



From the President



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that summer is just about over! School is starting, and cool weather will be here soon. I do hope that you found time for some relaxing summer reading. And the children in your lives enjoyed the library's summer reading program—Read Across Texas. We appreciate **Mayor Phil Hardberger** for being a partner in encouraging children to become avid readers. He is surely a friend of the library!

This is the time of year that San Antonio's City Council decides on the budget for the coming year. A recent survey revealed that San Antonio's citizens want more of a say-so in what goes on here. Well, this is our chance to be heard! Our library funding does come from our city budget—remember that this is our tax money! Our councilmen will be deciding how to slice up the "Budget Pie," so please contact them now! Write them, e-mail them (www.sanantonio.gov), phone them, and talk to them wherever you see them. Tell them that our library system is important to you and to San Antonio!

We had many impressive nominations this year for our **Arts and Letters Awards**. We will be presenting these awards on **Sunday afternoon, October 26, at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Central Library**. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. You should be getting an invitation in the mail in October. Y'all come! It is always exciting to meet San Antonio's creative geniuses, up close and personal!

Your Friend,
Linda Nairn

Community Budget Hearings

It is that time of year again—City Budget Time. We need to be the voice for our library system. The proposed city budget is very nice to us this year—almost \$5 million more than before! They are planning to give us what we usually get—plus this extra money! So we want to thank them, and, of course, ask for more. We need to say that if they have any extra one-time funds lying around—the library can certainly use more books and materials. On September 3, a City Council public hearing will be held regarding the FY 2009 Proposed Budget, 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber. For more information about the City's FY 2009 Proposed

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Book Celler Summer Book Sale Best Yet!

Pat Konstam



The big Summer Book Sale on June 19–22 took in \$9,756, the largest amount for a weekend sale in recent Book Celler history and probably 10 percent of the store's total sales for the year! The number of people who worked to prepare for, staff, and clean up after the sale also set a record—88

in all, including Book Celler regulars, other Friends members and relatives, and 22 members of the Valero Energy Volunteers. Many, many thanks go to all of them.

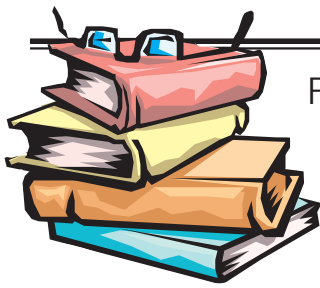
The Thursday night Preview Sale for Friends members was a big success, both in sales and in signing up new Friends

members, and it will likely become a tradition.

The Book Celler Buy-1-Get-1-Free Special for September is adult hardback biographies. For October, the specials will be adult hardback novels and mysteries.

June 19-22 Book Sale Volunteers

Linda Arronge	Jose Duran	Ira Lott	Norm Sonnen-schein
Lisa Arronge	Nancy Gandara	Dan Macias	Edith Speert
Vera Banner	Teresa Garza	Marilyn Maizel	Bennett Stampes
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Norine Breon	Patricia Hartley	Jean Molina	Cynthia Talboys
Pat Brown	Monica Hernandez	Richard Morales	Lucille Teeter
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Fern Burke	Rosalie Klepac	Judy Olson	Judy Wilson
Carolyn Clement	Michelle Johnson	Jeanne Papa	Jim Wogstad
Anna Cleve	Claudia Kohler	Charley Pond	Kay Wogstad
Grizzly Cloud	Aaron Konstam	Dianne Prickett	22 Valero Energy
Patty Cloud	Pat Konstam	Maggie Reinaas	Volunteers
Juliana Davis	Laurel Lee	Sara Riggs	
Jesse Diaz	Margaret Lecznar	Billie Shepard	
Beverly Duran	Anne Long		



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

July 20, 2008

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, Linda Arronge, Vera Banner, Pat Brown, Aaron Konstam, Claudia Kohler, Rowena Rodgers, Evanleen Schmueckle, Robbie Ruppert, Pat Konstam, Judy Wilson

Branch Representatives: Carol Van Cleave, Barbara Wilkinson, Kathleen McCloskey, Sue Ratliff, Alan Hildreth, Evelyn Thomas

Others Present: Mary McAfee, Aubrey W. George, Jean Brady, Sarah Swinney, Rosalie Klepac, Donna Hogan, Denise Barlow, Judith Penington, David Barlage, Lupita Escobedo, Robert Escobedo, Jackie Fremming

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

REPORTS:

President's Report: Linda Nairn reported that, in the past two months, she has volunteered at the Book Cellar, attended a Library Foundation meeting, and attended the Memorial Branch Library's flag rededication ceremony. Linda volunteered at the June book sale held in the Book Cellar and advised there were approximately 20 people that joined the Friends. The library staff at Carver had an appreciation luncheon for their Friends, and the librarians did the cooking. Brook Hollow's kitchen was renovated with new appliances and cabinets, and the librarians were so excited. Linda also met with the Library Board's planning committee. Linda asked the Friends to let her know if they receive her e-mails. Linda has had some problems with her new

computer and would like feedback.

Linda introduced **Denise Barlow**, President of the Friends of the Great Northwest. The Friends of the Great Northwest are not affiliated with FOSAPL. We welcomed her attendance and participation.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Nairn reported for **Nancy Gandara**. A report was distributed as of June 30, 2008. The Treasurer's Report was accepted and filed for audit. Also, Nancy received a letter from the City stating the parking rates were increasing. A copy of the letter will be given to **Aaron Konstam** for the Book Cellar's use.

Library Board: Jean Brady thanked the Friends for their support. She stated that it is budget time again, and there will be a deficit in the city budget. The priorities are books and materials, periodicals, databases, and replacing computers as they become outdated. There will be budget hearings held in each district. Jean encouraged us to attend the meetings, if possible, and talk to your council person. Jean also reminded us that it is much more effective if we put our thoughts into our own words and not repeat the same thing over and over. Jean distributed some brochures and cards for our use.

Library Administration: **Aubrey W. George** asked us to advocate for the budget in a personal way. Aubrey stated that the same people usually attend the budget meetings and say the same things. He suggested we "get new people and new words." The Roosevelt branch library will open in August of 2009. It is a co-op with Roosevelt High School and NEISD. There will be a separate entrance and parking for the public, as well as a separate children's area.

There will also be a new branch library at the old Mission Drive-In site, and the National Park Service wants its headquarters located there on some acreage as well. Aubrey reported that another library will be built near Wilderness Oak and Blanco Road, and, hopefully, the city will be able to accept the site. A news conference will be held on July 31 at 9:30 a.m. announcing a grant received for training librarians. 19,000 children registered for the Summer Reading Program. The Summer Fest is scheduled for August 2, from 11-3, at the Central Library, signaling the end of the Summer Reading Program.

Library Foundation: Sarah Swinney reported that a \$950,000 grant was received for scholarship and leadership programs. There is also an executive coaching/training program. On July 31, Water Street Oyster Bar will host a 20th anniversary party with all proceeds going to the Library Foundation. A press conference will be held on August 20 at 10 a.m. for the Born to Read program, the Library Foundation's initiative to provide each baby born in Bexar County with a book bag kit. It has been a very successful program. Friday, September 26, is the 25th Anniversary Gala with **Tommy Lee Jones** and **Sissy Spacek** as special guests. There will be live music, and it will be catered by RK Catering. On Saturday, November 22, there will be a Book and Author luncheon from 9-11 at the Pearl Stables. Children's authors and illustrators will sign their books.

An NEA grant was given for travel for color posters for a traveling exhibit. The color posters are part of those archived at the SAPL (40 of them!). They

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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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SAPLINGS

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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

Summer activities continue at Brook Hollow, with a very active Teen Summer Program. **Mary Smith**, Teen Librarian, relates how the new Guitar Hero program has excited a large number of area teens, with 120 signing up and 24 completing the program—an above-average 20% completion ratio. Brook Hollow has been aggressively targeting teens for the past few years, and we are pleased to see this measure of success.

A lot of work has also been going on with the system-wide Radio Frequency Identification program. Using a 3M Conversion Station, **Alison Resendez** and **Yvonne Beltram** have been diligently working for a number of weeks to tag over 111,000 items at the library—books, videos, and other media. Each item has to be hand scanned and tagged. Plans are to complete the program at Brook Hollow by the end of August.

Early work continues on organizing and shelving incoming donations for this fall's book sale, scheduled for Saturday, November 15. Please mark your calendars to join us that day for an exciting book sale.

Richard Bowser

Cody

Our next Book Sale will be October 11, 9:00–3:00.

Cody was pleased to see over 1,000 kids and teens sign up for the Summer Reading Program. A lot of thought was put into every activity and prize. In addition to the reading, they were entertained throughout the summer by a magician, a clown, and someone with snakes, paid for by the Cody Friends. Teens battled it out for bragging rights in the video games competition: *Guitar Hero*, *Dance Dance Revolution*, and *Mario Kart*. Participants in the final match received special t-shirts paid for by the Cody Friends.

Cody is expecting to be closed for renovations for two weeks in September. Dates are still to be determined.

Carol Van Cleave

Forest Hills

Forest Hills Friends is proud to be a part of a dynamic branch and hopes to continue the many programs conducted at Forest Hills Library. These include:

- ♦ A summer reading program, under the direction of new Children's Librarian **Cindy Moreno**.
- ♦ As of August 14, a total of 1,260 children were registered for the Summer Reading Program
- ♦ An upcoming Lapsit program to the Fall Storytime schedule.
- ♦ The final Summer storytime and B.A.C.K. Pack storytime were held on July 29. Storytime had an attendance of 23, while B.A.C.K. Pack storytime had an attendance of 34. An end of Summer Reading celebration, with snacks, was provided to those who attended. In addition, the Teen program on that day had 12 partici-

pants in their last activity of the Summer.

- ♦ **Outreach: Roberto Zapata**, Manager, and **Veronica Franco**, P/T Library Assistant, attended an outreach event at Ingram Park Mall. Family Fun Day, sponsored by PBS, had the participation of many local nonprofit organizations. An information table was set-up with a craft activity, flyers, and the opportunity for children to sign up for the Summer Reading Program. Approximately 616 children and parents stopped by the table to get information about the library and its services and to participate in the craft. Friends hope to support these programs by purchasing requested items including a rug and playtime items, pending members' support.

Other Events:

- ♦ July 24—Eleven attended a presentation of the Missions and Presidios book club.
- ♦ **Pedro Ruiz** spoke on the Aztecs and their culture.
- ♦ July 29—The directors of the Woodlawn Hills Neighborhood Association held their regular monthly meeting.
- ♦ August 4—Keetowah, a group promoting education and knowledge of indigenous cultures, had 11 members present to discuss participation in upcoming events.
- ♦ August 9—**Johnnie Spraggins** was the discussion leader when three members of the Contrarian Viewpoint Book Club met to discuss the book, *Train Wreck*, by **Bill Press**.
- ♦ August 12—The Thunderbird Hills Neighborhood Association Board of Directors met at Forest Hills.

- ♦ August 14—Project Mom met for the first time at Forest Hills Library. If the meetings are successful, meetings will be held weekly at Forest Hills. Project Mom is a not-for-profit organization designed to aid moms needing assistance.
- ♦ August 19—The Forest Hills Anime club will meet from 5–7 p.m. The movie *Moon Phase, Volume I*, will be shown and discussed.

A book sale is scheduled for October 11–13. Publicity will include WOAI, the web site of the library, and other means.

Johnnie Spraggins

Igo

Friends of Igo Branch (FIB) membership remains steady at 26 members. Income at our last paperback book sale on July 19 was \$393.50. Our balance as of July 31, 2008, is \$882.09.

The FIBBERS met on August 2. On September 13, we will hold our third and largest book sale. To hopefully recruit more FIBBERS, the doors will open at 9 a.m.–4 p.m. to Friends and 10 a.m.–4 p.m. for the general public. In the past, we have not categorized the books for sale except in broad general categories—sorting by children's, science fiction, romance, and nonfiction. It was decided that in a larger sale, this would be more beneficial to patrons. Prior to this sale, members will meet to sort books at the following times: August 28, 10–4; September 9, 10–4; September 12, 10–4 for a final set up. The group will hold another meeting on September 6 at

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10:30 to set final signage and advertising for the sale on the 13th.

Haley Holmes gave the manager's report. The library is still exceeding all expectations. They had 1,259 children enrolled in the summer reading program, coming in #4 within the system. One hundred and fifty six adults were enrolled in the adult reading program. The FIBBERS voted to fund an additional \$118.49 to cover increased costs for prizes for participants. The library is now #5 in total circulation among all the branches.

Because of the excellent meeting facilities and the demand for these rooms, fee adjustments are being discussed.

After our last book sale, **Guillermo Ortega**, library custodian, graciously replaced the books in the Friends storage area. He was a great help, and a letter acknowledging his outstanding assistance was sent to the library to be placed in his personnel file. In a discussion of "to sort or not to sort," we identified the need for "Friends book sale shelving." **Nelda Kreuzsch**, FIBBER and library volunteer, graciously sorts incoming gifts as best she can, but it would be ideal to have shelving to hold presorted boxes for easy identification. If anyone has any unused shelving they'd like to donate (or ideas as to where we might obtain it), please call the library.

Igo Library will host the November meeting of the FOSAPL. We briefly discussed what this would entail.

Hopefully on August 28, between 10 and 4, we will see as many of you FIBBERS as can help—Sorting

Can Be Fun!! We plan on taking a break to have lunch and get to know each other better. See you then.

Kathleen McCloskey

Johnston

Teen and Young Adult Programs

Note: This article written by Karen Sebesta

This was a busy summer for Johnston children and young adults! School-aged children enjoyed stories, crafts, and special presentations by the Magik Theater by entertainer **Mark Shepard** as part of the SAPL Summer Reading Program.

Young people and their families were treated to a special story time presented by Silver Stars' guard, **Helen Darling**. About 30 children—including Darling's own triplets—were on hand for an afternoon of stories and crafts. Helen presented Johnston Library Patrons **Chance** and **Aventine Gully** (ages 5 and 2, respectively) with special readers' awards.

The newly formed Young Adults program at Johnston also had special presentations by the San Antonio Audubon Society and The Snake Connection (a visit underwritten by the Johnston Friends), as well as enjoying their brand-new virtual-reality game, *Guitar Hero*, which was presented to them by the Friends of the Johnston Library.

Book Sale

On July 25 and 26, we held our quarterly book sale! About 20 Johnston Young Adults assisted the Friends, and this is the first time that the young people have been asked to volunteer for the sale. They signed up in

droves. Set-up and break-down of the sale were accomplished in record time. The Friends showed their appreciation by providing plenty of food and sodas for the young workers. We were very lucky to have the large number of volunteers we had to set up and pack up the extras.

Happy Birthday, Rich

A huge Happy Birthday (Tues., Aug 12) goes out to Rich!! He won't tell us how old he is (looks young!), but he has been a part of our library for many years. Rich is an inspiration to all our readers and his fellow coworkers! He has done a lot for our library and community, so his efforts should not go unnoticed. So, if you ever visit our branch, please shake his hand, give him a big smile, and say, "Thank you, Rich, for your outstanding job—we couldn't do it without you!"

A Flag Pole!

Can you believe it? Our library will now have a flag pole! Our troops and our and civilian community will be so proud to see the almighty stars and stripes flying, showing our support! The hole has already been dug to place our long-desired and -awaited flag pole! A special thanks goes to **Councilman Cortez, District 4**, for all his efforts and outstanding support!! It couldn't be accomplished without him!

Community Input

Have any ideas? Please provide any input you have regarding possible classes (for all age groups), book selections, fundraising ideas, etc. you might have. Please don't be afraid to speak out and pro-

vide your input. We don't know if you don't tell us.

Lori A. Taylor

McCreless

The next membership meetings are scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, at 7 p.m. and Wednesday, November 19, at 7 p.m. in the branch meeting room. The date of the next book sale has not been scheduled. However, volunteers are desperately needed for set-up, clean-up, and shift work during the book sales. The book sales are important to meeting the mission of the Friends group. Money from dues and book sales allows the Friends group to provide our branch library additional resources. All McCreless Friends are asked to spread the word about our group. Members are encouraged to bring a friend to the September 10 meeting. McCreless Friends Group President **Evanlene Schmueckle**, can be reached at 210-534-4732 if you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions.

Jill Zimmerman

Memorial

The Amigos spent the summer managing behind-the-scenes planning for upcoming events. This fall's main event will be the Libros y Literacy Fair on Saturday, September 13, from 10–2, held in conjunction with the Department of Community Initiative's St. Mary's Community Family Resource Learning Center. The fair will target agencies providing literacy services to Westside families. The Amigos will

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also be holding a book sale during the fair. Everyone is invited.

Amigos President **Dolores Zamarron** recently resigned from her position, but the group looks forward to her continued presence and contribution to the organization and community. **Rosie Castro** will serve as Interim President.

Melva Ramirez

Semmes

Semmes Friends were treated to what has become an eagerly anticipated traditional Fourth of July Picnic by our library staff. We seldom have the opportunity to mingle with all the staff, and the picnic is the rare opportunity for fun and fellowship. This year's picnic at the library was held on July 7 before the library opened at 1 p.m. This Friend looks forward to meeting new staff, eating fried chicken, playing Bocce, and contesting old and new staff and Friends with water balloons. Love those water balloons! This event shores us up during the summer while we continue to collect and sort books for our September book sale (**Mark your calendars—Sept. 27—Book Sale at Semmes!**). We'll also host the FOSAPL Board Meeting on Sunday, Sept 21, at Semmes so we have a busy month ahead of us and look forward to seeing you often!

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

This summer the Friends funded two weekly programs, one for children and one for teens. For the teens, the Friends purchased two music video games, *Rock Band* and

Guitar Hero Aerosmith, which were played every Thursday from 2–4 p.m. by about 20 teens. Mainly boys attended these sessions, which is a traditionally difficult age group to get into the library. For the younger children, the Friends paid for four guest speakers from the Institute of Texas Cultures who entertained and educated the children on the topics of dinosaurs, cowboys, pioneer children's toys, and the one-room schoolhouse. The Friends also made sure each weekly session had snacks to enhance the programs. It was a busy and exciting summer at Thousand Oaks.

The Friends' new project of developing a continual book sale corner at the branch is going well. **Ginger Hobbs** faithfully goes through all the gift books received at the branch and picks out the paperbacks and some hardbacks to display for sale for fifty cents. This project runs on the honor system with customers depositing the money in a locked box connected to the bookcase. The book sale corner has become quite popular with the customers who browse through it regularly. Some customers have even bought books read them and returned them to be resold.

Chris Palmer

Tobin Library at Oakwell

It's been a busy summer at Tobin/Oakwell. The computers are busier than ever, and the programs for children and young adults have been going full swing. The Read Across Texas program for children was well attended and wildly

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PLEASE NOTE

Your renewal letters will be coming in October

It is very helpful if you renew before February 1 so we do not have to spend extra money for printing and postage—money that could be used to help the library. Membership cards will be mailed after the first of the year as we save a lot of money by doing bulk mailing.

Life members, branches appreciate your continuing support, but in order for them to get that yearly stipend, you must send back your envelope choosing a branch each year.

Thanks to all of you for keeping us up to date with your current address. We are charged for each piece of mail that gets returned.

If you choose to support more than one branch, you must send an extra \$5 per person for each additional branch.

Your phone number will appear in the directory unless your envelope designates that it is to be unlisted. If we have a phone number, and it is not written on the current year's envelope, we will move it to unlisted.

Questions about your membership? Please call the Treasurer if it is a money question, Nancy Gandra at 210-695-9648. If it is a question regarding your membership, call the Membership Chair Claudia Kohler at 210-372-0241 or email mytexasroom@satx.rr.com

"Books are a delight at home, and no hindrance abroad; companions at night, in traveling, in the country." Cicero

Memorials and Donations

In Honor of:

By:

Megan Gregor

DeAnne Coltrane

In Memory of:

By:

Prof. Charles Myler

Lenore Karp

Ruth Mann

Edith S. Speert

Sheila Figueroa

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popular. The new multi-media projector, which was provided by the Friends, made the Summer Film Fest possible. A free full-length feature film rated G or PG was shown every Monday afternoon in June and July, and an ice cream social was held August 14.

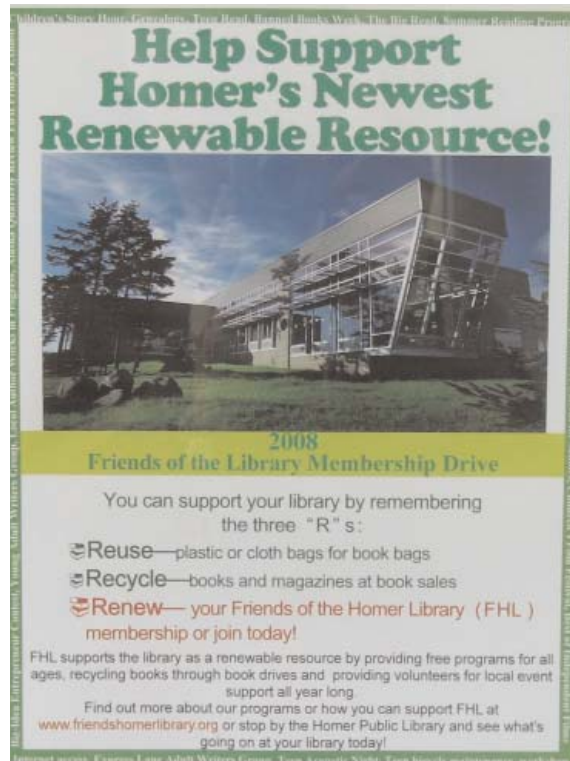
We've been busy sorting through many excellent donations of books for our next book sale. In addition to the usual exciting selection of fiction, nonfiction, art books, cookbooks, and craft books, we have a forty-volume encyclopedia in Japanese and quite a few charming Japanese paperbacks. The sale will take place Saturday, September 20, from 10–3:30. And there will be a *preview sale for all FOSAPL members* from any branch on **Friday, September 19**, from 1–4. Be sure to bring your membership card.

Our Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers will be held on Saturday, October 18, at 2 p.m. **Bruce Gill**, Vice President of Friends of San Antonio Public Library; **Jean Brady**, President of the Library Board; and **Kaye Lenox** of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation will speak.

Joan Hildreth

North to Alaska—Cathy Dean Visits Libraries in Alaska

Homer, Alaska



Friends in Homer, Alaska, connect to their library.



Homer Friends have several sale shelves in the center of the library.



Homer Library volunteer cleaning sidewalks

Tok, Alaska

Tok Library book sale shelves inside Visitor Center

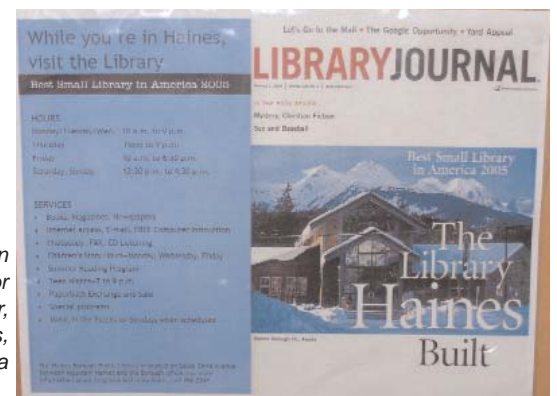


Haines, Alaska



Alaska Marine Ferry terminal in Haines, Alaska

Posted in Visitor Center, Haines, Alaska



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Budget visit www.sanantonio.gov. Please try to get a group from your branch group to attend this meeting. You can even bring along your family, neighbors, etc. Everyone doesn't have to talk—one person can

speaking, and the others can stand up with them and be the "amen chorus" if y'all want. But we really need to let them know that we love and use our library! If someone cannot attend, then they can write,

email, call their councilperson. But we do need to be heard!

Please let me know who will be attending for your group. Thanks for all you do.

Linda Nairn

City Council District Community Budget Hearings

THE MESSAGE FOR THE LIBRARY IS BOOKS AND BUILDINGS:

1. Thank you to the City Manager for her proposal of \$5 million in new resources for the Library System for operating and capital needs. Thank you to the City Council for their commitment to Libraries.

2. The Library System has two on-going primary needs: adequate funds for books and materials and for critical facilities maintenance and repairs. The backlog of need in these two areas is immense. The condition of our collections and our buildings is poor. Continued and sustained investment in these areas is critical to the Library's ability to respond to community needs.

3. If additional resources become available, please strongly consider using these surplus funds for books and materials. This is the highest priority. This is the most important library resource to the community and includes traditional published materials, as well as the latest in on-line resources and information.

4. Advocates for the Library will continue to focus in the next two years on investment in the basics: books and buildings. These funds need to be on-going so that additional increases build on the foundation of one-time investment that is proposed this year.

In the City Manager's proposed budget, the following new resources are included for the Library:

Additional Operating Resources

1 Library Books and Materials (One Time Increase)	500,000
2 Master Facilities Maintenance Plan (One Time Increase)	250,000
3 Open the Roosevelt Branch Library (Partially a One Time Increase)	377,045
4 Public Computers/Library Software (Majority is a One Time Increase)	116,040
Total	\$1,243,085

Additional Capital Project Resources

1 Central Library Weatherization Project	\$2,300,000
2 Central Library—Elevator Project	125,000
3 Las Palmas Branch Library—Roof Replacement	480,000
4 Thousand Oaks Branch Library— HVAC Replacement	240,000
5 Westfall Branch Library— HVAC/Roof Replacement	600,000
Total	\$3,745,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,988,085

Fall 2008 at the San Antonio Public Library

(All events are free and open to the public)

Saturday, September 6, and Sunday, September 7 Margaret Read MacDonald

Margaret Read MacDonald travels the world collecting and telling stories. Dr. MacDonald is a folklorist, a children's librarian, and the author of more than 45 books on folklore and storytelling, including the critically acclaimed *The Great Smelly*, *Slobbery*, *Small-Tooth Dog*.

This fall, she brings her storytelling magic to San Antonio with five public performances at libraries across the city. Children (and grown-ups) of all ages are welcome to attend—because you are never too old for a story!

Saturday, September 6

12:30 p.m., Forest Hills Library, 5245
Ingram Road, (210) 431-2544

2:00 p.m., Central Library
600 Soledad Street, (210) 207-2621

3:30 p.m., Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, (210) 680-9346

Sunday, September 7

1:30 p.m., McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 532-4254

3:00 p.m., Semmes Library
15060 Judson Road, (210) 650-9540

Thursday, October 2–Monday, October 27, Central Library Gallery, 600 Soledad Street

The Winds and Words of War: an exhibit of World War I posters and prints from the San Antonio Public Library Collection

The San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation commemorate the 90th anniversary of Armistice Day with an exhibit of original World War I posters not seen on public display since 1933. After the exhibit closes in San Antonio, it will depart on a national tour, traveling to the Chicago (Illinois) Public Library, the Wichita

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were printed by the U.S. government during WWI to promote patriotism. It is entitled "The Winds and Words of War: Posters and Prints from the San Antonio Library Collection." The opening reception will be held October 2 from 6–8 p.m. There will be a series of lectures and film and a musical tribute to WWI as well. The exhibit closes here at the end of October. It is then packed up, goes to Chicago, gets unpacked and rehung there. It will open there on November 11 (Armistice Day).

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Arts and Letters: Sheila Figueroa stated that the Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony will be held on Sunday, October 26, at 2 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium. The Committee has received approximately 9 nominations, and its first meeting will be held on Saturday, July 26.

Book Cellar: Aaron Konstam reported that more than \$9,700 was made at the June book sale. The volunteer base is increasing.

Membership: Claudia Kohler reported that there are 849 paid members.

Memorials/Honorariums: Sheila Figueroa had no report.

Newsletter: Mary McAfee reported there were 718 newsletters mailed.

OLD BUSINESS:

Linda Nairn advised that we have ordered a book in honor of **Mr. and Mrs. Ramiro Salazar**.

NEW BUSINESS:

Linda Nairn stated that a workshop/meeting has been scheduled for Saturday, October 25, to discuss and share ideas on fundraising, how to conduct book sales, how to write grants, and other topics.

Linda Nairn also reported that a Nominating Committee was needed to begin the process to obtain a slate of board members and officers. We need board members and branch representatives from across San Antonio, not in just one or two particular areas of the city. Please call Linda if you have an interest in serving on this committee.

Branch News and Announcements:

Collins Garden will have its first book sale on Saturday, July 26, from 10 to 3. It also donated books to AT&T and received a letter from AT&T thanking them for their donation. **Cody** indicated it donates books to the Methodist Hospital, including Readers Digest Condensed books. The books are given to the Director of Volunteer Services for distribution. Cody will be closing shortly for renovations. **Forest Hills** has a very small Friends group, and they just had a donation of a new microwave for its kitchen. Also they just voted to purchase a projector. **Barbara Wilkinson** leads the embroidery class; the next class is September 24 from 10 to noon—it is usually held the fourth Wednesday of the month. Their work is displayed at the library. Their next book sale will be held in October. **Guerra** stated they had a June book sale and made approximately \$1,200. Their next book sale will be in November. **Igo** had a book sale on July 19 and made approximately \$400. Their next book sale is September 13. They have about 12 active members. They will have a staff luncheon on Monday, July 21. **Maverick** has a book sale scheduled for October 2. They bought benches for the outside area. **McCreless** purchased a projector, and they show movies every Wednesday evening. They also purchased four new tables, plants, and a digital camera.

Tobin at Oakwell had a book sale in May, which made approximately \$1,900. They had a staff appreciation dinner. **Alan Hildreth** said it is worth the extra time and effort to separate the books into categories before a book sale. **Semmes** bought a replacement leg for one of the outside benches. The staff had a luncheon. They will have a book sale in September. **Westfall** reported that a new refrigerator was purchased. Their book sale held on June 9 netted approximately \$800.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

The Spurs Coyote Visits Carver Library

The Spurs Coyote was on hand August 12 for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Spurs Coyote's Reading Corner at Carver Library.



(Kansas) Public Library, the Kansas City (Missouri) Public Library, the Evansville Vanderburg County (Illinois) Public Library, the Harford County (Maryland) Public Library, the Memphis (Tennessee) Public Library, and Sarah Lawrence College in Bronxville, New York.

Sunday, November 9–Tuesday, December 30
Central Library Gallery
600 Soledad Street

Letters to Sala: a Young Woman's Life in Nazi Labor Camps

In 1991, as 67-year-old **Sala Gancarz Kirschner** prepared herself for triple bypass surgery, she opened a painful chapter of her past. For nearly five decades she had shielded her three children from her Holocaust years, never talking about her Polish Jewish family's experiences during World War II. One summer day that year, she approached her daughter Ann, carrying a red cardboard box that had once contained a "Spill and Spell" game. She held it out, saying, "You should have this." Within the box was a small, worn brown leather portfolio stuffed with letters, postcards, and scraps of paper—an amazing array of Polish, German, and Yiddish writing, some of it barely legible, tiny and cramped, some of it beautiful calligraphy. The postcards were covered with stamp-size Hitlers and thick "Z" stamps. "These are my letters from the war," Sala told her daughter.

That afternoon, Sala began to fill in the missing pieces of her history. She was taken from home when she was 16 and survived five years in seven different Nazi forced labor camps. Saving the letters became inextricably linked with saving her life.

Special Thanks . . .

To **Joe Valadez, Lupita Siller-Escobedo, Maria Valadez, Linda Arronge, Dora M. Morales** and the staff of the Collins Garden Branch Library for their help before, during, and after the book sale.

To the Book Cellar and everyone else who donated books and DVDs.

Richard O. Morales
President, Collins Garden Friends

Hispanic Heritage Month at SAPL

The San Antonio Public Library will celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month 2008: The Chicano Renaissance** with a full calendar of events. Go to the Library web site for more details.

Books and Authors/Libros y autores

Carmen Tafolla

Libros y Literacy Fair

Tales and Legends of the Southwest

Nephtalí de León

Dagoberto Gilb

San Antonio Essays: Reflections of
Hispanos

Bilingual Storytime/El gran tiempo de
los cuentos

Art/Arte

Art of the Chicano Renaissance/Arte
del renacimiento chicano

Roberto Sifuentes

These artists will be featured at these
branches during the month of October:

Jesse Treviño—Bazan Branch
Library

Kathy Vargas—Brookhollow Branch
Library

Jesse "Chista" Cantú—Cortez
Branch Library

José Esquivel—Forest Hills Branch
Library

Carolina Flores—Guerra Branch
Library

Rudy Treviño—Pan American
Library

Jesse Almazán—Semmes Branch
Library

Film/Cine

Spotlight on Director **Efraín Gutiérrez**
Barrio Tales: Tops, Kites and Marbles/
Historias del barrio: peonzas,
cometas y canicas

Filmed in San Antonio, the director's
latest film *Barrio Tales* is the story of a
very special bond between a grandfather
and his granddaughter. Together they

help one another overcome the difficulties of youth and face the hardships of aging. Stay after the presentation to discuss the film with the director.

Thousand Oaks Branch Library—
September 15, 6:30 p.m.

Memorial Branch Library—September
20, 2:00 p.m.

Cortez Branch Library—September
25, 7:00 p.m.

Great Northwest Branch Library—
September 27, 2:00 p.m.

McCressless Branch Library—October
1, 6:00 p.m.

Central Library—October 5, 2:00 p.m.

Guerra Branch Library—October 18,
2:00 p.m.

*Please, Don't Bury Me Alive!;/Por
favor, no me entierren vivo!*

Cinema Culebra:

Motorcycle Diaries

Zoot Suit

Stand and Deliver

Selena

Music and Dance/Música y Baile

Roger Velásquez & the Latin Legends
Duetto Aztlán

Basic Guitar with **Moisés Hernández**
Ballet Folklórico

Capoeira

Latin Dance Classes

Panel Discussions/Mesas redondas

*Lo que era y lo que es/Yesterday and
Today*

Political Activism: La raza se reune
El quetzal speaks/El quetzal habla

Poetry/Poesía

Frank Pino, Ph.D.

Fernando Esteban Flores

Conversations/Pláticas

*The Edgewood Independent School
District in Viet Nam*

Con Safos

The Mexican-American Youth
Organization

Flavor/Sabor

Some like it hot!

El secreto está en el fondo de la olla/

The secret is at the bottom of the pot

Theatre/Teatro

A Tejano Son of Texas

Chicana Monologues

Traditions/Tradiciones

Paper lace/Papel picado

Botany/Botánica

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



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:

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)

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

June 30, 2008

Submitted by Nancy Gandara

	Budget	May/June 08	FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD
Income				
Book Cellar Sales/Group Book Sales	\$73,000	\$35,183.41	\$49,023.15	\$39,518.02
Donations	\$3,500	\$1,303.20	\$1,285.00	\$2,727.80
Interest	\$6,450	\$735.38	\$2,352.90	
Membership	\$10,000	\$970.00	\$11,308.00	\$3,367.00
FOSAPL Income	\$92,950	\$38,191.99	\$63,969.05	
Branch/Groups Income				\$45,612.82
Transfer from Savings	\$33,431		\$50,000.00	
Assets to be Used During 2008	\$126,381			
Expenses				
Accounting	\$2,250	\$100.00	\$250.00	
Arts and Letters	\$400			
Bank Charges	\$150	\$26.35	\$61.40	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$2,000	\$480.00	\$480.00	
Book Sale(s) Expenses	\$500			\$686.00
Commodities for resale	\$600			
Equipment and Maintenance	\$2,500	\$341.63	\$2,348.91	
Internet & Software	\$100			
Printing/Copying	\$300		\$42.00	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$250		\$68.37	
Salary & benefits	\$7,200	\$1,180.00	\$3,540.00	
Volunteer Appreciation	\$500	\$25.20	\$98.70	
Water Service	\$456		\$36.75	
Branch/Group Operating Expenses				\$202.65
Bulk Mail	\$1,000		\$175.00	\$106.78
FOLUSA Membership	\$100		\$100.00	
FOSAPL Committee Expenses	\$300		\$317.52	
FOSAPL Donor Recognition	\$1,000			
Friends recognition	\$300			
Insurance (bonding)	\$125			
Library Support				
Equipment to be Determined	\$5,000		\$3,647.90	\$19,729.17
Programming for public [all year, all ages]	\$40,000	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00	\$2,547.78
Staff development & training	\$40,000		\$34,283.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life Members	no funding amt.		\$100.00	
Various Branch/Group Purchases				\$16,639.31
Mail Box	\$100		\$52.00	
Newsletter Prep/Editing	\$1,800	\$300.00	\$900.00	
Newsletter Printing	\$2,800	\$279.72	\$1,803.90	
Office Supplies	\$1,500	\$115.45	\$363.42	
Parking	\$4,000	\$815.50	\$2,125.75	
Postage	\$400	\$41.00	\$221.56	
President's Expenses	\$350	\$25.00	\$145.00	
Sales Tax (Book Cellar and Branches)	\$10,000	\$2,060.79	\$6,112.28	
Seed Money for New Groups	\$400	\$100.00	\$200.00	
Total Expenses	\$126,381	\$25,890.64	\$77,473.46	\$39,911.69

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

June 30, 2008

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$79,974.43
Money Market Gold Account	\$91,832.85
Checking Account	\$13,377.64
Total Assets	\$185,184.92
Branch-designated Funds	\$86,215.01
Total Liabilities	\$86,215.01
OVERALL TOTAL	\$98,969.91

Branch Funds

June 30, 2008

Bazan	\$1,770.97
Brook Hollow	\$9,286.75
Carver	\$2,265.76
Cody	\$8,086.25
Collins Garden	\$130.00
Forest Hills	\$3,166.51
Guerra	\$2,895.37
Igo	\$524.00
Johnston	\$1,459.77
Landa (pending official formation)	\$145.00
Maverick	\$4,377.04
McCreless	\$2,779.65
Memorial	\$5,258.35
Tobin-at-Oakwell	\$12,590.77
Semmes	\$2,783.62
Texana/Genealogy	\$16,235.96
Thousand Oaks	\$4,346.28
Westfall	\$4,602.12
Writers [currently inactive]	\$3,510.84
Total Group Funds	\$86,215.01

Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony

Sunday, October 26
2 p.m.
Central Library
Auditorium.

Don't miss it!



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- September 3 A City Council public hearing regarding the FY 2009 Proposed Budget, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information about the City's FY 2009 Proposed Budget visit www.sanantonio.gov.
- September 13 Memorial Libros y Literacy Fair and Book Sale
- September 13 Igo Book Sale, 9–4 for Friends and 10–4 for the general public.
- September 21 FOSAPL Board Meeting, Semmes Branch Library, 2 p.m.**
- September 27 Semmes Book Sale
- October 2 Opening reception of traveling exhibit of color posters from SAPL archives, *The Winds and Words of War: Posters and Prints from the San Antonio Library Collection*, 6–8, in the gallery at Central Library
- October 4–5 Maverick Book Sale, 9–4, Saturday, and 1–4, Sunday
- October 11 Cody Book Sale, 9–3
- October 11–13 Forest Hills Book Sale.
- October 25 Show Me the Money! Discuss and share ideas about fundraising, how to conduct book sales, how to write grants, and other topics, Westfall Branch Library
- October 26 Arts and Letters Awards Ceremony, 2 p.m. at Central Library Auditorium
- November 15 Brook Hollow Fall 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

Forest Hills Library
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228
210-431-2544

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

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

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-432-6783

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

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
210-344-2373

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.