The big Summer Book Sale on June 19–22 took in $9,756, the largest amount for a weekend sale in recent Book Cellar 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 Cellar 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 Cellar Buy-1-Get-1-Free Special for September is adult hardback biographies. For October, the specials will be adult hardback novels and mysteries.

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

A community budget hearing is scheduled for September 3, 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber. For more information about the City’s FY 2009 Proposed Budget, see page 7.

June 19-22 Book Sale Volunteers

Linda Arronge
Lisa Arronge
Vera Banner
Phyllis Beach
Evelyn Bonavita
Virginia Bowden
Norine Breon
Pat Brown
Alethea Bugg
Jim Bugg
Fern Burke
Carolyn Clement
Anna Cleve
Grizzly Cloud
Patty Cloud
Juliana Davis
Jesse Diaz
Beverly Duran
Jose Duran
Nancy Gandara
Teresa Garza
Bruce Gill
Faye Hallford
Enid Hartley
Patricia Hartley
Monica Hernandez
Joan Hildreth
Delores Huber
Rosalie Klepac
Michelle Johnson
Claudia Kohler
Aaron Konstam
Pat Konstam
Laurel Lee
Margaret Lecznar
Anne Long
Ira Lott
Dan Macias
Marilyn Maizel
Carole Martin
Josie Martinez
Mary McAfee
Jean Molina
Richard Morales
Linda Nairn
Chuck Olson
Judy Olson
Jeanne Papa
Charley Pond
Dianne Prickett
Maggie Reinaas
Sara Riggs
Billie Shepard
Norm Sonnen-schein
Edith Speert
Bennett Stampes
Shirley Stampes
Ann Springer
Akhil Syed
Cynthia Talboys
Lucille Teeter
Arturo Titian
Mary Allyn Watson
Judy Wilson
Jim Wogstad
Kay Wogstad
22 Valero Energy Volunteers

Book Cellar Summer Book Sale Best Yet!

Pat Konstam

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 Budget, see page 7.

BookCellar
Booklovers’ Bargain Basement

Community Budget Hearings

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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 Swaney, 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 9–1 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!). The

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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 participants 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 1, will be shown and discussed.

A book sale is scheduled for October 11–13. Publicity will include WOAI, the website 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 Kreusch, 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.

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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 successful.

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

In Honor of: Megan Gregor DeAnne Coltrane

In Memory of: Prof. Charles Myler Lenore Karp Ruth Mann Edith S. Speert

Sheila Figueroa

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 Gandera 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

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Branch Leaves, 
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popular. The new multi-
media projector, which 
was provided by the 
Friends, made the Sum-
mer 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 sort-
ing through many excel-
 lent donations of books 
for our next book sale. 
In addition to the usual 
exciting selection of fic-
tion, nonfiction, art 
books, cookbooks, and 
craft books, we have a 
forty-volume encyclope-
dia 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 Member-
ship Meeting and Elec-
tion of Officers will be 
held on Saturday, Octo-
ber 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 Anto-
nio Public Library Foun-
dation will speak.

Joan Hildreth

North to Alaska—Cathy Dean Visits Libraries in Alaska

Homer, Alaska

Help Support Homer’s Newest Renewable Resource!

You can support your library by remembering the three “R”s:

- Reuse—plastic or cloth bags for book bags.
- Recycle—books and magazines at book sales.
- Renew—your Friends of the Homer Library (FHL) membership or join today!

FHL supports the library as a renewable resource by providing free programs for all ages, recycling books through book drives, and providing volunteers for other local events.

Find out more about our programs or how you can support FHL at www.friends homerlibrary.org or stop by the Homer Public Library and see what’s up on your library today.

Friends in Homer, Alaska, connect to their library.

Homer Friends have several sale shelves in the cen-
ter of the library.

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

Joan Hildreth
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**

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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 speak, 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

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
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.
In 1991, as 67-year-old Sala Garncarz 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.

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.

To the Book Cellar and everyone else who donated books and DVDs.
Richard O. Morales
President, Collins Garden Friends

To Joe Valadez, Lupita Siller-Escobedo, María 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.
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 ☐ New Member
☐ Dual (Adult) $ 25 ☐ Renewal
☐ Individual (Teen, Ages 13-18) $ 5
☐ Patron (Per Person) $ 50 Branch Group ______________________________
☐ Contributing (Per Person) $100 Additional Donation $____________________
☐ Life (Per Person) $250 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

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<tr>
<th>Income</th>
<th>Budget</th>
<th>May/June 08</th>
<th>FOSAPL YTD</th>
<th>Groups YTD</th>
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<tr>
<td>Book Cellar Sales/Group Book Sales</td>
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<td>Donations</td>
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| 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   |            |            |
| 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      | $100.00|            |            |
| Various Branch/Group Purchases              |        | $16,639.31 |
| Mail Box                                    | $100   | $52.00     |            |
| Newsletter Prep/Editing                     | $1,800 | $300.00    | $800.00    |
| 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**

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<th>Accounts</th>
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<td>Checking Account</td>
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<td><strong>Total Assets</strong></td>
<td><strong>$185,184.92</strong></td>
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<td>Branch-designated Funds</td>
<td>$86,215.01</td>
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<td><strong>Total Liabilities</strong></td>
<td><strong>$86,215.01</strong></td>
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<td><strong>OVERALL TOTAL</strong></td>
<td><strong>$98,969.91</strong></td>
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### Branch Funds

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- 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: $1,415.00
- 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!**
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

**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.