



From the President



Dear Friends,

Energy, enthusiasm and eloquence have been the defining elements of the Friends, over the past two months:

- Thanks to those of you who spoke at City Council meetings or wrote to your Councilperson in support of the Library's 2010 budget: **we did** make a difference.
- The New Membership Envelope Committee (**Ronnie Retzloff, Pat Mendiola, Claudia Kohler**—chair, and I) collected good ideas from Friends' groups from near and far, and **Jim Wogstad** designed a modern and "friendly looking" envelope so that we can capture a record number of memberships during 2010.
- I took advantage of the Grand Opening of the Mollie Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School to solicit new Friends (and admire the architecture of the cool new library!).
- Principally funded by FOSAPL, the "Back to Basics" Staff Development Day offered talks by City Manager **Sheryl Sculley**, Director of the San Francisco Public Library **Luis Herrera**, and choices of sixteen classes (during one of which I spoke about how staff can help community members to start and maintain a Friends group).
- **Denise Barlow** demonstrated her commitment to initiating a new Friends of the Great Northwest Branch by providing prizes for charter members who signed up at the day-long "15th Anniversary Party" of the branch.
- **Evelyn Bonavita, Bruce Gill, Anne Long, and Linda Arronge**—chair carried out celebration of the literary and musical gifts of **Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.** and **Tom Masinter** at the Arts and Letters Awards. Refreshments provided by Los Bexareanos, a division of the Texana/ Genealogy Friends group were artistically delicious! Thanks to **Beth Graham** (SAPL PR czar) for her help in publicizing the event on the Library's web page.

Finally, we owe a big "Thank You!" to **Mary McAfee** for having served as the SAPLings courier — she picked up 800 newsletters from the printer, folded them, and took them to the Bulk Mail center (along with homemade goodies as bribes for quick delivery!) every two months for the past six years. **Linda Nairn** has volunteered to take over that job from Mary and we offer her a heartfelt "thanks" in advance.

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara

The Arts & Letters Awards Go to . . .

Linda Arronge

The Arts and Letters Committee is happy to announce the winners of the 2009 Arts and Letters Awards, **Tom Masinter** and **Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.**

Our Arts Award goes to **Tom Masinter**. Mr. Masinter is a nationally certified teacher of music and has taught at Trinity University. He received instruction in voice, organ, harpsichord, clarinet, saxophone, guitar, and recorder and serves as music director at several area churches. In great demand, Mr.



Masinter performs at society parties and at the McNay Art Museum. He has also been music director at the Plaza Dinner Theatre, Haymakers, San Pedro Playhouse, and the Josephine Street Theatre and has performed at the San Antonio Public Library.

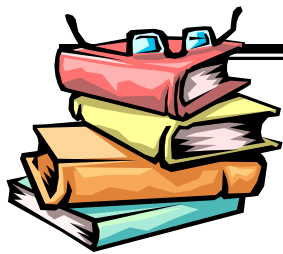
Son of symphony and jazz musician father and vocalist mother, Tom Masinter was raised in New Orleans where he began performing music professionally at the age of fifteen. The next year he was composing and cutting his first record. Mr. Masinter attended Trinity University in San Antonio where he spent much of his time composing music for theater department plays and musicals while earning a degree in Geology and Music Composition and an MA in Musicology with a minor in Speech and Drama. He is esteemed as a music teacher, and his piano studio was featured on a PBS episode of *Heritage*. His latest musical, *Gone To Texas* won the ATAC Globe Award for Best Original Score and has had four productions, including a highly popular staging at the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo. Mr. Masinter's musicological interests led him to become one of the premiere piano restorers and historians in the Southwest. Stories on his work have appeared in *Piano Guild Notes*, *San Antonio Homes and Gardens*, *Texas Highways*, *Reed Organ Society Bulletin* and other publications. His home is filled with antique pianos, harpsichords, organs and other musical instruments.

This year's winner of the Letters Award is **Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.** Dr. Almaraz is a professor of history at UTSA and has written award-winning books. An active member of the Bexar County Historical Commission and the Texas Historical Commission, he has motivated and inspired thousands of students.

Dr. Almaraz, received a B.A. and an M.A. from St. Mary's University and a Ph.D. from the University of New Mexico. Dr. Almaraz's teach-



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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
September 20, 2009

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 by President **Nancy Gandara**. The roll was called. Those present were **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Linda Nairn, Sheila Figeroa, Denise Barlow, Evelyn Bonavita, Shirley Coleman, Shirley Davis, Dolores Huber, Claudia Kohler, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Robert LaCaff, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzloff, Robbie Rupert, Evanleen Schmueckle, Cathy Dean, and Rowena Rogers.**

Mary McAfee moved and **Evelyn Bonavita** seconded that the minutes be approved as printed in the *SAPLings*. It passed.

President's Report – **Nancy Gandara** reported on the recent budget passed by the City Council. We regained \$275,000 for books and materials and some extra money for maintenance.

Library Board President's Report – **Jean Brady** was unable to be at the meeting.

Treasurer's Report – **Judy Wilson's** report is included. She said that about \$40,000 was spent on summer reading programs for the branches. Also, \$75.00 was spent for brochures that were passed out at the budget hearings.

She mentioned that Guaranty Bank—which is the bank we use—has been bought-out by Compass Bank. Thus, going forward, Compass Bank will be our bank.

The report was approved and will be filed for audit.

Library Administration – Report by **Kendra Trachta**, who stated that the Library would regain \$275,000 in the final Budget. Trachta also an-

nounced that library hours are changing effective October 1. Hours of operation will vary according to location; however, all libraries will remain open on Sundays. For most branches, Sundays draw the highest volume of traffic.

Library branch managers and computer service technicians have been hired ahead of an impending hiring freeze. Positions for eight computer service technicians have been created. The new computer team will install and maintain computers at all San Antonio library branch locations. She also reported that **Beza Becica** left the Library \$500,000 in her will in June 2008. The interest will be used to purchase books and materials.

The Mission area Library is on track for spring of 2011. The Mission Library would like to keep the original Old Mission Theater marquee. Restoration of the original theater marquee is currently underway.

Opening of the Molly Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School is set for October 10.

The Library Foundation – **Sarah Swinney** reported that the Foundation will celebrate the Born to Read program at the Pearl Stables on Saturday, October 3.

BookCellar Report – **Aaron Konstam** reported the AB Books owner **Alex Price** donated sixty vectors of books. They will be at the Cellar and at a warehouse at Gevers on the South side. Each library branch can pick up as many as twenty boxes of books for their sales. They do not get to pick and choose boxes. They get up to twenty boxes as is.

Membership – **Claudia Kohler** reported that we have

856 members. New membership notices will go out in October for 2010.

She also presented a sample of a new envelope for the membership renewal. It was designed by **Jim Wogstad**.

Sue Ratliff moved to accept it, and **Aaron Konstam** seconded the motion but no vote was taken.

New Directory – **Robert LaCaff** reported that the new directory is about 90% done. It should be out soon.

Arts and Letters – Report by **Anne Long**. Awards will be presented at the Central Library on Sunday, October 25, at 2 p.m.

FOSAPL Budget Committee – They will meet Tuesday, October 12, at Ed Cody Library.

Sales Taxes – **Nancy Gandara**. We discussed the \$5,500 that Friends of The Library had spent on taxes from book sales. We are currently considering whether each branch should be responsible for its own taxes rather than FOSAPL covering the whole amount.

After speaking to the State Comptroller, we have learned that having branches or chapters means that each branch may be entitled to hold two, 24-hour sales without paying sales tax each year. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** of the Texana-Genealogy Group brought the information to our attention. There were also questions from library branches about the daily sales of paperbacks and t-shirt sales. More research will be done, and a follow up article will be included in the *SAPLings*.

At 4:05, the meeting was adjourned by President **Nancy Gandara**.



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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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 <awoods005@satx.rr.com> 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., San Antonio, TX 78238.



Brook Hollow

RAIN! In all its glory and never more welcome! Rain was even predicted for our fall book sale October 3, which, thankfully, didn't dampen the enthusiasm of the many people who came out and shopped for the wonderful bargains. Estimates are that more than 8,000 books, videos, and audio books were sold during the seven-hour sale; our second greatest in terms of receipts and greatest in terms of numbers of volunteers (26 in all). A wonderful sale, in all respects.

Along with the rain came a welcome break for the Friends (and library volunteers) who've been handling landscape watering chores during the long months of the drought that seemingly wouldn't end.

Activity at our library continues to be heavy, with what seems to be the same number of patrons squeezed into the smaller number of operating hours. Everyone is adapting to the new budgetary constraints, with a mutual goal of continuing the high levels of service for which Brook Hollow is known in our community.

On a personal note, as I prepare to leave the presidency, after four years, I wish to thank all of the Friends, staff and patrons of the Brook Hollow branch . . . a wonderful place in which I have had the honor of serving.

Richard Bowser

Collins Garden

This year's National Night Out featured a moonwalk and piñata, free hot dogs and drinks, the San Antonio Marching Band, face painting, a hug for the library and the 1st Annual Collins Garden Friends book give away sponsored by **Alex and Bennie Price** (AB Book Co.) and **Lori Simpson**. We gave out more than 100 children and adult books along with 30 stuffed animals. Visits by Councilman **David Medina**, Code Compliance, Fire Station #16 and McGruff (the crime fighting dog).

The Collins Garden Friends wish to thank the following for making 2009 a wonderful success: **Gloria Almaraz, Dora Morales, Mary Olga Montez, Lori Simpson, Joe and Rebecca Valadez, Maria Velazquez, Alex and Bennie Price, Robert and Lupita Escobedo, Pamela Longoria** and the C.G. Staff.

Have a safe and outrageously fantastic holiday season from C.G. Friends!

Richard O. Morales

Igo

Fall book sales continue to pad the FIB coffers. **Bev Duran**, Secretary/Treasurer, reported that our day and a half Fall book sale brought in \$2,802. At our last meeting, we congratulated ourselves and talked about the impending tax issues relating to sales by Friends groups that has been brought up by the FOSAPL.

Kathy Claspill, Library Manager, submitted a request for funds to support and enhance upcoming story time and literacy programming. We were able to provide \$460.42 for an all important bubble machine, felt board story figures, book bins, plastic balls, and felt glove figures. **John Igo** made a contri-

but ion to the Friends to add to growing Igo puppet collection. They'll arrive in time to be used on Halloween. Fortunately, Halloween falls on a Saturday this year. The Halloween party on October 31 from 3:00-5:00 will provide all kinds of exciting activities for ages 5-18.

With elections for FIB officers due in December, a nominating committee of **Nelda Kreusch and Irene Scharf** was appointed. A letter will go out to all FIB members asking them to consider running for office and inviting them to the December 5th meeting/party. We've acquired several new members and are eager to get them involved.

To celebrate Igo Library's third anniversary, the FIBBERS will provide refreshments for a party on Saturday, December 5. Since this is the day of our regularly scheduled meeting, we are inviting all FIBBERS to make a special effort to attend our meeting at 10:30 and stay for the party and special programming afterwards. Look for our emails and announcements regarding this special day. All FOSAPL members are invited to attend.

Kathleen McCloskey

Landa

After eight months as interim manager and dividing his time between the San Pedro and Landa branches, **Michael Kaminski** has been assigned permanently and exclusively to Landa Library in Monte Vista. He looks forward to working with the Friends of Landa Library to plan activities that will benefit the branch and continue to enhance this cherished community resource.

Teresa Pennington, Librarian II, will be handling adult programming and we look forward to increasing the

amount of programming in support of art and literature.

Caroline Snider, assisted by **Beatrice Canales**, both Library Assistants, will work on teen programming.

As usual, **Ginger Payne** will be in charge of our juvenile collection and conduct her unique and artful story times and family programs.

Michael Kaminski

Maverick

Maverick Friends' October book sale gave us a few surprises. Over the two days, we had 239 fewer shoppers, or about 41% less than at our April sale. In spite of that, our sales of books and media came down only 23%. Our total sales came to a bit over \$2,250. For the first time we placed a jar for donations beside our cashier and were very pleased with the results, as we received \$30.48 in donations. All in all, it was a successful book sale.

The Friends have been busy spending money as well as making it. We sponsored the prizes for a Family Loteria Night at Maverick on September 30. In October, we sponsored a program of Conjunto folk music and a series of three Tejano dance classes. A holiday open house is being planned for December 12. The Friends will sponsor a holiday concert and craft class during the open house.

Our sponsorship of the Teen Readers' program will continue. Although **Derika Bailey** has resigned her position at the library, she graciously agreed to carry on this program as a volunteer.

In December, we are looking forward to our annual Dutch-treat dinner. Maverick Friends, be sure to watch your email for more information about this festive evening.

Sue Ratliff

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McCreless

With the renovations completed at McCreless Library, another successful Friends book sale was held. A big thank you goes out to **Tom Nemeth** for helping us take advantage of the book donation from **Alex Price** of AB Book Co. The money from the book sale (\$975) allowed us to make contributions to the library. Four books by **Florence Weinberg** about the San Antonio missions were purchased and donated for the library collection. The author's presentation on the uniqueness of San Antonio's five mission system at our last business meeting was well received, and the books are a valuable addition to the library. In addition, departing Library workers were presented with a gift card in recognition for all the help they have given us and McCreless Library.

Coming up is a group field trip scheduled for November 4 to tour the beautiful new library building at Alamo College's St. Philip's College at 1801 Martin Luther King Dr., with lunch on your own. Contact **Anne Long** or **Jill Zimmerman** if you would like to join us.

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

Semmes Friends' fall has been quite busy and marked by bitter sweet and joyful events.

On September 19, Semmes staff, family, and Friends gathered at the library for a potluck party after the library closed. The main event was a celebration of the friendships and service provided by 3 of our departing staff: **Michelle Vinarskai**, **Carrie Vance**, and **Monica De La Cruz**. These three are relocating to Great Northwest Branch as a circulation attendant, Central Li-

brary's Children's section and the maintenance division of City Purchasing, respectively. We are most grateful that the necessary relocations, which were driven by the city budget requirements, ultimately resulted in all library personnel being able to retain positions within the city systems as well as their current pay levels. Though we shall miss these three musketeers, we now have three more sites throughout the city where we have Friends. The potluck celebration was just that, too, as we were able to visit with family members we generally don't get to see. The Friends presented Michelle, Carrie and Monica with engraved bookmarks that will remind them of their friends at Semmes.

On October 3, the Semmes Friends held the fall book sale – another successful event. It is always encouraging to get fellow Friends shoppers during the preview sale and see the line grow outside the library doors just before opening. We had a special treat during this sale, which coincided with a Semmes-programmed event in celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. Semmes staff member **John Segura** (trumpet), joined by **Daniel Segura** (trumpet) and **David Villanueva** (tenor sax) provided lively music for an entire hour during the afternoon, and other staff provided snacks. The library provided a very hospitable venue for relaxation, work, and shopping this day. Now how cool is that?!

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks ushered in the fall season with a new look after a major facelift this summer, which included new carpet, inside painting, parking lot improvements, and a handsome new flagpole. The new

air conditioner, installed in the spring, was especially welcome during the summer's record breaking heat wave.

To complete the improvements, the Friends provided brand new office chairs for the staff.

The Friends also sponsored the library's summer reading program's kickoff party that brought 175 children and parents to enjoy story telling, crafts and refreshments. A big hit were the balloon creations provided for every child by the balloon lady from Balloonamations.

After a successful spring book sale under the able direction of **Ginger Hobbs**, the Friends are looking forward to having another sale November 7. The tables will offer a wider selection of books, thanks to the donation of many boxes of books from **Alex** and **Bennie Price**.

We were happy to welcome librarian **Chris Palmer** back fulltime after some filling in time at the Oakwell branch. We also welcomed two new members to our group. But it is with regret that we had to say goodbye to longtime employee **Dora Farias**, who was transferred to Central Library. Dora was always on hand to help us with whatever was needed and she will be greatly missed.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin at Oakwell

The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell welcome **Dianna Morganti** as the new branch manager. Also, **Elizabeth Thurston** is the new children's librarian. The Friends' would like to extend thanks to **Chris Palmer** for her support while she served as interim director.

Author **Florence Byham Weinberg** is slated to talk about writing historical fiction and the founding of the San Antonio missions at the An-

nual Meeting of the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell set for 2 p.m., Saturday, November 14.

In *Apache Lance, Franciscan Cross*, Weinberg tells the story of the struggle in 1731 to establish three Franciscan missions on the San Antonio River, despite raids by Apaches and other challenges of the early Texas frontier.

New officers will be elected during the meeting. The slate includes **Dan Goddard**, president; **Janet Goddard**, vice president; **Arline Braswell**, secretary; and **Edward Sagebiel**, treasurer.

One new member joined and two renewed during the October book sale, which ranks as our second most successful sale ever. The next book sale at the Tobin is scheduled for February 5–6, with a preview for FOSAPL members from 1–3 p.m. Friday, February 5, and the regular book sale from 10 a.m.–4 p.m. Saturday, February 6.

The Tobin Friends approved a request by **Sherrie Hardin** to purchase trophies for the Wii Bowling League. First, second, and third places will be awarded trophies, and there will be smaller trophies for participants.

Janet Goddard

Westfall

The Westfall Branch Library reopened for service on Tuesday, September 8, following three weeks of renovations. The roof was replaced, parking lot repaired, and ADA upgrades were made to sidewalks and handicapped parking spaces. There is new carpeting and new color coordinated chairs and tables, which really brighten up our library. This \$600,000 project, funded by City of San Antonio Certificates of Obligation, included

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interior painting, restroom renovations, installation of a lighted flagpole, and repainting of the monument sign. On a sad note, during the replacement of the roof, a heavy rain caused flooding and many books were destroyed. Some are out of print and will be hard to replace.

Westfall Friends purchased book shelving for the library and a new couch for the employees lunchroom. Pumpkins were furnished for a pumpkin decorating event. The response was overwhelming, and special thanks go to an anonymous guest who purchased 3 more so that all could decorate. We are appreciative of that generous gift.

Pat Cummins

Maverick's Successful Book Sale



Edith Wah is a remarkable lady. She belongs to both the Westfall and Maverick Friends. If there is work to be done, you can count on her to be there doing whatever needs to be done.



Board of Directors Nominations

As it stands today, almost all directors whose terms are expiring in 2010 have agreed to be nominated for another two-year term. The nominees for the 2010–2012 term are: **Robbi Ruppert, Pat Konstam, Dolores Huber, Shirley Davis, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Pat Bjornson, Robert Mason, and Dorothy Smith.**

Nominations are still being accepted, and if anyone is interested, contact **Bruce Gill** at 210-404-9336 or mbg38@att.net or **Mary McAfee** at 210-694-0505.

Important Renewal Information for 2009

- Please provide an email address
- Note: there are new ways to volunteer
- Life members, please return the envelopes so your branch will get their credit/dollars
- Your new cards will be sent by bulk mail in January (to save postage \$\$)

Siddie Joe Johnson Award

The Children's Round Table annually recognizes the professional achievements of one of our members by bestowing the Siddie Joe Johnson Award.

Named for **Siddie Joe Johnson**, a Children's Librarian and Coordinator of Children's Services for the Dallas Public Library for many years, the Award recognizes an outstanding Texas Librarian and member of Children's Round Table who works with children from preschool to eighth grade and who has been active within the last twelve months. Siddie Joe Johnson was a published poet and author, as well as the recipient of awards from the Poetry Society of Texas and the Texas Institute of Letters. She was also honored by the American Library Association for her work in children's library service.

Outstanding/innovative programs, exemplary job performance, proven leadership ability, service in professional organizations, an active role in the community, support of parental involvement and interaction with colleagues in libraries beyond their own district or system are factors considered when evaluating nominees.

The nomination process requires submission of the official application, which is available through the TLA website: <http://www.txla.org/html/awards.html>.

Supporting documentation is limited to 5 pages and may include letters from colleagues and employers as well as examples of work, news articles, publicity, previous commendations, etc. A letter of support from an immediate supervisor is also required.

The recipient will be honored at the 2010 Texas Bluebonnet Award Luncheon at the TLA Annual Conference in San Antonio, Texas. Last year's recipient was **Jacqueline Bridges-Shepherd** from West Elementary School in Arlington.

This award is a great way to recognize the outstanding work children's librarians are doing in our public and school libraries. Please consider nominating one of your colleagues (or yourself) for this high honor.

The deadline is January 29, 2010.

From the Library Director

It's a new budget year!

As it did for most City of San Antonio Departments, the slow economy had an effect on the Library's Fiscal Year 2010 budget—we did see an overall decrease in funding between the Fiscal Year 2009 Adopted Budget and the Fiscal Year 2010 Adopted Budget. Please be assured that the cuts to the Library budget occurred only after a careful review of several possible avenues, and repeated consultation with the Library Board of Trustees.



However, there was also some good news. Thanks to the support of all our stakeholders (including the Friends of the Library) and the efforts of Library Board Chair Jean Brady, City Manager Sheryl Sculley, and the Mayor

and City Council, \$275,000 was restored to the book budget after a one-time \$500,000 appropriation had been removed.

Other good news includes the new branch library schedule. By rearranging the branch public service hours we were able to save significant funding while scheduling every branch to be open seven days a week, a service enhancement that many patrons had requested. Although this necessitated elimination of some staff positions, I am happy to report that the employees in those positions were offered other employment opportunities, either within the library, or with other departments in the City. Additionally, even though staffing levels were reduced, the restructuring of the public service hours means that the staff-to-service-hour ratio actually increased.

The change in service hours for the Texana/Genealogy Department at the Central Library spurred some lively discussion. Again, I want to assure you that this decision, like the other budget decisions made this year, occurred only after serious consideration of all the possible options. A study was made of actual Texana/Genealogy customer traffic over a two-week period to determine the days and hours of heaviest usage so that a schedule could be created to accommodate the greatest number of patrons. Savings were achieved through the elimination of three positions in that unit, two librarians and one library aide. Fortunately, vacant positions in other areas of the library were available for those staff members to step into.

Other new developments include a materials recovery contract to help the Library achieve a higher rate of on-time return of checked-out items, as well as collection of fines and fees. All Library customers who might be affected by this new program have been informed individually, by e-mail, telephone, or U.S. Mail, and given a 60-day grace period to make arrangements to clear their accounts. As stakeholders in the Library, you are all aware of how important it is that everyone in the community has equal access to Library resources, and we believe that this new initiative is an important step toward ensuring that equality of access.

In summary, while there have been changes—and change is always difficult—I believe that the Library is on the right track, still positioned to continue to have a positive impact on our community. With your support, we will continue to make a difference. Thanks for all you do.

Ramiro Salazar

New Library Service Hours

All San Antonio Public Library branches with the exception of the Bannwolf Library at Reagan High School and the new Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School will adopt a new seven-days-per-week service schedule beginning Thursday, October 1. The new library service hours will be:

Bazan, Brook Hollow, Forest Hills, Great Northwest, Igo, Johnston, Landa, Las Palmas, McCreless, Pan American, Thousand Oaks and Westfall

Monday	12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
Tuesday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Wednesday	12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
Thursday–Sunday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Carver, Cody, Collins Gardens, Cortez, Guerra, Maverick, Memorial, San Pedro, and Semmes, and the Tobin Library at Oakwell

Monday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Tuesday	12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
Friday–Sunday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

Texana/Genealogy

Sunday–Monday	Closed
Tuesday	12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Thursday	12:00 noon–8:00 p.m.
Friday–Saturday	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

School year public service hours for the Bannwolf Public Library at Reagan High School

Monday–Thursday	4:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.
Friday	Closed
Saturday–Sunday	10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

General public service hours at the Central Library will not change

Monday–Thursday	9:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m.
Friday–Saturday	9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday	11:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

BookCellar After-Thanksgiving Clearance Sale

ALL BOOKS AND MEDIA HALF-PRICE

Huge bargains on gifts for family, friends, and yourself

One week, Monday, Nov. 30–Sunday, Dec. 6
11 a.m.–3 p.m. every day,
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BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

Gift shopping at the BookCellar is even better than usual this year because the store has thousands of new, not pre-owned, publishers' overstock books donated by a local dealer. Selections include popular fiction and a wide range of non-fiction for adults, most priced at \$1.00 a book. These new arrivals are displayed on tables for easy browsing, with additional books unpacked daily.

The books were donated by **Alex Price** of AB Book Co., a local online bookseller who was closing a warehouse. Special thanks go to Mr. Price and to volunteers **Tom Nemeth**, **Arturo Titian**, **Carlos Valdes**, and **Richard Morales** for moving almost 1,000 boxes of books from the warehouse.

Other gift possibilities at the BookCellar are dolls and purses crafted from books, CDs, books on tape, videos, LP records, and nice books for children. For ideas and inspiration, lots of books on holiday crafts, food, decorating and traditions are available.

All regularly priced hardback adult fiction, including new arrivals, continues to be on sale on a buy-one-get-one-free basis through November. That means two for \$1.00. In January the sale category will be books in the 300 Dewey Decimal series.

Diane Prickett has been elected to the BookCellar Committee to fill the vacancy created by **Pat Brown's** retirement.

The annual Volunteer Appreciation Lunch for the people who keep the store



going is scheduled for November 11.

Lucille Teeter and **Linda Arronge** are handling arrangements.

The BookCellar will be closed on Sunday, November 15, because the Rock 'n' Roll Marathon will limit access to Central Library. It will close for the Thanksgiving holiday on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, November 25–27. Because of Central Library repairs, the store will not be open at all between December 12 and January 3. It will reopen for business on Monday, January 4, 2010.

Great Northwest Celebrates 15th Anniversary



Denise Barlow (above) and **Nancy Gandara** (left) manned the FOSAPL table at the celebration, offering prizes for those who signed up as charter members. Guests were entertained by dancers from Kazamba Drum and Dance Group.



¡Tamalada!

“Wrap Up” the Holidays with the San Antonio Public Library!

On Saturday, November 21, Bolner's Fiesta Products, Burras Finas Productions, Mex-Sales Company, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, and the San Antonio Public Library will celebrate a nine-year new tradition—¡Tamalada!

On November 21, San Antonio families are invited to the Central Library for their own tamalada! **Sandra Vásquez** of Mex-Sales Company, inventor of the Más Tamales Masa Spreader, will present two tamal-making classes, one from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and one from 12:00 noon to 1:30 p.m. After a discussion about the tamalada tradition, the kids will have a chance to get their hands in the *masa* and see what making tamales is all about. The sessions are free and open to the public, but class capacity is limited and admission will be by ticket only. Tickets may be picked up at the Central Library 2nd-Floor Reference Desk while supplies last.

Following the hands-on tamal classes, at 2:30 p.m. kids and parents are invited to the Central Library Auditorium for a free viewing of the hilarious bilingual play *Las Nuevas Tamaleras*. A comedy that can be enjoyed by English-speakers and Spanish-speakers alike, *Las Nuevas Tamaleras* follows the adventures of three modern Hispanic women as they try their hands at making tamales for the first time.

This preview at the Library is free and open to the public. However, seating is limited, and admission will be by ticket only (two tickets per patron for the class and two for the play.) Beginning Monday, November 9, tickets will be available at the Central Library 2nd-Floor Reference Desk, while supplies last.

One hour of free parking is available in the Central Library parking garage with a validated ticket. For more information, the public may call (210) 207-2500.

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ing and research reflects an engagement with processes within Hispanic communities. His main teaching areas include: The Spanish Borderlands, Texas, Colonial Latin America, Imperial and Modern Spain. In recent publications, such as *Knight Without Armor: Carlos E. Castañeda, A Biography of a Mexican-American Historian*, Dr. Almaraz examines the lives and contributions of transnational historical figures. Over the course of a career that spans more than four decades, don Felix (as he is respectfully known) has stamped his name on

Texas history as an author of award-winning books and essays, as an ambassador for the profession, and as a winner of numerous awards and honors, many of them bestowed upon him by historical and learned societies abroad. His most recent and significant grants include a 1994 President's Distinguished Achievement Award, an Excellence in Research award in 1988, and a Senior Fulbright Lectureship in the Republic of Argentina. He is former president of the Texas State Historical Association and of the Texas Catholic Historical Society.



Dr. Felix Almaraz, Jr., and Nancy Gandara



"Let Us Entertain You." Tom Masinter (center) with fellow musicians Travis Trevino and Sherry Gibbs Houston



Evelyn Bonavita and Roy and Arline Braswell



Delicious refreshments were provided by Los Bexareanos, a division of the Texana/Genealogy Friends group.

Semmes Held Successful Book Sale and Said Goodbye to 3 Staff Members



Semmes staff, family, and Friends gathered at the library for a celebration of the friendships and service provided by 3 of our departing staff: **Michelle Vinarskai, Carrie Vance, and Monica De La Cruz.**

McCreless Said Goodbye to 3 Staff Members

McCreless bid a sad farewell to **Angel Gonzales, Joe Brown, and Tricia Masterson**, who were reassigned to other SAPL and City positions.



Grand Opening of Molly Pruitt Public Library

A ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the grand opening of the Molly Pruitt Public Library at Roosevelt High School was held on Saturday, October 10, at 5110 Walzem Road. The Pruitt Library, a partnership of the North East Independent School District, the City of San Antonio, and the San Antonio Public Library, will provide library services to the public during non-school hours.

Following the official ribbon cutting, the festivities continued throughout the day with activities such as face painting, readers' theatre, electronic gaming, family crafts, and refreshments.



Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** chats with a guest at the grand opening of the Molly Pruitt Public Library at Roosevelt High School

"We are thrilled to be opening this joint-use library in honor of long-standing board member **Molly Pruitt,**" said **Dr. Richard A. Middleton**, NEISD Superintendent of Schools. "Just as Molly devoted her time and effort to this community, we are happy to bring new library services to this area." School-year hours for the new library will be:

- Monday - Thursday - 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
- Friday - Closed
- Saturday - Sunday - 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

The Pruitt Library, built in the newly renovated Roosevelt High School, will offer a broad collection of books and media similar to that found in a standard San Antonio Public Library branch. Patrons, however, will also find the added collection and technology benefits found at all NEISD high school libraries. Approximately 9,400 items have been added to the Pruitt collection by the public library. Anyone with a valid San Antonio Public Library card may access the resources and services of the new library, as may anyone eligible to use NEISD library services.



City Council District 2 Board Trustee **Gloria Malone** with Pruitt Library namesake **Molly Pruitt**, former NEISD Board Trustee



~~ Honors, Memorials and Gifts Form ~~

Honor a loved one, family or friends with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions, or a "just because." Doing so can also be a wonderful, thoughtful and lasting way to honor the memory of relatives or friends. If you like, add a brief note about the recipient of your honors on the back of the form. No donation now? Save the form for future use.

<p align="center">I would like to make the following donation of</p> <p align="center">\$ _____</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> In honor of <input type="checkbox"/> A special event Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of </p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>	<p align="center">Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>
<p align="center">Please fill out the form, make your check payable to Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and mail the form with check to: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246</p>	<p align="center">My name and address is:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p align="center"><i>~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~</i></p>



~~ Library Friends Membership Application ~~

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is a non-profit organization which supports the Public Library System of San Antonio through volunteer service, cultural and educational activities. The Friends give financial assistance to fund the continuing improvements of Library facilities and programs, and serve as a conduit through which gifts and memorials go directly to your library. Membership in the Friends is open to all.

<p align="center">Personal Information:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Unlisted <input type="checkbox"/> Do not publish</p> <p>EMAIL Address: _____</p> <p align="center">I'm Interested In:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Book Sales <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity and Communication <input type="checkbox"/> Committee Service <input type="checkbox"/> Staff Appreciation Events <input type="checkbox"/> FOSAPL Board of Directors <input type="checkbox"/> Political Advocacy <input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteering in the Book Cellar </p>	<p align="center">Select Membership Type:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Adult) \$ 15.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Dual (Adult) \$ 25.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Individual (Teen, Ages 13-15) \$ 5.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Patron (Per Person) \$ 50.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Contributing (Per Person) \$ 100.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Life (Per Person) \$ 250.00 <input type="checkbox"/> Business \$ 25.00 </p>
<p align="center">Please fill out the form, make your check payable to Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and mail the form with check to: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Membership Committee P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246</p>	<p> Membership Status: <input type="checkbox"/> New Member <input type="checkbox"/> Renewal <input type="checkbox"/> Desired Branch Group: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Apply Donation to: _____ </p> <p> Membership Dues Payment: Additional Donation \$ _____ Total Enclosed \$ _____ </p> <p align="center"><i>~ Your Membership Dues and Donations are Tax Deductible ~</i></p>

Treasurer's Report

August 31, 2009

Submitted by **Judy Wilson**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

	Budget	FOSAPL July/Aug	FOSAPL YTD	Groups July/Aug	Groups YTD
INCOME					
BookCellar sales/ Group book sales	\$ 73,000.00	\$20,429.24	\$ 53,640.91	\$ 1,009.05	\$35,063.61
Donations	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,515.00	\$ 929.00	\$ 5,179.50
Interest	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 119.39	\$ 574.37		
Membership	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 115.00	\$ 7,875.00	\$ 40.00	\$ 3,265.00
FOSAPL Income	\$ 93,000.00	\$20,663.63	\$ 63,605.28		
Assets to be used during 2009	\$128,775.00				
Branch groups income				\$ 1,978.05	\$43,508.11
EXPENSES					
Accounting	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 165.00	\$ 425.00		
Arts and Letters	\$ 400.00				
Bank charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 59.00		
BookCellar Expenses					
Advertising	\$ 1,000.00				
Book sale(s) expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 42.70	\$ 195.97		
Commodities for resale	\$ 500.00	\$ 188.14	\$ 751.72		
Equipment and maintenance	\$ 2,500.00				
Internet and software	\$ 100.00				
Printing and copying	\$ 100.00				
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$ 500.00				
Salary and benefits	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 1,180.00	\$ 4,436.50		
Volunteer appreciation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 41.92	\$ 712.36		
Gas & box tape for book donation to BC		\$ 174.98	\$ 174.98		
Branch group operating expenses				\$ 636.59	\$ 3,008.21
Bulk mail	\$ 1,500.00				
Directory 2009-2011	\$ 3,000.00				
FOSAPL Committee expenses	\$ 100.00		\$ 19.93		
Friends recognition	\$ 100.00				
Insurance (bonding)	\$ 125.00				
Library Support					
Programming for public	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 20,000.00		
Staff development and training	\$ 45,000.00		\$ 29,025.00		
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no fund amount				
Various branch group purchases				\$ 10,615.68	\$39,331.98
Mail box	\$ 75.00		\$ 27.00		
Membership recruitment	\$ 1,000.00				
Newsletter prep/editing	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,200.00		
Newsletter printing	\$ 2,800.00		\$ 996.99		
Office supplies	\$ 600.00	\$ 82.09	\$ 472.94		
Parking	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 991.50	\$ 3,871.60		
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 58.80	\$ 266.47		
President's expenses	\$ 350.00		\$ 100.00		
Sales tax (BookCellar & branches)	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 1,979.14	\$ 5,527.48		
Seed money for new groups	\$ 300.00		\$ 100.00		
"Show me the Money" program	\$ 400.00	\$ 94.33	\$ 94.33		
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$128,775.00	\$ 5,306.60	\$ 68,457.27	\$11,252.27	\$42,340.19

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$ 57,453.20
Guaranty Money Market Gold Account	\$ 37,921.90
Guaranty Checking Account	\$ 14,993.28
Certificate of Deposit (4% APY) matures 11/07/09	\$ 75,000.00
Total Assets	\$ 185,368.38

Branch Designated Funds (-) **(\$104,336.16)**

Net Assets for FOSAPL Use **\$ 81,032.22**

Branch and Special Interest Group Funds, August 31, 2009

Bazan	\$ 1,745.16
Brook Hollow	\$ 7,448.52
Carver	\$ 3,366.29
Cody	\$ 7,619.94
Collins Garden	\$ 394.72
Forest Hills	\$ 3,787.16
Guerra	\$ 4,726.80
Igo	\$ 3,581.30
Johnston	\$ 1,319.69
Landa	\$ 465.00
Maverick	\$ 2,128.51
McCreless	\$ 3,461.11
Memorial	\$ 4,513.47
Tobin at Oakwell	\$ 19,220.24
Semmes	\$ 5,868.17
Texana/Genealogy	\$ 18,720.77
Thousand Oaks	\$ 6,655.04
Westfall	\$ 5,658.43
Writers (currently inactive)	\$ 3,645.84

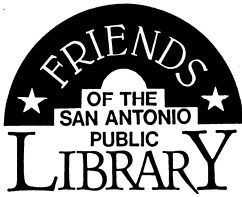
Las Palmas (no group formed) \$ 5.00
San Pedro (no group formed) \$ 5.00

Total Group Funds **\$ 104,336.16**

QUIGMAN'S



"So I take it you haven't seen much action around here since the whole Internet thing?"



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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| Nov.7 | Westfall Friends Book Sale |
| Nov. 7-8 | Guerra Friends Book Sale |
| Nov. 15 | FOSAPL Board meeting at McCreless Branch |
| Nov. 15 | BookCellar closed for Rock 'n' Roll Marathon |
| Nov. 25- 27 | BookCellar closed for Thanksgiving |
| Nov. 30-Dec. 6 | BookCellar Half-Price Super Sale |
| Dec. 12 - Jan. 3 | BookCellar closed for Central Library repairs |
| Jan. 17 | FOSAPL Annual Meeting at Central Library |
| Feb. 5-6 | Tobin @ Oakwell Book Sale |

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500
Guerra Library
7978 Military Drive W, 78227
210-673-1492
McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-532-4254
Tobin at Oakwell Library
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
210-828-2569
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.

Bazan Library
2200 W. Commerce St., 78207
210-225-1614

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

Carver Library
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220
210-225-7801

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

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

Collins Garden Library
200 N. Park Blvd, 78204-2434
210-225-0331

Cortez Library
2803 Hunter Boulevard, 78224
210-922-7372

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

Great Northwest Library
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-684-5251

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

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

Johnston Library
6307 Sun Valley, 78227
210-674-8410

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-732-8369

Las Palmas Library
515 Castroville Road, 78237
210-434-6394

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

McCressless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-532-4254

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-432-6783

Pan American Library
1122 West Pyron Avenue, 78221
210-924-8164

Reagan High School Public Library
20730 Huebner Road, 78258
210-482-2200, ext. 370
210-482.2222 (fax)

Roosevelt High School Public Library
5110 Walzem Road, 78218

San Pedro Library
1315 San Pedro, 78212
210-733-1454

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

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

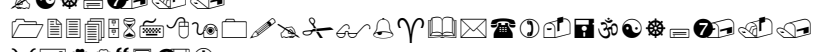
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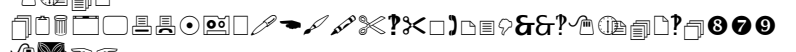
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