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From the President



Dear Friends,

Do you believe that winter is over? If there is a “silver lining” to the frigid-weather “cloud” that hung over San Antonio recently, it is that the harsh weather usually brings abundant wildflowers.

Even more beautiful will be our two newest branch libraries:

- **Mission Branch** [3134 Roosevelt Ave./District 3] **will open on April 30**, and
- **Parman Library** at Stone Oak [20735 Wilderness Oak/District 9] **will open on May 7**.

Staff are being hired (frequently by promotion from within), and are enthusiastically planning services that will showcase special architecture and landscape use. Want to be a charter member of a Friends’ group for either of these branches? It’s the ultimate in social networking!

“Enchilada red,” vivid gold and snazzy purple have once again dressed up the Central Library’s exterior, as the Weatherization Project progresses. Repairs to the interior areas that had been damaged by leaks, repainting of the parking garage, and planned replacement of landscaped areas will ensure that this project is completed Spring 2011.

Exciting renovations can also be seen at the Johnston Branch [6307 Sun Valley/District 4], which will be celebrating its 30th birthday this summer. In addition to new sidewalks, ADA parking, and some interior improvements, the land adjacent to the library is now being renovated for a playground area that will be provided and maintained by the San Antonio Parks and Recreation Department—another example of good partnership, for fun and fitness.

Collaborations of all kinds will be featured during the coming year, as the Strategic Plan is developed. Look for articulation of the roles and goals of the library’s supporters to provide the Friends with our own mini-Plan.

Enjoy Fiesta, and visit a library (or two)!

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara

Best Friends

Nancy Gandara

Sometimes you’re the funniest, sometimes the hardest-working, and sometimes the most creative—but on January 16, 2011, you were recognized as the **Best Friends** of our branches, BookCellar, and *SAPLings* Committee! Thank you (and keep up the good work)! (See photos on pages 6-7.)

Brook Hollow:

Carver:

Cortez:

Great Northwest:

Igo:

Maverick:

McCreless:

Thousand Oaks:

Tobin Library at Oakwell:

BookCellar:

SAPLings Committee:

Peggy Wolf

Dorothy Smith

Stephanie Alvarado

Josie Garay

Anne Wagner

Joyce Garcia

Jill Zimmerman

Pat Peak

Rita Corey

Edith Speert

Pat Konstam

The Friends of the Bazan Branch provided delicious, pretty cookies with branch names on them—almost too nice to eat!

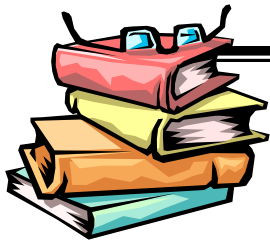


A full house was on hand at the Annual Meeting for the elections and announcement of Branch Best Friends.

Final Membership Renewal Reminder

A second letter went out to those 200+ folks who had not yet renewed for 2011. Effective March 5, all those who have not renewed will be dropped. However, I noticed that quite a few Life Members have not responded to select their branch. I know your branches will be surprised and disappointed to lose you, so please take a moment and send in that envelope. Thank you; it’s been fun!

Claudia Kohler



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
January 16, 2011

Submitted by **Linda Arronge**

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, January 16, 2011, in the auditorium at Central Library. The roll was called by introducing the members of the executive committee and Board members. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Bruce Gill, Judy Wilson, Linda Arronge, Linda Nairn, Denise Barlow, Evelyn Bonavita, Claudia Kohler, Jackie Fremming, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzloff, Evanleen Schmueckle, Pat Bjornson, Delores Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Josie Martinez, Bob Mason, and Robbi Ruppert.**

The Minutes of the Nov. 21, 2010, meeting were printed in the Jan./Feb. 2011 *SAPLings*. **Jackie Fremming** moved and **Linda Nairn** seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report—Nancy Gandara reflected on the events that occurred in 2010. We had a change in how we paid the sales tax for the book sales. We assisted the Library Foundation as a sponsor of the Mayor's Summit that included speakers from China, England, and Columbia. The BookCellar had its most successful Tent Sale, and raised \$12,400. We added Friends' groups at the Great Northwest, Central, and Cortez. We donated more than \$85,000 to SAPL for programming, staff support and marketing. In 2011, we hope to have Friends groups formed for two new branches (Parman Library and Mission Library) that will open in the Spring.

Treasurer's Report—Copies of the Treasurer's Report were distributed, which showed income and expenses as of Dec. 31, 2010. FOSAPL expenses

were considerably less than the \$121,900 that had been budgeted. **Judy Wilson** reported that in 2010 the branch groups spent \$52,000 for microwave ovens, furniture, shelves, book displays, carts, carpets, printers, games, projectors, laptops, landscaping, lawn care, fish tank services, flags, puppets, bookends, and many other necessary items. These are not included in the budget, but they make the libraries better places. Copies of the FOSAPL 2011 Budget, which was approved by the Board on Nov. 21, 2010, were also presented. The anticipated income is \$84,300. The amount to be given to SAPL for Library Support will be \$42,000. In 2011, we will not pay parking for the BookCellar volunteers, as the parking fees will now be paid for BookCellar volunteers from the SAPL budget. It was moved by **Mary McAfee** and seconded by **Jackie Fremming** that we accept the report. It passed and will be submitted for audit.

Library Board Report—Jean Brady reported that she has been Chairperson of the Library Board of Trustees for five years, during which time we have opened five branches. Also, our library budget has increased by 72.5%. In 2011, the Library will begin a Strategic Plan. It will serve as a vision for the future.

Library Administration—Kendra Tracta, Assistant Director, noted that SAPL will need the support of the Friends and Advocates as it will be implementing the Strategic Plan. **Sonia Arrendondo** was at the meeting to ask for the e-mail addresses of anyone interested in taking the survey. They want grassroots participation. The

survey should be completed by the end of February.

Library Foundation—Carol Black explained the L3 Initiative. The purpose is to assist the Library in its commitment to the Latino Collection. The goal is to expand the collection. Also the Foundation is continuing to share the information from the Mayor's Summit held in 2010.

BookCellar—Aaron Konstam reported that the BookCellar raised \$80,000 in 2010.

Memberships—Claudia Kohler reported that we currently we have 918 members. This includes 111 life members, 56 dual life members, and 9 teens. She reminded us that the *SAPLings* is going green. Please let us know if you want to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

NEW BUSINESS

Nancy Gandara said that **Bruce Gill** has been Vice President for 6 years. She thanked him for all the hard work he has contributed.

Election of New Board Members for 2011–2013—Mary McAfee introduced the members of the Nominating Committee, which were: **Lucille Teeter, Ann Tobin, Bruce Gill, Pat Mendiola, and Mary McAfee.** The following accepted the Committee's nomination for the 2011–2013 term: **Karen Matson, Robert LaCaff, Evelyn Bonavita, Bruce Gill, Ann Springer, Ronnie Retzloff, Claudia Kohler, Shirley Coleman, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Virginia Wong, and Jackie Fremming.** Nominations from the floor by **Linda Nairn** were made, which added **Mary McAfee** and **Ann Tobin.** **Anne Long** made a motion and **Delores Huber** seconded that we

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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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Martinez • Bob Mason • Robbi
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Coleman • Jackie Fremming •
Bruce Gill • Claudia Kohler •
Robert LaCaff • Karen Matson •
Mary McAfee • Pat Mendiola •
Larry Purkey • Ronnie Retzloff •
Ann Springer • Ann Tobin •
Virginia Wong

SAPLINGS

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Nairn, *Distribution*

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)

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods, alana005@yahoo.com. 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

Our spring book sale is Sat., Mar 12, 10 to 5. Set up is Fri., Mar 11, beginning about 9:15. Come in through the side door, because the library doesn't open until 10. Let me know when you can help.

If you are working at the start of the sale, or if you want to shop early on Saturday, come in through the side door any time after 9:15.

Monday morning, Mar 14, we'll need 5 or 6 people to do some cleanup, beginning at 9:30. Again, come in through the side door.

On Friday, there'll be coffee cake, fruit, and drinks; it's always fun to stop work for a few minutes and get to know one another. If you'd like to bring a coffee cake or other baked item or provide juice, contact **Pat Bjornson**, 210-497-3279 or nbjorson@satx.rr.com.

BAGS: We need both paper and plastic bags. If you bring them before the sale weekend, leave them in the Friends' closet in the meeting room.

BOOK DONATIONS: Bring your donations with you on Friday.

LEFTOVER BOOKS: It's getting harder and harder to find groups that want the leftovers. I've contacted all the FOSAPL branch groups to see if any of them want leftovers. If you know of any nonprofit group that wants books, let Pat know.

BOOK SALE HELP NEEDED. We always get a great turnout to help with the book sales. Pat would like 2 or

3 people to help with the advertising and a few other things that need to be done before the sale weekends. Most of it can be done via e-mail from your home. If you'd like to help with the sales but can't help during the sale weekends, this could be a way for you to help. Contact Pat.

VIDEO SALE: The San Antonio library system recently deleted all its videos and books on tape. They were given to the Friends groups to sell, and one weekend in January most of the branch groups had a video/books on tape sale. We made \$300 at our sale. People who still have tape or VCR players found lots of great bargains.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our fall book sale brought in \$4,206.05. Expenditures have been mainly for landscaping upkeep, more book carts, and some display easels. We have over \$18,000 in our FOSAPL account.

MEMBERSHIP: Our Friends' branch currently has 79 members. Brook Hollow is one of the largest branches. Membership lists will be available at the book sale and our next meeting. Let **Pat Bjornson** know if you have a new phone number or e-mail address. We currently have 44 e-mail addresses, which means we are saving a lot of money on postage.

STAFF APPRECIATION DINNER: Our Staff Appreciation Dinner will be held at Apple Annie's Restaurant, Mar 4. Cost is \$12; mail your check, made out to FOSAPL (Friends of the San Antonio Public Library) to **Marilou Smith**, 13009 Trent, San Antonio, 78232, by Feb 28.

NEXT FRIENDS' MEETING: The next meeting of the Brook Hollow Friends will be Monday, Mar 14, at 7:00 in the meeting room. All Friends are encouraged to attend. It will be short, since the library closes at 8:00!

BEST FRIEND: In the past, Brook Hollow has not participated in the FOSAPL Best Friends program as we

consider all of us to be library best friends. This year our officers wanted to do something special for one of our long-time members, **Peggy Wolf**.

Peggy rarely missed a meeting, she helped with every project she could, and she really loved helping with the book sales. Peggy liked keeping the books on the tables straight (not an easy thing to do!) and helping customers look for books.

Peggy has had some health problems in the last year and is unable to help now, but we wanted her to know how much she has meant to our group, and so she received the FOSAPL Best Friend Award for Brook Hollow.

Pat Bjornson

Maverick

There were many smiling faces at the Maury Maverick Jr. Branch Library on Feb 19, as Maverick Friends and the library staff teamed up to host the library's 5th birthday party.

The River City Ringers hand bell choir and a guitar trio, Acoustic Warriors Electric Saints, provided music for the festivities. Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts** is a member of the River City Ringers, and staff member **J.D. Elizondo** is one of the Acoustic Warriors Electric Saints (*more with photos on page 9*).

Don't forget, Maverick's next book sale will be from 10 to 4 on Saturday, Apr 2, and Sunday, Apr 3. We hope many Friends from other branches will stop in to say hello.

Most books are priced at \$1 or 50¢, with some special books priced higher and some bargain priced at 25¢. Other items may be sold. The book sales, the Friends' primary fundraisers, are held twice a year. They offer customers an opportunity to support the community library while building their home libraries at bargain prices.

Earnings from past sales were used to purchase furniture, computer and office equipment, benches, a reading circle rug, book and CD carts, display racks and cases, a camera, office supplies and other items for the library. The Friends also help fund and provide refreshments for library programs and activities.

Donations of gently used books are accepted on an ongoing basis at the library circulation desk. Books that can be used for the library's collection are added to it, and other donated books are sold at the used book sale. A few leftover books may be donated after the sale to other Friends groups for their sales and to senior centers, nursing homes, hospitals, and non-profit groups.

The Friends work closely with library staff to meet unfunded library needs. Anyone interested in helping the library, even if not a member of the Friends, is welcome at regular Friends meetings on the first Tuesday each month at the library. Meeting hours and any changes of schedule are posted at the library. Friends membership applications are available at the circulation desk in the library.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

The General Meeting was held on Valentine's Day with good attendance and members in high spirits. The refreshments table was filled with Valentine-themed decorations, cupcakes, cookies, candies, and a red punch. There was much to celebrate and the meeting began with expressions of appreciation. First, **Jill Zimmerman**, PR Chair, was acknowledged as having been selected as the McCreless "2011 Best Friend" in recognition of her years of service spreading word of activities through the *SAPLing* ar-

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ticles, the *Southside Reporter*, and other avenues. As **Barbara Reagan** stepped down after 3 plus years of excellent service as treasurer, she was recognized by a thank you gift and card presented by **Anne Long**, President of the McCreless Friends. And a nice surprise gift of appreciation was received by the Friends Group by a beautiful thank you card from the McCreless Library Staff and a \$20 donation to be used on the volunteers. President **Anne Long** suggests that be used to pay for lunch for the volunteers at the next Friends book sale.

Further evidence of Barbara's success as treasurer was indicated by the very positive treasurer's report excellently presented by the group's new treasurer, **Mary Gallagher**. She reported that we were able to purchase all items on the library branch manager's wish list, support the staff's Christmas party with a monetary donation and decorations, present gift cards to library staff, provide support for the summer reading program and teen program, and still start the year with funds. This is mostly possible through the proceeds from the two book sales and the VHS sale. The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 21, and Sunday, May 22, from 10:00-5:30 each day. Your support through volunteering, purchasing and/or donating items, and getting the word out make it possible for the Friends group to successfully reach our goal of supporting the services of the branch library.

Cathy Dean and **Nancy Gandara** reported about the importance of letting our elected officials know how important library services are to our community. With the current State budget crisis, four programs are in danger of being unfunded. Your elected officials need to

hear from library supporters. **Cathy Dean** gave the names of our local state representatives and informed us how to most effectively communicate our concerns to our officials. **Nancy Gandara** distributed a handout about the Impact of HB1/SB1 (82R) from the Library Board Ad Hoc Advocacy Committee.

After the general meeting was adjourned, the Book Swap activity was held. Each member brought books to talk about and books to give away. We learned about authors that were new to us and discovered which genres were favored among our members. Everyone left with a book to take home and enjoy and the names of authors to find out more about. It was an exciting ending to the meeting. Join us for our next Board meeting on May 9, location to be announced later and our next General Meeting on May 16 at the McCreless Library meeting room.

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes Friends

Semmes Friends had another successful book sale on Feb 12, which will continue our ability to support the library with purchase requests to accommodate its continuing growth. Recent purchase requests include "floating" book shelves that will help the staff position materials to catch the reader's eye.

Semmes Friends have watched the library grow in numbers of visitors and programs over the past 5 years, and we have enjoyed being able to support this growth through sponsoring programs in addition to purchases of equipment, furniture, and program materials. The extent of Semmes' growth became very evident this Christmas when we set up our 12-ft tree for the holidays. Where did all that open space go?! Though our tree has served us well these past 5 years and been the rally

point for decorating crafts and parties, we have decided to scale down a bit for next year and are now looking for a new home for the 12-ft tree. Terms for acquisition of the tree are negotiable. Please contact **Judy Wilson** (mypocobanana@yahoo.com or 210-789-9409) for more information.

Though not yet confirmed, we anticipate our next sale to be around June 11 and to include a Friends preview sale. Watch the SAPL website and calendar for the announcement of the fixed date.

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Best Friend award went this year to **Pat Peak**, a Friend who not only is a current and very active member of the Friends, but has a special history with our group.

When Pat came to Thousand Oaks as the librarian in 1993, she was given three tasks: have a book sale with the books in the closet behind her desk, start a book club and re-organize the Friends of the Library, which numbered, at best, four people. One Saturday she enlisted those people to help drag the boxes of books into the entry, where they set up tables and had a book sale. Some of the patrons who came to the library that day decided to join the Friends, and the group began to grow.

"The Tuesday Book Club grew out of the Friends group," she says. "And several of the people who are active in our group today were part of the original small group of Friends and book clubbers. I have stayed a member of Thousand Oaks Friends because I appreciate the help and support I received from this group when I was librarian. And now they are truly good friends."

As Friends treasurer, Pat keeps meticulous records and is

on hand at book sales and other events to help with any task.

The Friends began the New Year by undecorating the library and taking on the task of holding a special sale of the library's withdrawn VHS and audio tapes. They also elected new officers: **Linda Nairn** will be president, **Celina Dewberry** will continue as secretary and **Pat Peak** as treasurer.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Snow didn't deter book buyers from the Tobin Friends February sale, which garnered \$2,973, including a record \$62.75 in donations in our "tip" jar. Other Friends groups were invited to skim the cream of our leftover books during the final hour of the closing bag sale, which made for a rapid clean up.

Disposing of leftover books from a sale is a problem that many Friends groups share. **Linda Arronge**, FOSAPL vice president, who helped at our sale, says she hopes to find a solution that will make it possible to redistribute books from branches that get lots of donations to branches that get by on less.

Volunteers to tote books can be found, but they need to be equipped with a truck, dollies and a warehouse-type space where books can be stored and sorted. The Tobin Friends support efforts to coordinate with other branches in sharing and disposing of books because other charitable organizations that we used to depend on to send a truck to pick up a large number of books are no longer willing to do so.

The Friends are going to miss branch manager **Dianna "Didi" Morganti**, who is moving downtown to head the Ref-

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erence Department at the Central Library. Her last request for \$1,700 to buy four chairs and two coffee-type tables to create a sitting area in the Children's Section was approved by the Friends.

In other staff changes, **Erika James** is joining the Tobin Library as a Children's Librarian. **Christina Abbenante**, who worked at the Tobin as a Circulation Aide, has been promoted to Librarian after graduating from library school in Decem-

ber. Based at the downtown Outreach department, she will work in the bookmobile or a library booth at the city's many fairs and festivals.

The next Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell book sale is set for May 20-21. A preview, open to all FOSAPL members, will be 1-3, Friday, May 20. Regular book sale hours are 10-4, Saturday, May 21.

Janet Goddard

Semmes Book Sale



Semmes Friends —book sale setup complete!

Happy shoppers

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accept the slate of nominations for the new members. It passed.

The slate of officers was presented. Those nominated were: President—**Nancy Gandara**, Vice-President—**Linda Arronge**, Secretary—**Anne Long** and Treasurer—**Judy Wilson**. **Denise Barlow** made a motion and **Robbi Ruppert** seconded the motion to accept the slate unanimously. It passed.

BookCellar Memorandum of Understanding—The agreement between the Library and the BookCellar has been discussed at meetings of the BookCellar Committee, and it was also introduced at the last Friends meeting. A motion to accept the agreement was made by

Mary McAfee and seconded by **Claudia Kohler**. It passed.

Best Friends of 2010 Recognition Awards—Awards were given to **Peggy Wolf** (Brook Hollow); **Dorothy Smith** (Carver); **Stephanie Alvarado** (Cortez); **Josie Garay** (GNW); **Anne Wagner** (Igo); **Joyce Garcia** (Maverick); **Jill Zimmerman** (McCreless); **Pat Peak** (Thousand Oaks); **Rita Corey** (Tobin); **Edith Speert** (BookCellar); **Pat Konstam** (SAPLings Committee). Special thanks to **Libby Roussin** and the Bazan Friends and the BookCellar Friends for the great refreshments. The cookies with the branch library names were a big hit and so were all the treats.

Have a new eBook reader?

Remember that you can download e-books and audiobooks free with your San Antonio Public Library card! If you don't have a library card, visit our website to find out how to get one.



Mark your calendar:

Two new branch libraries scheduled to open!

A little over a year ago, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for two new branch libraries: the **Mission Branch Library**, on the site of the former Mission Drive-in Theater, and the **Parman Library at Stone Oak**, in north central San Antonio. The communities surrounding both libraries have waited patiently for their new branches to open—now grand opening dates have been announced!

The Mission Branch Library will open on Saturday, April 30, and the Parman Branch Library on May 7. Both libraries will offer a full range of services and resources, including books, magazines, newspapers, computer and Internet access, Wi-Fi access, children's story times, teen activities, and adult programming.

Additionally, both libraries will incorporate special "green" components. The Mission Branch Library will feature a rainwater and air conditioning condensate reclamation system for irrigation, as well as drought-tolerant landscaping. The Parman Branch Library will be classified as a LEED Silver Building, meaning that its construction conforms to a set of criteria in five green design categories: sustainable sites, water efficiency, energy and atmosphere, materials and resources and indoor environmental quality.

Watch for more information on our grand opening celebrations, and plan to join us as we expand library service in our community!

Best Friends Honored



Outgoing officers, L to R, **Linda Arronge**, Secretary; **Nancy Gandara**, President; **Bruce Gill**, Vice President; and **Judy Wilson**, Treasurer.



Edith Speert and her daughter **Susan**



Best Friend **Edith Speert** and BookCellar Volunteers



Linda Arronge and Cortez Best Friend **Stephanie Alvarado**



Nancy Gandara and SAPLings Committee Best Friend **Pat Konstam**



Linda Nairn and Thousand Oaks Best Friend **Pat Peak**

at Annual Meeting



Anne Long and McCreless Best Friend **Jill Zimmerman**



Renee Hermanson and **Rowena Rodgers**



Aaron Konstam and BookCellar Best Friend **Edith Speert**



Pat and Aaron Konstam and **Linda Nairn**



Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** and **Pat Bjornson**



Kathleen McCloskey and Igo's Best Friend **Anne Wagner**.



Love Your Library!

On February 14, the San Antonio Public Library celebrated Valentine's Day with its annual "Love Your Library" news conference.

Community leaders, including

Mayor **Julián Castro**, County Judge **Nelson Wolff**, Library Board Chair **Jean Brady**, FOS-APL President **Nancy Gandara**, and Library Foundation President & CEO **Kaye Lenox**, gathered at the Central Library to announce the kickoff of a process to create a new strategic plan for the San Antonio Public Library.

San Antonio banking icon **Tom Frost, Sr.**, Chairman Emeritus of Frost Bank, has agreed to serve as honorary chair of the Library's Strategic Planning Leadership Advisory Committee, offering guidance and insight gained through his wide experience in business and community service. Mr. Frost will be joined by leaders from such fields as education, business, medicine, the arts, technology, volunteerism, the media, and non-profits.

What exactly will be going on? The San Antonio Public Library is developing a strategic plan to provide a cohesive vision and direction for the next five years and to position the library as a relevant, high-achieving organization to better serve the community. We have hired a project team, led by San Antonio-based KGBTexas and The Ivy Group, which has consulted more than 50 library systems in the United States and Canada to draw on best practices and innovations from renowned libraries across North America.

Why? The San Antonio Public Library is the educational arm of the City of San Antonio. In its support for education and literacy, the library is critical to the continued economic development and competitiveness of our community.

How will we proceed? The plan will be developed with a high level of stakeholder and public engagement, allowing the entire community to participate in, and ultimately support, a unified vision for the San Antonio Public Library.

How can you participate? Attend the public meeting tentatively scheduled for July 26 (more details later) to present the draft plan to the community, and take that opportunity to share your opinions and ideas. We hope that we will have the opportunity to hear from you as we move ahead to create a San Antonio Public Library for the 21st Century and beyond.

Ramiro Salazar

Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale



Maverick's 5th Birthday Celebration



Friends **Elizabeth Purkey** and son, **Paul**, **Wayne Ratliff**, **Rick Meuse**, **Sue Ratliff**, **Cora Poteet**, **Rebecca Vargas**, **Donna Hogan**



A craft project, creating greeting cards, was offered in the meeting room for all who wished to participate.

*Library staffer **Laura Hanson**, in the Libro the Library Lion costume, did a meet and greet in the library. The chil-*

dren loved high-fiving the furry critter, and adults were enchanted by the interactions.

Maverick Friends provided and served refreshments that included birthday cake, cookies, lemonade, and bottled water. The Friends also purchased commemorative magnetic bookmarks and pens, which were offered to all the guests.



BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

Stephanie Alvarado has been elected to the BookCellar Committee, representing Saturday volunteers. Her predecessor, **Carol Wooster**, is continuing to work faithfully in the store on Saturdays. Stephanie is also active in Friends of Cortez Library.

Eight employees of Allstate Insurance Co. contributed a workday to the BookCellar on January 19 as part of the company's Volunteer Day. They sorted, shelved and straightened books in the children's area, making the area neater and easier to use. The children's area also has an expanse of new shelves, purchased with a \$200 donation solicited by **Tom Nemeth** from the Highlands Southeast Optimist Club.

The buy-one-get-one free special for March is regularly priced adult hardcover fiction, including novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns, and large print. April's special will be a wide sweep of regularly priced adult non-fiction from the Dewey Decimal 000 through 300 series. These categories include UFOs, computers, paranormal phenomena, psychology, self-help, philosophy, religion, women's history, politics, military history, true crime, education, and more. In addition, during March and April, the store will hold a clearance sale of selected premium books on a variety of topics.

At a time when major book stores are closing because of competition from e-books and online sellers, we're proud to say that the BookCellar remains a place where people can buy books on paper at affordable prices. We're still here. Come visit us.

A note to branch book sale organizers: The BookCellar Committee regrets that the store does not have room to accept all the leftovers from branch sales. We may be able to take some books, particularly markups. Our policy is that branch groups must first ask BookCellar manager **Monica Hernandez** (210-227-9519) if the store wants the books before sending them to us. **Linda Arronge** is spearheading an effort to help branches donate leftover books to sales at other branches. If you want help disposing of books, contact Linda at rarronge@satx.rr.com.

~~ 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 style="text-align: center;">I would like to make the following donation of</p> <p style="text-align: center;">\$ _____</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> In honor of <input type="checkbox"/> A special event Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc. <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of </p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>
<p>Please fill out the form, make your check payable to</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library</p> <p style="text-align: center;">and mail the form with check to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">My name and address is:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p style="text-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
(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.) |
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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 |

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).

STATUS/PAYMENT:

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

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
 Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2010
Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	Budget	FOSAPL Nov-Dec	FOSAPL YTD
Book Cellar sales	75,000.00	10,895.48	73,936.50
Donations and memorials	1,600.00	510.00	3,034.00
Interest	1,000.00	74.96	392.90
Membership	10,000.00	2,965.00	8,925.00
FOSAPL Projected Income for 2010	87,600.00	14,445.44	86,288.40

BUDGET EXPENSES	Budget	Nov-Dec	YTD
Accounting	2,400.00	2,075.00	2,400.00
Arts and Letters	390.00	324.42	425.62
Bank charges	100.00	13.00	(33.89)
FOSAPL Committee expenses	100.00	25.00	265.24
Friends recognition	100.00		49.94
Insurance	2,500.00	174.00	1,813.00
Mayor's Summit	1,000.00		1,000.00
Membership recruitment	800.00	66.80	928.99
Newsletter prep/editing	2,050.00	850.00	2,050.00
Newsletter printing	2,300.00	720.12	2,034.29
Office supplies	1,000.00	480.59	571.27
Parking	6,000.00	1,023.00	6,668.50
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,560.00	1,085.11	1,550.09
President's expenses	350.00		
Seed money for new groups	300.00		200.00
"Show me the Money" program	400.00		
TLA Convention	600.00		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000.00	448.80	448.80
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	300.00	40.97	526.87
Commodities for resale	2,000.00	483.48	2,126.76
Equipment and maintenance	2,500.00		1,106.49
Internet and software	100.00		
Printing and copying	200.00		70.26
Recruitment of volunteer workers	500.00		
Salary and benefits	7,100.00	1,119.50	6,760.75
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	730.92	1,232.79
Library Support			
Programming for public & marketing	65,000.00	50.00	66,234.00
Staff development and training	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no fund amt	-	300.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	121,900.00	29,710.71	118,729.77

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS	Nov-Dec	YTD
Donations	395.00	3,059.45
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, tote sales	12,829.02	63,511.33
Memberships	895.00	3,735.00
Branch Friends group operating expenses	523.50	3,466.07
Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments	11,539.02	52,153.15

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market, BookCellar deposits	86,585.86
Compass Money Market Gold	38,136.23
Compass Checking	<u>28,746.31</u>
Total Assets	153,468.40
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(110,863.99)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(653.75)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(1,654.32)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	40,296.34

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31 2010

Bazan	1,323.82
Brook Hollow	18,182.49
Carver	3,935.26
Central	524.00
Cody	3,150.82
Collins Garden	277.66
Cortez	1,138.50
Forest Hills	2,967.99
Great Northwest	4,310.16
Guerra	5,178.58
Igo	5,064.39
Johnston	2,158.33
Landa	2,842.64
Maverick	8,190.20
McCreless	3,797.68
Memorial	2,739.01
Pruitt (no group formed)	30.00
Semmes	3,103.79
Texana/Genealogy	19,057.25
Thousand Oaks	5,266.11
Tobin at Oakwell	9,407.12
Westfall	4,572.35
Writers (currently inactive)	<u>3,645.84</u>
Total Group Funds	<u>110,863.99</u>

New Membership Chair

We are pleased to announce that
Christie Smith is the new
Membership Chair for FOSAPL.

Christie is a member of the Semmes
branch and is currently serving as their
secretary. You can reach Christie by
phone at 210-653-4103 or by email at
xts@sbcglobal.net.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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| March 12 | Brook Hollow book sale |
| March 14 | Brook Hollow Friends' meeting, 7:00 |
| March 20 | FOSAPL Board of Directors' Meeting at the Carver Branch, 2:00. |
| March 26-27 | Igo book sale, Saturday, 10-5, and Sunday, 10-4. Set up, March 24 & 25 in the evening |
| April 2-3 | Maverick book sale, 10-4. |
| April 17 | Library Champion Awards Ceremony, Sunday, 2:00, Central Library Auditorium |
| April 30 | Mission Branch Library Grand Opening, Saturday, 9:30-2:00, 3100 Roosevelt |
| May 7 | Parman Branch Library at Stone Oak Grand Opening, Saturday, 20735 Wilderness Oak |
| May 15 | Young Pegasus Awards ceremony |
| May 16 | McCreless Friends' meeting |
| May 20-21 | Guerra Friends' book sale, Friday, 4-6, and Saturday, 10-4 |
| May 20 | Tobin book sale, Friday, 1-3, Preview sale for Friends; Saturday, 10-4 |
| May 21-22 | McCreless book sale |
| June 18 | Johnston Library 30th Birthday! |
| July 26 | SAPL Strategic Plan DRAFT 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Mission Library
3100 Roosevelt

Parman Library at Stone Oak
20735 Wilderness Oak

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

Tobin Library at Oakwell
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
210-828-2569