



From the President



Dear Friends,

Hopefully, 2008 is going well for you! We had very good attendance at our Annual General Meeting on January 20. At that meeting, we elected new board members. They will serve a two-year term: January 2008–January 2010. These are **Shirley Davis, Delores Huber, Pat Konstam, Josie Martinez, Robbie Ruppert, and Dorothy Smith.** I look forward to working with them this coming year. Going off the board are **Anna Cleve, Alan Cutler, Janie Oosterveen, and Ronnie Retzloff.** While on our board, Alan has been chairman of the Arts and Letters committee and of the Budget committee. Ronnie was our Membership chairman for several years.

Also at our Annual General Meeting, we presented our third annual "Best Friends" Awards. Each Friends group gets to choose their own "Best Friend." Everyone enjoyed meeting these wonderful Friends, as well as the branch presidents, who helped present the awards. Besides the branch groups, the Book Cellar committee honored their volunteers and the Newsletter committee honored Southwest Research Institute and **Alana Woods.** The Institute helps underwrite and print our *SAPLings* newsletter, and Alana spends hours doing the layout for us. What marvelous Friends we have! They are the heart and soul of our group. The meeting was followed by a marvelous reception hosted by our Memorial Amigos.

Last weekend, our treasurer **Nancy Gandara,** past president **Mary McAfee,** and I met with a group of Friends at the new John Igo Branch Library. They are organizing a Friends group there. Mr. Igo was also in attendance. He presented each of the "charter members" with a copy of *Lost Landscape, Lost Community - A Memoir* by **John Igo.** This book tells of the area where the library stands today. If you use that branch (it is on Kyle Seale, just off Hausmann Road inside Loop 1604) and want to join this group, just tell the librarian or call me. We can pass your name on to them.

This spring, plan to read *To Kill a Mockingbird* by **Harper Lee.** Everyone in San Antonio will be talking about it soon!

Your Friend,
Linda Nairn

2007 FOSAPL Library Contributions

Nancy Gandera and Linda Nairn

During 2007, the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library contributed more than \$126,180 to the San Antonio Public Library.

The "umbrella" organization of the Friends provided \$40,000 for Programming support—for programs held in the Central Library and all of the branches, appealing to people of all ages and interests.

Another \$40,000 was dedicated to staff training and travel, which we think is so important for professional growth and employee morale.

About \$325 was given to the Library in memory of deceased members of the Friends of the Library, so that they—our "Life" members—might live on through books in the Library's collection.

There are 14 groups of Friends affiliated with different branches and 2 special interest groups [Texana/Genealogy and the Writer Friends]. Their contributions to their libraries totaled \$45,850.

Those contributions included necessities—such as a refrigerator/freezer, a clock for a meeting room, a coffee pot for staff, a renovated reference desk for the Tobin at Oakwell branch, and steno chairs for staff.

Other "bricks and mortar" items purchased for the branches included multimedia projectors, folding tables, magazine display racks, end-of-range bins, carpet, a paper shredder, book trucks, a floor cleaning machine, an electronic typewriter, a CD/cassette "boom box" and—not to forget a

very important and noticeable gift, landscaping at the Brook Hollow branch.

But some branch groups also contributed specific support for programming, such as craft supplies, storytellers, a magician, a clown, a series of guitar classes, a "singing zoologist," books in honor of speakers, and a lecturer who spoke gave "An Intro to Chicano Art."

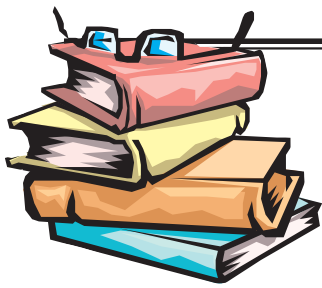
The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library are glad to show how much we support this Library system, and we look forward to another year of good friendship in 2008.

See photos of the presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting on page 7.

Writer Friends Meeting

URGENT!

The Writer Friends of the San Antonio Public Library has scheduled a meeting Monday, April 7, 7:00 p.m. at the Central library to vote for disbanding the group. Please attend this meeting. If you do not want the organization to disband, be prepared to step up as officers to keep the organization going. Contact **Cynthia Massey** at 241-8330 for more information.



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Central Library – January 20, 2008

Submitted by *Sheila Figueroa*, Secretary

No roll call was taken.

Call To Order: **Linda Nairn**, President, called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as reported.

President's Report: Linda stated that the John Igo Branch Library had opened and several people have joined the Igo Friends Group. Charter members will receive a book from John Igo. An initial meeting of the Igo Friends Group has been scheduled for February 16 at 10 a.m. Linda reported that the Landa Library Friends group has not yet been formed. Linda's goal during her presidency is to have each branch library form a Friends group, but that goal has not yet been attained. Branch managers have asked us to start Friends groups at Landa, Collins Gardens, San Pedro, and Cortez.

Treasurer's Report: **Nancy Gandara** distributed copies of her report through December 31, 2007. Nancy stated the Compass Bank Money Market account had been opened at the end of September 2007. The Money Market Gold account at Guaranty Bank is presently receiving 4.1% interest. The checking account earns no interest. Nancy stated some of the Friends groups had made purchases. The Johnston branch purchased a projector; Oakwell purchased a new Reference Desk; and McCreless purchased a projector, a vacuum cleaner, and gift cards for the branch staff. There were vari-

ous memorials and honorariums at year's end. Nancy stated that FOSAPL had given \$80,325.00 to the library and the branch groups had given \$45,855.00 to their various libraries for a total of \$126,180.00.

Linda Nairn and Nancy Gandara will be at the Library Administration Board meeting on January 23 at 4:30 p.m. to make a presentation and Linda asked for eight volunteers to be present at that meeting to help.

REPORTS:

Library Administration: **Jessica Ramos** thanked the Friends for all of their support, as it is truly appreciated. There are two new branch coordinators: **Barbara O'Hara** and **Joel Bangalan**. **Mark Gretchen** is temporarily assigned to Asset Management and will be retiring shortly. Jessica distributed the City of San Antonio Reports. Jessica reminded us of the January 23 meeting of the Library Administration.

Library Board: **Jean Brady**, Chairman of the Library Board Trustees, thanked the Friends for their services. Jean stated the big push for the Board this year is advocacy. They have formed an advocacy committee. There have been two meetings to date. The main push is to raise the visibility of the library system with everyone—education, literacy, and economic development. A new strategic plan is being worked on. Two new libraries will be built, one in District 3 and one in District 9. There are numerous bond initiatives for renovating some of the facilities.

Library Foundation: **Sarah Swinney** announced that at the end of December 2007, the John Igo Library was opened. Various Library Foundation board members have raised \$50,000.00 for landscaping services for the Igo Branch. It is the Foundation's 25th anniversary and the Foundation is working to get additional corporate literacy partnerships. Sarah stated that one of the goals is to raise Ten Million Dollars over the next four years. The Botero exhibit was a success. The "Caballo" sculpture is due to arrive in spring for display. The NEA BIG READ initiative will kick off in March highlighting *To Kill a Mockingbird* with various celebrations. For more information and calendar events, go to the neabigread.org website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Book Cellar: **Aaron Konstam** reported that the Book Cellar had income of over \$83,700.00 and credited the combined effort of all the volunteers. It has had a relatively successful program of getting new volunteers, but more volunteers are desperately needed. Volunteers get discounts on purchases of books and free parking.

Membership: **Claudia Kohler** reported that FOSAPL currently has 887 memberships paid to date. Second renewal notices will be sent out in February.

Memorials: **Sheila Figueroa** reported that she keeps notebooks of letters that

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

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

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Robbie Rupert ♦ Dorothy Smith

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

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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

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Article contributions for publishing in the newsletter are always welcome!

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

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

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text file or in Word or WordPerfect. Please email files and photos to **Alana Woods** at <awoods@swri.org> 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

A crisis . . . and the Friends save the day! I received an urgent email the other day asking if the Friends could quickly respond, as the library cof-feemaker had made its final cup the previous day. A couple of quick e-mails, and by late afternoon a new cof-feemaker was in place . . . and the entire library staff was again able to serve their customers with a smile!

Less dramatic, but enjoyed by everyone, was our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner on January 31, with 46 staff and friends attending. Work also continues on the library landscaping project, with the addition of 50 large Hill Country rocks to further add to the south Texas atmosphere surrounding the library. A new project, in the initial planning stages, will be to upgrade the staff lunch room.

Our Spring Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 17. We're already receiving some nice donations, so please mark your calendars to come by and take advantage of some wonderful bargains.

Richard Bowser

Carver

The Carver Friends met on January 26 to elect new

officers for the coming year. The officers are: President, **Dorothy Smith**; Secretary, **Shirley F. Coleman**; and Treasurer, **Shirley Davis**.

The Friends' main goals are to increase membership as well as increase our book sales this year.

The Best Friends award was given to **Luberda Satterfield**. The Coliseum Neighborhood Association donated \$200 to the Carver Friends, and we thank them for their generous donation.

The Carver staff, under the leadership of **Mr. Delago**, has put together a very impressive program for Black History Month. The Friends support these programs by underwriting these events.

John A. Coleman, artist and a Carver Friends member, exhibited at the Central Library in the month of August 2007. He also has art work at the Carver Cultural Center. The exhibit is from January 11 through March 3. This is the MLK Art exhibition of works by African American artists and sculptors.

Shirley F. Coleman, a Carver Friends member, is the MLK Commission Art Chairman for 2008, as well as art workshop chairman. The art workshops presentations were done by local artists in various schools throughout the city.

The Carver Friends gave **Rowena Roby**, President of the Friends, a going away dinner party at Tommy Moore's Restaurant and a gift certificate. She will be sincerely missed by us.

Four poinsettias brightened up Carver Library during the Christmas holidays. These poinsettias were given by the

Carver Friends to enhance the spirit of goodwill.

Shirley F. Coleman

Cody

Cody's next book sale will be Saturday, April 19, from 9-3 (one day only).

Cody's janitor/maintenance man, **Donald Wilbur** retired December 31. I think everyone who had ever worked with him at Cody was at his retirement party at Mamacita's. He came to Cody about eight years ago, and brought a lifetime of skills to the job. He was always willing to do what needed to be done, and did everything well. Always busy, when his work was done, he shelved books. He served Cody well, and as far as we're concerned, will never be replaced.

Our Best Friend Award went to three people: **Mickey Tehan**, **Lynette Poss**, and **Judy Malter**. They've done much to streamline the book sale, and they sort books every Monday. They're committed volunteers, and we're lucky to have them. Not just these three, but volunteerism in our group is at an all-time high.

Carol Van Cleeve

Maverick

During the two years since the opening of Maverick Library, the staff of 18 librarians and assistants, with **Jef Martin** as Manager, established themselves as hard working and service oriented. From the Friends Group perspective, we see them as dedicated, inventive, cooperative, friendly, and generous. In appreciation, Maverick Friends surprised their Library Staff with Valentine's Day treats on February 14. Each

staff member received a personalized "survival kit" in a gift bag containing a number of small essentials useful in desk or locker. A gift card to a local bookstore, a box of chocolates, and homemade cookies completed the gift. As Friends and as patrons, we say "Thank You!" to each and every one and look forward to more opportunities to know them better and to assist them however we can.

Maverick's next book sale will be May 17. Since no winter book sale could be held because of scheduling conflicts, Friends are meeting twice a month to pre-sort books and label for easy set up in May. In addition to sorting days and our regular monthly meetings, the Friends enjoy meeting for lunch occasionally and discussing projects and activities to benefit the Library.

Maverick Friends Group has grown to 32 paid members and several nonmember friends. Happy Second Anniversary to Maverick Library and the Maverick Friends.

Donna Hogan

Memorial

The Memorial Amigos saw a successful 2007. The group was awarded another \$5,000 from Chase Bank for computers and furniture, and an additional \$1,300 was raised during Oyster Bake Parking. AND The Amigos ended the year with a \$5,395.97 SURPLUS!

The Amigos sponsored **Moises Hernandez'** Guitar lessons (A third Basic Guitar Class has begun with the largest attendance since the program's inception.), **Xavier**

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Garza's Introduction to Chicano Art, **Yvonne Sandoval's** Folklorico Dance, **Laura Davila's** Scrapbooking 15anera, Donnabelle the Clown, **Roger Musquiz's** Lucha Libre, and **Jade Estrada's** Tortilla Heaven play. But their most successful endeavor was the 2nd Annual Community Fair, drawing more than 800 patrons.

The group worked diligently in the community to promote the Memorial Branch Library's resources and programming by attending many outreach events. Their final outreach of the year was their participation in the Blue Santa Parade.

And congratulations to **Dolores** and **Ruby Zamarron** as recipients of the 2007 Best Friends Award!

Officers elected for 2008 were President, **Dolores Zamarron**; Vice President, **Rosie Castro**; Secretary, **Melva Ramirez**; and Treasurer, **Josie Reyes**.

The organization is looking forward to a fruitful new year with purchases already approved and programming already planned.

The Amigos recently purchased an LCD projector for the branch with movies and discussion programs planned through the spring.

Melva Ramirez

Semmes

Semmes' book sale has been rescheduled to April 5! Please note the change on your calendars. Aside from this change because of a demanding library schedule, Semmes Friends have been able to catch their breath for a brief period in early 2008. We are delighted to support

the library with the purchase of a carpet air blower/dryer. As noted, the library is the site of high traffic activities such as early voting, art receptions, classes, etc. so the dryer will help the staff keep the library looking pristine and hospitable. The Friends helped the library staff get in the loving mood on February 14 with a pizza party. Some staff went all out, sporting love beads, heart headbands, and eyeglasses. WE DO LOVE THIS PLACE! Semmes is also honored to support San Antonio's Big Read 2008 endeavor. On April 15, Semmes will be the location for one of three showings of the movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird." The Friends will host a prescreening reception from 4-6 p.m. with special guest, **Mary Bedham**, who played the role of Scout in the movie.

Christie Smith

Texana/Genealogy

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy book sale on February 16 earned \$2,260 to help fund the department's long wish list! This was possible due to the efforts (and strong backs) of our loyal volunteers—**Craig Wright**, **Bill Cogburn**, **Carolene Zehner**, **Fred Pfeiffer**, **David Haynes**, **J.O. Wallace**, **Anne Alexander**, **Pat Brown**, **Kate Ruckman**, and **Bob Harris**. Of course we couldn't have done it without invaluable assistance from staff members **Frank Faulkner**, **Andy Crews**, and **Matt DeWalsche**.

Up-to-date news of spring programs can be found in the *South Texas Researcher*, the

department's electronic newsletter found at www.sanantonio.gov/library/texana.

Maria Watson Pfeiffer

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Friends inaugurated a new series of author visits on January 13. **Allison Pittman** presented an interesting and entertaining talk. She gave a personal background and discussed how she got ideas for writing books. She also discussed her latest book, *Speak Through the Wind*. She has written two earlier books, *Ten Thousand Charms* and *With Endless Sight*.

Nancy Fitzgerald is the 2008 winner of the Thousand Oaks Best Friend Award. A former President, Nancy is an organized and talented member of Friends. She chaired several successful book sales and has been a valuable advisor to the present officers. The Thousand Oaks Friends thanks Nancy for all she has done, and continues to do, for the organization.

The agenda for the February meeting is planning for the coming year. At that time, dates will be set for the two book sales and a luncheon to honor the library staff.

Leila Hileman

TOBIN LIBRARY AT OAKWELL

As a part of the renovation program at Tobin, our Friends Group contributed \$1,800 for a Corian surface for the new reference desk. It is functional and fits in with the new decor. Looks great.

We mourn the loss of **Norma Carmack**, who died on January first. Before her

retirement Norma was a librarian at Fort Sam Houston and Trinity University. She was a former President of Friends of Oakwell and most recently membership chairperson of Tobin/Oakwell. We will miss her friendly smile and welcome advice.

Past President **Fern Burke** received recognition at the Annual Meeting of FOSAPL as Tobin/Oakwell's Best Friend. A member of the friends for many years, Fern has served as Vice President, President, and Member at Large of our board. She has always showed concern for our library and its staff and their working environment.

Pat DePasquale, who is also our book sale chairperson, has taken a special job tagging the library's books for the new Radio Frequency Identification system several mornings each week. She has singlehandedly completed nearly the entire Juvenile nonfiction section. **Joan Ballard**, **Juliana Davis**, and **Joan Hildreth** also help out in various ways on Monday mornings.

Library Manager **Wendy Friedman** received recognition in the current issue of *San Antonio Woman* in an article about the Book Group that meets the first Wednesday of each month at 1:00 p.m. Wendy has a unique way to give every member a voice in the selection process.

Joan Hildreth

Photos from branch activities are included on page 8.

Best Friends Received Awards at Annual Meeting



Bazan: **Libbie Roussin** (left), presented by her mother, **Inez Martinez**



Book Cellar Committee: All Book Cellar volunteers, presented by **Aaron Konstam** (committee chair)



Carver: **Luberda Satterfield** (right), presented by **Dorothy Nell Smith**



Cody: (L-R) **Judy Malter**, **Carol Van Cleave** (president and presenter), **Lynette Poss**, and **Mickey Tehan**



Forest Hills: **Dr. Johnnie Spraggins** (their president), presented by **Barbara Wilkenson**



Guerra: **Anna Cleve** (absent), accepted by **Delores Huber**



Johnston: **Marshall Mundorff**, presented by **Catherine Rainwater**



McCreless: **Barbara Reagan** (absent), accepted by their president, **Evanleen Schmueckle**



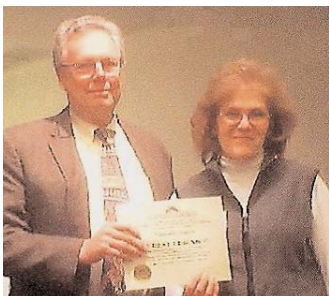
Maverick: **Sue and Wayne Ratliff**, presented by **Roe Klepac**, their president



Memorial: **Dolores Zamarron** (their new president, left) and **Rubi Zamarron** (right), presented by **Rosie Castro**



Oakwell: **Fern Burke** (left), presented by **Julie Delpho**



Semmes: **Christie Smith**, presented by **Tom Anderson**



Thousand Oaks: **Nancy Fitzgerald** (left), presented by **Leila Hileman**



Westfall: **Eddie Patino** (absent), accepted by **Pat Cummins**



FOSAPL: Southwest Research Institute for subsidizing newsletter printing costs since 1993. Accepted by **Tim Fischer**, Publications Manager. Presented by **Cathy Dean** (SAPLings newsletter editor, left) and **Lyn Belisle** (Newsletter committee chair, right). A separate award from the Newsletter Committee was presented to **Alana Woods**, newsletter managing editor (absent).

Texana/Genealogy named **Maria Pfeiffer** their Best Friend. The award was accepted by **Lenore Karp**, their Best Friend last year (photo not available).

Photos submitted by **Mary McAfee**, **Lyn Belisle**, and **Claudia Kohler**

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are sent to donors and donees and anyone can view them upon request.

Newsletter: Newsletter: **Cathy Dean** acknowledged committee chair **Lyn Belisle** and members **Nancy Gandara, Bruce Gill, Mary McAfee, and Rowena Rodgers**. She stated that the newsletter is now a 12-page issue and encouraged submittal of photographs and human interest stories. Cathy reported that Southwest Research Institute increased its support to FOS-APL last year, and is now subsidizing half the cost of printing the newsletter. **Alana Woods**, managing editor of *SAPLings* works as an independent contractor to produce the newsletter and coordinate the printing.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of new Board Members for 2008–2010: **Mary McAfee**, committee chairman acknowledged the committee: **Pat Brown** (co-chair), **Lucille Teeter, Cathy Dean, and Claudia Kohler**. The members who have accepted nomination for the position as Board Members for the term 2008–2010 are **Robbie Ruppert, Pat Konstam, Delores Huber, Shirley Davis, Dorothy Smith** and **Josie Martinez**. Nominations from the floor were allowed and there being none, Mary asked for a motion to accept the nominated slate. A motion was made and seconded and the slate of new Board Members for the term 2008–2010 was accepted.

Linda Nairn stated if anyone wants to run for office next year, speak up!!!

Best Friends Awards were announced by **Linda Nairn**.

All Branch Presidents were asked to stand and were acknowledged with thunderous applause. The "Best Friends" Awards were then presented. The Friends acknowledged the time volunteered to the various branches. The certificates were presented by the various branch presidents to the recipients as follows: Bazan: **Libby Roussin**; Carver: **Luberda Satterfield**; Cody: **Mickey Tehan, Judy Malter** and **Lynette Poss**; Forest Hills: **Dr. Johnnie Spraggins**; Guerra: **Anna Cleve**; Johnston: **Marshall Mundorff**; Maverick: **Sue and Wayne Ratliff**; McCreless: **Barbara Reagan**; Memorial: **Dolores Zamarron** and **Rubi Zamarron**; Oakwell: **Fern Burke**; Semmes: **Christie Smith**; Thousand Oaks: **Nancy Fitzgerald**; Westfall: **Eddie Patino**; Texana/Geneology: **Maria Pfeiffer**; Book Cellar Committee: All Book Cellar Volunteers; Newsletter Committee: **Tim Fischer**, Publication Manager on behalf of Southwest Research Institute and **Alana Woods** of Southwest Research Institute

Announcements: **Rosie Castro** suggested that the FOSAPL investigate the use of a search engine on the internet called "goodsearch." Apparently, every time the engine is engaged, one penny goes to the nonprofit organization.

The Memorial Amigos gave two door prizes: one stuffed animal to **Mary McAfee** for being the longest member of the Friends (1979); and one stuffed animal went to **Cecelia Burke** who traveled the farthest (from Austin, TX) to attend the meeting.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m. with a reception following hosted by the Memorial Amigos.

Final Renewal Notice!

If you have not renewed your membership, this will be the last newsletter coming to you! Please send your renewal in right away. Membership envelopes can be found at each library branch. For those of you using Electronic Data Transfers from your bank to pay for membership, please be sure to reference the type of membership you are paying for and the branch group you wish to support. Life members should reply each year also, so we have current information for you. Thanks for remaining a Friend!

Claudia Kohler, membership chairman, can be reached at 372-0241.

The Big Read: Share and Explore

Julia Selwyn

San Antonio Public Library is celebrating The Big Read in March and April. This National Endowment for the Arts program replaces our One Book~One San Antonio program. Our community novel for 2008 is *To Kill a Mockingbird* by **Harper Lee**.

To Kill a Mockingbird speaks through the candor of a young tomboy named Scout, who is drawn to and repelled by Boo Radley's haunting isolation, and is increasingly moved by the civil injustice she observes. An eloquent classic, *To Kill a Mockingbird* won the Pulitzer Prize in 1961. If you haven't read the book, you simply must—and if it's been a few years, prepare to be surprised by new insights. *To Kill a Mockingbird* is a great book to share. Join one of our many book discussion groups for a lively conversation.

We have special guests and events throughout March and April. Several branches will feature a Magik Theatre performance based on the novel. **Dr. Claudia Johnson**, a Harper Lee scholar, will offer her insights into the novel's historical and literary significance. **Mary Badham**, the actress who played Scout in the 1962 award-winning film, will lead a discussion about her role in the movie. The Big Read event calendars will be available soon, so please stop by your library or check out our website for more information on our book discussion groups, special guests, dramatic performances and movie screenings.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with the Institute of Museum and Library Services and Arts Midwest, presented to return reading to the heart of American culture and to encourage reading for pleasure and enlightenment.

We hope you will join us.





Photos submitted by **Beth Graham**

**FOSAPL
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 Antonio Public
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In a high-energy presentation, FOSAPL presented \$126,180 to the San Antonio Public Library at their January 23 Board of Trustees meeting.



**Kronkosky Foundation
 Award Grants**

The Alamo Area Library System (AALS) is sponsoring a workshop on Applying to the Kronkosky Foundation on April 30, 2008, at Central Library. The workshop is open to Friends, and you may register online (<http://aalstx.org>) or contact Diane Jones at 210-207-2607 to register by phone.

El Nopal, the AALS online newsletter, reports on a Kronkosky Foundation Awards Grant to Bulverde/Spring Branch Library Friends of the Library. The Kronkosky Foundation awarded a grant for \$75,000 that will be used to purchase shelving and furniture for their new library building.

Memorials and Donations

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>By</i>
Paul Epner	Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Whipple, Sally T. Cooper
Lee LaCaff	Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ward, Jim and Cathy Dean
Norma Carmack	LTC and Mrs. Felix Freier, Lea Leach, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Jost, Craig S. Likness,
<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>By</i>
Claude and Barbara Stanush	Mr. James N. Higdon
Staff Members of the Texana/ Genealogy Department	Maria Pfeiffer
<i>Sheila Figueroa</i>	

Maverick



Roe Klepac and Donna Hogan present Maverick manager **Jef Martin** with a staff appreciation "survival" bag along with a bag of cookies."



Maverick Friends having fun sorting books for their next book sale: **Roe Klepac, Donna Hogan, Sue Ratliff, Joyce Garcia, and Sandee Ritter.**

Bazan



To celebrate Valentine's day, the Friends of the Bazan Library sent flowers to the female staff and gave boxes of candy to the male staff in recognition of the great work they perform at the Branch. front: **Raymond Villarreal**, back row: **Rosemary Lozano, Pat Rodriguez, Rhonda Davila, Rosie Mendoza, Tina Serna** last row: **Chuck Tucker, Tracy Bocanegra, Blanca Morales, Elizabeth Rush & Steven Gonzales.** Photo submitted by **Raymond Villarreal.**

February was Library Lovers' Month

Library Lovers' Month is a month-long celebration of school, public, and private libraries of all types. This is a time for everyone, especially library support groups, to recognize the value of libraries and to work to assure that the Nation's libraries will continue to serve. See <http://www.librarysupport.net/librarylovers/> for more celebration information provided by FRIENDS & FOUNDATIONS of California Libraries.

Way to go, Bazan, Maverick and Semmes! Look for info on other celebration opportunities below.

National Library Week April 13-19, 2008

"National Library Week." American Library Association. 2007. <http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/> (Accessed 25 Feb 2008)

Julie Andrews was named Honorary Chair for 50th Anniversary of National Library Week.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

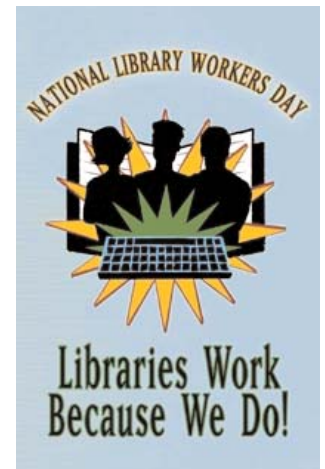
More information is available from the cited ALA site and the Friends of Libraries USA (www.folusa.org/sharing/library-celebrations).

National Library Workers Day April 15, 2008

"National Library Week." American Library Association. 2007. <http://www.ala.org/pio/nlw/> (Accessed 25 Feb 2008)

National Library Workers Day is a day for library staff, users, administrators and Friends groups to recognize the valuable contributions made by all library workers.

More information is available from the cited ALA site and the Friends of Libraries USA (www.folusa.org/sharing/library-celebrations).



Book Cellar News



Ten people who joined the Book Cellar volunteer crew during the past year or so have earned monogrammed purple aprons in recognition of working 50 hours or more. They are **Evelyn Bonavita, Norine Breon, Jesse Diaz, Enid Hartley, Pat Hartley, Michelle Johnson, Anne Long, Marilyn Maizel, Carole B. Martin** and **Margaret Reinaas**. For each additional 50 hours, they'll get a circular patch sewn on their aprons.

The Volunteer Appreciation Potluck Supper on January 28 (photos below) drew more than 30 volunteers and spouses, who shared culinary specialties, visited with people who work on other days,

and got a review of Book Cellar procedures. They also received updated Volunteer Directories and wallet cards advertising the Book Cellar. Designed by **Jim Wogstad**, the convenient business-size cards can be handed to anyone who is interested in books. Thanks go to **Lucille Teeter** and **Linda Arronge** for coordinating food and arrangements for the supper.

The store's buy-one-get-one-free sales category for March is adult books in the Dewey Decimal 800s. This section includes poetry, drama, humor, literary criticism, and writing handbooks. The buy-one-get-one-free category for April will be adult hardback mysteries.

On the recommendation of a classmate who is an enthusiastic Book Cellar customer, the store is the topic of a report by three students in the fifth-grade gifted and talented class at Locke Hill Elementary School in the Northside School District. They visited the store, interviewed volunteers, and will present their report March 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the school at 5050 DeZavala Road.

The Book Cellar Committee has purchased a wall of additional shelves for paperbacks, freeing space for more hardback mysteries and novels. Help to move the books will be needed on a

workday in late March, but the date can't be set until library maintenance staff has time to install the new shelves. Call Book Cellar manager **Monica Hernandez** at 227-9519 if you want to participate.

Another chance to participate will come in mid-June when the Book Cellar Committee expects to hold the next big three-day book sale. Tentative dates are June 13-15 or June 20-22. Exact dates and details will be in the May issue of *SAPLings*.

Pat Konstam



Photos submitted by **Lucille Teeter** and **Aaron Konstam**

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

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P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, Texas 78246



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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San Antonio, Texas 78246

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

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

December 31, 2007

Submitted by Nancy Gandara

	Budget	Nov/Dec 07	FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD
Income				
Book Cellar Sales / Group Book Sales	\$65,000	\$10,905.00	\$83,756.74	\$42,538.78
Donations	\$3,523	\$7,266.80	\$2,216.00	\$13,095.68
Interest	\$6,250	\$1,207.62	\$6,493.57	
Membership	\$8,000		\$12,575.00	\$3,205.00
FOSAPL Income	\$82,773	\$19,379.42	\$105,041.31	
Branch/Groups Income				\$58,839.46
Transfer from Savings	\$37,227			
Assets to be Used During 2007	\$120,000			
Expenses				
Accounting	\$2,250	\$1,565.00	\$1,980.00	
Arts and Letters	\$400	\$201.58	\$289.58	
Bank Charges	\$50	\$306.25	\$508.75	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$2,000		\$1,284.00	
Commodities for resale	\$600		\$423.00	\$229.00
Equipment & Maintenance	\$2,500	\$141.67	\$1,557.00	
Internet & software	\$200		\$89.99	
Printing / copying	\$200		\$38.60	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$750			
Salary & benefits	\$7,200	\$1,119.50	\$7,019.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500	\$97.49	\$766.19	
Water service	\$652	\$73.50	\$432.75	
Branch / Group Operating Expenses				\$3,237.12
Bulk Mail	\$1,500	\$1,000.00	\$1,160.00	
FOLUSA Membership	\$100		\$100.00	
FOSAPL Committee Expenses	\$400	\$103.89	\$403.14	
FOSAPL Donor Recognition	\$1,000			
Friends recognition	\$300			
Insurance (bonding)	\$125		\$125.00	
Library Support				
Programming for public [all year, all ages]	\$40,000		\$40,000.00	
Staff development & training	\$40,000		\$40,000.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life Members	no funding amt. \$100.00		\$325.00	
Various Branch / Group Purchases				\$45,854.89
Mail Box	\$100		\$72.00	
Newsletter Prep/Editing	\$1,800	\$550.00	\$2,150.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$2,800		\$1,972.40	
Office Supplies	\$1,500		\$940.60	
Parking	\$4,600	\$510.75	\$3,561.00	
Postage	\$623		\$248.50	
President's Expenses	\$350		\$70.00	
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches)	\$10,000	\$1,870.00	\$10,879.56	
Total Expenses	\$122,500	\$6,074.63	\$116,396.06	\$49,321.01

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

December 31, 2007

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market	\$32,298.85
Money Market Gold Account	\$139,890.68
Checking Account	\$38,608.38
Total Assets	\$210,797.91
Branch-designated Funds	\$79,203.87
Total Liabilities	\$79,203.87
OVERALL TOTAL	\$131,594.04

Branch & Special-Interest Group Funds

Dec. 31, 2006 Dec. 31, 2007

Bazan	\$781.73	\$1,284.55
Brook Hollow	\$16,017.85	\$14,403.63
Carver	\$1,875.63	\$2,003.31
Cody	\$8,494.84	\$5,020.81
Forest Hills	\$895.87	\$2,246.21
Guerra	\$2,843.46	\$2,022.34
Igo (pending official formation and approval)		\$100.00
Johnston	\$1,031.76	\$1,251.02
Landa (pending official formation and approval)		\$30.00
Maverick	\$3,545.48	\$4,555.83
McCreless	\$6,053.73	\$3,837.58
Memorial	\$5,683.31	\$10,086.97
Tobin-at-Oakwell	\$3,386.55	\$2,468.87
Semmes	\$1,370.88	\$2,264.79
Texana/Genealogy	\$12,711.31	\$15,292.08
Thousand Oaks	\$5,037.97	\$3,822.19
Westfall	\$4,674.98	\$5,207.85
Writers	\$2,267.39	\$3,305.84
Total Group Funds	\$76,672.74	\$79,203.87

FOSAPL Board Meetings 2008

March 16	Brook Hollow Library, 2 p.m.
May 18	Guerra Library, 2 p.m.
July 20	Maverick Library, 2 p.m.
September 21	Semmes Library, 2 p.m.
November 16	Igo Library, 2 p.m.
January 18, '09	Annual General Meeting, 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.

March 16	FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Brook Hollow Branch Library
April 5	Semmes Spring Book Sale, 9-3
April 7	Writer Friends meeting, 7 p.m., Central Library
April 15	Semmes will be the location for one of three showings of the movie, "To Kill a Mockingbird," Prescreening reception from 4-6 p.m. with special guest, Mary Bedham , who played the role of Scout in the movie.
April 19	Cody Book Sale, 9-3
May 17	Maverick Book Sale
May 17	Brook Hollow Spring Book Sale
May 18	FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Guerra Branch Library
May 31-June 1	Guerra Book Sale, May 31 (9-4) and June 1 (1-4)
July 20	FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Maverick Branch Library
September 21	FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Semmes Branch Library
November 16	FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Igo Branch Library

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

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

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-561-6113 (also TTY)

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

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

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.