Dear Friends,

“Changing lives through the transformative power of information, imagination and ideas” is both a recognition that the Library does that every day for thousands of people, and an aspiration to improve the opportunities available to residents in the future. Thanks to those of you who participated in the Strategic Planning effort. Look for information about its implementation soon and during the next five years.

Thanks, also, to those Friends who spoke (or wrote!) in support the FY 2012 Budget that was proposed by City Manager Sheryl Sculley. If approved by Mayor Julian Castro and the City Council in mid Sept., the budget improvements will:

- Fund operations of the Mission and Parman branches for 56 hrs/wk
- Expand the hours of the Molly Pruitt Branch at Roosevelt H.S. to 56 hrs/wk
- Replace 312 public computers
- Expand early childhood literacy initiatives to train more caregivers and parents in using books and stories with kids
- Increase library resources in print and electronic (including tutor.com)
- Address deferred maintenance issues at some facilities

This level of funding (which represents a 4% increase for SAPL) is especially notable given the challenge of a slow economy, and I urge you to thank your council person for the vote of confidence in the Library.

Development of the land continues at the Parman Branch, where members of the Rotary Club of San Antonio will direct scores of volunteers to construct a playground in early November. The playground next to the Johnston Branch was recently finished, and a playground and exercise station is planned as part of the land adjacent to the Carver Branch that was recently acquired. And in the next four months, we will see a new welcoming plaza and landscaped area at the Central Library, where construction materials have been for the past year. Your libraries continue to change with the times, both inside and outside—visit one today!

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara

Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony

You are Invited to Celebrate with Honored Awardees, Friends, and Guests
Sunday, October 30, 2011, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library Auditorium
Refreshments will be served.

The Arts and Letters committee is happy to announce that the 2011 winners are Michael Nye, Patsy Sasek, and Frederick Williams. The Awards Ceremony will be at 2 p.m., Sunday, October 30, in the Central Library Auditorium.

First presented in 1972, the Arts and Letters Awards are presented annually by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library to recognize and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters. Honorees include artists, writers, musicians, educators, community leaders, and entertainers whose dedication and devotion to their chosen fields have served to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of San Antonio.

MICHAEL NYE
San Antonio-based portrait photographer Michael Nye combines arts, letters, and media in his moving photographic portraits paired with poignant quotes and audio recordings of his subjects that together unveil often uncomfortable truths about the human condition and American society. He turns black and white photos and recorded voices into poetry.

PATSY SASEK
Patsy Sasek has shown and sold her art in many galleries in San Antonio. She is also a graphic artist and designer and has been a consultant for nonprofit agencies in San Antonio including Seton Home, Camerata San Antonio, Abode Contemplative Care for the Dying, and many others. In 2003, she collaborated with Martha Adkins of the Children’s Bereavement

FREDERICK WILLIAMS
From 2002 to 2008, Frederick Williams organized the Readers and Writers Group of San Antonio. Readers and Writers conducted “Fiction Writers’ Weekend” for six years. He invited African-American writers from throughout the country to visit San Antonio for special book signing and writer forums. He became a member of the Divine Literary Tour.

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara

Arts & Letters-NYE, cont on p 5.
Arts & Letters-SASEK, cont on p 5.
Arts & Letters-WILLIAMS, cont on p 5.
The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, July 17, 2011, in the meeting room at the Guerra Branch Library.

Board members present were: Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Shirley Coleman, Jackie Fremming, Delores Huber, Claudia Kohler, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Josie Martinez, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Ronnie Retzloff, Ann Springer, and Virginia Wong.

The President announced that Ann Tobin had regrettfully withdrawn from the Board due to the press of personal obligations.

The Minutes of the May 22, 2011, meeting were printed in the July/August 2011 SAPLings. Jackie Fremming moved and Mary McAfee seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

**President’s Report—Nancy Gandara** reviewed meetings that she had attended during the prior two months: these included meetings of the Board of Trustees, the Strategic Plan Library Advisory Committee, the 30th Anniversary celebration of the Johnston Branch (where she made and served the punch), and the FOSAPL Audit Committee. She said that she and Claudia Kohler had signed up 25 new members at the BookCellar Preview Sale, earlier in July. Nancy said that she was looking forward to attending the Strategic Plan Public Forums, and announced the dates and locations of those meetings.

**Treasurer’s Report—Judy Wilson** reported the net assets for FOSAPL as of June 30, 2011, as $62,373.80, and the Branch Group funds were $101,544.81. In answer to a question raised at the last Board meeting, it was explained that the wrong Treasurer’s Report had been printed in the May/June issue of SAPLings (although the correct one had been distributed at the Board meeting). Therefore, the Treasurer’s Reports for both Feb. 28 and April 30, 2011, had been printed for all members in the July/Aug. issue. Mary McAfee moved and Delores Huber seconded the motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report, and the motion passed.

**Nancy Gandara** reviewed the usual procedure for branch groups’ expenditures of funds that they have raised: the Branch Manager prepares a “wish list” of items or services needed, which the Friends membership consider for purchase. Branch Friends groups and Branch managers are encouraged to either plan and save for long-term, expensive expenditures (e.g. landscaping), or establish an annual plan of smaller purchases for the branch.

**Library Board of Trustees Report—Jean Brady** was unable to attend this meeting.

**Library Administration—Kathy Donellan** spoke briefly about the Strategic Plan Public Forums, and about the status of preparation of the FY 2012 City budget. She introduced Sidra Maldonado, who was recently hired as Executive Assistant to the Library Director.

**Library Foundation—Carol Black** showed the first “board book” for babies and toddlers that had been developed in cooperation with the SA Museum of Art, published by Trinity Press. This initiative will be to promote reading from infancy to three years old and will be launched on September 10, and books may be purchased for $7.95 each.

**SAPL Advocacy Committee—Linda Arronge** spoke about the importance of the Friends attendance at city Council FY2012 Budget Hearings, and suggested that members who had T-shirts wear them.

**Audit Committee—Ronnie Retzloff** presented the report of the Audit Committee, comprised of Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Evelyn Bonavita, Stephanie Alvarado, Claudia Kohler, and herself. The committee members, who met on July 2, 2011, and reviewed all the records of 2010, agreed that the books were in order and that all Treasurer’s Reports were substantiated with appropriate data. The committee commended Judy Wilson for having done an excellent job, and had no requests or recommendations. The Board accepted the report, and applauded Judy Wilson.

**BookCellar—Aaron Konstam** announced that the Annual Tent Sale income was $11,864, and that he appreciated the participation of 52 FOSAPL volunteers, plus 29 volunteers from Valero. Aaron pointed out that there were fewer FOSAPL volunteers than last year, but that the committee would consider holding a Half-Price Sale in the fall as that required less set-up, etc.

**Membership—Christie Smith** reported that our membership is at 850 (an increase of 40 since the May report). The Mission Branch group has 16 members, and 9 people have signed on to support the Parman Branch (which has yet to organize as a group).

**Minutes cont on p 4.**
Great Northwest

Great Northwest Friends meet third Sunday of the even months (opposite board meetings) at 4 p.m. in the Community room.

Friends of Great Northwest held their annual Appreciation Luncheon on August 1. Nearly 40 library staff, volunteers, and Friends attended. The luncheon was catered by El Pollo Loco. This is an especially fun event as we say thanks to the summer program volunteers before many of them head back to school. Games, prizes, chicken, cake, and ice cream were enjoyed by all. Thanks to the library staff for providing the cake and desserts.

Great Northwest will have its fall book sale on Friday, Sept 30 from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday, Oct 1 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Book donations are accepted at any time the library is open.

Denise Barlow

Guerra

Guerra Friends will hold a book sale Nov. 4, from 4 to 6, and Nov. 5, from 10 to 4.

Delores Huber

Igo

Igo Fibbers meet the first Saturday morning of each month except when there is a holiday conflict.

Dates to Remember:
• Igo Fall Book Sale – Sept 24, Saturday from 10-5 and Sunday Sept 25 from 1-4.
• Next Fibber meeting – Sept 10, 10:30

Igo’s summer reading programs probably broke all records. About four to five thousand children attended the various summer programs held in June and July. Circulation hit about 38 thousand, and the door count was at 28 thousand. Igo continues to be a mainstay in the community.

Several staff have been hired to fill positions. When two more vacancies are filled, the library will be back up to full staff. FIBBERS want to acknowledge the departure of Cara Waits who has accepted a position at the Kyle Public Library. Her work as the Children’s Librarian has been outstanding, and we are sad to see her go. However, we anticipate another excellent Children’s Librarian will, no doubt, be hired soon.

Fibbers voted to fund an “XBox 360 4-GB Console Connect” and a “dance game” for the teen program. We have been assured that the new Teen Librarian, Barbara Kwiatkowski, knows what this is and will put it to good use. Kathy Claspill explained it to us, and some of us even knew what it was.

We’re looking forward to our book sale. Any of you who can help, just drop to help set up on Thursday, Sept 22, from 4-6 and Friday, Sept 23, from 10-4. Hope to see you then.

Kathleen McCloskey

Landa

The newly regrouped Friends of Landa library held their first book sale on Saturday, Aug 6, with a preview sale on Friday afternoon.

Shirley Morrison organized and directed the sale, which was a great success.

Shirley and Landa manager Michael Kaminski are also organizing an “honor cart” and a “freebie cart” for the library.

The Landa Friends wish to thank the Book Cellar volunteers and other Friends members who helped with this sale.

Diane Prickett

Maverick

The Maverick Friends meet the first Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is Tuesday, Sept 6, 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room.

The “Main Event” for fall is the book sale, Oct 8 and 9 (Saturday and Sunday). The setup day will be on Thursday, Oct 6, in the Community Room. Volunteers are always welcome as we need many hands to make the sale a success. E-mail Donna Hogan (donna-hogan@sbeglobal.net) or Rosalie Klepac (rklepac@satx.rr.com) to volunteer and get details.

Maverick Friends continued to support library programs throughout the summer, using proceeds from our book sales, “Book Nook” and ink cartridge recycling. We continue to sponsor monthly Teen Book Club meetings, providing pizzas and sodas.

The Summer Reading Program activity materials and treats were provided by the Friends. After crafts, what better finish than an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social? (See related photos on page 5.)

Another major purchase for the Library is a set of end-
OLD BUSINESS

Arts & Letters Awards and Reception—Linda Arronge showed a poster that she had prepared to distribute to the FOSAPL Board members, who might help publicize the event. Ronnie Retzloff suggested having the information sent out to the email list used to notify members about SAPLings. The deadline for nominations is Aug. 19, and the review committee consists of Evelyn Bonavita, Anne Long, Antoinette Franklin, and Linda Arronge, although more volunteers would be welcome. The awards will be made at the Central Library on Sunday, Oct 30.

SAPL Strategic Plan—a printed list of the dates/locations of the Public Forums was distributed, and Board members were urged to view the plan “draft” online.

NEW BUSINESS

Nominating Committee for 2012-14 FOSAPL Board—Volunteers were asked to contact Nancy Gandara.

BookCellar 20th Anniversary in 2012 Task Force—Nancy pointed out that next year will be the twentieth year of BookCellar operations, as the Friends had started it in the Herzberg basement in 1991. Linda Arronge will be chairing a Task Force to plan an event that will be both a celebration and a fundraiser for the Friends, and volunteers are needed for this Task Force.

There being no additional business, Aaron Konstam made the motion we adjourn. Mary McAfee seconded, and the meeting was adjourned.

Mission

The next meeting of the Mission Friends will be Nov 17 at 6:00 p.m.

The Friends of Mission Library held their inaugural meeting on Thursday, Aug 25. Charter officers were introduced, including President Roberto Anguiano, Vice President Terry Ibanez Santiago, Treasurer Preciliana Cabral and Secretary Josie Martinez. Nancy Gandara and Judy Wilson of the FOSAPL Board took time to explain accounting procedures as well as introducing a short history of the parent organization. Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, Mission Library branch manager presented some exciting data, listing the Mission Branch library in the top five in circulation among San Antonio library branches. She shared her vision and goal for working with the Friends group. She presented a wish list to the group that will help in guiding future fundraising efforts. These items include a flat screen TV, projector, and digital camera. Mission Friends announced their first book sale will be held on Saturday, Oct.

Semmes

Friends meeting: Wednesday, Oct 5, 10:00, in the Quiet Room

Semmes Friends book sale will be Saturday, Oct 22, starting at 10:00 a.m. A Preview book sale for FOSAPL members will be on Friday, Oct 21, from 11:00 to 12:30.

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks Friends will continue to meet the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

We are looking forward to meeting our new branch manager, Troy Hoyles. He will begin work at Thousand Oaks Sept 14. Also, the Thousand Oaks Friends will have our next book sale on Saturday, Dec 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Linda Nairn
Michael Nye (cont’d)

Three of his major exhibitions include “Children of Children: The Faces and Voices of Teen Parenthood” in 1999, “Fine Line: Mental Health/Mental Illness” in 2003, and “About Hunger and Resilience” in 2010. He found at least 50 individuals of varied ages, races, ethnicities, and incomes who would talk about their personal experiences with the issue Nye was illuminating. He photographed them and recorded their stories.

Critic Marion Winik, who was quoted in the San Antonio Current (April 15-21, 1999) as saying that adding voices to photographs shows that the way Nye “listens is similar to the way he sees—with a rapt, meticulous attention that gives preeminence to the natural voice, infusing it with poetic resonance. He honors the stories the way he honors faces, and in doing so, gives us almost shockingly immediate access to a stranger’s humanity.”

Nye lives in downtown San Antonio with his wife poet Naomi Shihab Nye. He was nominated by Pat Konstam (pat.konstam@sbcglobal.net).

Patsy Sasek (cont’d)

Center and VITAS Hospice to create Luz Finds His Light, a coloring book for the children whose loved one is facing death. In 2009, Patsy collaborated with Rachman and Aminah Ulmer to create ArtPeace, a community art project to mentor young people in art as means of expressing the importance of learning to live peacefully in the world. This month an art exhibit of images and stories of Iraqi women, “Iraqi Women of Three Generations: Challenges, Education and Hopes for Peace,” is being held at the Episcopal Church of the Reconciliation. Throughout the exhibit, children are invited to create more art to send to Iraqi children. “I believe Patsy’s dedication to art and its role in making the world a better place demonstrates her service to enrich San Antonio and the world from many perspectives.” said Christie Smith, who nominated her.” (xts@sbcglobal.net).

Frederick Williams (cont’d)

It is a collection of African-American writers who traveled the country conducting writers’ forums, workshops, and book signings.

Williams assisted in the creation of the African-American Studies Department at UTSA. He taught many of the courses such as Politics of the Civil Rights Movement and African-American Literature from Phyllis Wheatly to the Black Arts Movement.

He is presently a freelance writer. He has written three novels. The second one, Beyond Redemption, takes place in San Antonio.

He was nominated by Cary Clack (caryclack@yahoo.com).

Maverick Summer Reading Program

The Summer Reading Program activity materials and treats were provided by the Friends. After crafts, what better finish than an old-fashioned Ice Cream Social?

1. Library Manager Jef Martin and Friend Rosalie Klepac at the Ice Cream Social with whipped cream topping
2. Ice Cream Social a big hit
3. End of Summer Reading Program at Mav
McCreless Celebrates 45 years!

Tell me if you’ve heard this one before . . . “A balloon artist, a magician, and a trio of face painters walk into a library . . .” If you’ve heard this, then you’ve already heard about the McCreless 45th anniversary birthday bash celebrating 45 years of library services to the south side. Hundreds of people came to the celebration on August 14.

Children loved the beautiful face paintings by Joel Bangilan and Trina Smith. Spikey Mikey, the magician, engaged the little ones. There were games, crafts, treats and great give-aways, including a raffle with multiple winners. It was wonderful to see so many children and adults participating in this very special event.

Kate Gray, Interim Assistant Director, SAPL, provided the welcome greeting, followed by remarks from Jennifer Ramos, District 3 City Councilwoman. Honored guests included Mayor Julián Castro, Rep. Joaquin Castro, Congressman Lloyd Doggett, and Commissioner Tommy Adkisson. The Friends Group provided funding for the celebration, and HEB donated the birthday cake and a beautiful bouquet of flowers.
Cammi Gunter, Branch Manager, along with a subcommittee of Friends Group members, planned the party, made all the arrangements, and, along with McCreless Branch Library staff, facilitated the event. Anne Long, President of McCreless Friends Group, and other Friends sold commemorative t-shirts designed by graphic artist Ana Farr and Cammi Gunter. The proceeds from the t-shirt sales go to the Friends Group to continue supporting library activities and services. If you missed getting a t-shirt, it’s not too late! Call Anne Long at 210-621-0204 and get yours for only $8.
From the Library Director

Strategic Plan

It has been a busy summer for the Library’s Strategic Plan process, and we are nearing completion. On June 22, 2011, a draft of the Strategic Plan was delivered to the Leadership Advisory Committee and Library Board of Trustees.

On June 27, the public vetting process commenced when a draft of the plan was posted on the Library’s web site www.mysapl.org. In an effort to give the residents of San Antonio and Bexar County an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the Strategic Plan and provide feedback, the draft of the plan was presented at eight public forums and six staff forums at library branches around the city over a two-week period in mid-July. Flyers in English and Spanish for the public forums were posted at each library location and a bookmark was distributed at all Library branches. A press release for the public forums was distributed to all local media outlets as well. The comments and feedback were very insightful and incorporated, as deemed appropriate, into the final plan.

The final plan was presented to the Library Board of Trustees at their monthly meeting on August 24 for their approval, and is scheduled to go to City Council for their endorsement in late September 2011.

The initial goal of producing a 5-year Strategic Plan was to “position the Library for the future as a relevant and high-achieving organization to better serve the community.” I believe the plan accomplishes that. The strategies and recommendations in the plan will help the Library achieve many of its goals, such as aligning the library with the community goals of the City of San Antonio and SA 2020; strengthening the library’s role in advancing education; improving the library user experience by better targeting library resources, facilities and technologies; raising public awareness of the importance of the Library to the community; and improving the Library’s organizational health.

Now it’s time to put the plan into action, and we can all participate by embracing the Library’s new mission statement:

The San Antonio Public Library changes lives through the transformative power of information, imagination and ideas.

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library have a long tradition of supporting the work of the Library. We invite you to join us on this new stage of our journey.

Getting to Know Your Friends

Mary McAfee

Claudia Kohler

Mary Womack McAfee was born in Texas but moved to Oklahoma when she was 3 years old. Mary was still in high school and also working at Allen’s Five & Dime Store when she met Willis Womack who worked at the local bank until the possibility of the draft caused him to join the Air Force. Mary and Willis moved back to Texas in 1976 following 12 assignments in his 28-year Air Force career. When I asked Mary where her favorite assignment was, she said “San Antonio!”

Mary thrived as an Air Force wife, and this is where she began her many years of volunteering. Upon retirement in San Antonio, Mary worked on the campaign for Bob Thompson who was running for City Council and called her one day in 1979, to say there was an opening on the Library Board of Trustees. Thus began Mary’s long connection with the San Antonio Public Library systems. While Mary was Chairman of the Board, Willis died and Mary’s library friends helped her get through some rough times. Mary and Willis were close friends with Charles and Gayle McAfee as their military paths crossed frequently. Charles lost his wife about the same time, and to Mary’s surprise he came over one day and said “I think we should get married.” Mary replied, “I think we should date first.” Mary and Charles have been married since 1984, celebrating their 27th anniversary recently!

In 1991, Mary organized the first Friends used book sale, which was held at Market Square and took in $22,000.

In 1996, the Board of Trustees gave Mary the first Library Champion Award, and Texas Library Association (TLA) gave her the outstanding Services to Libraries award for her service to the Alamo Area Library system.

In 2002, Mary and Charles were named Texas Library Champions by the TLA as part of its centennial anniversary. They were among 100 advocates who have played an important role in supporting Texas libraries since 1902 and were chosen because of their longstanding commitment to all types of libraries.

San Antonio’s library system has grown a lot during Mary’s years of volunteering, yet her enthusiasm has not diminished, and I expect to see Mary McAfee’s magic touch continue for a long time. I also expect and hope to see Mary’s delicious Rice Krispies candy at BookCellar preview sales and other library functions. See Mary’s recipe on page 9.

Volunteers Wanted

Volunteer artists, graphic designers, creative spirits are needed. They will assist with development of posters for 2012 FOSAPL membership campaign and BookCellar marketing. Please contact Christie Smith at xts@sbcglobal.net or 210-653-4103.
The July Tent Sale of Books brought in $11,864, almost equaling last year’s record. The number of volunteers who worked on the sale—81 people, including 52 Friends of the Library and 29 from Valero Energy Corp.—also almost equaled last year’s total. In addition, 25 new Friends of the Library signed up at the preview sale. A big thank you goes to everyone who worked on the sale or came to shop.

The BookCellar Committee is already planning a second special sale this year—an after-Thanks-giving half-price sale—in an effort to boost revenues needed for library support. The half-price sale will last one week, during regular store hours, beginning Monday, Nov. 28, and continuing through Sunday, Dec. 4. Customers will have a good opportunity to stock up on holiday books and gifts.

Meanwhile, the store’s monthly buy-one-get-one-free specials have resumed. The September special is regular-priced adult and children’s books in the Dewey Decimal 600 series. This broad series includes health and medicine, cars and planes, dogs and cats, gardening, home making, fashion and style, dating and marriage, child rearing, job hunting, business management and marketing. The October special will be regular-priced hard-cover adult fiction, including novels, mysteries, sci-fi, and large print.

Mary McAfee’s Crispy Rice Squares

1.5 Pound package of chocolate or vanilla bark
3 cups crispy rice cereal – any brand.

Optional additions:
- 1 cup pecan pieces
- 1 cup chopped raisins
- 1 cup coconut
- 1 cup miniature marshmallows
- Chow mein noodles

1. Put the chocolate or vanilla in a large mixing bowl and microwave for about 3 minutes, or until soft.
2. Stir in rice cereal and add the options of choice.
3. Spread the mixture on wax paper as thick as you want it. Put newspaper under the wax paper to keep it from sticking to the table/counter.
4. Let it harden for about 30 minutes. If you are in a hurry, you can refrigerate it for a few minutes.
5. Cut into squares, then seal candy in a plastic bag.
6. If you add the chow mein noodles, spoon the mixture onto the wax paper—it will look like haystacks.

NOTICE-DO NOT ADD ANY LIQUID TO THE RECIPE OR IT WILL NOT HARDEN!

Donations and Memorials

Submitted by Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of
Marva L. Ellison
By Paulette Ellison

Donations

Virginia Yee Wong

In Honor of
The marriage of Mary Allyn Watson and Steven Hendricks
By Alice M. Rosenstein and Lois Reibach
John Igo
By Zula and Ed Vizard

Encourage Kids to Read

The BookCellar needs volunteers who enjoy children’s books to work in its Juvenile and Young Adult room to help young customers find what they want and to help keep books organized. Shifts are available from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. any day you can work. For details, call BookCellar Manager Monica Hernandez at 210-227-9519.
It is on a bittersweet note that we acknowledge the passing of several Life member Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, Claude Stanush, Jean McCarty and Kathryn Vaught. We have made a $100 donation to SAPL in memory of each of our life members.

Be One in a Thousand!

In concert with SAPL’s endeavor to have one million library card holders in San Antonio, FOSAPL wants to be one thousand members strong! As of this writing, our membership totals 866 Friends. We only need 134 more Friends, which averages to about 6 new friends for each branch.

By the time you read this, we will be ramping up for the 2012 FOSAPL Membership Campaign. To reach our goal, each of us (life members excluded) need to renew our membership for 2012. Then, we need to recruit new Friends as noted above. We can do this! Just since February 2011, we have gained 83 new Friends! Each of us has our reasons for becoming a Friend, but the bottom line is that the Library and its branches need our help on an increasing basis to sustain and increase our world-class service to the community. Our help comes in the form of volunteer hours to operate the BookCellar, sort and sell donated books at the branches, serve as officers of branch Friends groups, serve on various committees, such as the Arts and Letters Committee and help with mailings, such as the SAPLings. We are encouraged with the enthusiasm and energy being generated across the branches and the interest in starting Friends groups at our two newest branch libraries: Mission and Parman.

Beginning now and throughout the membership campaign, do check your libraries for a prominent display of current Friends membership envelopes. All libraries should have the membership envelopes with black print – NO brown/burgundy printed envelopes (these older envelopes do not ask for email addresses or outline volunteer opportunities). The BookCellar will send a supply of membership envelopes to the branches when requested (210-227-9515, or email to bookcellar1@gmail.com), or requests may be made directly to me at 210-653-4103.

When you do renew your membership, please be sure to include your email address if you have one, and a current phone number. FOSAPL does not share your contact information with anyone, and you have the option of excluding your contact information in the biannual directory. This information is very useful for us to have in our database, because there are times when we may need to contact you when a street address alone just is not satisfactory.

Lastly, remember to designate your preferred branch(es) for affiliation! Every member is allowed one “free” branch affiliation through whichever category of membership one joins. Many Friends are affiliated with more than one branch for which they pay an additional $5. The Friends group of the branch libraries that are designated for affiliation on the membership envelopes receive $5 from the membership fee added to their account, and this further enables the branch group to carry out its support activities for the libraries.

Do enjoy the rest of the summer and early fall. In the interim, we’ll be working on our Be One in a Thousand Campaign. Please help us by regularly checking the supply of membership envelopes every time you visit your branch, and tell me about your best ideas for membership recruitment!
### INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

**Treasurer’s Report**  
**June 30, 2011**  
Submitted by Judy Wilson

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#### FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME

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#### Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

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<td><strong>Net Assets for FOSAPL Use</strong></td>
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### Volunteers Wanted

Volunteer artists, graphic designers, creative spirits are needed. They will assist with development of posters for 2012 FOSAPL membership campaign and BookCellar marketing. Please contact Christie Smith at xts@sbcglobal.net or 210-653-4103.
CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Sept 18      FOSAPL Board meeting, 2 p.m., Thousand Oaks
Sept 24–25   Igo Friends book sale
Sept 30–Oct 1 Great Northwest Friends book sale, Friday, Sept 30, 4–6 p.m., and Saturday, Oct 1, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Oct 7–8      Tobin at Oakwell book sale, Friends Preview Friday, 1–3 p.m.; Sale Saturday, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Oct 8        Mission Friends book sale, Saturday, Oct 8, 10 a.m.–4 p.m.
Oct 8–9      Maverick Friends book sale
Oct 15       Brook Hollow Friends book sale, 10 a.m.–5 p.m.
Oct 22       Semmes book sale, Saturday, 10 a.m. Preview sale for FOSAPL members, Friday, 11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.
Oct 30       Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony, 2:00 p.m., Central Library Auditorium Refreshments will be served.
Nov 4–5      Guerra Friends book sale, Nov. 4, 4–6, and Nov. 5, 10–4.
Nov 19–20    McCreless book sale, Saturday, Nov 19, and Sunday, Nov 20, 10 a.m.–5:30 p.m.
Dec 3        Thousand Oaks Friends book sale, Saturday, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.