



*From the  
President*



Dear Friends,

Mark your calendars and plan to attend the Friends' **Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 20, 2008, at 2 p.m.** in the Central Library Auditorium. We will elect new Board Members. We also will honor the "Best Friend" from each of our groups. This tradition honors our wonderful Friends who give of their time and talents to make the library even better. Come and cheer for your group's "Best Friend." Maybe next year it will be you!

I hope that you have all remembered to renew your membership in the Friends. If you haven't and have lost the envelope that came with your renewal letter in October, you can pick up another one at the library. Just ask someone there if you do not see the envelopes.

This fall has been busy for our Library Friends! Our Book Cellar, in addition to being open from 11–3 every day the Library is open and from 11–7 on Thursdays, had a Big Sale at the end of October. On November 4, we held our Arts and Letters awards ceremony. This year we honored musician **Kenneth Freudigman** and glass artist **Gini Garcia**. Our historic San Pedro Branch Library and Oakwell Branch Library both reopened after extensive reconstruction. The Oakwell Branch Library was rededicated as the Tobin Library at Oakwell, in honor of the Tobin family. Finally, we participated in the opening of a new library branch, the John Igo Branch Library on Kyle Seale (inside Loop 1604, just off of Hausmann Road). It is named after our own Life Member, author, and San Antonio College professor **John Igo**. All these branches are absolutely gorgeous!

Indeed, we have had an active year—and 2008 will be even better! Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Annual Meeting at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, January 20**, in the auditorium at Central Library. See you at the library!

*Your Friend,  
Linda Nairn*

Renovated San Pedro Branch Library  
Reopened

**D**istrict 1 City Council Representative **Mary Alice Cisneros** joined **Hector Cárdenas**, President of the Friends of San Pedro Springs Park, members of the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees, and Library Director Ramiro S. Salazar on Saturday, November 3, to mark the reopening of the San Pedro Branch Library. The ceremony celebrating a complete renovation of the building began at 10:30 a.m. at the branch library, located at 1315 San Pedro Avenue.

San Pedro, which opened in 1930, is the oldest existing branch still in use in the San Antonio Public Library system. It was originally designed by **Atlee B. Ayres**, one of the most prominent Texas architects of the early 20th Century, and his son **Robert**. Care was taken by renovation architects Kinnison and Associates to use colors, finishes and lighting fixtures to complement the Ayres design and return the building to an appearance more closely matching the original. A Mexican ceramic tile planter in front of the library has been restored with replacement tiles donated by the San Antonio Conservation Society and specially designed and manufactured for this project. Christ Episcopal Church, which made a donation in 1960 for furniture for the children's area, has made a similar donation for the reopening, to commemorate the church's 100th anniversary.

The \$1.025 million project, which was funded by Community Development Block Grants, included ADA accessibility upgrades; repairs to the mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems; and enhancement of interior and exterior finishes.

"This project is truly a result of the hard work and dedication of the entire community," Councilwoman Cisneros noted. "From City government to neighborhood associations to other library partners, everyone has contributed."

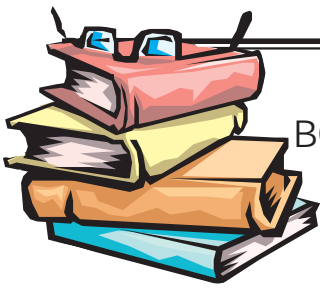
Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** added, "We especially want to thank the Friends of San Pedro Springs Park and the Alta Vista Neighborhood Association. Their advocacy and support of this project have made it possible. We also cannot forget the help we received from former Councilman **Roger Flores** and the San Antonio Conservation Society."

The ceremony and grand reopening activities were free and open to the public. For more information, the public may call (210) 207-2500 or visit [www.sanantonio.gov/library](http://www.sanantonio.gov/library).

Library Presents  
New Name and  
New Look to  
Community

**A**t 10:00 a.m. on Monday, December 3, **Mayor Phil Hardberger** and District 10 Council Representative **John G. Clamp** joined officials from the Tobin Endowment, the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees and the San Antonio Public Library to rededicate the former Oakwell Branch Library located at 4134 Harry Wurzbach Road. The library received a new name—the Tobin Library at Oakwell—and more than \$500,000 in improvements were unveiled.

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# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

## Forest Hills – November 18, 2007

*Submitted by Sheila Figueroa, Secretary*

**Call to Order:** Linda Nairn, President, called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

**Board of Directors and Officers present:** Linda Nairn, Bruce Gill, Sheila Figueroa, Nancy Gandara, Vera Banner, Pat Brown, Aaron Konstam, Claudia Kohler, Rowena Rodgers, Judy Wilson, Evanleen Schmueckle, Anna Cleve, Pat Konstam, Alan Cutler, Josie Martinez

**Branch Representatives:**  
Alan Hildreth

**Others Present:** Cathy Dean (Newsletter committee), Mary McAfee, Evelyn Thomas

**San Antonio Public Library Administration present:**  
Aubrey George

**San Antonio Public Library Trustee Chair:** Jean Brady was not present but submitted her report via e-mail to Linda Nairn.

**San Antonio Public Library Foundation present:** Sarah Swinney

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended. The amendment is: **Cathy Dean** reported that a library memorial scholarship in **John Powell's** name has been created. He had been library branch manager at McCreless and Forest Hills. It will assist students and staff to participate in the Texas Library Association by paying their fees.

**Treasurer's Report:** Nancy Gandara distributed a report as of October 31, 2007. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit.

### REPORTS:

**Library Administration:**  
**Aubrey George** reported that the rededication of The Tobin Library at Oakwell is scheduled for Dec. 3. The grand opening of the John Igo Branch Library is scheduled for Dec. 8. The San Pedro branch has reopened and is truly impressive. **Mark Gretchen** is now on "loan" to the City as acting director of Asset Management. **Barbara O'Hara** was hired as Branch Services Coordinator. Aubrey stated that the 2007 Bond Projects are now getting started: two major ones are a new library in District 9 in the Stone Oak/Marshall Road area and a new library in District 3 in the site of the former Mission Drive-In.

**Library Board:** **Linda Nairn** reported that the Tobin Library at Oakwell will officially reopen on Dec. 3 at 10 a.m. The John Igo Branch Library will open on Dec. 8 at 10 a.m. Also, the Board goals for this next year include:

- ❖ Advocacy—build a greater presence for the library in the community
- ❖ Library District—continue to advocate for sustainable funding via a district
- ❖ Budget—establish an action plan to promote the budget needs to key decision makers
- ❖ Facilities—begin to develop a new master facilities plan
- ❖ Strategic Plan—begin to build a new plan
- ❖ Partnerships—continue to strengthen our partnership relationships and add new ones.

Jean also thanked the Friends for all they do and wished them a very Happy

Thanksgiving on behalf of the Board.

**Library Foundation:**  
**Sarah Swinney** reported that the annual Board Meeting was held Thursday, Nov. 15. A check for \$300,000 plus was given to the library. Sarah stated that at the end of October, a Copyright Literary Feast, which was a great success, was held at the Tobin Estate. The Board is, at present, writing a proposal to update technology and automation at the library, and it will be sent to **Mr. Charles Butt**. Sarah stated that on Dec. 8, the John Igo Branch would open, and on Dec. 1, Neiman Marcus and the Foundation are having an event to raise \$250,000 to give to the Igo Branch to use for books and other items. She also reported that 2008 will be the 90th anniversary of Armistice Day. The library has 550 World War I lithographs and posters, which were originally at the Hertzberg, that need to be framed, and the library wants to build a traveling exhibit with these items. Sarah also reported that our library received a grant for \$20,000 from the Big Read for books. The money is used to purchase multiple copies of one book. *To Kill a Mockingbird* was chosen, and in March, there will be various events for the kick-off—book discussions, movie showings. There will be an antique car in the Battle of Flowers Parade; teacher guides and reader's guides are also provided.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Arts and Letters:** **Alan Cutler** reported the Arts and

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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
Bruce Gill	.....	Vice President
Nancy Gandara	.....	Treasurer
Sheila Figueroa	.....	Secretary
Lee LaCaff	.....	Immediate Past Pres

### BOARD MEMBERS

#### 2006–2008 Term

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

#### 2007–2009 Term

Linda Arrange • Vera Banner  
Betty Kelly Berry • Pat Brown  
Lucy Gale • Lou Harris  
Claudia Kohler • Aaron Konstam  
Pat Mendiola • Rowena Rodgers  
Evanleen Schmueckle  
Judy Wilson

### 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

Lyn Belisle, Chair • Cathy Dean  
Nancy Gandara • Bruce Gill  
Rowena Rodgers  
Linda Nairn, *Ex Officio*  
Mary McAfee, *Distribution*

**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> and Cathy Dean at <ca-dean@sbcglobal.net>. Hard copy articles and photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., 78238.



## Brook Hollow

It's a New Year, with New Opportunities at the Brook Hollow Branch! Our Friends group is starting off with an updated slate of officers:

**Richard Bowser** and **Neal Bjornson** were re-elected as president and treasurer, **Beverly Jackson** is our new vice-president, and **Sylvia Griffin** our new secretary.

2008 will kick off with our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner, to be held at Boccone's Restaurant on Thursday, Jan. 31. Our spring book sale has also been scheduled for Saturday, May 17.

At Brook Hollow, we are looking forward to another successful year . . . it will be Great in '08!

*Richard Bowser*

## Cody

Cody is having an MLK celebration on Jan. 9 with speaker **Prof. Carey Lattimore** from Trinity University. On Jan. 16, author **Patsy Swendson** will speak about her newest book. On Feb. 9, there will be a Jazz performance by **Cecil Carter**, trumpeter. VITA tax services will be available Jan.-Apr.

*Carol VanCleave*

## Forest Hills

The embroidery class at Forest Hills has been a huge success, with members completing their first project and moving to their second. The

various Book Clubs continue to meet and welcome new members.

*Johnnie Spraggins*

## Maverick

Happy New Year! Maverick Library Friends will start the year with new and renewing officers: President, **Rosalie Klepac**; Vice-President, **Donna Hogan**; Treasurer, **Sue Ratliff**; and Secretary, **Rebecca Vargas**. A heartfelt "Thank you" to outgoing Secretary **Claudia Kohler** and Treasurer **Joyce Garcia**.

Fifteen Friends attended our second annual Holiday Dinner, held this year at the Old Town Grill in Helotes on Dec. 4. **Jef Martin**, branch manager, and his wife **Debbie** joined us for the evening. Good food, laughter and conversation prevailed. (Photos on p. 5.)

Maverick Friends continue to respond to the needs of the Library, most recently by providing refreshments for a teen book reading program that will run through May, and for an open house held Dec. 1. Plans are under way for a staff appreciation event, which will be early in Feb.

Several Maverick Friends attended the recent opening of the John Igo Library, a beautiful facility. If the crowd attending is any sign, our community recognizes that libraries are the place to be.

*Donna Hogan*

## Semmes

The Semmes library and its friends have had a busy Fall! On Saturday, Nov. 3, we celebrated the library's second birthday. The Wood Middle School Band and Michael the (magnificent) Magician joined us again this year with

their special contributions to the festivities. District 10 Councilman **John Clamp's** staff advisor, **Mario Hune**, was also present to cut the birthday cake. On Dec. 1, the Friends and Library Staff hosted a Christmas tree decorating party. Once again, young readers helped by making Christmas decorations and putting them on the tree. Santa's very important helper and special Semmes Friend, **Ivy Durnell**, entertained us all with violin-accompanied Christmas carols. (Photos of these events are on p. 4.) We'll be "resting fast" over the next few weeks to get ready for our Spring book sale on March 1. Mark your calendars!

*Christie Smith*

## Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks celebrated its 20th birthday Nov. 17 with a wonderful party featuring a mariachi band and a clown with balloon animals. Punch and cake were served to more than 100 visitors by the Friends of the Library. A highlight of the party was a visit by City Councilman **John Clamp**. (Photos on p. 8.)

Members gathered Friday Nov. 30 to decorate the library for the Holiday season. A second tree was added this year with the Friends purchasing a new tree for the children's area.

Former Friends president **Nancy Fitzgerald** invited the members to her home for a delicious Christmas lunch on Dec. 6. This was a time of good fellowship and an opportunity for members to get better acquainted.

The library staff will be given gift cards from the Friends for Christmas. This is our appreciation for the won-

derful service the staff gives to library patrons throughout the year. The staff is also invaluable during book sales when they provide assistance in many ways from sorting books to lifting heavy boxes.

**Allison Pittman**, local author, will visit the library to review and discuss writing her books. The program will be Sunday, Jan. 13, at 3:00.

The November book sale was a great success. Many customers purchased many books. We are looking forward to two more sales in '08.

*Leila Hileman*

## Tobin Library at Oakwell

Our new name is official, and our beautifully refurbished building is open, awaiting your inspection. Do come by to have a look.

We're proud of our new look and grateful to those who made it happen. As **Mayor Hardberger** said at our grand opening, it was a joint public and private collaborative effort. A new roof, new outside lighting, resurfaced driveway, and sidewalk upgrades were provided by funds from the city bond issue; and the Tobin Endowment furnished new carpet, interior painting, new interior lighting, a new reference desk, and reorganization of staff work areas. On the outside, the endowment supplied landscaping upgrades, a new exterior book drop, a striking new sign in the shape of a book with a bookmark with the name Tobin hanging out of it, and new signage over the entrance. We love it all, and the staff enjoys the ergonomic touches that make their job a little easier and more pleasant.

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**Branch Leaves** from p 3.

The Friends treated our hardworking staff to a pizza and salad lunch as a way to say thank you for their patience and flexibility as they went about their work in spite of electricians, painters, carpenters, carpet layers, roofers, and early voters interrupting their routine.

Our November Book Sale netted \$2,296.54. The Friday afternoon Preview Sale for all members of FOSAPL continues to draw loyal book lovers. Our neighbor **Jacques Barzun** attended the Saturday Sale, and a group of us sang Happy Birthday to him in honor of his 100th birthday later in the month.

The following officers were elected at our Annual Membership Meeting Dec. 1: President—**Joan Hildreth**, Vice Presiden—**Julie Delpho**, Treasurer—**Judy Olson**, Co-Secretaries—**Jo Compton** and **Alice Sackett**. We sadly accepted the resignation of our Membership Chairperson, **Norma Carmack**, due to poor health. Norma received our Best Friend Award for 2006, and we miss her. Our speaker was **Lou Stafford**, a retired teacher and librarian who worked for 10 years for the South Texas Department of Criminal Justice at the maximum security McConnell Unit in Beeville. We were fascinated to learn about the differences between most open libraries and ones behind bars. Back to the old card catalog, for instance, because prisoners may not have access to computers and the internet. Most prisoners really enjoy reading, and Ms. Stafford liked working with them.

Our next book sale will be Feb. 15 and 16.

**Joan Hildreth**

## Activities at Semmes Library



District 10 Councilman **John Clamp's** staff advisor **Mario Hune** cut the birthday cake.



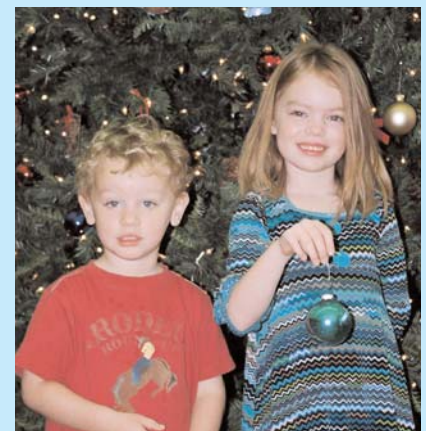
**Michael the Magician** entertained at the Semmes second birthday party.



**Ivy Durnell, Celina Dewbury**, and children sang Christmas carols at the tree decorating party.



Young readers helped by making Christmas decorations and putting them on the tree.





## Maverick Friends Holiday Dinner

**F**ifteen Friends attended our second annual Holiday Dinner at the Old Town Grill in Helotes on Dec. 4.

*(Left to right) Jef Martin, Donna Hogan, Joe and Claudia Kohler, and P.J. Gaddis*



*Nephew and son of Joyce Garcia, Judith Pennington, and Joyce Garcia*

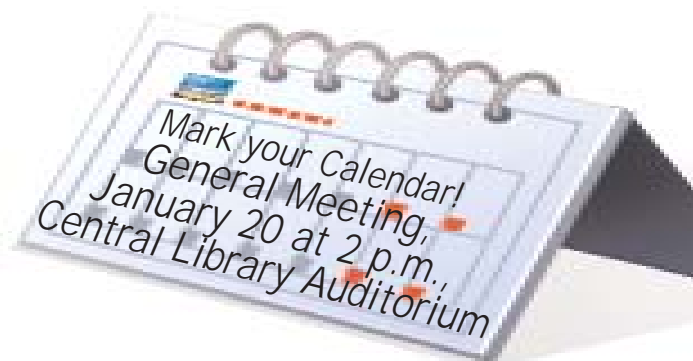
*Bob and Rosalie Klepac, Sue and Wayne Ratliff, Debbie Martin*



### Important Reminder!

**I**t is time to RENEW YOUR FRIENDS MEMBERSHIP for 2008. We had a great year in 2007, giving \$100,000 to the San Antonio Library system, along with truly countless volunteer hours...let's see if we can top it! This year we have something new for you when you renew. You'll be getting an actual membership card that you can cut out, sign, and carry in your wallet.

*Thank you for being a Friend!  
Claudia Kohler, Membership Chairman*



## Minutes, from p 2.

Letters Award ceremony held on Nov. 4 at 2 p.m. in the main auditorium of the Central Library was a success. The refreshments provided by **Linda Arronge** were a delight and the recipients, **Kenneth Freudigman** and **Gini Garcia**, had wonderful displays. **Linda Nairn** stated that **Gini Garcia** was introduced by city manager **Sheryl Sculley**. There was low attendance at this event, and there was a question if the awards ceremony should be continued. The answer was an enthusiastic "yes."

**Audit Committee:** **Judy Wilson** distributed copies of the Audit Committee's report and recommendations. A motion was made and seconded to accept the report. The Audit Committee consisted of **Neal Bjornson**, **Bruce Gill**, **Pat Peak** and **Judy Wilson** (chairman). **Linda Nairn** and **Nancy Gandara** served as *ex-officio* members.

**Book Cellar:** **Aaron Konstam** reported that the Book Cellar is doing quite well. The October book sale was a success, and there were 61 volunteers, 11 of whom were from Valero. Aaron stated that the Book Cellar has become more organized, the Book Cellar committee meets more frequently, and the planning is taken more seriously. There is success with the Volunteer Match Program. The Book Cellar is constantly looking for book donations. The book bags are \$8. Aaron stated the Book Cellar would be closed on Wednesday-Friday of Thanksgiving week, as well as Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day.

**Membership:** **Claudia Kohler** reported that there are 831 paid memberships as of Nov. 18. Claudia created a new membership card that can be

cut out and carried in a wallet. She reminded us to please send our membership dues in before the end of the year.

**Memorials/Honorariums:** **Sheila Figueroa** reported that numerous memorials had been received for **Lee LaCaff**. **Linda Nairn** stated that we would all miss Lee.

**Newsletter:** **Cathy Dean** stated the most recent newsletter was text heavy and more photos are always welcome as well as feature articles. The Director of Communications at the Southwest Research Institute has increased our subsidy. It was noted that **Alana Woods** of SwRI has been working with the newsletter since 1993.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

### NEW BUSINESS:

**Linda Nairn** reported that the annual General Meeting will be held on **Sunday, Jan. 20, 2008 at 2 p.m.** in the Central Library Auditorium. **Rosie Castro** of the Memorial Amigos will head the refreshments committee. The deadline to submit names for the Best Friends award is Jan. 1. The Best Friends are selected from each branch. **Robert LaCaff** has agreed to provide the certificates for the Best Friends awards. The amplifier system in the Central Library auditorium will be inspected before the annual meeting. Linda also stated that a sign-up table for the Friends would be at the Igo branch opening on Dec. 8. She asked for volunteers to help with the table.

**Budget Committee:** **Nancy Gandara** thanked the Budget Committee for its work (members: **Aaron Konstam**, **Evelyn Thomas**, **Eddie Patino**, as well as **Nancy Gandara**). The proposed 2008 Budget was distributed, and much discussion was held regarding policy

issues and payment of an additional \$5,000 for audio equipment for the library. A motion to approve the budget was made and seconded and passed with one dissenting vote.

### Branch News and Announcements:

**Brookhollow** had a book sale on Nov. 17 and had a good turnout. **Forest Hills** was thanked for providing the refreshments for the Friends meeting. **Maverick** will have a book sale on May 3. **McCressless** made over \$600 at a one-day book sale; it will have a special book sale in Dec. **Oakwell** had a book sale on Nov. 17. A celebration was held for historian **Jacques Barzun's** 100th birthday. It was also mentioned that a security guard is needed at this library. **Semmes** had its second birthday party on Nov. 3. On Dec. 1 there will be a decorating party for the Christmas tree and at 10 a.m. children will make ornaments. Their next book sale is March 1. **Thousand Oaks** made approximately \$1150 at its last book sale. Their 20th birthday celebration was held on Nov. 17 with crafts, activities, mariachis, and refreshments. **Westfall** had a book sale on Nov. 3 and made approximately \$1200. **Cody** had a book sale in early Oct. and made approximately \$3000. Cody now has a functioning self checkout. The RFID system is up and running and even "holds" are self pick up.

**Cathy Dean** reported on the Nov. 16 Alamo Area Library System's workshop regarding 501(c)3 tax exempt status: "How to Stay Out of Jail: A Primer for Friends, Boards & 501(c)3's."

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 4:17 p.m.

## SAPL Announces Telephone Renewal Service

Just in time for the holiday travel season, the San Antonio Public Library announced a quick fix for those who might be on their way out of town before remembering those library books that would be overdue by the time they get back. Effective in December, library items may be renewed via telephone.

To use the telephone renewal service, patrons must have the barcode numbers from their library cards and from their borrowed items. Local callers should dial 207-6121 to access the automated renewal system, and those calling long distance should use the toll-free number, 866-432-8950. Those numbers may also be found on the receipts issued at the time items are checked out.

Patrons may also renew borrowed items online at [www.sanantonio.gov/library](http://www.sanantonio.gov/library).

For more than 100 years, the San Antonio Public Library has been a vital center for free learning, knowledge, communication, culture, and enjoyment for all San Antonians. With a world-class Central Library, branch libraries throughout the city, and outstanding online resources, the San Antonio Public Library is as close as around the corner or the nearest computer.





## New Branch Library Opens in Northwest San Antonio

**D**istrict 8 City Council Representative **Diane G. Cibrian** joined members of the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees and the building's namesake for the grand opening of the city's newest branch library, the John Igo Branch Library at 13330 Kyle Seale Parkway, at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, December 8. Following the official ribbon-cutting ceremony, the community was invited to stay for refreshments and activities ranging from children's crafts to choral presentations to face painting to storytime.

Councilwoman Cibrian said, "Citizens in this area have waited a long time for this day. The John Igo Branch Library is the second branch located in District 8. Cody Library, the other District 8 branch, is one of the busiest of the 24 locations of the San Antonio Public Library System. I am looking forward to working with the Library Board and staff to make the Igo Branch Library one of our city's most successful."

Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** noted that the new library had been planned to meet the needs of one of the region's fastest-growing neighborhoods. "Growth in the IH 10/Loop 1604 area is almost unprecedented," she said, "so the Library Board and staff are pleased to see the opening of the Igo Branch Library."

Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** agreed, "This is the culmination of a collective effort that began with the citizens' approval of the 1999 City Bond initiative, followed by the support of former Councilwoman **Bonnie Conner** and former Councilman **Art Hall**. We are excited that the day has



**John Igo and Robert LaCaff** (right)

**Libro the lion and Ramiro Salazar**, Library Director



finally arrived to open our doors."

The San Antonio Public Library system serves not only San Antonio, but also all of Bexar County. At approximately 17,000 square feet, the new branch library is one of the largest in the San Antonio system. It will offer full library services, including free public computer and Internet access; Wi-Fi availability; children's programming; books, magazines, newspapers, CDs, DVDs and databases; and a community meeting room and a quiet study room. Project funding, totaling \$5.037 million, came from 1999 and 2003 bonds. The project architect is Rehler Vaughn & Koone, Inc.



**Mendell Morgan**, Dean of Library Services at University of the Incarnate Word (left), the esteemed **John Igo**, and **Aubrey George**, Assistant Library Director

Right: **Loyce Ince**, Library Trustee

Bottom right: **Jean Brady**, Library Board Chair, and **Ramiro Salazar**

Bottom left: **Jef Martin**, Manager of Maverick, and **Cheryl Sheehan**, Manager of the new Igo Library



**Tobin at Oakwell, from p 1.**

The Tobin Endowment donated more than \$300,000 for improvements to the branch library, including new carpet, interior painting, new interior lighting, a new reference desk, reorganization of staff work areas, landscaping upgrades, new exterior book drops, an interior display and exterior signage memorializing **Robert Lynn Batts Tobin** who, with his mother, **Margaret Batts Tobin**, donated the land where the library stands. In 2007, the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees voted to add the Tobin name to the library.

Work covered by the 2007 City bond included a new roof, resurfacing of the parking lot, new exterior lighting, and repairs and upgrades to sidewalks—a total investment of approximately \$325,000.

“We are delighted that the San Antonio Public Library System has honored the legacy of the Tobin family's contributions to San Antonio through the naming of the Tobin Library at Oakwell. Since **Robert Tobin** and his mother **Mag Tobin** donated the land to the City of San Antonio in 1967 to establish this library branch, it has become one of the most utilized branches in the entire San Antonio Public Library system. The Tobin Endowment was pleased to work with the San Antonio Library to provide the necessary funds to completely renovate the interior of the Tobin Library at Oakwell, working alongside the City of San Antonio with their improvements to the parking lot, roof, and exterior lighting. We believe that the patrons of the Tobin Library at Oakwell will be very pleased with the renovations at their library branch” stated **J. Bruce Bugg, Jr.**, Chairman and Trustee of The Tobin Endowment.

Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** said, “The Tobin family had a long history of generosity to this community, and that tradition continues through the work of the Tobin Endowment. Their donation was a significant contribution towards making the Tobin Library at Oakwell a more welcoming facility for our customers. We look forward to a continuing relationship with the Tobin Endowment.”

“The support of community partners such as the Tobin Endowment makes possible the success of the San Antonio Public Library,” noted Library Director **Ramiro S. Salazar.** “Such generosity enables us to enhance our resources and offer outstanding customer service.”

The Tobin Endowment was established in 2000 as a private foundation to support a number of charitable purposes. It is dedicated to supporting programs primarily in the San Antonio area, the home of **Robert Tobin** and his family, and the location of many of their longtime interests.

*Beth Graham*

*Memorials and Donations*

*In Memory of*

*By*

**Willard Dowling**

**Warner Fassnidge, Louise G. Raphael, Charles and Katherine Fink**

**Lee LaCaff**

**Kate and Bill Cordts, Martha M. Tarpley, Edith Speert, Linda Nairn, Alan Cutler, Nancy Gandara, Margaret Lecznar, Bettie & Joe Ward**

**Paul Epner**

**Susan and Charlie Whipple**

*In Honor of*

**John Igo  
Jacques Barzun  
The Book Cellar**

**Zula Vizard  
Pat Hammond  
Pat Hammond**

*Sheila Figueroa*

*In Memoriam*

**W**e were saddened to learn of the passing on Oct. 29 of Life Member **Marianna Jones** and of the sudden death on Dec. 19 of **Dennis Brown**, the FOSAPL federal tax accountant. Their friendships will be missed.

*Sheila Figueroa*

**Thousand Oaks Celebrates 20 Years!**



*Thousand Oaks Friends with John Clamp*



*Thousand Oaks Staff*



## Book Cellar News

The Book Cellar ended 2007 with record sales of more than \$77,000, up from \$73,400 in 2006. Two big three-day sales, one in April and another in October, were responsible for almost 20 percent of the total.

Huge thanks go to the scores of volunteers who worked those two sales and to Book Cellar Manager **Monica Hernandez**. The pre-Halloween Monster book sale on October

26–28 was staffed by 50 volunteers from Friends of the Library plus 11 from Valero Energy Corp.'s volunteer team. The October sale brought in about \$6,600, while the April sale totaled \$7,391.

The Book Cellar Committee will host a Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck Supper for regular Book Cellar volunteers and their guests from 4–6 p.m. on Monday, January 28, at the Book Cellar. The program will

include a tour of Book Cellar operations and presentation of aprons to new volunteers who have worked at least 50 hours, as well as time for meeting fellow volunteers who work on different days. Volunteers should make reservations at the Book Cellar.

Buy-one-get-one-free specials in January are hardcover fiction for adults, young adults



and children. (Easy readers and premium priced books are excluded.) For those who need help keeping New Year's resolutions, diet and fitness books are on display at regular prices of \$1.00 or less.



*Shoppers browse at the Book Cellar's Monster Book Sale in October.*

Photo courtesy of Valero Volunteers

### Volunteers at The Book Cellar's Monster Book Sale Oct. 26-28, 2007

**Linda Arronge**

**Joan Ballard**

**Vera Banner**

**Erica Bauch**

**Evelyn Bonavita**

**Norine Breon**

**Pat Brown**

**Alethea Bugg**

**Rita Corey**

**Pat Cummins**

**Jesse Diaz**

**Frank DePasquale**

**Pat DePasquale**

**Julie Ernst**

**Ruth Galindo**

**Bruce Gill**

**Joan Hildreth**

**Michelle Johnson**

**Aaron Konstam**

**Pat Konstam**

**Margaret Lecznar**

**Anne Long**

**Ira V. Lott**

**Daniel Macias**

**Carole B. Martin**

**Mary McAfee**

**Jean Molina**

**Richard Morales**

**Linda Nairn**

**Tom Nemeth**

**Chuck Olsen**

**Judy Olsen**

**Jeanne Papa**

**Paul Perry**

**Diane Prickett**

**Maggie Reinass**

**Briana Roberts**

**Rowena Rodgers**

**Norm Sonnenschein**

**Edith Speert**

**Bennett Stampes**

**Shirley Stampes**

**Cynthia Talboys**

**Lucille Teeter**

**Arturo Titian**

**Bettie Ward**

**Judy Wilson**

**Jim Wogstad**

**Kay Wogstad**

**Carol Wooster**

Book Cellar Manager

**Monica Hernandez**

11 Valero Energy  
Volunteers

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## 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.)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (All donations are tax deductible.)

### Acknowledgement to:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

### My Name and Address:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Please fill out in full, make your check payable to:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library  
and mail to: **Sheila Figueroa**, Chair, Gifts, Donations,  
& Memorials

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)  
P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, Texas 78246



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## FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY Membership Application

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Adult)            \$ 15

\_\_\_\_ Dual (Adult)                 \$ 25

\_\_\_\_ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18)    \$ 5

\_\_\_\_ Patron (Per Person)            \$ 50

\_\_\_\_ Contributing (Per Person)       \$100

\_\_\_\_ Life (Per Person)               \$250

\_\_\_\_ New Member

\_\_\_\_ Renewal

Branch Group \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ Do not include my phone number in the Friends' directory.

\_\_\_\_ I'd like to volunteer at the Book Cellar (used book store).

\_\_\_\_ Please call me: I'd like to be an active participant.

**MAKE YOUR CHECK PAYABLE TO: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (or FOSAPL).**  
**Your contribution is tax deductible.**

and mail to:

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P.O. Box 461523

San Antonio, Texas 78246

(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)



# INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

**October 31, 2007**

*Submitted by Nancy Gandara*

	Budget	Sep/Oct 07	FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD
<b>Income</b>				
Book Cellar Sales/ Group Book Sales	\$65,000	\$18,524.37	\$72,851.74	\$42,538.78
Donations	\$3,523	\$1,038.88	\$2,216.00	\$6,303.88
Interest	\$6,250	\$1,104.82	\$5,285.95	
Membership	\$8,000		\$12,575.00	\$3,205.00
FOSAPL Income	\$82,773	<b>\$20,668.07</b>	<b>\$92,928.69</b>	
Branch/Groups Income				<b>\$52,047.66</b>
Transfer from Savings	\$37,227			
<b>Assets to be Used During 2007</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>			
<b>Expenses</b>				
Accounting	\$2,250		\$415.00	
Arts and Letters	\$400	\$88.00	\$88.00	
Bank Charges	\$50		\$202.50	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$2,000	\$400.00	\$1,284.00	
Commodities for resale	\$600		\$423.00	\$229.00
Equipment & Maintenance	\$2,500	\$145.62	\$1,415.33	
Internet & software	\$200		\$89.99	
Printing/copying	\$200		\$38.60	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$750			
Salary & benefits	\$7,200	\$1,180.00	\$5,899.50	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500		\$668.70	
Water service	\$652	\$73.50	\$359.25	
Branch/Group Operating Expenses				\$2,775.50
Bulk Mail	\$1,500		\$160.00	
FOLUSA Membership	\$100		\$100.00	
FOSAPL Committee Expenses	\$400	\$110.69	\$299.25	
FOSAPL Donor Recognition	\$1,000			
Friends recognition	\$300			
Insurance (bonding)	\$125	\$125.00	\$125.00	
Library Support				
Programming for public [all year, all ages]	\$40,000	\$16,930.28	\$40,000.00	
Staff development & training	\$40,000	\$20,000.00	\$40,000.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL				
Life Members	no funding amt	\$25.00	\$225.00	
Various Branch/ Group Purchases				\$37,613.54
Mail Box	\$100		\$72.00	
Newsletter Prep/Editing	\$1,800	\$300.00	\$1,600.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$2,800		\$1,972.40	
Office Supplies	\$1,500	\$566.73	\$940.60	
Parking	\$4,600	\$564.50	\$3,050.25	
Postage	\$623	\$84.70	\$248.50	
President's Expenses	\$350		\$70.00	
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches)	\$10,000	\$2,105.86	\$9,009.56	
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$122,500</b>	<b>\$42,699.88</b>	<b>\$108,756.43</b>	<b>\$40,618.04</b>

## Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

**October 31, 2007**

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$22,478.70
Money Market Gold Account	\$137,881.33
Checking Account	\$68,464.99
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$228,825.02</b>
Branch-designated Funds	\$77,891.76
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$77,891.76</b>
<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150,933.26</b>

## Branch & Special-Interest Group Funds

Dec. 31, 2006    Oct. 31, 2007

Bazan	\$781.73	\$1,284.55
Brook Hollow	\$16,017.85	\$14,803.82
Carver	\$1,875.63	\$1,564.31
Cody	\$8,494.84	\$5,710.76
Forest Hills	\$895.87	\$2,246.21
Guerra	\$2,843.46	\$2,022.34
Johnston	\$1,031.76	\$2,072.50
Landa (pending official formation and approval)		\$30.00
Maverick	\$3,545.48	\$4,471.83
McCreless	\$6,053.73	\$4,960.09
Memorial	\$5,683.31	\$5,301.60
Oakwell	\$3,386.55	\$4,542.15
Semmes	\$1,370.88	\$3,575.78
Texana/Genealogy	\$12,711.31	\$15,292.08
Thousand Oaks	\$5,037.97	\$3,404.38
Westfall	\$4,674.98	\$4,203.52
Writers	\$2,267.39	\$2,405.84
<b>Total Group Funds</b>	<b>\$76,672.74</b>	<b>\$77,891.76</b>

The Friends of the Library Annual  
 General Meeting will be  
 Sunday, January 20, 2 p.m.,  
 Central Library Auditorium.



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Jan. 9 Cody MLK Celebration with **Prof. Carey Lattimore** from Trinity University
- Jan. 13 Thousand Oaks will host local author **Allison Pittman** to review and discuss writing her books, 3 p.m.
- Jan. 16 Cody will host author **Patsy Swendson** who will speak about her newest book.
- Jan. 20 Annual General Meeting, 2 p.m., Central Library Auditorium**
- Jan. 28 Book Cellar Volunteer Appreciation Pot Luck, 4–6 p.m., Book Cellar
- Jan. 31 Brook Hollow Staff Appreciation Dinner, Boccone's Restaurant
- Feb. 9 Cody will host a Jazz Performance by Trumpeter **Cecil Carter**
- Feb. 15 Tobin at Oakwell Preview Book Sale for all FOSAPL members, 1–4 p.m.
- Feb. 16 Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- Mar. 1 Semmes Spring Book Sale
- May 3 Maverick Book Sale
- May 17 Brook Hollow Spring Book Sale

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

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

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

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

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

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

Tobin Library at Oakwell  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-828-2569

**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.