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From the President

Dear Friends,

As you'll see when you read the Minutes of the last Board meeting, the Friends have committed to giving the Library system an additional \$25,000 during 2010, which will be used for targeted outreach, public information and marketing. This has always been a recognized need, and the Friends' contribution fills a hole for which City money was not available. This contribution will bring the total to \$85,000 from FOSAPL during 2010.

The Texas Library Association conference is only a (rainy!) memory now—but, acting on a suggestion by our Friend **Mary McAfee**, the San Antonio Public Library staff contacted the exhibitors, and many were glad to donate items to SAPL instead of incurring the expense of shipping displayed items home. The library staff picked up 125 boxes of books and 6 educational children's rugs! With so many boxes, it will take some time for the staff to determine what treasures have been received, but we can assume there is some "good stuff."

Although it seems like only yesterday that the City Council passed the Budget for 2010, the process of putting together the Budget for 2011 has already started. The City Manager has required each city department to identify reduction options to their current budget for next year that equal 10%: that is almost three million dollars for SAPL! While these are only options at this time to be considered by the City Manager as she prepares her 2011 proposed budget, there is concern nonetheless about the potentially negative impact to library services should any of the reduction strategies be implemented. As was done last year, that means additional cuts would be made to existing staff (and service hours) and the materials budget. "It would be a cut to the bone," as Library Trustee Chair **Jean Brady** has said. While we all understand the impact that the economic recession has had on available funds, the consequence has also been that the public library is being used more than ever before, and it is a real safety net for families, job-seekers, and students. You can call 210-207-7040 to be connected to your councilperson, or use www.sanantonio.gov/council to send an email asking that cuts to the Library's 2011 Budget be minimized. Don't delay: this is the time for all Friends to be advocates for services that you and your community need and value.

Who said, "He who doesn't read is no better than the man who can't"? Enjoy a book today (after you call your councilperson)!

*Cheers,
Nancy Gandara*



Library Board Honors 2010 Library Champions

On Sunday, April 11, the Library Board of Trustees honored 11 individuals and 3 organizations as 2010 Library Champions at the Central Library.

The Library Champion Award, presented annually, was created to recognize individuals and organizations that have made notable contributions of time, talent or resources which have resulted in the enhancement of public library service in San Antonio; or which have had substantial involvement in the support of the San Antonio Public Library system over a period of many years.

This year's honorees were:

Cathy Dean: a long-time member of the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, Ms. Dean served as both Treasurer and Vice-Chair of the Library Board, as newsletter editor and member of the Newsletter Advisory Committee for the Friends of the Library, and as an officer of the Friends of McCreless Branch Library. She is currently serving on Alamo Area Library Systems Advisory Council.

Ginger Hobbs: a volunteer at the Thousand Oaks Branch Library, Ms. Hobbs works every weekend and assists with book sales to support the Friends of the Thousand Oaks Branch Library.

Pat and Aaron Konstam: long-time volunteers with FOSAPL and with the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell, Mr. and Mrs. Konstam work at book sales to support the branch library. Mr. Konstam serves as Chair of the BookCellar Committee, which oversees operations of the BookCellar used book store, the main fundraising vehicle of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, and Mrs. Konstam serves on the BookCellar committee. The Konstams have been responsible for increasing the profitability of the BookCellar through advertising, public relations and volunteer recruitment.

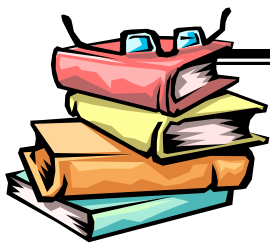
BookCellar volunteers: the BookCellar used book store, which operates in the basement of the Central Library, is the main fundraising vehicle for the FOSAPL. BookCellar volunteers provide staffing for the store as well as organizing and conducting an annual book sale. Funds generated by the BookCellar go to support library programming and staff training.

Richard Kierbow (Brook Hollow Branch Library, 733 volunteer hours) also received an award as one of 3 Library volunteers who have amassed the most hours of service this year.

Finally, in observance of April as Volunteer Recognition Month, all San Antonio Public Library volunteers were recognized during the ceremony.

Library Board of Trustees Chair **Jean Brady** said, "The San Antonio Public Library draws strength from the support of the

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
March 21, 2010

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

The Board of the Friends of the Library met at Memorial Branch Library on Sunday, March 21, 2010. Before the meeting was called to order **Nancy Gandara** thanked **Dolores Zamarron** and the Amigos of Memorial library for providing refreshments for the meeting. The meeting was called to order by President **Nancy Gandara**. The roll was called. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Bruce Gill, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Linda Nairn, Denise Barlow, Evelyn Bonavita, Pat Bjornson, Jackie Fremming, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Josie Martinez, Robert Mason, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzloff, Robbi Rupert, and Ann Tobin.**

President Gandara asked if everyone had read the Minutes, which were printed in *SAPLings*. Hearing in the affirmative, **Anne Long** moved that we accept the Minutes as printed and **Ronnie Retzloff** seconded the motion, which passed.

President's Report — **Nancy Gandara** gave a brief review of meetings and events that she had attended in the past two months. These included BookCellar Committee, Board of Trustees, Advocacy Committee, and the *SAPLings* Committee. She also attended the groundbreaking of the Mission Branch and the Reading Rally for the new Parman Branch.

Treasurer's Report — **Judy Wilson** stated that due to some computer problems, she was unable to prepare the Feb. 28, Treasurer's Report, but will present it at the next Board meeting.

Library Board — **Jean Brady** thanked the group for the

work that Friends volunteers did at the ground breakings at Parman and Mission libraries. She reported that the FY 2011 process had started. There will be focus groups so that everyone can participate. Due to the economic situation, there may be as much as a 10% cut in the operating budget, and she said that would mean a "cut to the bone." She suggested that Friends contact their City Council person, to advocate for the Library's budget. She pointed out that Cathy Dean's efforts had made a difference in getting Mission Branch built.

Library Administration - **Kathy Donellan** presented information and a slide show that demonstrated how the funds given to SAPL last year were spent. Funds paid for programs for children, teens, adults, and examples were Black Heritage, Hispanic Heritage, and the Summer Reading Program. Funds were also used to support staff development and attendance at conferences such as the Texas Library Association Conference. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** asked "Who makes the decision about which branches get the programs?" and the answer was that all libraries—whether they have a Friends group or not—get to offer the public programs.

Library Foundation — **Sarah Swinney Rice** noted that the Reading Rally that the Library Foundation had sponsored at the site of the Parman Branch was a big success, with attendance of about 500 people. On May 1, there will be a Reading Rally and Concert for the Mission branch. **Jose Orosco** will perform, and the Rally will be at Mission San José.

BookCellar — **Aaron Konstam** reported on sale areas for

April. He noted that the BookCellar volunteers will be honored to receive the Library Board of Trustees' Library Champions Award in April.

Membership — **Claudia Kohler** reported that the current membership totaled 769 members. While the largest number is Individual Memberships, there are almost as many in the "dual" category. There are approximately 170 Life Members at present.

T.L.A. in S.A. — **Denise Barlow** reported that volunteer drivers were still needed, and she gave out contact information.

Old Business

Appointments to BookCellar Committee — In January, the Standing Rule that limited the number of committee members was changed to allow two additional committee members.

Linda Nairn and **Carol Wooster** accepted nomination. **Anne Long** moved that those two persons be approved by the Board. **Claudia Kohler** seconded the motion, and it passed.

New Business

FOSAPL Action to Sponsor Mayor's Summit — **Sarah Swinney Rice** gave a presentation about the Library Foundation's plan to conduct a Summit that will emphasize the role that public libraries play in a city's economic and cultural development. It will involve speakers from Medellin (Columbia), Birmingham (England), Shanghai (China), and Seoul (Korea). The "Mayor's Summit: Libraries as Catalysts for Economic and Community Development" will be held in San Antonio May 19–21. The Friends were invited to become a sponsor of this Summit, at the \$1,000 level. **Mary**

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public

use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

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SAPLINGS

Newsletter published every two months for the information of member Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and others supportive of our ideals and activities.

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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

Brook Hollow

The Friends of Brook Hollow branch had a very successful book sale on March 29. Total proceeds were \$3,977.54. Twenty-seven people helped with the sale, including our two newest members, **Jeffrey Childers** and **Bella Garza** who are students at Bradley Middle School.

Richard Kierbow received a Library Champion Award for more than 700 hours of volunteer time in 2009. This was the second time Richard has been honored, and he is possibly the only individual to receive the award twice.

The Friends approved a request from the Library at its March meeting to provide a summer reading list for adults and supplies and refreshments for the youth and teenage summer reading program. The total was about \$700.

The landscaping provided by the Friends in 2009 appears to have mostly survived the drought and winter cold. A committee continues to monitor and nurture the planting to both protect the investment as well as enhance the "curb appeal" of the library.

The next book sale is scheduled for October 9.

Bruce Gill

Cody

Friends of Cody will hold a book sale Saturday, May 8, 10-4, and Sunday, May 9, 1-3. Please donate your gently used books for our book sales throughout the year. You can

get a tax receipt at the front desk. You can also help set up for this book sale by joining the Friends of Cody Library. Envelopes are available at the front desk.

Forest Hills

Meanwhile, in another part of the Forest...

The VITA services offered at Forest Hills branch of the San Antonio Public Libraries have helped more than 520 families prepare their 2009 taxes. To lend patrons a tax-filing hand, a Tax-Filing book display was placed among the various IRS forms being offered at the library.

Women's History Month, Gardening, and St. Patrick's Day displays are currently being offered to our browsing patrons. Forest Hills circulation mascot, "Forest the Fierce," sported green to celebrate the St. Patrick's Day holiday.

The Forest Hills Friends of the Library met on Saturday, March 13. Discussion was held regarding membership promotion and an upcoming book sale. Librarian **Mary Smith** attended the meeting. Refreshments were provided, and interesting ways to facilitate the book sale and increase membership and participation were discussed.

The San Antonio Food Bank, in partnership with UTHSC, provided a cooking demonstration for the Forest Hills Teens on February 17. The teens were given information about heart disease and obesity, and they learned how to make a quick and healthy salad. Many of the teens had never tasted raw spinach and were pleasantly surprised with this healthy salad. In the weeks following the demonstration, the teens expressed an interest in learning more about cooking and preparing healthy snacks and meals.

Johnnie Spraggins

Great Northwest

Friends of Great Northwest Library had a table with library information at Fernandez Elementary School Bulldog Days and Carnival on March 27.

Barbara Schneider and **Denise Barlow** shared information with families about The Big Read and other activities planned at the library. A few new FOSAPL members joined. Denise will also have a table at the Great Northwest Community Association's Spring Fling on Saturday April 24. We are hopeful that being more visible in the community will lead to greater participation and members for FOSAPL. Friends of GNW is also getting prepared for its first book sale on Saturday, June 5, from 10-4. There will be a preview sale from 4-6 on Friday, June 4. Bring your FOSAPL card and get the best selection of books. Book donations for the sale are accepted anytime the library is open.

Denise Barlow

Guerra

Guerra's next book sale will be June 5, 10-5:30. Please join us.

Lora Devlon Eckler

Igo

Igo Fibbers held a fabulous two-day book sale in March that put another \$3,029 into the coffers. Staff is now eagerly plotting how to spend our money. The Summer Reading program will require about \$850, which will cover the cost for a ventriloquist, a Kamishibai Storytelling/Origami workshop, more exotic animals, and a magician. The story time for smaller children during the summer will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays. These reading programs always draw big crowds to Igo.

The library is working with Brandeis High School, and their Teen Advisory Board has set regular meetings at the school. Other activities involved about 2,000 people who voted at Igo, drawing many into the library to get library cards. A Holocaust Remembrance Day presentation was held on April 11.

We recruited a few new member FIBBERS during the book sale and in general, but still need help at our book sales. Our next sale will probably happen again in September or October. Be sure to look up programming at Igo and plan on attending some of the excellent activities being offered this summer.

Kathleen McCloskey

Maverick

Maverick Friends spent February and March sorting books in preparation for our Spring book sale, which was held on April 17 and 18. Prior

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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.

to the sale, our Treasurer **Judith Penington** researched local vendors to find a good deal on eight folding tables. She coordinated the purchase with Library Manager **Jef Martin**. Thanks to their efforts, the new tables were delivered to the library in time for the sale.

We hope many young riders will catch the Reading Express at the kick-off party for the Summer Reading Program at 2:00 on June 7. The Friends will provide refreshments for the party.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The well-attended general meeting was held at 6:00 on Monday, February 8. Our guest speaker was McCreless Branch Manager **Cammie Gunther**, who thanked the McCreless Friends for all their hard work. She had exciting news about a substantial make-over for McCreless expected in late March and early April. The renovations will create an additional 16 parking spaces (yea!), new carpeting, fresh paint job with exciting colors, a new computerized temperature-controlled HVAC system, upgraded restroom facilities, and an outdoor flagpole with exterior lighting. Because the library is expected to be closed at least three weeks in late March and early April, the Friend's book sale was postponed until May. So plan on joining us Saturday, May 15, 10-5, and Sunday, May 16, 10-4:30, for our book sale.

Also at the meeting, the budget was approved, the 2010 calendar of events set, and election of officers held. Our officers for 2010 are President **Anne Long**, Vice President **Elizabeth Garcia**, Treasurer **Barbara Reagan**, Secretary

Tom Nemeth, and **Mary Gallagher** and **Cathy Dean** are Members at Large.

Other new business approved were the purchase of all items from the McCreless wish list: a computer chair, a microwave oven, 3 cleaning kits for the CD and DVD, a copy/fax machine, and a digital camera. The membership also voted to hold quarterly general business meetings. Planning for the August general meeting includes having a master gardener as the guest speaker.

McCreless Friends donated 40 large-print books to the Highland Gardens Assisted Living Home in memory of McCreless founding chapter member, **Barbara Santella**.

Our next board meeting will be held on May 3 at 2:00 at McCreless Library, and our next general meeting will be on May 10 at 6:00 (refreshments starting at 5:30).

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

Semmes Friends next book sale will be in June: Preview sale for Friends on Friday, June 18, from 12-2 and full book sale on Saturday, June 19, 10-4.

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Friends celebrated Library Week with a luncheon honoring the library staff. The colorful Fiesta theme and homemade goodies helped show our appreciation for the folks who make our library a place of welcome and for our president **Pat Howell**, who celebrated her birthday that day.

Plans for the coming months include continued support of the Teen Book Clubs and games programs and the next book sale set for June 5. **Linda**

Nairn has taken over the *SAPLings* mailing and will be recruiting helpers from the TO Friends. Former president **Leila Hileman** is gathering pictures for a scrapbook history of our activities and special events.

We are so proud of our own **Ginger Hobbs**, who was chosen as one of 11 SAPL Champions for 2010 for her outstanding volunteer service to our library. Ginger also was chosen as our Best Friend for 2010 for her dedicated leadership of our book sales.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

New magazine racks are part of more than \$8,000 in improvements provided by the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell. Now magazines can be stored in the new metal shelves in the library's quiet room. Other additions include new furniture in the expanded young adult area and paperback shelves on the end caps of the main book shelves.

The next book sale is set for May 21-22. Open to all FOSAPL members, the preview sale will be held from 1-3, Friday, May 21. The public sale will be 10-4 Saturday, May 22.

The annual staff appreciation dinner is set for June 4 at the Barn Door.

Janet Goddard

Westfall

The next meeting will be May 21, 10:30, followed by a staff pizza lunch. Let's have a good turnout to support our wonderful staff.

The next book sale will be June 5. Please mark your calendars. **Marisa Sparks**, teen liaison, has started a teen group

that meets each Wednesday at 4:30. They will meet on Fridays at 2:00. during the summer. We have assurances that they will be available to help us set up on Friday, June 4. That will be great.

A new color printer, purchased by the Westfall Friends has been ordered for use by the Westfall staff. We are short a vice-president and secretary so please let me know if you will serve on a nominating committee. Please call **Pat Cummins** at 210-251-3847.

A new program started at Westfall is proving to be successful. **Cheryl Sheehan** is promoting Bedtime Bundles, a group of 6 or 7 assorted story books for a week of nighttime reading. Most picture books are thin enough to be able to scan all at one time. Friends are helping provide small prizes as an incentive to take more books and also helping with teen club expenses.

The Mystery Book Club will have local author **Kelly Irvin** speak May 24 at 6:00 about her new book, *Deadly Wilderness*.

Westfall is the only local branch that owns its own computer lab (9 laptops) for staff to teach the public the use of library resources, and they also are a test site for making collections more usable and browsable. Two sections will be set aside for education and employment and local interest. Large-print books are also being shelved more accessibly.

A Library Champion Award was presented to the Granados Senior and Adult Center, at 500 Freiling, for their partnership with the Westfall Library and their efforts in promoting the services to our shared community.

Pat Cummins

Brook Hollow Held Successful Book Sale

Sarah Dickson and Marilou Smith, just before the sale begins, are ready to tally up sales. Jeffrey Childers, Brook Hollow's newest member and a student at Bradley Middle School, does some straightening up during the book sale. Eager shoppers lined up, beginning at least an hour before the sale began.



Love Your Library — Loud and Clear!

I wear at least four hats, these days:
1) Chair of the Library's Board of Trustees (appointed by Councilwoman **Mary Alice Cisneros**), 2) member of the Friends of the Library, 3) member of the Foundation, and 4) former school librarian. I have seen "lifelong learners" created through the power of books, and I am passionate about the value of libraries—and I know that you are, too! Our Central Library and Branch Libraries have to be open for us to use them, and new informational materials have to be purchased every day. Deliberations about the 2011 City budget are going on right now. Take a moment to tell your City Councilperson that strong libraries create smart citizens and strong cities. Please help with this effort. It's for your own good!

Jean Brady

Thousand Oaks Celebrates Library Week

More in the Thousand Oaks Branch Leaves.



From the Library Director

Libraries are more important than ever!



The City's budget process for Fiscal Year 2010-2011 has started, and I am reminded that many San Antonio families are facing tighter budgets themselves.

As the economy remains uncertain, our citizens are still dealing with unemployment or underemployment. More and more households continue to cut back on discretionary spending. The cutbacks may include their Internet service providers and purchases of books, music and DVDs.

The Internet is now essential for those seeking employment, meaning that, unfortunately, people often have to give it up just when they need it most. In times like these, the library becomes even more important. At the library you can find not only computers and the Internet to search for jobs and file job applications, but also information specialists to assist you in find-

ing the resources you need. You can find books to help you write a great résumé, and online coaching in real time to polish it up.

If job difficulties have led you to decide it might be time to start that small business you've been thinking about, the library should be your first stop. Electronic resources, such as databases, can assist with everything from basic demographic research to composing a business plan. The San Antonio Central Library hosts SCORE, an organization that offers free counseling to entrepreneurs. And, of course, the library offers printed resources from books to business and financial periodicals.

The loss of Internet service at home can also make it hard for students to keep up with school-

work. The library is a great place to find resources, both online and in print, and, again, expert staff to help you locate just what you need. The San Antonio Public Library can even help out if students need extra help in some subjects—live homework help in real time from qualified tutors is available at tutor.com, accessible either from library computers or from home.

Cuts in the household budget may mean less spending on family entertainment. If you've had to reduce spending on cable TV, you can find DVD sets of popular television series at your library. If trips to the movies are too expensive these days, and you find you're renting movies less often, let your library make up the difference. We have movies to appeal to everyone in

the family, and music CDs that include a wide range of music styles to choose from. Of course, the library still offers a huge selection of best-selling books, both fiction and non-fiction (and the library's reusable resources, available to many people, make the library a "green" enterprise too.)

The most important thing to remember is that all of this is available at no charge – all anyone needs to take advantage of everything that the library has to offer is a library card. Please help to educate your friends, neighbors, family and co-workers about the resources offered by the San Antonio Public Library to help us all get through these difficult economic times.

Ramiro Salazar

City Council Representatives Listed by District and Libraries

Board Member	Position	District	Council Representative	Libraries
Jean Brady	Chair	1	Mary Alice Cisneros maryalice.cisneros@sanantonio.gov	Central, San Pedro, Westfall, Landa
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Elda Flores	Secretary	4	Philip A. Cortez philip.cortez@sanantonio.gov	Cortez, Johnston, Pan American
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David Carpenter	Member	10	John Clamp john.clamp@sanantonio.gov	Oakwell, Thousand Oaks, Semmes
Mari Aguirre	Member	Mayor	Julián Castro julian.castro@sanantonio.gov	N/A

Notes: Branches in italics are under construction.

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar is welcoming summer with sales on fiction, sports, and travel guides. Hard-cover fiction for adults and young adults – including novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns and large print – is the buy-one-get-one-free special during May. Selected travel guides are half price as long as they last.

The June buy-one-get-one-free special is all regularly priced books in the 700s Dewey Decimal series. In addition to sports and games, this category includes movies, TV, music and dance.

New members of the BookCellar Committee are **Linda Nairn**, representing Monday volunteers, and **Carol Wooster**, representing Saturday volunteers.

The BookCellar was quite visible on the list of 2010 Library Champions selected by the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees. One award went to BookCellar Volunteers as a group and will be displayed in the store as soon as it is framed. **Lucille Teeter** accepted the award on behalf of the volunteers at the April 11 ceremony at Central Library.



Another award went to **Pat and Aaron Konstam** for leadership in increasing BookCellar income and visibility.

Twenty-two people attended the BookCellar's annual potluck supper for volunteers and guests held in the store after closing time on April 6. Thanks go to **Linda Arronge**, **Lucille Teeter** and **Diane Prickett** for arranging the Fiesta-themed party.

Advocacy Work Session Was Just the Start

Nancy Gandara

On Monday, April 12, a dozen FOSAPL members joined the 11 members of the Library Board of Trustees and a dozen Library Foundation Board members to share information and ideas. The goal of the work session was to better prepare the people in these stakeholder groups to be effective political advocates for SAPL, and to learn more about each other.

The work session was facilitated by **Maureen Sullivan**, a well-regarded consultant with more than 25 years of experience in fostering communications among collaborative organizations. Ms. Sullivan asked the respective stakeholder groups to brainstorm about their strengths and capabilities. FOSAPL strengths mentioned were our large membership, the loyalty that many active Friends have in supporting “their own” branch, the value of the BookCellar, and the diversity of talents of our members. Strengths of the Foundation included the contacts that many of the members have in the business community, the skill of the Foundation staff in acquiring grant funds, and an ability to demonstrate their advocacy in many “cool” ways (e.g. the Scholastic bookmobile, the Literary Feasts). The Library Trustees considered the fact that they are each appointed by a member of the City Council to be their principal asset, as each Trustee has “good access” to their own councilperson.

The work session participants were then asked to envision a “fully active

advocacy effort,” and agreed that it would start with good communication among all stakeholders: all would share the same goal, and the same “message” when contacting council persons and county commissioners.

Each group was then charged with committing to several concrete tasks that will assist our members in their advocacy efforts. The FOSAPL group agreed to:

- Use *SAPLings* to publicize “the message” that the Trustees articulate and to educate the Friends about contacting their local political representatives.
- Have photos and contact information posted in each branch library of the City Councilperson, County Commissioner, and Library Trustee who represent that branch. The more knowledgeable about them that our Friends can become, the more comfortable the Friends will be in expressing their opinions to them.
- Include a session during the next FOSAPL “Show Me the Money” workshop that will enable Friends to be more knowledgeable and comfortable in addressing their political representatives.

The work session concluded with all participants vowing to “know the message, speak with one voice,” and communicate the value of SAPL to the community through use of all available technologies. In short, keep talking with each other—and to the politicians!

Mark your calendar!

Young Pegasus
2010 Poetry Awards
Sunday, May 16 • 2:00 p.m.
Hermann Sons Grand Lodge
515 S. St. Mary's Street

(Free parking in lots to the north and west of the building)

Join the San Antonio Public Library as we honor our community's talented young authors.

Award ceremony made possible through support from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

It's time for Summer Reading!

Kids up to age 12, get on board the Reading Express!

Teens 13 to 18, enjoy a Sweet Summer!

Summer Reading registration begins June 1. This year it's the Mayor's Summer Reading Program, and Mayor Julián Castro will join us to help promote the Library this summer!

Check the library website www.mysapl.org for Summer Reading details.

Beth Graham

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McAfee made a motion that we provide that support, and **Linda Nairn** seconded the motion. It passed.

Approval of Bylaws of the Central Library Friends Group — **Teresa Jensen**, Manager of the Central Library, reported that the Friends of the Central Library group currently has 26 members. After the group meets they will discuss different fundraising ideas, but they will not have book sales. The proposed officers are: President **Don Counts**, Secretary **Andrew Gordon** and Treasurer **Mark Graham**. **Ronnie Retzloff** moved and **Jackie Fremming** seconded the motion that we approve the Bylaws to form a Central Library Friends group.

Policy Concerning FOSAPL Savings and/or Investments — **Judy Wilson** announced that our CD had expired, and we needed to discuss ideas for investment. **Bruce Gill** said that it was not a good time to invest in Certificates of Deposit for the long term, and that we should look into other ways to invest the funds. We have about 170 Life Members, and when a Life member dies a memorial donation of \$100 is given to SAPL. **Judy Wilson** suggested that we retain about \$20,000 for this fund. No action was requested at this meeting, as it was just on the agenda for discussion.

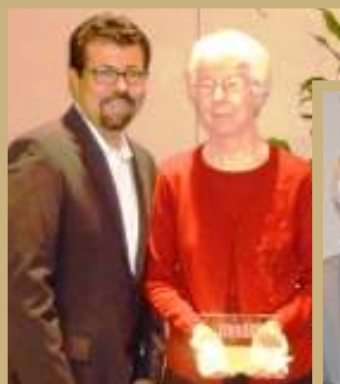
Allocation of Additional Funds to SAPL for 2010 — **Judy Wilson** said that the Friends gave \$85,000 to SAPL in 2008–09, but that our budget for 2010 (passed by the Board on Nov. 15, 2009) allocated only \$60,000 for the current year. At the time the budget was drawn up, that was the figure that Wilson had recommended and was comfortable with. Since it had developed that more money was available, Wilson made a motion that an additional \$25,000 be allocated to give to the Library this year. **Aaron Konstam** said that we should not make this decision without seeing a Feb. 28 Treasurer's Report. After some discussion, **Mary McAfee** called for a vote. The motion passed, with two dissenting votes.

Arts & Letters Committee — **Linda Arronge** has agreed to chair the committee, which will include **Evelyn Bonavita**, **Anne Long**, **Bruce Gill**, and **Robert LaCaff**. Committee members will not submit candidates, in order to maintain objectivity.

Audit Committee will be composed of **Judy Wilson**, **Yolanda Kirkpatrick**, **Joe Valadez**, **Bruce Gill**, **Dolores Zamarron**, and **Denise Barlow**.

Before the meeting adjourned President Gandara introduced **Laurie Gruenbeck**, a member of the Board of Trustees. The meeting was then adjourned.

Library Champions, from p 1.



Congratulations to the Friends who received Library Champion awards: (starting top left) **Aaron and Pat Konstam**, **Richard Kierbow**, **Cathy Dean**, **Ginger Hobbs**, and the Book-Cellar volunteers (accepted by **Lucille Teeter**.)

community. Although their contributions are often quiet and behind the scenes, volunteers like the 2010 Library Champions make it possible for us to offer the outstanding level of service we give the City.”

Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** agreed. “As the Library’s CEO, I see every day how important the contribution from our partners and volunteers is. They help in every sector of library service, and much of what we do is possible only through their assistance.”

For more than 100 years, the award-winning San Antonio Public Library has been a vital center for free learning, knowledge, communication, culture and enjoyment for all San Antonians. With a world-class Central Library, branch libraries throughout the city, and outstanding online resources, the San Antonio Public Library is as close as around the corner or the nearest computer.

Beth Graham

Carver Library Celebrates 80 Years!



Friends of Carver Library President **Dorothy Smith** opened the program. SAPL Director **Ramiro Salazar** and SAPL Board member **Gloria Malone** addressed the audience. Friends of Carver Library Secretary **Shirley Coleman**, **William B. Johnson II**, who checked out the first book at Carver Library when the branch opened in 1973, and Friends of Carver Treasurer **Shirley Davis**. Carver Asst. Branch Manager **DL Grant Jr.**, **Ramiro Salazar**, Artist **Alicia Young Pierce** and Asst. City Manager **Sharon De La Garza**. Councilwoman **Ivy Taylor** reads a proclamation. Chair of the Library's Board of Trustees **Jean Brady** delivers remarks. **Shirley Coleman** shares Carver's history with the audience.

Arts & Letters Awards

It is that time of the year again! The Arts and Letter Committee is now accepting nominations for nominees for the Arts and Letters Award. Each year The Friends of the Library present the Award to local individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the Arts or Letters. The person can be an artist, musician, educator or entertainer who has dedicated and devoted his/her talent in his chosen field to enrich the culture and spirit of San Antonio. The names should be submitted by July 1. The Awards presentation will be Sunday, October 24, 2010.

Please mail in your nominations to the Arts and Letters Nomination Committee c/o **Linda Arronge**, 3122 Swandale, San Antonio, TX 78230, before July 1.

Linda Arronge

Donations and Memorials

Submitted by **Sheila Figueroa**

Donations

Jean and Emerson Besch
David and Paula Carnes
Jane Tullos

In Memory of by

Carl Smith	Catherine Dean
Mary Wallace	Catherine Dean
Jessie Cox	Maria and Fred Pfeiffer
Ginger Payne	Nancy Gandara
Constance Gandara	Joe and Claudia Kohler, Charles and Mary McAfee, Edward and Judith Wilson

~~ 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 <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of</p> <p align="center" style="font-size: small;"> <input type="checkbox"/> Birthday, Anniversary <input type="checkbox"/> Graduation, a Gift, etc. </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</p> <p align="center">ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts</p> <p align="center">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

February 28, 2010

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

BANK ACCOUNTS	Balance of 2/28/10
Compass Money Market (BookCellar deposits)	\$ 53,630.20
Compass Money Market Gold	\$ 38,039.82
Compass checking (FOSAPL & group deposits)	\$ 96,088.87

TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 187,758.89
Branch designated funds(-)	\$ (114,523.00)
Net Assets for FOSAPL use	\$ 73,235.89

FOSAPL INCOME	Budget	Jan & Feb	YTD
BookCellar sales	\$ 75,000	\$ 6,575	\$ 6,575
Donations & memorials to FOSAPL	1,600	1,289	1,289
Interest & sales tax discount	1,000	56	56
Memberships	10,000	2,720	2,720

FOSAPL projected income for 2010	87,600	10,640	10,640
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FOSAPL EXPENSES			
Accounting	2,400	200	200
Arts and Letters	390		
Bank charges	100	2	2
Bulk mail	1,100	185	185
FOSAPL Committee expenses	100		
Friends recognition	100		
Insurance	2,500		
Mail box	60		
Membership recruitment	800	290	290
Newsletter prep/editing	2,050	600	600
Newsletter printing	2,300	376	376
Office supplies	1,000	3	3
Parking	6,000	1,076	1,076
Postage	400	34	34
President's expenses	350		
Seed money for new groups	300	100	100
"Show me the Money" program	400		
TLA Convention	600		

BookCellar EXPENSES			
Advertising	1,000		
Book sale expenses/office supplies	300	127	127
Commodities for resale	2,000	141	141
Equipment and maintenance	2,500	204	204
Internet and software	100		
Printing and copying	200	70	70
Recruitment of volunteer workers	500		
Salary and benefits	7,100	1,232	1,232
Sales tax for the BookCellar	6,100	493	493
Volunteer appreciation	1,250		

LIBRARY SUPPORT			
Programming for the public	30,000	1,114	1,114
Staff development	30,000		
Memorial gifts for Life members	no amt	\$100	100

TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	\$102,000	\$ 6,347	\$ 6,347
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Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

FOSAPL BRANCH AND SUPPORT GROUPS	Jan-Feb	YTD
Income, including book & bag sales, memberships & donations	\$ 8,355.00	\$ 8,355.00
Branch group operating expenses	-219.00	-219.00
Branch group purchases for Library branches	-3773.00	-3773.00

Branch and Support Group Funds of February 28, 2010

Bazan	\$ 2,025.96
Brook Hollow	11,328.37
Carver	3,245.91
Central	170.00
Cody	2,732.63
Collins Garden	317.65
Forest Hills	4,250.53
Great Northwest	2,346.04
Guerra	5,646.41
Igo	6,172.31
Johnston	1,730.14
Landa	692.50
Maverick	3,027.94
McCreless	2,712.90
Memorial	4,300.29
Pruitt (no group formed)	30.00
Semmes	7,123.42
Texana/genealogy	20,982.50
Thousand Oaks	4,435.36
Tobin at Oakwell	23,420.51
Westfall	4,185.88
Writers (currently inactive, funds available to SAPL for Writer Programs)	3,645.84

Total Group Funds	\$114,523.09
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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

May 15-16	McCreless book sale, Saturday, 10–5, and Sunday, 10–4:30	Bazan Library 2200 W. Commerce St., 78207 210-225-1614
May 16	FOSAPL Board Meeting, Bazan Library, 2:00	Brook Hollow Library 530 Heimer Road, 78232 210-496-6315
May 16	Young Pegasus 2010 Poetry Awards, 2:00, Central Library	Central Library 600 Soledad Street, 78205 210-207-2500
May 21-22	Tobin at Oakwell book sale. Preview open to all FOSAPL members Friday, 1–3. Public sale will be Saturday, 10–4	Great Northwest Library 9050 Wellwood, 78250 210-684-5251
June 1	Summer Reading registration begins	Igo Library 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249 210-561-6113 (also TTY)
June 4-5	Great Northwest book sale. Preview, Friday, 4–6. Public sale, Saturday, 10–4	McCreless Library 1023 Ada Street, 78223 210-532-4254
June 5	Guerra book sale, 10–5:30	Semmes Library 15060 Judson Rd., 78247 210-650-9540
June 5	Thousand Oaks book sale	Tobin at Oakwell Library 4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209 210-828-2569
June 7	Igo Kick-off party for the Summer Reading Program, 2:00	Thousand Oaks Library 4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233 210-657-5205
June 18-19	Semmes book sale. Preview sale for Friends on Friday, 12–2. Full book sale on Saturday, 10–4	
July 1	Deadline to submit Arts & Letters nominations	
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.