Walk; and Joan M. Cheever, Back from the Dead.

Several other local authors will be also be available to sign their books. Ten percent of the sales price for each book sold will benefit the San Antonio Public Library. For more information, contact B&N Community Relations Manager Sasha Kodet, 210-342-2386.

About the authors and books:

Diane Fanning is the Edgar award nominated author of several true crime books for St. Martin's Press. She will discuss her newly released book Under the Knife, which is about a beautiful, successful woman named Maria Cruz who went to "Doctor" Faiello for a relatively simple cosmetic procedure...and succumbed to a fatal complication while under his care.

Retired pathologist, author, and breast cancer survivor, Deborah Douglas, M.D., walked 600 miles in 10 Breast Cancer 3-Day events to interview cancer survivors and co-survivors. The collected stories emphasize the complexity of diagnosis, treatment, and survivorship.

Attorney Joan M. Cheever is an award-winning legal affairs journalist and a former managing editor of The National Law Journal. Back From The Dead is the story of 589 former death row inmates who, through a lottery of fate, were given a second chance at life in 1972 when the death penalty was abolished; it returned to the United States four years later.

Cynthia Leal Massey
exclaiming, "I didn't know this place was here."

These were a few of the scenes at the Book Cellar's 16th Annual Spring Sale on April 13-15. Despite competition with several major events that weekend, the store and adjoining patio were filled with a steady stream of shoppers, including regulars, newcomers and out-of-towners from Austin, Kerrville, Sugarland, and Waco.

The sale brought in a near-record $7,391 and possibly set a record for the number of volunteers who helped—at least 70, including 51 Friends and 19 Valero Energy Corp. employees who signed up through their company’s community service program. The success of the sale was a tribute to everyone's hard work.

On Feb. 26, the Book Cellar held a Volunteer Appreciation Lunch organized by Lucille Teeter and attended by 26 of the store's 36 current volunteers. Judy Wilson received a monogrammed purple apron awarded to veteran volunteers. Jim Wogstad, who tallies volunteer hours, reported that 41 different people volunteered at the store during 2006, working a total of 5,962 hours. That's the equivalent of 1,490 four-hour shifts or four people working every day all year.

The Book Cellar will not have a special sale during May. During June, children's and young adult hardback fiction (“chapter” books, not easy readers) will be on sale for half-price (25 cents a book) to encourage summer reading.

Pat Konstam

All of our volunteers worked extra hard to put this sale together, but we would like to say a special thank you to Jim Wogstad and his son Eric Wogstad for putting up and taking down the tents. They worked very hard and did such a good job for us. — Lucile Teeter

Left: Book Sale Shoppers
Both below: Book Cellar Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon at La Fogata, Feb. 26
Many, many thanks to the Friends who helped our Local Arrangements Hospitality Committee with gift bag assembly and meeting speakers at the airport. Jackie Caverly, former SAPL librarian who recently moved back to her home state, and Gail Douglas, former Schertz librarian who is now in Schertz city administration, were the other committee members.

Claudia Kohler, Linda Nairn, and Mary Schmid came to the Convention Center to work on gift bags, so of course I could take pictures of them. It was a fun group and really nice to get to know each other better. You can see the results of our handiwork in the background, and if you check the newsletter online when it gets posted to the SAPL web site, you can even see it in color. If I do say so myself, I think the black bags and lime green tissue paper were perfect for this year’s program cover colors. More important, though, were the chocolate Alamos and gourmet nuts inside. Our committee was very pleased to acquire all gifts and packaging from local businesses, both on principle and in keeping with the conference theme of Strong Communities.

Unfortunately, there are no photos of the hardworking airport team of Bruce Gill, Nancy Gandara, Josie Martinez, and Rowena Rodgers. They stood in the airport terminals holding up large Texas Library Association signs to greet speakers from all over the country, including Sally Reed, executive director of Friends of Libraries U.S.A. Gail Douglas and I were asked to meet Lynn Sherr of 20/20 and ABC news fame, who flew in from the East Coast early in the morning to speak at the last major General Session and then flew back home immediately after her program. Ms. Sherr is a very warm and gracious individual, and also an outstanding speaker. It was really fun to meet her!

Copies of the Book Cellar’s book sale flyer were available in the Registration Information area every day, and there was also a notice placed in Friday’s daily conference newsletter. Hope that did some good, but there’s so much going on during Conference, and so many books available at author events and the Exhibit Hall, I’m not sure the flyers and notices translated into business for the Book Cellar. TLA will be in San Antonio again in 2010, from April 13–16. I learned a lot this time and know there are some things we could do differently to promote the Book Cellar better. Let’s also get FOSAPL more involved in LiFTA activities!

Lynn Sherr and Gail Douglas
Beth Crabb, a Brook Hollow Friend, is the newly elected chair of Library Friends, Trustees, and Advocates (LiFTA). As chair-elect this past year, she worked closely with TLA on the Opening Author Session luncheon sponsored by LiFTA. We had lunch, a great turnout, and three excellent speakers, all of whom had their books available—what more could you ask for!
In March 2006, Mayor Phil Hardberger and County Judge Nelson Wolff appointed a Joint Blue Ribbon Library District Commission. The City, as the lead governmental entity, appointed 10 commission members and 1 ex-Officio member, Councilman Roger Flores. City appointees are Jean Brady, David Carpenter, Elda Flores, Laurie Gruenbeck, Lamont Jefferson, Dennis Martinez, John Nicholas, Manuel Pelaez-Prada, and Julian Trevino. The County-appointed 5 commission members are Eddie Aldrete, Adele Dendy, Ph.D., Patricia Flynn, Aurora Geis, and Debbie Prost.

The charge of the Library District Commission (LDC) is to “evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of comprehensive data and informational scenarios regarding the proposed library district.” Currently, the library is a City department and, although the City Council has consistently supported the library, it remains under funded. As such, the San Antonio Public Library ranks lowest among major Texas cities in expenditures on library items per capita and second to last in operating expenditures per capita. The library requires stable and sustainable funding in order to provide the level of library services our community needs.

The creation of this Commission was a result of passage of the Multi-jurisdictional Library District legislation last session (79R) in the legislature. Codified in Local Government Code Chapter 336, this statute allows for the creation of a multi-jurisdictional library district. Through the joint collaboration and efforts of the Friends of the SAPL, SAPL Foundation, and the SAPL Board of Trustees, this very important first step towards the Library District initiative was a success.

Since its creation, members of the LDC have met regularly to gain a better understanding of the current state of the library, options for other sources of revenue, and issues related to the transition of the San Antonio Public Library to a library district. The LDC is looking at a funding option that would include contributions from the City and County to augment revenue from a dedicated sales tax.

Additionally, as the Commission has moved forward planning the implementations of a library district, a need to further clarify the intent of the initial legislation was identified. This need is being addressed during this legislative session. Senator Wentworth has sponsored a clean-up bill, SB940, and Representative Straus has filed an identical companion bill HB2711.

The LDC plans to present a final report to City Council in the summer of 2007. It is expected that this report will focus on the glaring funding deficiencies of the San Antonio Public Library and will recommend the creation of a Library District as the best option to address these deficiencies. The report is also expected to identify key issues related to transitioning a city department into a stand-alone entity and will entertain the need to plan and develop a transition plan.
Congratulations to our 2007 FOSAPL Best Friends, pictured with presenters of their awards (unless otherwise noted).

Bazan
   Atanacio Garcia

Carver
   Shirley Davis

Cody
   Carol Van Cleve (not shown)

Forest Hills
   Yolanda Kirkpatrick

Johnston
   Jean and Robert Barlow

Maverick
   Donna Hogan & Claudia Kohler

McCreless
   Barbara Santella

Memorial
   Lisa Rodriguez

Oakwell
   Norma Carmack (not shown)

Semmes
   Judy Wilson

Thousand Oaks
   Carol Crawford

Westfall
   Bettie Ward

Texana/Genealogy
   Lenore Karp (not shown)

Writer
   Caren Creech Berlanga (not shown)

Book Cellar
   Aaron Konstam

NOTES: My apologies to those of you in the fuzzy photos. We all know you look better than this, but my search for better photos wasn't working out well and we didn't want any further delay in acknowledging your awards.

Cathy Dean
Library Friends, Trustees and Advocates (LiFTA) had its most well-attended Texas Library Association program ever this April by sponsoring a local area, lay advocate speaker. The theme for this year’s Conference in San Antonio was **Strong Libraries, Strong Communities**, and LiFTA’s own **Julia (Julie) Ousley**, a member of Friends of the New Braunfels Public Library, fit right into that theme. Her presentation demonstrated how unwanted, discarded books can be transformed into saleable art, fashion, and furniture through a creative recycling program—a program that was adopted by the FOSAPL Book Cellar last summer.

The New Braunfels Public Library’s fundraising has been so successful that they now call their Last Chance Books project the "recycling arm of the Friends of the NBPL," and their group won the 2006 Alamo Area Library System’s Unique Fundraising Award of the Year for their project.

Here are some excerpts from the nomination describing their project.

Every library has discardable books, rendered unacceptable for the collection by their age, redundancy, or condition, and the NBPLFOL tries to find homes for them all, but there are still "orphans" remaining. Last Chance Books strives to make these, the last, the lost, the lonely, the losers, into the delightful, the delectable, and the desirable. In short, we transform "duds" into "Prom Queens."

The project's direction is channeled into three distinct avenues: "Books to be made into Altered Books" (including **Shaped Books**), "Books as Fashion Accessories" (including **Book Purses**), and "Book Furniture" (e.g. the **Book Bookshelf**), all of which are currently available for sale at our NBPL-housed Friends Bookstore.

Our specialty, Shaped Books, or books that have been band-sawed into recognizable and inspiring shapes, which helps the crafter to shake any hesitancy or reluctance to "deface" a book , starts with these previously undesirable books, and turns them into Best Sellers.

Perhaps not so wildly successful economically, yet just as unique, is our offering of Book Purses. Once again we start with totally rejected books, but, in this case, transform them into fashion accessories. The sale of these purses is nice, but our secret marketing strategy is to get buyers for our books who will then make their OWN handbags. To this end we’ll be offering a class (for a fee) in How to Make a Book Purse, which is another unique fundraiser.

The third manifestation of our Unique Fundraiser is our Book Bookshelf, which sells from our Friends Book Store in the Library itself. Easy to make by a novice woodworker, these are the perfect touch for decorating a bibliophile's den, or giving to a favorite hard-to-buy-for someone. Entered in the Comal County Fair, the prototype won a blue ribbon, and garnered some publicity for the library and its Friends. These Prom Queens also started out as unwanted, unloved, undesirable social misfits, but with a little attention, they are beautiful belles of the bazaar, a great fundraiser with a great future.

The real beauty of this unique fundraiser is that it is do-able by almost any library of any size. One need not engage a caterer nor decorator nor keep track of RSVPs nor Thank You notes. The start up costs are negligible, and its ongoing potential is inestimable. Not to mention that the recycling aspect is every municipality's dream . . . definitely a Win-Win-Win proposition.

**DISCLAIMER:** No books actually worth reading have been harmed in the production of these fundraising items.
INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS
February 28, 2007
Submitted by Nancy Gandara

Accounts
Money Market Gold Account $134,654.49
Checking Account $87,393.77
Total Assets $222,048.26
Branch-designated Funds $75,980.47
Total Liabilities $75,980.47
OVERALL TOTAL $144,067.79

Income
Book Cellar Sales/Group Book Sales $65,000
Donations $3,523
Interest $6,250
Membership $8,000
FOSAPL Income $82,773
Branch/Groups Income $11,007.90

Transfer from Savings $37,227
Assets to be Used During 2007 $120,000

Expenses
Accounting $2,250
Arts and Letters $400
Bank Charges $50
Book Cellar Expenses
Advertising $2,000
Commodities for resale $600
Internet & software $200
Printing/copying $200
Recruitment of volunteer workers $750
Salary & benefits $7,200
Volunteer Appreciation $500
Water service $652
Branch/Group Operating Expenses $662.43
Bulk Mail $1,500
FOLUSA Membership $100
FOSAPL Committee Expenses $400
FOSAPL Donor Recognition $1,000
Friends recognition $300
Insurance (bonding) $125
Library Support
Programming for public
[all year, all ages] $40,000
Staff development & training $40,000
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life Members no funding amt. $200.00
Branch/Group Purchases for SAPL $3,779.27
Mail Box $100
Newsletter Prep/Editing $1,800
Newsletter Printing $2,800
Office Supplies $1,500
Parking $4,600
Postage $623
President's Expenses $350
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches) $10,000

Total Expenses $120,000

San Antonio Public Library
Summer Reading 2007
Sail Away with Books!/¡Navega lejos con libros!

Weigh the anchor and batten down the hatches as you set sail for a boat load of fun this summer at the San Antonio Public Library! The program will begin June 1 and end July 28.

Sailors and salty dogs, mermaids and merchantmen are all invited to join the 2007 Summer Reading Club—it's so easy, even a landlubber can do it!
1. Sign up online at www.sanantonio.gov/library or at your neighborhood library.
2. Pick up a reading log.
3. For each book you read (or listen to), write the title on your Reading Log.
4. When you've read 15 books, bring your Reading Log back to the Library and we'll let you choose a book to keep, AND you'll receive two tickets to a San Antonio Missions Baseball game!
5. You're welcome to complete as many Reading Logs as you want - but only one book-to-keep and one pair of tickets per reader, please!
6. Keep your Reading Log as a reminder of your summer reading success.

...and don't miss SummerFest 2007!
As our summer of sailing comes to an end, we can't resist the notion of one last hurrah as our sailors return from the sea!
Join us on Saturday, July 28, beginning at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate your summer reading success and relive your many maritime adventures!
There will be activities throughout the library, stem to stern. And don't worry—we won't lower the mainsail until 3 p.m. Stop by and be part of the fun:
Saturday, July 28, 11:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Central Library, 600 Soledad
For more information about the San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading Club, please call (210) 207-2621.

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Arts and Letters $400
Bank Charges $50
Book Cellar Expenses
Advertising $2,000
Commodities for resale $600
Internet & software $200
Printing/copying $200
Recruitment of volunteer workers $750
Salary & benefits $7,200
Volunteer Appreciation $500
Water service $652
Branch/Group Operating Expenses $662.43
Bulk Mail $1,500
FOLUSA Membership $100
FOSAPL Committee Expenses $400
FOSAPL Donor Recognition $1,000
Friends recognition $300
Insurance (bonding) $125
Library Support
Programming for public
[all year, all ages] $40,000
Staff development & training $40,000
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life Members no funding amt. $200.00
Branch/Group Purchases for SAPL $3,779.27
Mail Box $100
Newsletter Prep/Editing $1,800
Newsletter Printing $2,800
Office Supplies $1,500
Parking $4,600
Postage $623
President's Expenses $350
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches) $10,000

Total Expenses $120,000

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds
February 28, 2007

Bazan $71.00 $781.73
Brook Hollow 19,483.55 16,017.85
Carver 1,812.39 1,875.63
Cody 8,756.82 8,494.84
Forest Hills 895.87
Guerra 2,152.56 2,843.46
Johnston 1,014.06 1,031.76
Maverick 3,545.87
McCreless 3,048.06 6,053.73
Memorial 2,860.00 5,683.31
Oakwell 5,716.68 3,386.55
Semmes 33.00 1,370.88
Texana/Genealogy 9,548.48 12,711.31
Thousand Oaks 4,158.22 5,037.97
Westfall 4,770.14 4,674.98
Writers 1,936.48 2,267.39

Total Group Funds $65,361.44 $76,672.74

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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 2  Westfall meeting, 7 p.m., Diane Fanning guest speaker
May 5  Thousand Oaks Book Sale, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
May 8  Writer Friends, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble, San Pedro Crossing, 320 NW Loop 410, featuring Diane Fanning, Dr. Deborah Douglas, Joan M. Cheever
May 12 City Elections
May 19 Brook Hollow Book Sale
May 19 Cody Book Sale, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
May 19 Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
May 20 FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., McCreless Branch Library

June 1 Summer Reading Program begins
June 2-3 Guerra Book Sale
Sept 15 Maverick Book Sale
Nov 3 Thousand Oaks 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.