From the President

Dear Friends,
As I write this, San Antonio is in full Fiesta mode! Such fun! Spring is here, and the wild flowers are beginning to bloom. If you haven’t done so already, plan to read To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee. This is San Antonio's 2008 "Big Read" selection. The library has several copies of it and copies of the movie, too. You can reserve one at your nearest branch. You can also reserve a book online. Just go to www.sanantonio.gov/library.

At our last board meeting, we voted in our newest Friends group, the Friends of Igo. Their officers are: President Kathleen McCloskey, Vice-President Jackie Fremming, and Secretary/Treasurer Beverly Duran. We have a new Friends group starting at Collins Garden Branch Library. This branch is located just off Nogalitos Street, between North and South Park streets. The Collins Garden group had an organizational meeting in March, and they are busy forming their bylaws. Hopefully, they will be official after our May board meeting. If you are interested in being a part of either of these groups, just talk to the librarians and they can tell you when the next meeting will be held and/or pass your name on to the groups.

The library staff invited me to join them at a training session on Intellectual Freedom. The discussion was on public usage of the internet. So far, our library system has been fortunate that our patrons have not abused this service. Of course, San Antonio is known for its kind, polite citizens. But other cities have had situations arise, and our fine library staff wants to be prepared for any event that might occur.

Cathy Dean and I have just returned from the Texas Library Association's annual convention. It was held in Dallas this year. The theme was "Books, Bytes, and Beyond!" We came away with some great new ideas on advocacy and fundraising and promoting our San Antonio Public Library!

Your Friend,
Linda Nairn

Arts and Letters Committee Seeks Nominations for Awards Ceremony

Sheila Figueroa

The Arts and Letters Committee has now been formed and is composed of Sheila Figueroa, Chairman; Claudia Kohler, Judy Wilson, and Linda Nairn. The committee is seeking nominations to honor members of the community who contribute to the cultural enrichment of San Antonio. They can be writers, musicians, artists, and the like. Please submit your nominations in writing by July 15 to Sheila Figueroa, Chair of the Arts and Letters Committee, 335 East Melrose Drive, San Antonio, Texas 78212. Please include any information you have to substantiate your nomination.

Mayor Hardberger to Sponsor SAPL Summer Reading Program

Beth Graham

Mayor Phil Hardberger has enthusiastically agreed to sponsor the San Antonio Public Library 2008 Children's Summer Reading Program, "Read Across Texas." In his message to summer readers in the calendar of events, the Mayor said, "Welcome to the 2008 Summer Reading program! I'm glad you've chosen to spend part of your summer vacation doing one of the best things there is to do: read books. Although you spend much of the school year reading, it's important to make this a regular part of your life.

"Even smaller children who can't read on their own can listen as books are read to them. I encourage you to keep track of the books you read."

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Book Cellar Summer Book Sale June 20-22 with Members Only Sale June 19

Pat Konstam

It's time for another big weekend book sale to accelerate sales and clear out inventory at the Book Cellar. The Book Cellar Committee chose Friday, June 20, through Sunday, June 22, in the Book Cellar and adjoining patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad. Sale hours will be 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

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Call to Order: Linda Nairn, President, called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m.

Board of Directors and Officers present: Linda Nairn, Bruce Gill, Sheila Figueroa, Nancy Gandara, Vera Banner, Pat Brown, Aaron Konstam, Claudia Kohler, Pat Mendiola, Judy Wilson, Robbie Ruppert, Pat Konstam, Delores Huber, Shirley Davis, Dorothy Smith, Josie Martinez

Branch Representatives: Cindy De Hoyos, Cissy Delaney, Chris Lopez, Rosie Castro, Alan Hildreth, Pat Cummings, Sue Ratliff

Others Present: Cathy Dean (Newsletter committee), Mary McAfee, Kathleen McCloskey, Andy Gordon, Special Event Coordinator for the San Antonio Public Library

San Antonio Public Library Director present: Ramiro Salazar
San Antonio Public Library Trustee Chair present: Jean Brady
San Antonio Public Library Foundation present: Sarah Swinney

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read.

REPORTS:

President’s Report:
Linda Nairn introduced Andy Gordon, Special Event Coordinator for the San Antonio Public Library, who thanked the Friends for funding a new portable audio system. Mr. Gordon showed the Friends how the audio system works. This can address an audience of approximately one thousand people. It was used for the first time at the "Southern Social" at the Kick Off for The Big Read. The system is compatible with speakers that the library has; it can support two microphones; it has a mixer system which can hook up IPods or computers to it. It is also battery operated (4 hours duration). The system came with two additional speakers and two wireless microphones.

Linda Nairn reported that she met with the John Igo Group and they have submitted their By-Laws for approval to begin a Friends Group. Linda also reported that she would be meeting with the Collins Gardens Friends to form a group there. In April, Linda and Cathy Dean will attend the Texas Library Association meeting.

Treasurer’s Report:
Nancy Gandara distributed a report as of February 29, 2008. The Treasurer’s Report was accepted and filed for audit.

Library Administration:
Ramiro Salazar thanked the Friends for their support. Ramiro also thanked Mary McAfee who "championed" getting the audio system for the library. Ramiro announced that there would be an additional four hours of service per branch each week beginning March 31. This was made possible by the City Manager and City Council. This is part of a three-year staffing plan. By the end of the third year, it is hoped that all branches will be open on Sundays. Some efficiency measures have been implemented: receipt printers at the circulation desks, and, very soon, an announcement will be made regarding the self-checkout stations. At Cody, sixty percent of circulation is done at the self check-out. The Landa Branch is opening for business on May 2. On May 1, the Landa Conservancy and library will have an open house. The Landa library has received a new roof, new carpet, and some new furniture.

Staff news: Mark Trachta has retired. The interim assistant director for public services is Kendra Trachta. The library is actively recruiting to fill Mark’s position. Ramiro will be attending the Public Library Association Conference in Minnesota in a couple of weeks. The Big Read initiative has had a lot of coverage. There have been various invitations for the public to read To Kill a Mockingbird. This was made possible by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Because of the 2009 capital campaign, Districts 3 and 9 will be getting new libraries. The District 3 library is going to be built at the former Mission Drive-In Theatre. District 9 is presently looking at different sites to build a library. There are eight branch improvement projects scheduled to begin in about two months. There are radio events scheduled to announce the promotion of all libraries as voter registration sites. The Tobin at Oakwell Library has a roof leak, which is being looked into for repair.

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We celebrated Library Workers Day April 15 with cake, fresh fruit, and ice cream. We also put out our “Staff Appreciation” sign, which has photos of the entire staff on it, as a gentle reminder to the public of what a great staff we have.

Both the Brook Hollow staff and Friends are looking forward to May 21, when the remodeling of the library kitchen is scheduled to begin. Our kitchen committee – Beverly Jackson, Sylvia Griffin, and Pat Bjornson – has put in lots of time planning and made many visits to Home Depot, and we’re all pleased with the plans that have been drawn up. Except for a new refrigerator some time ago, this is the first renovation of the kitchen since Brook Hollow opened in the early 1980s. We’ll have photos of the current kitchen as well as computer drawings of the new kitchen on display at the May 17 book sale so everyone can see how the profits from this book sale will be spent.

Finally, our next meeting of the Brook Hollow Friends will be Tuesday, May 20, at 7 p.m. in the library meeting room.

Pat Bjornson and Ruth Turner

Guerra

Guerra will hold a book sale on May 31 from 9-4 and June 1 from 1-4.

Lora Devlyn

Igo

The Friends of the Igo Branch (FIB) have hit the ground running. On March 16, the bylaws were approved by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. New officers are: President Kathleen McCloskey, Vice-President Jackie Fremming, Secretary/ Treasurer Beverly Duran. We are delighted to report our membership stands at 23. At the last meeting on April 12, we decided to have a paperback book sale on May 12 in conjunction with the library’s National Pet Month program and activities. Volunteer and FIB member, Nelda Kreusch, has done an excellent job of sorting gifts as they come to the library. As a result, not much preparation and sorting time will be needed.

We had enough money in our budget to fund prizes and food for this summer’s adult book program and an honorarium for a teacher who will present a writing workshop. John Igo presented us with FIB badges – guaranteed to elicit questions and give us an opportunity to explain the work of FIB. We are so proud of the Igo Branch. Some of us attended a pot luck luncheon and got to meet the fabulous staff. We also had a demo of some of the fantastic new interactive music games – well, everything’s new at Igo – and the games were definitely new to us. Branch Manager Cheryl Sheehan, reported that circulation statistics are soaring. Of special interest is a write-up and picture of the library in the April issue of American Libraries, the American Library Association’s journal. Every April, the journal focuses on design and construction of libraries throughout the United States and highlights special libraries. The Igo Branch is special indeed.

Celebrate Pet Week – bring a picture of your pet for a chance to win a prize:

🎁 Sunday, May 4, 2 p.m., Basic Dog Care and Training
🎁 Monday, May 5, 4 p.m., Movie and Popcorn: "Air Bud"
🎁 Tuesday, May 6 and Wednesday, May 7 (regular times, call for more info), Pet-themed Storytimes
🎁 Saturday, May 10, 10 a.m., Pet Origami
🎁 Saturday, May 10, 10-2, Pet Adoptions, Vaccination, and Micro-chipping Clinic
🎁 Saturday, May 10, 2 p.m., Scales, Feathers, Fur and More!

Passport to Reading! Summer Reading Club for Adults begins June 1 and continues throughout the beginning of August. Read or listen to audiobooks of your choice for a chance to win several different prizes. Club completers will be invited to a special end-of-the-summer program just for them!

Kathleen McCloskey

Johnston

Book Sale

On Mar. 28 and 29, we held an extremely successful book sale! A huge thank you goes out to our outstanding, dedicated volunteers! It takes a lot of energy to set up, sell

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Community Input
This is your library! We need your suggestions about possible classes, book selections, fundraising ideas, you would like. Please don't be afraid to speak out and provide your input. We don't know what you want unless you tell us.

Lori A. Taylor

McCreless
The Board Members of the McCreless Friends met on February 7, 2008, to schedule membership meetings for the coming year. Four member meetings are scheduled for 2008: March 12, May 14, September 10, and November 19. All are on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 17, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed for set-up on the 16th and clean-up on Sunday the 18th. The book sales are important to meeting the mission of the Friends group. Money from dues and the three book sales held in 2007 allowed the Friends group to provide more than $4,000 to enhance library resources and services. Money from this book sale will contribute toward the Friends group providing the microwave. The staff was thrilled and has used the oven constantly since receiving it.

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March meeting. Mr. Bangilan discussed his role as Branch Coordinator and expressed his support for the group and library. He encouraged the Amigos to call him with any questions. Michael Howdyshell, the Library’s Grants and Contracts Coordinator, visited the group at their April meeting and discussed his role to consolidate and coordinate requests for grants impacting the library and his role of managing contracts. The Memorial Amigos have applied for and have been awarded several grants to contribute to the library’s success in the community.

Funds awarded to the Amigos paid for two recent programs. Moises Hernandez taught a basic guitar series with a final performance by his students (see photos on p. 9). A two-week series of painting classes called “One Stroke” was taught by Mary Ellen Proscia. Both programs were highly successful with positive comments from the participants.

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The Amigos continue to be active in the community. Hosted by President Dolores Zamarron, the group provided refreshments at the March meeting of the West Side Resource Council. Amigos member Martha Garcia was host to Big Read author and historian Dr. Claudia Johnson for dinner after discussion of her works at the Memorial Library. Dr. Johnson, Children’s Librarian Sheila Acosta, and other guests enjoyed informal conversation and a nice meal at Lisa’s Restaurant.

Plaques were approved for purchase to attach to donations from the Amigos. The tags will read, “Donated by the Memorial Amigos and Funded by JPMorganChase” or “Donated by the Memorial Amigos.”

The Oyster Bake Parking Fundraiser was a huge success again this year. This is their third year to manage the event.

The Memorial Library added several new employees. They include Adam Capelo, Circulation; Barbara Lujan and Susan Francis-Maldonado, Library Assistants; and Jimmy Jimenez, Librarian III.

Upcoming events include a Flag Raising Ceremony. The flag pole has recently been restored, and the Memorial Branch Library and Memorial Amigos invite you to join them and the community to, once again, fly the United States and Texas flags at this City facility. The event will take place on Saturday, May 24, with the ceremony beginning at 10:00 a.m. and the flag raising at 10:30 a.m. Manuel Reyes and Melva Ramirez, Branch Manager, will coordinate the event.

The Amigos are supporting the summer programming at Memorial. There will be another basic guitar series, and the staff is considering other opportunities with funds set aside by the Amigos for additional events.

The Amigos look forward to another successful quarter.

Melva Ramirez

Semmes
Semmes Friends have been busy. Spring has been full of new experiences! The April book sale challenged the Friends’ and library staff’s flexibility with ‘split’ set up for the April 5 sale. The sale was originally scheduled for March

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Book Cellar, from p. 1

on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.-4 p.m. on Sunday.

Big sales are major fund raisers for the Friends, netting $6,000 to $8,000 in a weekend, and the publicity they generate attracts scores of new customers for the Book Cellar. Sales are organized by the Friends Book Cellar Committee but require a wider circle of workers than the regular Book Cellar volunteer staff alone.

In addition to the three sale days, volunteers will be needed on Thursday, June 19, to put books on tables and on Monday, June 23, to pack away leftovers.

If you can help during any of the following hours, please call the Book Cellar at 210-227-9519 and ask to be signed up:
- Thursday, June 19, 9 a.m.-7 p.m.
- Friday, June 20, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Saturday, June 21, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Sunday, June 22, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Monday, June 23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Volunteers receive paid parking in the Central Library Garage, a 50 percent discount on purchases, and lunch on the three sale days.

Please tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity to stock up on summer reading material at super-bargain prices. And please come to help with the sale.

Members Only Book Sale

Get first pick on Summer Sale books at a preview sale for FOSAPL members, Thursday, June 19, 4-7 p.m., at the Book Cellar, Central Library basement, 600 Soledad. Refreshments will be served.

New members can join at the door.

Book Cellar News

Pat Konstam

Even though monthly sales totals at the Book Cellar have been running a little ahead of last year's record, it's time for another big push in the form of a well-publicized weekend sale. The Book Cellar Committee has picked Friday through Sunday, June 20-22, for a major summer book sale. Although the event is several weeks away, please begin planning to attend the sale and to help with the work if you can.

The buy-one-get-one-free special in May will be adult and children's books in the Dewey Decimal 300s. This broad category includes social issues, marriage and family life, parenting, politics, economics, personal finance, managing illness, law, true crime, wedding planning, etiquette, and folklore. The three-day Summer Sale will be June's special attraction.

Book Cellar Committee

Aaron Konstam, chair
Linda Arronge
Vera Banner
Pat Brown
Bruce Gill
Pat Konstam
Josie Martinez
Richard Morales
Jeanne Papa
Rowena Rodgers
Lucille Teeter
Linda Nairn, ex officio
Monica Hernandez, ex officio

Library Now Offering Book Club Kits

Have you ever wanted to start a book club but wondered how it's done? Or do you belong to a book club, but have difficulty getting enough copies of a book for everyone in your group? The San Antonio Public Library is coming to your rescue with a new service: book club kits — everything you need to run a book discussion group!

Each kit will contain 10 copies of a book as well as a notebook with information about the book's author; its history; reviews it received; a list of major characters; "read-alikes," similar books for readers who would like to continue their reading enjoyment; and a list of suggested discussion questions — all packed in a library tote bag.

The kits will be available for checkout by a single library patron, for a period of six weeks, with no renewals. If a specific kit is not available, it can be placed on hold and the requestor will be notified when it can be checked out. If a kit is returned late, the fee will be $2 per day.

A list of books contained in the book club kits, as well as access to the information contained in the notebooks, is available at http://www.sanantonio.gov/library/fiction/bookclubkits.asp.

Walking Through a Memory

June Fitzsimmons Esparza

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Where do I begin this memory walk? Reflecting back in time, I wonder, "Where did my love for books and going to the library begin?"

It was the early 50's and very few people had a television in our neighborhood, including my home. It wasn't until the early 60's or so that a T.V. was delivered into our house. Up until that time we would listen to "Gunsmoke" or "Have Gun Will Travel" on the radio. It was during those early years that I would travel down the hill to my local library. There were days when the books practically spilled out of my hands because they were so heavy to carry back up the hill to my home. I didn't care. I knew I would relish the time spent reading those books and the adventures I would go on. This was a tradition that I would keep throughout high school. Our family did get a television one day and although I enjoyed the movies and programs on T.V.—and still do—nothing stirs my imagination like a good book.

I remember some days when the snow was falling and the wind was harshly blowing. I would wrap up in

Memorials and Donations

In Memory of:  By:

Jim Balogh  Aaron and Pat Konstam
Norma Carmack  Janette and David Prichard, Mary McVicker, Sweepers & Rakers
William Test  Jo and Andy Thompson

Sheila Figueroa

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but was rescheduled because of the early voting held at the library. Because of a run-off election, also being voted on at the library and which concluded with library closing on April 4, partial set up was done the week before the sale and completed very early on the 5th before the library opened. Thanks to all the Friends and head librarian, Kate Gray, who arrived at Semmes at 6 a.m. on the 5th to complete set up. Judy Wilson’s presort and display organization of books really contributed to a speedy set up. Some of the display stands borrowed from the Book Cellar helped draw attention to the over- and under-sized treasures we had for sale. We had a steady flow of customers during the entire sale, and by days end, we were mighty tired but pleased with the proceeds.

The highlight of our Spring, however, was our opportunity to support the SAPl participation in the National Endowment for the Arts partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest on The Big Read initiative with To Kill a Mockingbird being the book of our attention. On Tuesday, April 15, Semmes was the location for “An Afternoon with Scout.” Mary Badham, who performed the role of Scout in the 1962 movie of the book, gave a rich and engaging 90-minute presentation and discussion about the making of the movie to include her life experiences impacted by her role. Following the presentation, the standing-room-only crowd moved to the patio for food and conversation. We were honored to host the reception. We received so much more when we saw the impact our library system is having in San Antonio and neighboring communities. Youth from KIPP Aspire Academy and Tejeda Middle School attended Mary’s presentation and visited with her during the reception, and all recited the Pledge of Allegiance and provided a community comment to KONO radio 101.1 for broadcast on April 16. Mary (she is more a “Mary” person than a “Ms. Badham” person) was as engaging during the reception as she was during her presentation—genuinely interested in each young person— their aspirations and thoughts. She graciously and sincerely socialized with the crowd for a full hour following her presentation. The reception provided the Friends with opportunity to promote the library system and all it offers Semmes, and other outlying library branches to our neighbors (e.g. attendees from Boerne). It was clear that the presentation attendees appreciated the program and the reception, and we even gained a few new Semmes Friends from the event!

It is events like this one where during the support of our branches and the library system in general that we see the impact we all make collectively and that make us treasure our opportunities to serve. Words cannot describe it. You have to experience it.

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks Library held the annual staff appreciation luncheon on Monday, April 13. Eighteen members of the staff were joined by eleven Friends members for a time of food and fellowship.

The group is now preparing for the Spring Book Sale to be held on May 3 from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. As always a wide variety of quality used books will be offered.

Leila Hileman

Tobin Library at Oakwell

We are saddened by the loss of another longtime friend of our library. Jim Balogh died February 18 in his eighty-sixth year. Jim was an outstanding human being who generously shared his time, energies, and talents with many charities. He was a devoted member of the Friends and chaired our book sales at one time.

Our next book sale will be held Saturday, May 17, from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There will be a preview sale for members of all branches of FOSAPL on Friday, May 16, from 1 to 4 p.m. We hope to see you there.

Joan Hildreth

Westfall

Westfall Friends met Tuesday, March 11, for a regular meeting. Guest speaker was Scott Huddleston who covers military issues for the San Antonio Express-News. Mr. Huddleston presented an interesting talk about the journalistic process in preparing articles for the newspaper.

Coming up: Saturday, June 6, book sale, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Contributions of books are happily accepted. New volunteers are always welcome to help set up on Friday, June 5, and at the sale. Call Pat Cummins, 210-320-9797.

Pat Cummins

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Recital following Basic Guitar series taught by Moises Hernandez at Memorial Library

Friends of the Igo Branch

Left Photo (left to right): Beverly Duran, Jose Duran, Nelda Kreusch, Jackie Freeming, Kathleen McCloskey, Pat Brown. Right Photo (left to right): Beverly Duran, Jose Duran, John Igo, Nelda Kreusch, Kathleen McCloskey, Pat Brown
Library Board: Jean Brady thanked the Friends for their support in funding the new audio system. The landscaping at Brookhollow looks wonderful. A new branch office was opened in District 1 and Councilwoman Cisneros talked about The Big Read program. Landa is looking quite wonderful. The advocacy group is meeting. Talks are already on-going regarding the budget for 2009. They are discussing priorities and have already met with Council members Rowe and Clamp. Spread the word with your council people — libraries make a difference.

Library Foundation: Sarah Swinney reiterated The Big Read program. The Magic Theatre performances have had low attendance. The Foundation has already applied for next year’s Big Read, which will be Fahrenheit 451. The technology initiative is moving along — they received a $1 million contribution from the Mary H. Butt Foundation. The library has received the Caballo sculpture. The Foundation is winding up the literary feasts. Neiman Marcus and Grand Hyatt have hosted two of these events. Sarah asked us to attend if we were able. The foundation offices are adjacent to the Landa Library. It needs more landscaping and other improvements and funds are being raised for those purposes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Cellar: Aaron Konstam reported that the new shelves have not been installed yet, but after they are installed the paperback books will be moved to those shelves. A work day will be scheduled to move the books. Book sale will be scheduled for either June 13-15 or June 20-22.

This will be decided at the end of March. Valero has committed volunteers for this event. A dinner honoring volunteers was given and 10 aprons and numerous medallions were given out to volunteers. United Way is hosting a seminar on how to work with volunteers. Monica and looking at the group will be attending this seminar.

Membership: Claudia Kohler reported that there are 919 paid memberships and the membership is growing. We currently have 142 members that have not yet renewed their membership.

Memorials/Honorariums: Sheila Figueroa had no report.

Newsletter: Cathy Dean thanked everyone for the many photographs submitted for the newsletter. She was sorry not all of them could be printed. Cathy stated that the Book Cellar volunteers deserved the write-up they got. There were 828 newsletters mailed out.

Linda Nairn remarked she was still overwhelmed by how much money the Friends gave the library this past year.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Nairn reported that the Igo Branch Friends Group was ready to go. A copy of their proposed by-laws was read by everyone, and a unanimous vote was taken to accept the John Igo Branch Friends Group. Their president, Kathleen McCloskey, was in attendance and was happy to accept our applause.

Arts and Letters Committee: Linda Nairn stated that the Arts and Letters committee would be formed now so that work could begin. Committee members are Sheila Figueroa, Linda Nairn, Judy Wilson, Claudia Kohler. Linda also stated that we all needed to be on a committee this year, whether it be the Arts and Letters, Audit, Budget or Nominating committees.

Branch News and Announcements:

Brook Hollow will have a book sale on May 17. Cody will have a book sale on April 19. Carver will have a book sale on April 19, and they just funded the Black History Month. Guerra will have a book sale at the end of May and first of June. Maverick will have a book sale on May 17. On March 29, there will be a discussion and reception for To Kill a Mockingbird.

McCresles had a meeting this past Wednesday evening and decided to have more one-day events with a book sale scheduled for Monday, March 17, from 1:30 to 7:30 p.m. It will also begin to show movies.

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Semmes hosted "An Afternoon with Scout" featuring Mary Badham, who played Scout in the 1962 Movie version of *To Kill a Mockingbird.*

Scout - during her presentation

Scout's reception

Semmes Friends (Rt to left) Ivy Durnell, Tom Anderson, Carole Anderson
(note sign on table informing that Friends of Semmes are sponsoring the reception - our latest advertising attempt!)

Mary Badham chatting with KIPP Aspire Academy students. Friend Ivy Durnell in forefront.

Scout and students from KIPP Aspire Academy

Scout with Semmes Head Librarian Kate Gray
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:

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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

FRIENDS of the SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Membership Application

Name
Address
City, State, Zip
Telephone

☐ 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).
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(Note: Membership is from Jan. 1—Dec. 31. Members receive a renewal notice in early Dec.)
## INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS
February 29, 2008

Submitted by Nancy Gandara

### INCOME

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### Transfer from Savings
$33,431

### Assets to be Used During 2008
$126,381

### EXPENSES

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**Total Expenses**
$126,381

### Summer Reading, from p. 1

If you read 15 books or more, you’ll receive a certificate with my signature, and a book to keep for your own. Books open our eyes, tease our imaginations and take us places we may never visit in person. I hope you ‘travel’ to many places this summer.”

The library has a lively summer planned for readers. Once children sign up (online at www.sanantonio.gov/library, or in person at any library), they will receive reading logs to keep track of the books they read or listen to. Any child who reads at least fifteen books may return his or her reading log to the library to receive a special certificate signed by Mayor Hardberger, and a book to take home and keep.

Some libraries have lots of activities for summer. Besides regular storytimes, special programs will include Magik Theatre, The Kingdom of Texas, Ranger Tom, Texas Tunes, Spikey Mikey, Go Wild! and Reading in the Rainforest.

For more information on Summer Reading, ask at any San Antonio Public Library location, or visit our website, www.sanantonio.gov.
CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 1  Landa Gardens ribbon cutting, 10 a.m., Library Open House until 2 p.m.
May 2  Landa Library reopens, 9 a.m.
May 3  Thousand Oaks Book Sale, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.
May 4-10 Igo Library will celebrate Pet Week with activities. See Branch Leaves for more info.
May 12 Igo Library Paperback Book Sale
May 17 Brook Hollow Spring Book Sale
May 17 Cody Branch Library presents Ben Rehder, author of *Holy Moly, Buck Fever*, and other hilarious mysteries set in the Hill Country. Copies of his books will be available for purchase, 1-2 p.m.
May 17 McCreless Book Sale, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
May 17 Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.
May 18 **Friends Board Meeting, Guerra Library, 2 p.m.**
May 20 Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 7 p.m. in the library meeting room
May 24 Memorial Library and Amigos Flag Raising Ceremony, 10 a.m.
May 31 Guerra will hold a book sale on May 31 from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and June 1 from 1-4 p.m.
June 6 Westfall Book Sale, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.
June 19 Summer Book Sale preview for FOSA P L members, Book Cellar, 4-7 p.m.
June 20-22 Book Cellar Big Summer Book Sale, Central Library (See page 5 for more info)

**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.