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From the President



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.

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PATSY SASEK

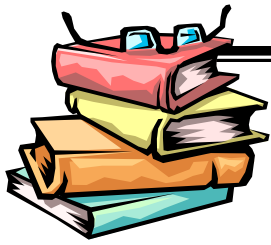
Patsy Sasek has shown and sold her art in many galleries in San Antonio. She is also a graphic artist and designer and has been a consultant for nonprofit agencies in San Antonio including Seton Home, Camerata San Antonio, Abode Contemplative Care for the Dying, and many others. In 2003, she collaborated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

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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.

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
July 17, 2011

Submitted by *Nancy Gandara and Claudia Kohler*

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 Retzliff, Ann Springer, and Virginia Wong.**

The President announced that **Ann Tobin** had regretfully 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 Book-Cellar 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 Retzliff 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).

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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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NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle, Chair • Bruce Gill • Nancy Gandara, *Ex Officio* • Claudia Kohler • Pat Mendiola • Linda 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

Brook Hollow Friends meeting – Monday, October 17, 7 p.m.

The Brook Hollow Branch has rescheduled its Fall Book Sale for Saturday, Oct 15, from 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m. Indications are that there are currently between 9 and 10 thousand books and more to come by the sale date. This will be a great time to stock up on books for Holiday gifts.

The Friends of Brook Hollow Executive Committee recently met with Beth Schorlemor, Branch Manager, regarding improvements and materials that can be provided by the Friends group. A significant list of items was developed and will be discussed at the next meeting of the Friends on October 17 at 7:00 p.m. Recent successful book sales have provided substantial funds that will be allocated pursuant to the meeting. The “Wish List” includes an array of items from automatic front doors to scanners and receipt printers to sun screening material for the windows, to more small book carts.

Congratulations to **Richard Kierbow** for his recent Library Champion Award. This was his third time to receive the award, which may be the most ever for a single volunteer. Richard is always at Brook Hollow and provides numerous services to the library.

Brook Hollow continues to be one of the busiest branches despite the opening of the new Parman Branch. The Summer

Reading Program, assisted by the Friends, has been a huge success again this summer. Kudos to the staff for their hard work!!

The Landscaping Committee is busy replacing and maintaining the landscaping around the library which has greatly improved the exterior appearance. This has not been an easy task considering the freeze last winter and the incredible heat this summer. Thanks to everyone involved.

Don’t forget to put the next book sale date on your calendars. It’s sure to be great as usual.

Bruce Gill

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@sbcglobal.net) or **Rosalie Klepac** (rklepac@satx.rr.com) to volunteer and to 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-

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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 Retzliff** 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 Hertzberg 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.

panel covers that allow featured books to be displayed.

We continue to encourage the donation of gently used books for our book sale so that we may continue to provide for the needs of the Maverick Library.

Donna Hogan

McCreless

McCreless Friends meeting will be Nov 14, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for the next exciting events: The McCreless Board meeting will be Nov 7 at 2:00 p.m., and the general meeting will be Nov 14 at 5:30 p.m. Start putting away book donations to support the next book sale being held the weekend of Saturday, Nov 19 and 20, from 10:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed. All events are at McCreless library.

Jill Zimmerman

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.

8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The next meeting of the Mission Friends will be on Nov 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Josie Martinez

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.

Christie Smith

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

The Great Northwest Summer Youth Volunteers



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 men-

tor 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.





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.



BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

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

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.

~~ 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.

I would like to make the following donation of

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 Graduation, a Gift, etc.

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Address: _____

City, State, ZIP: _____

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ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts
P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246

Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:

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My name and address is:

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FOSAPL Membership News

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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 out-line 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!

Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2011

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET (Projected)	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL MAY-JUNE
BookCellar sales	80,000.00	30,061.31	9,244.05
BookCellar sales tax withheld	(2,258.97)	(694.65)	
Donations and Memorials	1,000.00	845.00	125.00
Interest	300.00	282.00	108.32
Membership	8,000.00	3,630.00	625.00
FOSAPL INCOME	89,300.00	32,559.34	9,407.72

FOSAPL EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	MAY-JUNE
Accounting	2,400.00	375.00	150.00
Arts and Letters	400.00		
Bank charges	100.00		
FOSAPL Committee expenses	200.00	55.37	30.37
Friends recognition	100.00	21.57	
Insurance	2,000.00	1,460.00	
Membership recruitment	900.00	254.20	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	900.00	300.00
Office supplies	100.00	107.24	73.80
Parking	no budget amt	564.00	
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,500.00	385.44	82.80
President's expenses	300.00		
Seed money for new groups	200.00		
"Show me the Money"/fundraising program	450.00		
BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000.00		
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	300.00	275.07	51.83
Commodities for resale	1,800.00	756.63	174.62
Equipment and maintenance	2,500.00	49.81	32.57
Printing and copying	200.00	20.00	20.00
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits	7,100.00	3,895.09	1,095.02
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	18.39	
Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	42,000.00		
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	265.00	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	100.00	
FOSAPL EXPENSES	69,350.00	9,502.81	2,011.01

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	MAY-JUNE	YTD
Donations	354.25	2,332.20
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, fundraisers	11,654.51	35,739.45
Memberships	270.00	1,435.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	12,278.76	39,506.65

Branch Friends group operating expenses	1,357.08	2,693.14
Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments	19,756.25	48,315.23

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Account Balances	
Compass Money Market (BookCellar deposits)	116,874.81
Compass Money Market Gold	38,185.58
Compass Checking	<u>12,823.78</u>
Total Assets	167,884.17
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(101,544.81)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(1,503.41)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(2,462.15)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	62,373.80

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of June 30, 2011

Bazan	1,621.32
Brook Hollow	16,709.00
Carver	3,866.96
Central	392.73
Cody	4,213.82
Collins Garden	426.66
Cortez	1,222.41
Forest Hills	2,680.56
Great Northwest	2,261.58
Guerra	4,240.59
Igo	3,983.39
Johnston	3,074.50
Landa	2,400.17
Maverick	7,868.86
McCreless	1,739.88
Memorial	2,885.20
Mission	60.00
Parman (no group formed)	35.00
Semmes	2,737.51
Texana/Genealogy	19,513.01
Thousand Oaks	5,338.13
Tobin at Oakwell	7,296.62
Westfall	3,331.07
Writers (currently inactive)	<u>3,645.84</u>
Total Group Funds	101,544.81

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.



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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.

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

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

Great Northwest Library
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-684-5251

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

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

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

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

Mission Library
3100 Roosevelt

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

Thousand Oaks Library
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233
210-657-5205

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