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From the President



Dear Friends,

City Manager **Sheryl Sculley** will present the Proposed Budget for FY 2010–2011 to the members of the City Council on August 12, and you can search www.sanantonio.gov/budget/ after that date for information about how her recommendations will affect the libraries.

We all know that the recession has made balancing next year's budget especially challenging, but our political representatives really do want to know the taxpayers' priorities—and it may be necessary to show our support for a better Library budget. Be on the alert—we may have to rally, and if so, I will be using the email addresses that we have collected as well as working through the officers of the Friends groups to notify you of opportunities to advocate on the Library's behalf.

At this time, we do not know if there will be reductions to the Library's Operating Budget that could affect current staff, service hours or library resources. Cuts to these areas will diminish services for patrons of all ages --- services on which our users rely for information, education and recreation. Libraries have to be open in order to get the most benefit from the taxpayers' investment in computers, books, materials, and programs.

We also know that many Capital Budget projects need to be implemented at older branches because of years of lack of funding and deferred maintenance. Some libraries need repairs to bring them "up to Code"; others need replacement of building systems (such as heating & cooling, plumbing and electrical systems); all need security cameras, and safety systems. Investing in the repair and maintenance of the existing buildings should be as high a priority as opening new branches.

The plea to avoid budget cuts and "keep us growing" is a message that the Library Board of Trustees believes is memorable, understandable, and motivational.

There will be individual City Council District Community Budget Hearings between August 16–27, and a Public Hearing in the Council chambers will be held on August 31. Be sure to attend one of those meetings: thank your councilperson for his/her support, state which library you use the most, identify yourself as a Friend of the Library, and make a passionate request to "keep our branches growing!"

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara

BookCellar Tent Sale July 8–11

Pat Konstam

The Friends of the Library's 2010 Summer Book Sale will be held Thursday evening, July 8, through Sunday, July 11, at the BookCellar and adjoining patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad.

The Thursday evening event will be a Preview Sale from 4–7, open only to FOSAPL members and people who join FOSAPL at the door. Members will get first pick on books and media, and refreshments will be served.

Advertised this year as the Annual Tent Sale, the sale will open to the public Friday morning, July 9. Sale hours will be 9–4 on Friday and Saturday and 11–4 Sunday.

Big sales are major fundraisers for the Friends and attract scores of new customers to the BookCellar. Sales are organized by the Friends BookCellar Committee but require a wider circle of workers than the regular BookCellar volunteer staff alone.

If you are able to help with the sale, please call the BookCellar at (210) 227-9519 and ask to be signed up. In addition to the four sale days, volunteers will be needed on Wednesday, July 7, to put books on tables and on Monday, July 12, to pack away leftovers. Volunteers receive paid parking in the Central Library Garage, a discount on purchases and lunch on the three public sale days.

On Monday, July 12, branch Friends representatives can pick up leftover books for branch sales if they come to the BookCellar between 9 and 11 (the earlier the better if you want to choose the books).

The sale will include children's and young adult books, adult fiction and non-fiction, videos, CDs, audio books and LP records. Most prices will range from 25¢ to \$1. Paperback romances will go for 10¢. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this great opportunity to stock up on summer reading material at bargain prices. And please come help with the sale.

BookCellar Committee

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
May 16, 2010

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

The Friends of the Library meeting was held on Sunday, May 16, 2010, at Bazan Branch Library. The meeting was called to order by President **Nancy Gandara**. The roll was called by **Linda Arronge**, Friends of the Library Secretary. The minutes appeared in the *SAPLings* and **Jackie Fremming** moved and **Pat Pasquale** seconded that the minutes be approved. It passed.

Nancy Gandara thanked the members for the condolence notes sent to her after the passing away of her mother-in-law.

President's Report—**Nancy Gandara** reported that she attended a celebration after a renovation at Cortez Library. Also, she was present at an Advocacy meeting at Central Library and the Board of Trustee Champions Awards. The Texas Library Association met in San Antonio, and she attended. She was present at a Carver Library function to celebrate 80 years. The person who checked out the first book at Carver was also in the audience. In May, she attended the Reading Rally at Mission San Jose.

Treasurer's Report—**Judy Wilson** presented the Treasurer's Report of February 28, 2010, (which had been unavailable for the Board meeting of March 21) and the Treasurer's Report of April 30, 2010. Each report showed an amount of approximately \$5 accruing as income during the two months prior; that was a discount for paying sales tax on time, and is listed as "FOSAPL INCOME, Other (sales tax discount)." **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** asked if this was from sales at a particular branch but **Judy Wilson** said it was from all the branches.

She said in April sales at the BookCellar were hurt by the construction at Central.

She also discussed the matter of Insurance. This will cover business owners—it is

liability in case we are sued. It also covers the Cellar Manager and is a secondary for the volunteers. She is still working on the bonding.

She paid \$1,000 to the Foundation for the Mayor's Summit as FOSAPL's sponsorship contribution. She pointed out that, although the Treasurer's Reports show a good amount of "Donations" have been received, the bulk of the funds received (\$1,439 by April 30) were a donation from the Texas Society of the Daughters of 1812 for the purchase by SAPL of cemetery records.

Mary McAfee moved and **Sue Ratiliff** seconded the motion that we approve the reports and send them to audit. It passed.

Library Board President Jean Brady was unable to attend, as she was at the Young Pegasus Award ceremony.

She did send a report, which noted that if the Council were to decide to fund no new projects, there would probably be sufficient funding for current Library services. There is, however, a very long list of city-wide requests for new funding. She also noted that the Board was looking forward to the Library Summit, and hoped that it would showcase new ideas and highlight SAPL and its value to the community. Building repairs at Central Library are on track, and will be appreciated when finished next spring.

Library Administration—**Katherine Donellan**, Interim Assistant Director, reported that on Tuesday, May 18, the Council will have an all-day session to set preliminary funding priorities. The City's Five-Year Financial Forecast will be presented in May, and meetings will be held in June with the City Manager to review service delivery plans related to the goals identified by the City

Council. **Pat Konstam** asked how the extra \$25,000 given by FOSAPL during 2010 was going to be used. Donellan said that it would be used for publicity and marketing. **Aaron Konstam** said that there should be signs that directed traffic to the Library. She said that there were signs on the Augusta St. side, but none on Soledad St., and she would try to get signs for that side.

Library Foundation—**Sarah Rice** reported that the Foundation received the \$1,000 from the Friends for the Mayor's Summit. She had attended the Reading Rally at Mission Library. **Jose Oroasco** was a very popular entertainer at the Rally. The Foundation is continuing to prepare for the Mayor's Summit. Then, they will move on with the Summer Reading Program. Another event will be funded by the Tobin Fund. The Page to Stage will partner with Shakespeare in the Park. The new Foundation web site will be www.sapl.org. It should be up in a few weeks.

BookCellar—**Aaron Konstam** reported that the Patio will not be available until after July, due to Central Library construction. We will have our Big Sale Friday, July 9—Sunday, July 11, with the Preview Sale on Thursday, July 8, from 4–7. Volunteers are needed to help set up and work during and after the sale.

The BookCellar Committee is considering selling "Groupons." A person can sign-up at www.groupon.com. We have also joined the City's recycling system.

Membership—**Claudia Kohler** said that we have 816 members. We have 141 new members for 2010. Gandara asked that Board members check the membership enve-

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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 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 or Word file. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods, awoods005@att.net. Printed articles and original photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Branch Leaves

News from
Branch Libraries

Cody

Cody Library had their "Spring Book Sale" on May 8 & 9 (Mother's Day weekend). We were very pleased with the turn out.

A brand new sealed set of The Great Books of the Western World was donated to Cody Library by a very generous patron. During our Spring book sale, it was sold in a silent auction type of bidding for \$140. Two proud grandparents bought the set as a gift for their grandchildren and their whole family was present to help carry the huge carton of books home! It was an inspirational event to witness that the reading of great literature is still alive and well in America.

Cynthia Talboys

Collins Garden

The Poetry Program was a great success. We had 36 participants. C.G Friends donated the money for the refreshments. A special thanks to **Heidi Novotny**, for all her hard work.

C.G. Friends have purchased a new microwave for the use of the C.G. Library staff.

Our next Friends meeting will be on July 27 at 7 in the C.G. meeting room. This gathering is open to the public.

Richard O. Morales

Cortez

On May 29-30, Cortez had their first book sale. We made about \$700 including donations. We want to thank Tobin, McCreless, the BookCellar,

Forest Hills, and Westfall for all their help. We were able, with the help of the Cortez family, to plant grass around the Library. There was a rededication of the Cortez Library on June 9. We have also formed a book club, which will meet once a month.

Linda Arronge

Forest Hills

The Friends of Forest Hills had a successful book sale on June 12. The library is providing lunches for children Monday through Friday.

Johnnie Spraggins

Igo

Igo's summer program began on June 5 with a ventriloquist. Other programs are a magician and exotic animal show. The FIBBERS are proud to support these programs for the Igo Branch. High attendance is expected as usual. Mugs with an Igo logo on them will be handed out to those who complete the adult program.

The Igo parking lot and grounds will be undergoing maintenance, and repairs will be made to the building. Work on the old smoke house has not yet begun, but is anticipated. **Councilman Williams** has responded to requests to replace the Library directional signs on Hausmann Rd. that were taken down. With Kyle Seale Road not going through in a southward direction from 1604 across Hausmann, people frequently are confused as to just where the library is. We will email thanks to him individually.

We have scheduled our Fall book sale for Saturday and Sunday, October 9-10. While discussing the book sale dates, two issues were brought up, the need for additional tables for use during book sales and the need for additional promotional signs. Even though the directional "LIBRARY →" signs

are up, we still need sturdier signs advertising our book sales. If anyone has had success with a particular kind of sign, we'd appreciate knowing cost and place of purchase. The good news is that we can afford both signs and tables, and there is time to purchase both before the sale.

Fibber **Larry Purkey** took many boxes of books that we had left over from our last sale to the Great Northwest Library for their sale that was currently in progress. We were pleased to be able to assist other libraries in their fundraising efforts.

We will not meet again until August 7 as our regularly scheduled meeting date for July falls on July 3. Hope to see you then as we need to begin planning further for New Member Recruitment activities.

Kathleen McCloskey

Maverick

The Reading Express roared into Maverick Library with a kick-off party on June 7. Maverick Friends provided refreshments for the party. The fun continued with The Magic Express on June 9. Summer Reading is off to a great start.

On June 21, our group held a potluck. Member **Donna Hogan** arranged for the use of the clubhouse at Braun Station West. The potluck replaced our July meeting.

We are already planning our next book sale, which will be on October 16 and 17. During the summer we will meet several times to sort books in preparation for the sale.

Maverick Friends hope everyone has a great summer!

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

Please join us at the next general meeting on Monday, August 9, at McCreless Library. Refreshments will be served at 5:30, and the meeting will start

at 6. Our guest speaker will be **Susan Hughes**, Executive Director of Green Spaces Alliance of South Texas. She will provide information and instruction about wildscaping techniques to provide a hospitable and sustaining environment in your yards for birds, lizards, toads, spiders, caterpillars, butterflies, beneficial insects, and mammals. Creating a backyard habitat by replacing part of the lawn with native plants not only benefits wildlife, but is less expensive and easier to maintain.

The May book sale started off our summer events, raising \$700 in additional funds to support library services at McCreless. A big shout out of thanks to all the wonderful Friends of McCreless members who tirelessly worked during the sale. **Tom Nemeth** delivered 67 boxes of leftover books to the new Friends Group at Cortez Library for their very first book sale, and theirs was a big success too. A special

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Do You Live Online?

Do you want to be notified when each new issue of *SAPLings* is available online?! Be part of a pilot project that may improve your enjoyment of *SAPLings* (see photos in color!), give you speedier news, and save FOSAPL printing costs. Look for an email from FOSAPL requesting that you subscribe to receive the *SAPLings* electronically. Then when issues of *SAPLings* are posted to the Library website, you will be notified with the link, and you can immediately access it.

thank you also goes to Friends member, **Mary Gallagher**, for her donation of a brand new microwave oven to the library staff at McCreless. This was on the library staff wish list, and the Friends group was going to purchase one, but that money can now go for some other item on the wish list.

The next McCreless Friends board meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 2, at 2 at McCreless. Please join us for our next general membership meeting on Monday, August 9 at the McCreless Library meeting room to learn more about wildscaping and catch up with the latest SAPL and McCreless Friends news.

Jill Zimmerman

Memorial

The Library invited the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Dance Group (which the Amigos paid for) to our Cinco de Mayo event (*see photos on p. 8*). Almost 50 people of ALL ages attended. Our library is so small, many patrons had to stand the full hour.

We also held an Oyster Bake parking fundraiser in April. As in the past years, we were full within an hour, even after we raised the price to \$15.

Also, we want to thank our new Business Amigos members: Starbucks in Ingram Mall, El Torreon Restaurant, Padilla's Store, and Valero gas station, all on Culebra Road. We want to acknowledge Mireles Ice House and Chase Bank for their past grant donations.

Dolores Zamarron

Semmes

Semmes Friends had a special treat at our April meeting when friend **June Esparza** joined us and told us about her book publishing adventure. Her vision and creative spirit

for being an author have grown over the past 10 years with the last five years being the most productive. June published her first book, *Tiny Seedlings*, last year. *Tiny Seedlings* is the first of 3 books in a fantasy trilogy, "The Trees of Etainia," suitable for all ages. The stories are about 5 tiny tree seedlings searching for their purpose. June says that everything is alive in the books and there is even some healing. The Friends really enjoyed her stories about her book signing tours. Her first trip was to her home town of Dubuque, IA, and the library she grew up reading in. June published her book herself, and offers workshops for those who are interested in the publishing process. Check it out at www.jasperstone.net.

Through book sale proceeds, the Semmes Friends have been able to replace Wii games that had been stolen from their storage closet as well as purchase additional games. We also supported the library by supplying funds for art supplies for activities for National Older Americans Month, materials for a book repair workshop, musical instruments, display cases, felt boards and shelving for children's programs, and gift cards for the library staff to provide refreshments for the Summer Reading and other special programs.

Christie Smith

Texana/Genealogy

At the Institute of Texan Cultures FolkLife Festival, 57 volunteers helped the Friends of Texana/Genealogy provide more than 1,300 families with certificates describing the origins of their surnames. The three-day effort, coordinated by **Sylvia Reyna** and **Deborah Countess**, provided a platform

for promoting research in the Texana/Genealogy Department.

Timothy Draves

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Friends had a very successful book sale in June. Thanks to the many helping hands under the direction of **Ginger Hobbs**. Along with our earnings, there are other rewards for our efforts. For example, at this most recent sale, longtime Friend **Ivy Durnell** recognized a young girl, about six years old that she noticed at our sale two years ago. "I remember watching that little four-year-old standing there and reading like an expert, and now she is still buying books to read!"

In addition, the proceeds from our sales are supporting the very successful Teen Program, the Summer Reading Party and other needs in the library.

Treasurer **Pat Peak** reports that our treasury also benefits from the ongoing paperback sale in the bookcase near the library entrance, with an average of \$100 a month collected there.

We are exploring ways to attract more people to our group and to encourage and involve members who are not active.

Our prayers and good wishes go to our Friends' President **Pat Howell**, whose husband was hospitalized after a motorcycle accident and subsequent surgeries. Although his status is improving, he is facing a long recovery.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell hosted a dinner for the Tobin library staff and their spouses on June

4 at the Barn Door. Great conversation, good food, and many laughs were shared among the staff and Friends board members. All staff members received HEB gift cards, and six peace lily centerpieces were raffled to the staff. Thanks to **Joan Hildreth** for heading up the organizing committee for this event.

Our May book sale was a success, and it brought out new volunteers to help with the sale. The tireless efforts of our Friends group ensure the success of these book sales. Thanks again! The books remaining after the sale were given to the newly formed Friends of Cortez Library for their first book sale. The next book sale at the Tobin Library at Oakwell is set for Oct. 1-2.

Janet Goddard

Westfall

Westfall Branch's June 5 book sale was very successful. We had so many members and volunteers to help that I cannot name them all but do so appreciate all the hard work and many hours contributed. A special thanks to **Valerie**, a member of the Westfall Teen Club, who worked all day Friday helping set up for the Saturday sale.

A very special thanks goes to the custodian, **Joseph Douglas**, who has been a valuable employee and really helpful carting all the boxes for this sale and also for sales in 2009. This year, since the library was closed on Thursday due to the power outage, he worked extra hard bringing more than 100 boxes in for our sale. Friday, June 4, was Joseph's last day at Westfall as he was transferred to Landa Library. He will truly be missed.

Pat Cummins

Mayor Registered Daughter for Summer Reading

As champion of the Mayor's 2010 San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading Program, Mayor **Julián Castro** kicked off this summer's activities at the Central Library on June 7. He was joined by his wife **Erica Lira Castro** and their daughter, who will be registered for her very first Summer Reading Club.

Mayor Castro emphasized the importance of students continuing to read during the summer: "Studies indicate that young people who do not read during summer vacation experience a substantial reduction in reading skills. It's important to help them continue to progress in their education, and showing them that reading is fun is a great way to do that." Noting that parents are a strong influence on their children's reading habits, he continued, "It needs to start at birth – my wife and I read to our daughter every day."

Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** expressed gratitude for the Mayor's



support. "The Mayor and Mrs. Castro set a great example for the rest of the community. We appreciate his adoption of the 2010 Summer Reading Program, and his support for community education and literacy."

The San Antonio Public Library Summer Reading program will run through July 31. Children and teens may sign up online at www.mysapl.org or in person at their local libraries. Each participant who finishes the program will receive a book to keep. Along with reading, the Library offers free activities for children and teens throughout June and July. A complete schedule of events is available on the Library's website or at any San Antonio Public Library location.

Sponsors of the 2010 Summer Reading Program include Mayor **Julián Castro**, District 1 City Councilwoman **Mary Alice Cisneros**, District 6 City Councilman **Ray López**, CPS Energy, the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, Frost Bank, Scholastic, and Project WORTH/City of San Antonio Health Department.

Beth Graham

Semmes Held a Successful Book Sale



The Mayor's Summit on Libraries: Lessons Learned



From May 19 through May 21, the world came to San Antonio as the Mayor's Summit on Libraries brought together speakers from Birmingham, England; Seoul, South Korea; Shanghai, People's Republic of China; and

Medellín, Colombia, to describe how their libraries provide sup-

port for business, workforce development, health, arts, and technology services. Summit organizers sought to expose local political, business, and library leadership to innovations in the role of libraries around the world, with a focus on fostering economic growth by better utilizing technology.

Summit presenters included the Office of the Mayor, the San Antonio Public Library; the San Antonio Public Library Foundation; the Transatlantic Cities Network of the German Marshall Fund; the East Asia Institute at the University of Texas at San Antonio; the City of San Antonio International and Economic Development Department; and the Free Trade Alliance San Antonio. In addition to the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, sponsors included the John and Florence Newman Foundation, the Bexar County Commissioners Court, the Urban Libraries Council, **Bill Salomon, Dan Jacob, Eugene Ames III, Dennis Martínez**, the Southwest School of Art and Craft, and The Wood Agency.

Summit attendees learned how the Central Library in Shanghai played a key role in the development of Expo 2010 Shanghai, and about Birmingham's downtown library, which is the lynchpin for the community's redevelopment efforts. Participants also learned how Medellín, Colombia, uses its network of libraries as hubs to deliver internet access, health information, and

cultural opportunities. Finally, two speakers from South Korea showed off that nation's new digital library, the Dibrary, created to drive technology literacy and economic development. In each case, local leaders and professionals were excited to hear from their counterparts in other countries and eager to understand the similarities – and differences – in the cities' economic, demographic, and cultural contexts.

Over the three days of the Summit, three different audiences were targeted. On Wednesday, May 19, almost 150 librarians and library stakeholders from San Antonio were able to hear the speakers' presentations in person and ask questions about the library experience and community needs in each of the four cities. Thanks to the Urban Libraries Council, an afternoon webinar made the same experience available to library staff in more than 70 cities across the United States.

Thursday's program began with a presentation for those working in the high-tech and creative economies. Educators, artists, architects, entrepreneurs, and technology professionals enjoyed an informal buffet breakfast and a question-and-answer period with the international guests. This session was followed by a luncheon for economic development professionals, business leaders, and business students, at which the presenters emphasized the economic development impact each library has had on its community and how libraries are part of their communities' economic development strategy.

On May 21, the speakers attended a breakfast for key

community and business leaders. Direct results of this meeting included broader awareness of the role of the San Antonio Public Library, and a renewed interest in providing wider access to technology for local populations. Finally, the Library Foundation hosted a luncheon for an audience of more than 120 current and potential library supporters, focusing on how San Antonio can learn from and adapt these innovative buildings and programming ideas from around the globe.

What did we learn? First, that libraries around the world are reinventing themselves to remain relevant and valuable to their communities. It is essential that libraries take a hard, critical look at the services and resources they provide as compared with what their communities require. The San Antonio Public Library is already doing so with its Community Needs Assessment.

Second, we learned that libraries must communicate their relevance and importance with the public and with decisionmakers and opinion lead-

ers so that libraries can assume an integral role in the development and improvement of their communities. A marketing effort now underway for the San Antonio Public Library will address this need.

Finally, we learned that, once we know what our community needs, we must plan carefully so that we can meet those requirements and provide the support our area needs in such areas as reading readiness and early literacy, adult literacy, college readiness, career development, and economic growth. We are now in the early stages of a strategic planning process to ensure that we are ready to help our community grow in ways that will contribute to sustainable success now and in the future.

I have seen over and over again how the opportunities offered by libraries can change lives. In uncertain economic times, libraries become even more important. The Mayor's Summit on Libraries confirmed my belief that libraries will be even more necessary as our community looks ahead.



Tobin Branch manager **Didi Morganti** and husband **Andrew** are all smiles at the staff appreciation dinner hosted by the Tobin Library at Oakwell Friends at the Barn Door on June 4.

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar's big event in July is our annual three-day sale, billed this year as a Tent Sale in recognition of the canopies used to protect thousands of books on Central Library's basement patio. Details of the July 9–11 sale and the July 8 Members Preview are on page 1.

The buy-one-get-one-free special in August will be hardback fiction for adults, including novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns, and large print.

The BookCellar Committee is negotiating to have the store featured on www.Groupon.com in late July or August. Through Groupon, businesses sell discount coupons on the Internet to the company's thousands of email subscribers. The BookCellar plans to offer \$10 worth of books for \$5. Coupons will be available for purchase on one day only, but they are good for a year. If you want to know the date the BookCellar coupons will be sold, please call the



BookCellar at (210) 227-9519 and ask to have your email address placed on the store's customer list. For more information about Groupon, see www.Groupon.com/San-Antonio.

Vera Banner has retired from the BookCellar Committee, but – thankfully – she is continuing as a hard-working volunteer in the store.



Maverick Hosted Spikey Mikey

Spikey Mikey, San Antonio's favorite magician, stopped by Maverick Library to unload a boxcar full of summer reading magic.

Spikey Mikey is underwritten by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and Mayor Julian Castro.



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lope display racks in their branch and to call the BookCellar if more envelopes were needed.

Texas Library Association in S.A.—Denise Barlow reported that the Tuesday before the convention, she and Linda Arronge helped pack the gift bags. Also, Evelyn Bonavita helped at the hospitality booth. Arronge and Barlow transported some of the speakers to the Convention. The Committee was allowed \$600 but did not have any expenses.

Arts and Letters—Linda Arronge Chairperson reported that the Committee has received two nominations. They will accept nominations until July 1.

Old Business

Nancy Gandara discussed the activities planned for the Mayor's International Summit on Libraries and gave the names of six Friends Board members who had indicated an interest in attending the luncheon on May 21 at the Pearl.

New Business

An announcement was made that Linda Arronge and Linda Nairn had volunteered to co-chair a Task Force to advocate for a better SAPL budget. Friends interested in participating in that effort should contact them.

Bylaws for Friends of the Cortez Library—The bylaws, which had been distributed with the meeting Agenda and were also available at the meeting, were presented for consideration. Friends who have been elected to serve as officers were introduced: President Miguel Vasquez, Vice President Janie Sanders, Treasurer Denise Lozano, and Secretary Maricela Vasquez. It was moved by Denise Barlow and seconded by Bob Mason that the bylaws of the Friends of the Cortez Branch be approved. It passed. They become the 21st Friends group.

Mary McAfee moved and Bruce Gill seconded that we adjourn. Nancy Gandara thanked Libby Roussin and other members of the Bazan Friends for supplying delicious refreshments, and adjourned the meeting at 4:15.

Memorial Amigos Celebrated Cinco De Mayo



The Cinco de Mayo celebration at Memorial Library was a standing-room-only event. The dancers were from the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center Dance Group.

Top: Dancers prepare to make their grand entrance. Left: Caprice and baby Jessica Diaz. Below: more dance demonstrations. Notice the glasses on the heads of the dancers below left.



Memorial Library Raised Funds by Providing Parking During St. Mary's Fiesta Oyster Bake



District 4 Councilman Philip Cortez, family of Raoul A. Cortez hosted rededication of renovated Cortez Branch Library

Following extensive renovations, the Raoul A. Cortez Branch Library, 2803 Hunter Boulevard, was rededicated June 9. District 4 City Councilman **Philip Cortez** and the family of **Raoul A. Cortez** attended.

The \$487,000 project included expansion of the meeting room, renovation of the entrance, new landscaping installation of an irrigation system, and installation of a memorial exhibit honoring library namesake **Raoul A. Cortez**. Funding came from the 2007 bond (\$300,000) and City Development Block Grant monies (\$187,000). The **Raoul Cortez** family has also made donations to the branch library.

Raoul A. Cortez was a Spanish-language broadcasting pioneer. Born in the state of Veracruz in Mexico, he moved to the United States as a young man, at one point working as a reporter for *La Prensa* newspaper. In the mid-

1940s, after producing Spanish programming on other radio stations, Mr. Cortez applied for his own broadcast license, and radio station KCOR went on the air in 1946, the first Spanish-language radio station in the United States. A chain of radio stations, and later television stations, followed, eventually growing into international media giant Univision.

Councilman **Philip Cortez**, who is not related to the **Raoul Cortez** family, noted the importance of the branch library to the community. "We are pleased that the rapidly growing area of south San Antonio and Bexar County has a renovated, updated library to serve its needs. As this part of the community continues to develop, the library will become even more essential to the area's residents and businesses."

Guillermo Nicolás, grandson of **Raoul A. Cortez**, said, "Our family is

very proud to see the great strides the Cortez Branch has made over the last thirty years. It has been an honor to have helped spur the renovations of this branch and renew its spirit for the benefit of our community. Working with **Ramiro Salazar**, the staff of the San Antonio Public Library, and the City of San Antonio has been a pleasure."

Library Director **Ramiro S. Salazar** said, "On behalf of the San Antonio Public Library and its Board of Trustees, I'd like to express our gratitude to Councilman Cortez, who was instrumental in obtaining the funding for this renovation, and to **Guillermo Nicolás** and his family for their generous contributions and continued support, not only of the Cortez Branch Library, but also of the entire San Antonio Public Library system."

Beth Graham

~~ 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 <small>Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc.</small> <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</p> <p align="center">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library</p> <p align="center">and mail the form with check to:</p> <p align="center">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>

Friends Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ UNLISTED DO NOT PUBLISH

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I'M INTERESTED IN:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKSALES
<input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEES (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)
<input type="checkbox"/> FOSAPL Board of Directors
<input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALITY
<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL ADVOCACY
<input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR
<small>(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)</small> |
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MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Adult) | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL (Adult) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATRON (Per Person) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING (Per Person) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE (Per Person) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS | \$25 |

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- NEW MEMBER**
- RENEWAL**
- BRANCH GROUP:** _____
- ADDITIONAL DONATION:** _____
- How would you like your additional donation applied? _____

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday - Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM (when the Library is open).

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____

Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2010

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	Budget	FOSAPL March-April	FOSAPL YTD
BookCellar sales	\$ 75,000	\$10,852.56	\$16,922.89
Donations and memorials	1,600	150.00	1,439.00
Interest	1,000	61.20	111.55
Membership	10,000	630.00	3,840.00
Other (sales tax discount)		5.31	10.84
FOSAPL Projected Income for 2010	\$ 87,600	\$11,699.07	\$22,324.28

BUDGET EXPENSES

Accounting	\$2,400		\$200.00
Arts and Letters	390		
Bank charges	100		1.50
FOSAPL Committee expenses	100	43.69	205.41
Friends recognition	100	49.94	49.94
Insurance	2,500	1,439.00	1,439.00
Mayor's Summit	1,000		
Membership recruitment	800	88.95	427.75
Newsletter prep/editing	2,050		600.00
Newsletter printing	2,300	347.56	723.92
Office supplies	1,000		3.44
Parking	6,000	1,129.25	2,205.50
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,560	100.00	319.38
President's expenses	350		
Seed money for new groups	300		100.00
"Show me the Money" program	400		
TLA Convention	600		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	300	45.94	172.82
Commodities for resale	2,000	423.05	563.79
Equipment and maintenance	2,500		203.90
Internet and software	100		
Printing and copying	200		70.26
Recruitment of volunteer workers	500		
Salary and benefits	7,100	1,180.00	2,411.75
Volunteer appreciation	1,250	72.56	72.56

Library Support

Programming for public	55,000		1,114.00
Staff development and training	30,000		
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL			
Life members	no fund amount		100.00
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$121,900	\$ 4,919.94	\$10,984.92

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS

Donations		\$204.25	\$894.82
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, tote sales		10,875.00	17,623.17
Memberships		230.00	1,315.00
Branch Friends group operating expenses		991.19	1,210.03
Branch group purchases for Library			
Branches/departments		10,092.59	13,865.27

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

FOSAPL BRANCH AND SUPPORT GROUPS

Bank Accounts

Compass Money Market *****8659	BookCellar deposits	\$65,393.87
Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644		38,059.52
Compass Checking ***-***8736		99,619.53
Total Assets		\$203,072.92
Branch Designated Funds (-)		-113,245.31
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use		\$ 89,827.61

Branch and Support Group Funds

Bazan	1,312.96
Brook Hollow	15,214.40
Carver	3,555.26
Central	345.00
Cody	2,632.63
Collins Garden	317.65
Forest Hills	4,233.92
Great Northwest	2,765.93
Guerra	4,512.81
Igo	8,319.68
Johnston	1,963.24
Landa	742.50
Maverick	5,046.06
McCreless	2,712.90
Memorial	4,281.14
Pruitt (no group formed)	
Semmes	6,953.82
Texana/genealogy	20,587.70
Thousand Oaks	4,446.88
Tobin at Oakwell	16,373.68
Westfall	3,281.31
Writers (currently inactive)	3,645.84
Total Group Funds	\$113,245.31

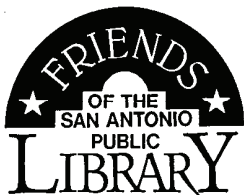


Join the Mayor's Summer Reading Club!

Registration opens: June 1

First day to submit Reading Log: June 15

Last day to submit Reading Log: August 31



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

July 1	Deadline to submit Arts & Letters nominations	Central Library 600 Soledad Street, 78205 210-207-2500
July 8	Preview sale for FOSAPL members at BookCellar's Tent Sale, 4-7	Collins Garden Library 200 N. Park Blvd, 78204-2434 210-225-0331
July 9-11	BookCellar Annual Tent Sale, Friday & Saturday, 9-4, Sunday, 11-4	Igo Library 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249 210-561-6113 (also TTY)
July 27	Collins Garden Friends meeting, 7, in the C.G. meeting room	Maverick Library 8700 Mystic Park, 78254 210-680-9346
August 7	Igo Friends meeting	McCreless Library 1023 Ada Street, 78223 210-532-4254
August 9	McCreless general meeting, program includes wildscaping	Tobin at Oakwell Library 4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209 210-828-2569
October 1-2	Tobin Library at Oakwell book sale	
October 9-10	Igo Fall book sale	
October 16-17	Maverick book sale, Saturday, 9-5 and Sunday, 10-4	
October 24	Arts & Letters Awards presentation	

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.