



From the President



Dear Friends,

I'm sure you know there are currently 23 branches of the San Antonio Public Library, plus the Central Library. But did you know that there are three *more* branches in the planning stages?

Earliest to open (August 2009) will be the new library that has been built at the existing **Roosevelt High School**, at 5110 Walzem Road (District 2). Specifically constructed to serve both students and the community, this library will be a fully functioning branch expected to be open to the public for hours comparable to our other branches.

The **Mission Branch Library** (permanent name yet to be determined by the Library's Board of Trustees) will be built at the site of the former Mission Road Drive-in (District 3). The firm of Kell Muñoz is designing the 16,400 sq. ft. branch, whose architecture will relate to its neighbor, Mission San José. Funded through 2007 Bond funds and Certificates of Obligation, current plans are for the library to open late next Fall.

Finally, community meetings with neighborhood stakeholders have been completed for a new 15,000 sq. ft. branch at the corner of Wilderness Oak and Settlers Valley (District 9), in the **Stone Oak** area. Design will be done by Marmon Mok Architecture, using funds from the 2007 Bond and Certificates of Obligation. Look for this branch to open in late Fall 2010, too.

And library staff has been busy planning already-funded renovation projects for Central, Cortez, McCreless, and Memorial. The current and anticipated needs of all locations were studied by the architects and engineers of Debra Dockery Architects, who will soon present an assessment that covers the next five years, with priorities and cost estimates in a "Facilities Assessment Study."

It's good to know that our library system is growing into new areas, but also that our current facilities are being enhanced or will have their needs addressed in the future. As these new branches form Friends' groups, welcoming them into FOSAPL will be like that Girl Scouts' song, "Make new friends, but keep the old: one is Silver and the other, Gold."

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara

Book Cellar Summer Book Sale June 18-21



The Friends of the Library's big 2009 Summer Book Sale will be held Thursday evening, June 18, through Sunday, June 21, at the Book Cellar and adjoining patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad.

The Thursday evening event will be a Preview Sale from 4–7 p.m., open only to FOSAPL members and people who join FOSAPL at the door. This will be your opportunity to get first pick on books and media while sampling elegant refreshments.

The sale will open to the public Friday morning, June 19. Sale hours will be 9 a.m.–4 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m.–4 p.m. Sunday.

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Arts & Letters Committee Seeking Nominations

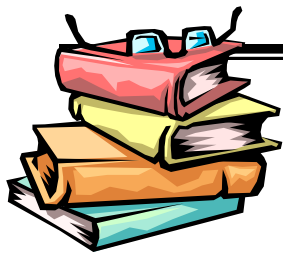
The Friends of the Library are currently seeking nominations for the annual Arts and Letters Awards. The Awards are presented each year to recognize and celebrate achievement by local individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the Arts or Letters. The person can be an artist, writer, musician, educator, or entertainer who has dedicated and devoted her/his talent in his chosen field to enrich the culture and spirit of San Antonio. The deadline for nominations is July 1, 2009. The Awards ceremony will be Sunday, October 25, 2009.

Please mail nominations to Arts and Letters Nomination, c/o Book Cellar, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, TX 78205.

Library Honors Volunteers and Champions

The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees honored library volunteers and winners of the 2009 Library Champion Awards at a reception Sunday morning, April 19, at Central Library. The Library Champion award recognizes individuals and community organizations for their substantial involvement with the Library system, or for their contribution of time, talent or resources that results in the enhancement of library service in San Antonio. The San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees created the Library Champion Awards in 1996 to honor such notable contributions to the Library system.

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting

March 15, 2009

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

President **Nancy Gandara** called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. The group was welcomed to Cody Library by Cody Friends President **Carol Van Cleave**.

The roll was called: **Nancy Gandara, Bruce Gill, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Linda Nairn, Sheila Figueroa, Evelyn Bonavita, Jackie Fremming, Dolores Huber, Claudia Kohler, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Robert LaCaff, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzloff, Robbi Rupert, Evanleen Schmueckle, Ann Tobin, Cathy Dean, Rowena Rodgers**.

There being no corrections or additions to minutes of the January meeting, they were approved as published in *SAPLings*.

President's Report – Nancy Gandara reported that she attended Library Board and Library Foundation meetings. She also participated in Texas Library Association's Legislative Day in Austin on February 25.

Gandara announced Arts and Letters Committee names: Chair, **Linda Arronge**; members **Anne Long, Evelyn Bonavita, and Bruce Gill**.

Treasurer's Report – Judy Wilson. Donations were made in memory of **Mike Sexton** and **Jessica Cox**, and a \$200 donation was made to Maverick Library. **Robbi Ruppert** will lead the audit of 2008 reports.

Denise Barlow of the Great Northwest Branch inquired about distribution of her dues, stating there was no GNW entry on the report to

reflect that group's \$5 portion of her dues. It was explained that since GNW is not affiliated with FOSAPL, her membership was placed with Guerra, the branch where she submitted her dues. The January-February report was approved with that correction.

Library Board – Jean Brady, Board Chair, presented a letter she had submitted to the *Express-News* in which she discussed the results of a survey commissioned by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. The survey of Bexar County residents found that the overwhelming majority of citizens value and are quite willing to support public libraries. Brady voiced a desire to request that a portion of the funds garnered by the proposed 1/8-cent tax be allocated to the San Antonio Public Library. Thanks were extended to those who traveled to Austin for Legislative Day.

Brady also reported that Councilman Clamp (District 10), Councilman Rodriguez (District 7), and Scholastic Books are supporting the "One in a Million" campaign. The "One in a Million" campaign should work through the schools. District 8 and District 3 have been challenged to register 30,000 new library card members each.

Brady stated that the Board has not given up on the Library District Campaign but are also looking at other options. As the library faces budget cuts, they are seeking additional sources of funding (i.e., revenue from the proposed 1/8-cent tax). These

revenues will be sought after by several groups including parks, police, and transportation.

Library Administration – Kendra Trachta proposed a myriad of ways to bolster the "One in a Million" campaign. The campaign would like to have cards passed out in schools. Prizes could be offered as incentives to encourage students to become library card holders. **Ronnie Retzloff** offered to talk to school PTAs. An extra incentive to sign up new library members came from Ann Tobin of Tobin at Oakwell Library. Tobin has offered to donate \$1 for each new member.

Trachta reiterated the need to support the sales tax. Without additional funding, the library may be forced to cut back hours of operation. Budget cuts may also decrease money for materials and books.

Opening of the Roosevelt library, located on the Roosevelt High School campus, will be delayed. At this time, there is no closing date set for remodeling McCreless Library. The library is working on plans for Mission Library in District 3 as well as Stone Oak Library in District 9. The libraries are currently known by geographical location, as they have yet to receive more permanent community names. Names have already been submitted for the Mission Library, and the Stone Oak Library is currently accepting suggestions.

The library will have a new website as of March 17, 2009: www.mysapl.org. **Troy Tolman**,

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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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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.



Branch Leaves

News from
Branch Libraries

Brook Hollow

What-a-Sale! Saturday, March 28, began with a long line outside the library waiting for the doors to our book sale to open . . . and the crowd never let up! By the end of the day, twenty-eight Friends who had helped with the book sale were exhausted, but with a justifiable feeling of accomplishment. We had set new records, both in sales and in Friends participation.

Pat Bjornson again directed the book sale, and her many years of experience showed in planning, organization, set-up, operation, and even in the take down and wrap-up. It was an outstanding sale, in all respects.

Other activities underway include spring preparations for landscaping and a committee headed by **Sylvia Griffin**, to find a new kitchen table and chairs, which will complete remodeling of the library staff kitchen. We are also looking into possible use of wide screen TVs for movies and youth game activities. It is a busy and exciting year for the Brook Hollow Friends.

Richard Bowser

Cody

Our Book Sale was held on April 18–19. **Judy Malter** and **Lynette Poss** were in charge of setting up for the book sale this time. And we only had two days and fewer people, but Cody Head Librarian **Hayley Latshaw** and her staff pitched in, which made

all the difference. Thanks to everyone who worked so hard. Special thanks also to **Lynette Poss** who comes so far every week, and does so much. I can't name everyone, but we have an incredible group of volunteers, and we brought in the most money ever.

April 25th marked the 25th Anniversary of Cody Library. The official celebration started at 9 a.m. **Ed Cody** and his wife **Carlita** were present and were honored. Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** spoke to the occasion, as did Councilwoman **Diane Cibrian**, and there was a variety of events.

The 25th was also the last day for our much-loved **Trina Smith**, Children's Librarian. She recently earned her degree in Library Science and was promoted to the position of Librarian II, Children's Services at Memorial Branch. We'll miss her and her lovely voice very much. She's the only librarian in town who can make a perfect public announcement without a microphone.

In June we had our usual reading program with incentives to draw the kids in to reward them, and to make reading fun. Among our fun events for the kids we had the Drama Department from Clark High School in a performance of "Goldilocks."

Carol Van Cleave

Collins Gardens

The Collins Gardens Friends have purchased a 32" HD LCD Viore Television for the Collins Garden Branch Library. The television will be used for various programs: Movie Nights, YA programs, Juvenile programs and Summer programs.

I would like to thank all the Collins Garden Friends for their hard work during our

Book Sales in 2008 that made this TV purchase possible.

Richard Morales

Forest Hills

Forest Hills is hosting the VITA income tax preparation program in our meeting room from January 15 through April 15, 2009. Forest Hills displays for March and April include The Big Read: *Fahrenheit 451*; Worlds Connect; Career Center; Poetry Month; National Library Week; Women's Month; Humor Month; The Alamo; and U.S. Presidents. We have an art display by artist **Elizabeth Goode** entitled Women in Veil Series. Forest Hills is a distribution point for Federal Tax Forms. Forest Hills also began the RFID program and has completed the preliminary tagging of the materials. Our thanks to the temporary worker **Dora Ramirez** for her diligent tagging work. Central Facilities picked up the two tagging machines on April 8, 2009. Self checkout equipment should be delivered very soon.

April 6 – Forest Hills hosted the meeting of Keetowah, an Indigenous education group, attended by 7 individuals.

April 11 – **Frank Rodriguez** was the discussion leader when the members of the Contrarian Viewpoints Book Club met to discuss the book *Silent Spring* by **Rachel Carson**.

April 14 – The Thunderbird Hills Neighborhood association held a meeting at Forest Hills.

April 16 – The Big Read book discussion will be *Fahrenheit 451* by **Ray Bradbury**.

April 17 – The History of San Antonio Book Club met to discuss the founding and history of Mission San Antonio de Valero and general policies during the mission period.

April 21 – Forest Hills hosted the Ronald McDonald program, Be One in a Million.

The Children's Area is expecting a new carpet that was furnished by the Friends of the Forest Hills Library. The carpet has been approved and is expected to be delivered before the start of the summer.

The story time before Easter Sunday had story time kids and guardians gluing flowers and little chicks onto a big poster board. It was a big hit with all who participated!

Johnnie Spraggins

Igo

Snakes in the Igo Library? Don't be alarmed, this will happen ONLY on July 16. In fact every Thursday in June and July there will be some new exciting and informative program at the Igo Library for children.

The kick off for the Children's Summer Program on June 11 is a Pirate theme (sorry, but is this not timely?). Put these dates on your calendar, tell friends and family, and come on over, bring those kids and grandkids. Programs range from the Rainforest Sanctuary, butterflies and frogs to a Magik Theater presentation about the Isle of Igo. Come participate in the Mad Scientist Alley, the Treasure Island Scavenger Hunt, and the fabulous Teen Puppet Show. Check out the listings by month on the Igo web page for further details. We hope you all attended the Living Library on April 18 and "checked out a book." The Fibbers' last book sale made it possible for us to help make these programs even more special than they usually are.

Speaking of book sale, we had a fabulous turnout and made \$3,178! While we agreed that the half day on Sunday was worth the time and effort, opening early for

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VP of operations for Rackspace, will teach the staff about networking tools.

Trachta emphasized that City money received from the stimulus package must create jobs. Library Administration has proposed that stimulus funds be allocated to construction and remodeling of various library branches. There is currently a hiring chill where each job must be approved before advertising. The City Manager asked for a 2% reduction for the remainder of the fiscal year, with requests only for basic or necessary materials. At the same time, usage of SA libraries collectively is up 12%.

Library Foundation – Sarah Swinney. The Foundation has partnered with Scholastic Books for the “One in a Million” and bookmobile campaign.

The Foundation will celebrate the 25th Anniversary of **Sandra Cisneros’ House on Mango Street** on April 3, 5–8 p.m. At 6:30 there will be a reading from *Hair/Pelitos*, activities, hair weaving, and Fiesta medals. There will also be a book signing.

Book Cellar – Aaron Konstam. In March, all adult sports and entertainment books will be on sale. In April, all biographies will be on sale. The big sale will be June 19 through 21. There will be a preview sale on Thursday, June 18, from 4–7 for FOSAPL members only.

The Book Cellar Committee will soon have a mission statement for the Friends of the Library Board.

Membership – Claudia Kohler. Prior to March, we had 917 members. We now have 954 members. Brook

Hollow Library had the most members renew.

Memorials and Donations – Sheila Figueroa. Memorials were received for **Mike Sexton** and **Jessica Cox.**

Newsletter – Cathy Dean. Dean reported that **Mary McAfee** mailed 758 newsletters and that **Linda Nairn** will be taking over distribution of the newsletter.

Arts and Letters Award – Chairperson **Linda Arronge** said the awards are planned for October 2009 at Central Library. Nominations are now open, and the committee will meet in July.

FOSAPL Directory – Robert LaCaff is chairperson for the new directory. He has a budget of \$3,000 and aims to have the work done by July.

Branch News – Many of the library meeting rooms are being used by VITA tax assistance centers, delaying book sales until after April 15.

Igo Library had a 2-day book sale, making about \$3,100. **Maverick Library** is having a book sale on April 18-19. **McCreless Library’s** sale was in progress; **Anne Long** said they made \$711 on Saturday. **Tobin at Oakwell Library** made over \$3,000 on their sale and enrolled 11 new members at their preview sale. They plan to have three sales a year—in February, May, and September.

Semmes Library will have their sale on May 16. **Texana/Genealogy** made \$2,300 at their sale in February.

Eddie Patino reported that Westfall Library has a new manager, **Shirley Chin**, and they will have a book sale in November.

friends to have first pick from the books was not. Slowly we’re learning what works for us and what doesn’t. Again we had help from **Linda Arronge** and **Cynthia Talboys**. Many thanks to them and to the Fibbers who came and sorted, stacked, hauled, arranged, you name it. We are ever in debt to our special Fibber, **Nelda Kreusch**, who makes book sales ever so much easier by presorting for us on a weekly basis. On May 9 from 10-4, we will hold a Mini-Book Sale that will focus on paperbacks.

The Fibbers hosted an Appreciation Luncheon for the library staff on March 23. In addition to a banquet of picnic style goodies, **Nelda Kreusch** was presented with the “Suberb Volunteer” award of an apron that displays the new Igo book bag logo. **Haley Holmes** led us in a Personality Styles – Word Sort that revealed some interesting things about many of us. Other awards went out to all the fabulous teams and staff, and we all received little windmills to honor our special Igo windmill.

The incredible design team at Igo came up with a representation of the Igo windmill, and we now have Igo logo book bags. If you want one, contact one of the Fibbers. The price will be very reasonable as they are a marketing tool. We’re excited about having another opportunity to spread the word about our fabulous library.

Kathleen McCloskey

Maverick

Thanks to a very generous donation from **Julia Orynski Maverick**, trustee of the Maury Maverick Jr. Testamentary Trust, the Maverick Friends have ordered a much needed CD and DVD display. The new unit holds 875 CDs or 625 DVDs and will im-

prove patrons’ access to our large collection.

Our library is always a busy place. Adults can look forward to afternoon computer classes at 2 p.m. on May 11–13, and also from May 15–20. The classes will begin at an introductory level and advance through Microsoft applications including Word and Excel. Call 210-680-9346 for details.

Summer Reading begins June 1 and ends July 31. **Amy Roberts, Stacy Bosquez, and Derika Bailey** are visiting area schools in May to promote Maverick’s programs and encourage use of our public libraries.

Area daycare programs will visit the library in May. Ms. Bosquez and Ms. Roberts will provide story times and help the children learn how to use the library.

Teens, 11–19, can look forward to Summer Reading Program events geared to their interests. Beginning June 4, there will be a teen activity from 3–4:30 p.m. every Thursday. Planned activities range from arts and crafts projects to gaming.

Maverick’s reading groups continue as well. The Wednesday Book Club will discuss *Three Cups of Tea* by **Greg Mortenson** at 7 p.m. on May 13. Ladies’ Choice is reading **Anita Diamant’s The Red Tent** for the 10 a.m. meeting on May 30.

Teens will discuss **J.K. Rowling’s Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince** from 6:30–7:00 p.m. on May 19, and **Tonya Hurley’s Ghost-girl** at the same time on June 16. Remember, free pizza and soda at the Teen Book Club meetings!

Matinee Movies @ Maverick presents “Beverly Hills Chihuahua aka South of the Border” at 2 p.m. on May 30. Free popcorn and soda while supplies last at all Matinee Movies @ Maverick.

A special event is planned for the June 27 Matinee Movie @ Maverick. A character look-alike contest, beginning at 1 p.m., will precede the 2 p.m. Matinee feature, "Twilight." Come in costume for a chance to win a book.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

McCreless Branch Friends have been having successful activities in support of the staff and mission of the library. As reported in the last newsletter, **Evanleen Schmueckle** was recognized for her two years of service as President of our Friends group. Two informative new books on dogs, a subject close to her heart, were donated to the library by the Friends group in her honor. Evanleen, never one to rest on her laurels, volunteered to assist with PR duties to get the word out about McCreless Friends activities. Apparently it helped, because our last book sale was very successful, bringing in \$920 and a good attendance at the event. Book sale funds allowed the Friends to fulfill wishes on Library Manager **Cammie Gunter's** wish list. The Friends group purchased a wi-fi chair for using laptop computers comfortably and conveniently, a CD/DVD cleaner, and a floppy disk drive for the library.

Our current president, **Anne Long**, has been expressing the Friends' group appreciation for the staff by bringing monthly "appreciation treats:" Valentine Day cupcakes, green fruits with cheese and crackers for St. Patrick's Day, and muffins for Easter. The library is scheduled to be closed sometime during the summer to complete the renovation project. So, our next book sale won't be until the Fall. Save your books to donate!

There is *growing* interest in the Spring meeting on May

20 with Master Gardener **Joyce Felter** as our speaker. Please come join us at 6:30 p.m. in the McCreless meeting room to learn from this enthusiastic speaker and meet our four new members!

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

Semmes Friends were delighted to witness the award of "Best Friend" to **Tom Anderson** during the January 18 board meeting and award ceremony. Tom has been our president since the Semmes Friends group was formed over three years ago with the opening of the Semmes branch library. His leadership and enthusiasm have helped us grow into an active and productive group that has bonded well with our library staff, put on some exceptionally successful book sales, and helped showcase the library as a unique community resource. Tom turned over presidential responsibilities to **Judy Wilson** during our January Friends meeting,

but he'll continue to be a vital and inspirational member to our Friends group. Come out on Saturday, May 16, and see how we've managed to keep Tom busy as we present our Spring Book Sale. Until then, you can catch us in our book room sorting the great book donations we continue to receive. See you in May!

Christie Smith

Texana/Genealogy

Friends of the Texana Room met on April 18 for a business meeting, followed by the program, "Fresh Ideas, **William Menger** and his Fascination with Innovation, 1852-1871," by Friends president **Tim Draves**. **Hugh Hemphill** also discussed his books, *San Antonio on Wheels. The Alamo City Learns to Drive*, and *The Railroads of San Antonio and South Central Texas*.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, June 20, 10:00 a.m., in Central Library's Texana Room.

Cathy Dean

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Friends were happy to welcome back librarian **Chris Palmer** after her lengthy recovery from serious bone injuries. She reported on the upcoming programs that will be supported by funding from the Friends, including the Summer Reading Kick-off Party on May 30, which will feature presentations from the Institute of Texan Cultures, a new video game, and refreshments for the Teen Program's weekly game night, as well as several "wish list" items for the library. The Friends hosted their annual luncheon for the staff on April 20.

New officers elected are: President, **Pat Howell**; Secretary, **Celina Dewberry**; and Treasurer, **Pat Peak**. **Ginger Hobbs** will be in charge of the next book sale, scheduled for June 6.

Our library continues to serve the community with its resources and programs as well

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Texana/Genealogy. (L-R) Tim Draves, Hugh Hemphill, and Frank Faulkner, Texana/Genealogy Manager

Brook Hollow Book Sale Big Success



Book Cellar, continued from p 1.

In observance of Father's Day that weekend, fathers accompanied by a child of any age will receive a regularly priced book of their choice Free each day of the sale.

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

Please plan now to come and shop and, if possible, to help with the set-up and the sale. In addition to the four sale days, volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, June 17, to put books on tables and on Monday, June 22, to pack away leftovers.

If you can help during any of the following hours, please call the Book Cellar at 210-227-9519 and ask to be signed up:

Wednesday, June 17,	9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Thursday, June 18,	9 a.m.–7 p.m.
Friday, June 19,	9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Saturday, June 20,	9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Sunday, June 21,	11 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
Monday, June 22,	9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Volunteers receive paid parking in the Central Library Garage and lunch on the three public sale days.

The sale will include children's and young adult books, adult fiction and non-fiction, videos, CDs and books on tape. Most prices will range from 25¢ to \$1. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity to stock up on summer reading material at super-bargain prices. And please come help with the sale.

Pat Konstam

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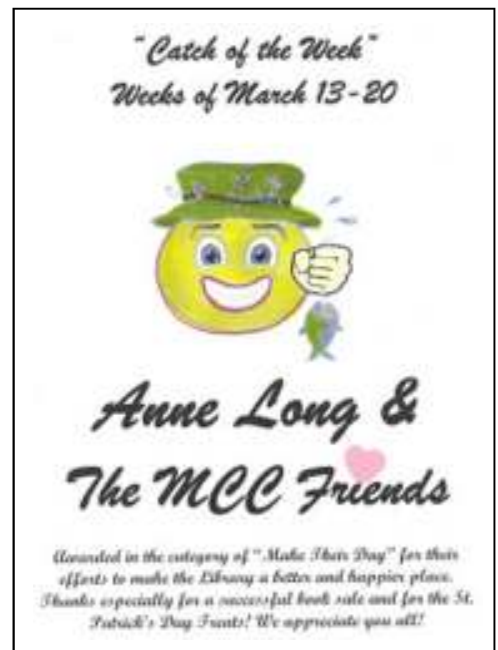


Young Poets Take Flight

For more than 80 years, the San Antonio Public Library has celebrated the talents of the city's young writers with the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition. At 2:00 p.m. Sunday, May 17, in the Hermann Sons Grand Lodge at 515 S. St. Mary's, the Library will present the Awards Ceremony for the 71 young poets selected in the 2009 Young Pegasus competition. Begun by the Library in 1927, the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition is the longest-running such program in the country. It has been a springboard for success in fields ranging from literature to the law. Previous Young Pegasus poets have included such outstanding San Antonians as **Jay Brandon, Henry Cisneros, Naomi Shihab Nye** and County Court-at-Law Judge **Michael Mery**.

Open to children 18 and under, the Young Pegasus Poetry Competition was begun to celebrate Book Week (now called National Children's Book Week). This year among the 1,750 poems submitted for consideration, 86 were selected for publication. The youngest poet recognized is 6 years old.

Poets are invited to submit their work, which is then reviewed anonymously by a panel of judges. Selected poems are printed in an anthology, and publicly read during the Awards Ceremony. The published writers receive certificates honoring their achievement and copies of the anthology in which their work appears. Copies of the anthology will be on sale at the Awards Ceremony, and throughout the year at the Central Library. Cost of the anthology is \$7, and all proceeds support the Library.



McCreless Branch Manager Cammie Gunter creates and posts weekly appreciation flyers in the library. She recognized Friends in March.

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The 2009 Library Champion Award recipients, which include two members of FOSAPL, are:

Frank Hernández: Memorial Branch Library volunteer who organized the branch youth chess club and sponsored the branch's first chess tournament.

Grace Lorton: Thousand Oaks Branch Library volunteer who has served since the branch opened.

Roxane Wise: Guerra Branch Library volunteer who is also a Citigroup employee; her volunteer hours entitle the branch to a \$500 donation from Citi-

group. Guerra received a donation for Ms. Wise's work in 2007 and expects to receive a further donation in 2009.

Linda Nairn: Immediate Past President of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library who was responsible for the formation of nine new branch Friends groups. She has also served more than 700 volunteer hours at the Book Cellar Used Book Store.

Dan Parman: donor of land for the Stone Oak Branch Library.

Dr. Catherine Rainwater: President of Friends of Johnston Branch Library and long-time volunteer who initiated a library service project for her Girl Scout troop.

Mary Spears: former library practicum student at Pan American Branch Library; now a Pan Ameri-

can Branch Library and Central Library volunteer who has amassed a total of 540 volunteer hours in two years despite working full-time.

Andrés Mendez Torres: 90-year-old Bazan Branch Library volunteer who conducts free guitar classes every Saturday. Mr. Torres has volunteered since 1996.

Also receiving awards were the three Library volunteers who amassed the most hours this year, **Paula Parra** (Central Circulation), **Gary V. Martínez** (Westfall Branch Library) and **Thomas Cook** (Central Texana/Genealogy).



Left: Library Champion **Linda Nairn** with **Jean Brady**. Right: Library Champion **Catherine Rainwater**



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as by providing a place for income tax help and for early voting.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Our February Book Sale was another success. Our next sale will be held Saturday, May 16, from 10 to 4 with a preview sale for members of all branches of FOSAPL Friday afternoon, May 15, from 1 to 3 pm. This will be the last sale chaired by **Pat De Pasquale**. **Janet Goddard** will take over this responsibility in the fall. We gratefully accept donations of new and used books and media every day. Think of us as you finish your Spring cleaning.

The staff is enjoying a new refrigerator which was purchased by the Friends, and the tree we planted in honor of **Jim Balogh** is so far surviving our drought. We are looking forward to our annual Staff Appreciation Dinner on Friday, June 5. It will once again be held at The Barn Door Restaurant beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Joan Hildreth

Westfall

Westfall Friends had a meeting on March 28 with representatives from Museo Alameda presenting a discussion on Censorship and the Arts inspired by the Big Read pick for 2009, *Fahrenheit 451*. Friday May 1 at noon, the Friends will be hosting a staff appreciation lunch.

Pat Cummins



*Landa Gardens Conservancy Treasurer and founding member **Ann Van Pelt** (above right) accepts a Library Benefactor Award presented by the Texas Library Association on April 1. The award was bestowed upon the Conservancy at the Library Friends, Trustees and Advocates Luncheon during TLA's annual conference in Houston.*

Tobin at Oakwell Holds Successful Book Sale



The Library Made Me Healthier

*Submitted by **Renee Hermanson***

The March issue of *Woman's Day* magazine featured the stories of four women who said "The Library Made Me Healthier."

One woman found solace in the comforting atmosphere of a nearby library during her husband's hospitalization for a cancerous tumor. A book of poetry she found at that library seemed written just for her and helped her through that frightening experience.

Two women credit books they found in the library's internet catalog with helping them through health crises, one with serious postpartum depression and the other with a life-threatening enlarged thyroid. Their

searches led them to more information than they received from their health care professionals and helped them make informed decisions about their care.

The fourth woman, who is legally blind, used the library's books on tape to complete her degree in social work and to bring "light into the darkness" of her life.

All four women said the friendliness of the library staff was as much help to them as the information they provided about books and references.

Our public libraries can make a difference in people's lives and your support as Friends does make a difference to our libraries.

2009 Summer Reading = Summer Fun for Children and Teens at the San Antonio Public Library

By Beth Graham

Every summer, thousands of San Antonio parents are faced with the same old question: “What do I do to keep my kids busy this summer?” The San Antonio Public Library has the answer: “Get them reading!” At 24 locations across San Antonio, the library will host summer reading programs for children and teens. The library will offer events, crafts, prizes and other fun activities to encourage kids to read a good book.

Children can join the 2009 Summer Reading Club at any library location or online at mysapl.org beginning June 1. They’ll receive a Summer Reading Log and a calendar filled with library programs

designed just for them. When they’ve completed fifteen books, they can bring their Reading Logs back to the library and choose a book to keep for their own.

The library’s summer programming kicks off June 6 and will keep San Antonio’s children entertained with everything from Baby Time to BACK Pack (Books, Activities and Crafts for Kids). In addition to weekly library programs, several special performances are also planned. This summer, Magik Theatre returns to the library with the hit show “If You Give a Mouse a Cookie,” based on the book by **Laura Numeroff**. **Azul Barrientos** will perform songs loved by

generations of children from Mexico and South Texas, from gentle lullabies to rowdy playground rhymes. And **Spikey Mikey**, San Antonio’s favorite magician, brings his bag of tricks back to the library as well.

SummerFest 2009 is slated for Saturday, August 1 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Central Library. This annual extravaganza with three floors full of family-friendly activities marks the end of summer programming for kids. For more information and for a complete calendar of activities,

visit the library’s homepage at www.mysapl.org.

The San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading Program is sponsored by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, CPS Energy, First Book, Scholastic, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, and the San Antonio Public Library.

Teens spend the summer with some real characters. “A Summer with Character” is the theme for this year’s Teen Summer Program, which focuses on graphic novels, comics, and manga. Teens can read or complete other activities to earn raffle tickets, and then turn them in for a chance at cool prizes like a Wii, digital camera, MP3 Player, Twilight book set, and more!

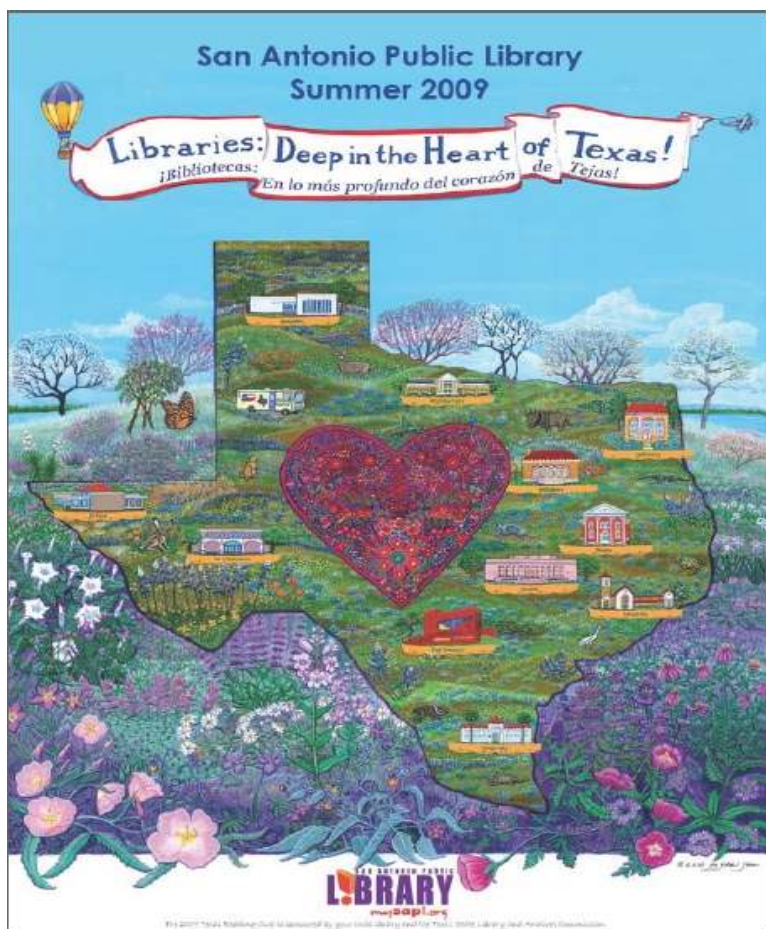
Every week each library branch will host an activity just for teens -



and Central Library will host an activity almost every day this summer—so there’s no reason to be bored! The Teen Summer Program starts June 1 and runs through July 31.

Game Fest 2009 will wrap up the Teen Summer Program on Saturday, August 8, at 1 p.m. at Central Library. There will be wall-to-wall video games on the big screen and pizza for everyone! The event will conclude with the drawing for the winners of the Teen Summer Program raffle. For more information on the Teen Summer Program, or to sign up, go to myspace.com/210teenlibrary or call Teen Services at 210-207-2678.

The Teen Summer Program at the San Antonio Public Library is sponsored by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, CPS Energy, Heroes & Fantasies, San Japan, Barnes & Noble, Amy’s Ice Cream, San Antonio Museum of Art, Academy, javaNook, and the San Antonio Public Library.



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.

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL)



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____ 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.

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

Treasurer's Report

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

February 28, 2009
Submitted by *Judy Wilson*

	Budget	Jan/Feb	FOSAPL YTD	Groups YTD
Income				
Book Cellar sales/Group Book sales	\$73,000	6,871.17	6,871.17	9,184.13
Donations	\$1,500	315	315	3,595
Interest	\$4,500	198.07	198.07	
Membership	\$14,000	6,345	6,345	2,850
FOSAPL income	\$93,000	13,729.24	13,729.24	
Transfer from savings	\$35,375			
Assets to be used during 2009	\$128,375			
Branch Groups Income				15,629.13
Expenses				
Accounting	\$2,000	125	125	
Arts and Letters	\$400			
Bank charges	\$50	3	3	
Book Cellar Expenses				
Advertising	\$1,000			
Book sale(s) expenses	\$200	27.15	27.15	
Commodities for resale	\$500	170.70	170.70	
Equipment and maintenance	\$2,500	525.52	525.52	
Internet and software	\$100			
Printing and copying	\$100			
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$500			
Salary and benefits	\$7,100	1,207	1,207	
Volunteer appreciation	\$1,000			
Branch Group operating expenses				
Bulk mail	\$1,500	180	180	
Directory 2009-2011	\$3,000			
FOSAPL Committee Expenses	\$100			
Friends Recognition	\$100			
Insurance (bonding)	\$125			
Library Support				
Programming for public (all year, all ages)	\$40,000			
Staff development and training	\$45,000			
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL				
Life members	no fund amt.	200	200	
Various Branch Group purchases				8,304.76
Mail box	\$75			
Membership recruitment	\$1,000			
Newsletter prep/editing	\$2,050	600	600	
Newsletter printing	\$2,800	333.91	333.91	
Office supplies	\$600	168.61	168.61	
Parking	\$4,525	893.75	893.75	
Postage	\$300	159.08	159.08	
President's expenses	\$350			
Sales tax (Book Cellar & branches)	\$11,100	945.23	945.23	
Seed money for new groups	\$300	100	100	
Total Expenses	128,375	5,638.95	5,638.95	8,304.76

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	47,740.99
Guaranty Money Market Gold Account	37,613.42
Guaranty Checking Account	48,628.32
Certificate of Deposit	75,000.00
Total Assets	218,982.73
Branch Designated Funds	103,136.25
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	105,846.48
Bazan	1,880.16
Brook Hollow	7,821.08
Carver	2,972.03
Cody	8,152.01
Collins Garden	445.19
Forest Hills	3,929.46
Guerra	3,752.01
Igo	4,289.33
Johnston	1,363.11
Landa	395.00
Maverick	5,182.93
McCreless	3,467.36
Memorial	4,730.76
Tobin at Oakwell	16,566.17
Semmes	3,013.20
Texana/Genealogy	20,290.11
Thousand Oaks	5,445.96
Westfall	5,789.54
Writers (currently inactive)	3,640.84
Las Palmas (no group formed)	5.00
San Pedro (no group formed)	5.00
Total Group Funds	103,136.25

Show Me the Money

Save the Date: Saturday, July 18, 2009
Central Library Auditorium

Fundraising: Apply for grants, use new technology, improve your book sales

Membership: Build and maintain your group

Spending: Project planning, working with library staff, efficient purchasing

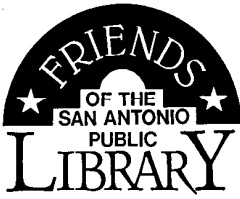
Want to share your ideas? Want to make sure that certain issues are covered? Contact nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net

Medal of Arts Award

By Mary and Charles McAfee

Congratulations to **Ted Fehrenbach** on being chosen to receive one of this year's Texas Medal of Arts Awards from the Texas Cultural Trust. He is a Life Member of the Friends of San Antonio Public Library and has received our Arts and Letters Award. His *Lone Star: A History of Texas* and *The Texans* are necessary reading for our children.

(Ed: See www.txculturaltrust.org/tmaa for more information on Mr. Fehrenbach and the award.)



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 9	Igo Mini-Book Sale, 10-4 (focus on paperbacks)	Central Library 600 Soledad Street, 78205 210-207-2500
May 11-24	Memorial Closure (new shelving installation)	
May 15-16	Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale. Preview sale for FOSAPL members, Friday, 1-4. Saturday, 10-4	Forest Hills Library 5245 Ingram Rd., 78228 210-431-2544
May 16	Semmes Spring Book Sale	Igo Library 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249 210-561-6113 (also TTY)
May 17	FOSAPL Board Meeting, Forest Hills, 2 p.m.	Semmes Library 15060 Judson Rd., 78247 210-650-9540
June 6	Thousand Oaks Book Sale, 9-3	Thousand Oaks Library 4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233 210-657-5205
June 18	Summer Book Sale Preview for FOSAPL members, Book Cellar, 4-7	
June 19-21	Book Cellar 3-day Summer Book Sale	
July 18	Show Me the Money, Central Library	Tobin at Oakwell Library 4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209 210-828-2569
July 19	FOSAPL Board Meeting, Semmes, 2 p.m.	

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.