



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President

Dear Friends,

Jay Brandon amused us with his “adventures in libraries” at the Annual Meeting in January (and **Mary McAfee’s** special gourmet cookies were especially yummy). We were happy to welcome six new Board members (**Walter Ague, Denise Barlow, Arline Braswell, Antoinette Franklin, Patricia Peak and Jill Zimmerman**) and eighteen returning members to the FOSAPL Board. “Thanks!” to **Shirley Coleman, Shirley Davis, Pat Konstam, Josie Martinez and Dorothy Smith** for their participation on the FOSAPL Board during the past six years.

Thanks, also, to **Aaron Konstam** for having chaired the BookCellar Committee over the past seven years. During that time, the BookCellar committee added Thursday evening service hours, advertised through National Public Radio and the Yellow Pages, clarified procedures and policies for the manager and volunteers, and held both mini-sales and huge Tent Sales (a revenue increase of 38%!).

As the principal revenue source of the Friends, we are all indebted to our hard-working and reliable BookCellar volunteers, and for the guidance of the committee that is now being chaired by **Linda Arronge**. Current committee members include **Evelyn Bonavita, Andrea Mason, Richard Morales, Stephanie Alvarado, Rowena Rogers, Anne Long, Lucille Teeter, Pat and Aaron Konstam. Monica Hernandez** serves as the store Manager, volunteer coordinator and “Tweet-master”—contact her [(210) 227-9519 or bookcellar1@gmail.com] to join the crew!

If you are a resident of the City of San Antonio, you can also help secure future funds for the Library by voting in the **2012-2017 Bond Election on May 12**. If successful, approximately \$18 million will be used to build two new branch libraries, purchase land, and reconfigure service areas inside the Central Library. We appreciate the work of the many citizens, staff and politicians who worked so hard to put together a balanced package.

It’s time to enjoy Fiesta, and read a book (purchased from the BookCellar!) in the new “plaza” area behind the Central Library....

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



Bricks and Mortar—and Walking Trails, Too!

Rich Walker

SAPL received funding from a federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant that will allow “retrofits” at 16 branch libraries this year and will cover about \$2.4 million of work that was identified in the Facilities Assessment Study. These retrofits include programmable thermostats, HVAC unit replacements, solar window film installation, lighting and lighting control upgrades. The eligible facilities include Bazan, Brook Hollow, Carver, Collins Garden, Cortez, Forest Hills, Great Northwest, Johnston, Landa, Las Palmas, McCreless, Memorial, Pan Am, Thousand Oaks, Tobin at Oakwell, Westfall, and Central.

In addition, Library staff is working on these projects:

Parman Branch

- Developed by the U.S. Green Building Council, Leadership in Energy and Environ-



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It's Not Too Late to Let Us Know if You Prefer Paper to Pixels



In the Jan-Feb 2012 issue of *SAPLings*, we noted that there are benefits to viewing the newsletter online, both for our members and for the Friends' organization. However, we know that some people prefer to receive their news by U.S. Mail—so, please fill out the form below and mail it to our P.O. Box and stay on our mailing list.

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

January 16, 2012
Submitted by Anne Long

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Jan. 16 at 2:00 p.m. in the auditorium of the Central Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Evelyn Bonavita, Pat Bjornson, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Deloras Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Pat Konstam, Robert LaCaff, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Bob Matson, Pat Mendiola, Larry Purkey, Ronnie Retzliff, Robbi Rupert and Ann Springer.**

The Minutes of the November 20, 2011, meeting were printed in the Jan.-Feb. 2011 *SAPLings*. **Jackie Fremming** moved, and **Karen Matson** seconded, the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report—Nancy Gandara reflected on Friends' accomplishments of the past year and outlined some plans for the year to come.

Treasurer's Report—Judy Wilson reported two pleasant surprises for the year 2011. Our donations to FOSAPL were increased by several thousand dollars, and the branches' expenditures were more than \$92,000. Our FOSAPL net worth is \$57,960.24, and the branches combined net is \$96,877.57.

Library Board Report—Jean Brady congratulated FOSAPL and all of the branches for the wonderful support to the libraries in funds and in service. She was happy to report that the library system in San Antonio will receive 18.4 million dollars if the bond passes. She encouraged everyone to go and vote to support the bond.

Assistant Director for Public Service—Kate Gray thanked the Friends as well and emphasized the importance of our gifts in programming for the libraries. She too urged everyone to **Go Vote** in support of the Bond Election in May.

Library Foundation—Carol Black reviewed some of the fundraising events of the past year and said that the major work plan for the Foundation in 2012 will be to explore and utilize more digital social media.

BookCellar—Linda Arronge reported the BookCellar earnings for the year 2011 to be \$73,000. This is down some from past years, and the BookCellar goals will include fundraising and increased awareness of the BookCellar as a treasured resource in San Antonio.

Membership—Christie Smith reported that our current membership is 970, which includes 68 new members. Sixty-seven percent of our 2011 members have renewed,

however, 72% of the new members in 2011 have not. Christie will contact the branches to see why new members are not renewing and what could be done to encourage them to do so. Sixty-six percent of the membership have furnished an email address.

OLD BUSINESS

SAPL Strategic Plan—Nancy Gandara prepared copies of the new Strategic Plan for all old and new board members of FOSAPL. The plan is also available on the website www.mysapl.org. She encouraged everyone to read the plan.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of New Board members for 2012-14—Claudia Kohler presented the list of nominees for the board. She called for nominations from the floor, and there were none. **Nancy Gandara** called for any objections to declaring the candidates elected. There being no objections, she declared the candidates elected.

There being no further business, **Evelyn Bonavita** made the motion to adjourn. **Deloras Huber** seconded, and the meeting was adjourned for delicious refreshments provided by FOSAPL and remarks by our guest speaker, **Jay Brandon**, Author and Attorney.



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

Managing Editor Alana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at www.friendsofsapl.com.

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file, emailed to Alana Woods, alana005@yahoo.com, or mailed to her at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

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Brook Hollow

The Friends of Brook Hollow provided their annual Staff Appreciation Dinner at Apple Annie's Restaurant on Friday, February 24. Approximately 37 staff, Friends, and visitors enjoyed the meal and door prizes. An annual gift was also presented to the Branch for the use of the staff.

There will be a book sale at Brook Hollow on Saturday, March 24, from 10–5. It is expected that several thousand books will be available, including classics, that have been donated recently. Many Friends will be involved as volunteers during the setup, sale, and clean up process.

The Friends of Brook Hollow Branch Library will meet on Monday, March 27, at 7 p.m. Agenda items will include the status of items authorized for purchase at the last meeting, the result of the March 24 book sale, plans for future needs and the date of the next book sale. All Brook Hollow Friends are encouraged to attend.

Bruce Gill

Carver

"The best of the race will teach the race." The Negro race, like all races, is going to be saved by its exceptional men. (*The Talented Tenth*, W.E.B. Du Bois, September 1903.)

The Friends of the Carver Library extend thanks to **Dr. D. Anthony Miles**. On August 5, 2011, City Councilwoman served as mistress of ceremonies honoring sixteen African American Men. Their scholarly work has been donated to

the Carver Library as reference material. The Talented Tenth Scholars now mentor youth at Sam Houston High School.

Dr. D. Anthony Miles is the CEO and founder of Miles Development Industries Corporation®, a firm that provides consulting practice/venture capital acquisition. Dr. Miles is a native of San Antonio, Texas. He is the author of *Risk Factors and Business Models: Understanding the Five Forces of Business Failure* and *Entrepreneurship and Risk: The Five Forces That Cause Business Failure and Discontinuance*.

Donations for our April 7th book sale would be greatly appreciated!

Antoinette V. Franklin

Igo

Our first book sale of this year is scheduled to be held on March 24 and 25, as previously reported. The City of San Antonio has reserved 1/2 of the viewing area for early voting, that is, if the "Courts" can agree. If necessary, we can put Plan B into action.

The dates for our book sale is still March 24–25 at the Igo Library.

Nancy Rodriguez has expanded her story times to two story times on Tuesday and Thursday, two toddler times on Tuesday and Thursday, baby time on Thursday and preschool on Tuesday. There will be a craft program once a month.

Irene Scharf will be in charge of the expanded adult programs. **Cynthia Massey**, a local author, had a book talk on January 22 at 2 p.m. **Bill Greenwood**, who traveled with the Rolling Stones, will have a presentation in March. The Lackland Band will give a concert in March.

Igo Library needs to have performers for the children's summer programs in place by April. The City will pay for

two performers including Spikey Mikey.

Barbara Kwiatkowski thanked the Friends for supporting the winter teen programs. The first two weeks of February Barbara scheduled two Kaplan programs: "How to write essays for College Acceptance" and "How to Get Top Choice of College." For the teens, there will summer reading games at five separate locations (Igo, Roosevelt, Central, Guerra, and Oakwell). All teens from this area will celebrate at Igo from all area libraries. It will be more regional as opposed to one central location.

Tom Hill

Landa

The Landa Friends will be holding a book sale on March 2 and 3. The preview sale will be held on Friday, March 2, from 4:00–5:30. The preview sale is open to all members of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. Membership can be purchased at the door for \$15/year. Proceeds go to Landa Library.

Martha James

Maverick

Our February meeting of the Maverick Friends was extra special as we honored our Best Friend, **Becky Vargas**. Becky is one of the charter members of the Maverick Friends, served as our secretary for four years, and is always there to lend a willing hand to any project.

The display end panels we ordered last year have arrived. **Jef Martin**, the Maverick Branch manager, has taken charge of the installation and reported it is going well. We agreed to support an order of acrylic shelving to allow the library staff to set up displays on the end panels.

Need a break from working on your taxes? We invite everyone to join us from 10 to 4 on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, for our Book Sale.

If you are near Maverick Library at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of the month, you are more than welcome to attend our regular meeting. We are always glad to see Friends!

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

McCreless Friends group will be having a book sale the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15, 10 to 4. Come early and come often as we can't put all the books out at one time! Also, remember that donations are accepted at the McCreless Library. Your books, DVDs, magazines, and even videos help support the wonderful staff and needed services of the library. So clean off your bookshelves and other areas and bring them to the library. Then swing by the library and drop by the sale. You never know what treasure awaits you there.

Jill Zimmerman

Mission

Mission Book Sale will be Saturday, April 14, 10–4 (Preview sale Friday, April 13, from 4–6). Tentatively scheduled – Book reading by **Carmen Tafolla** and an art sale by local artists including **Terry Ybanez Santiago**, illustrator of many of **Carmen Tafolla's** as well as other children's books.

Josephine Martinez

Parman

The Parman Friends met in January and discussed preparation for their first book sale. All Parman friends are encouraged to volunteer their time to

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Branch Leaves, from p 3.

assist with sorting books for the book sale. Parman friends will meet on Sunday afternoons, 2–5, to sort books. Anyone willing to assist with and/or coordinate book sales is encouraged to contact **Katherine Lavender** by email at happykat3@yahoo.com or by phone at (254) 592-2476. Parman has a new Book Nook in the lobby that offers an ongoing book sale. Hardback books are \$1 and paperback books are 50¢. (Please see photo on page 7.) Everyone is encouraged to browse and purchase the new books. Every week the Book Nook is restocked so there are always new titles for all ages. The Parman friends donated funds to purchase Scrabble equipment for a new Scrabble Club at the Parman Library. The Parman Library always welcomes new friends.

Adrienne Becnel

Texana/Genealogy

The Friends of Texana & Genealogy met on February 11 to discuss business. At the time of the meeting, treasurer **Michael Weil** reported \$8,653 in the group's account, remaining after funding some purchases for the Texana department. In the past six months, the Texana Room has received the scanner funded by the Friends and has placed an order for a new computer funded by the Friends to attach to the scanner. The Friends hope to raise more funds at their annual book sale on March 10, 10–2 in the auditorium of the Central Library. Please come by to browse the awesome selection of books. Volunteers are needed to set up on the afternoon of the 9th and to help on the 10th from either 10–12 or 12–2. If you would like to help out, please

send an email to FriendsOfTexana@gmail.com. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Also, please feel welcome to attend our next business meeting on May 12, 10 a.m. in the Texana & Genealogy Room to discuss the Summer Texas Folklife Festival.

Jennifer Schooley

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Friends celebrated the arrival of the long-awaited outside benches at their monthly meeting. They admired the sleek design and the color that blended well with the brick wall, but were happiest about their part in providing a place for patrons to wait comfortably for rides or for the library to open.

More celebration and administration was in store when Manager **Troy Hoyle** demonstrated the three recently purchased electronic readers, another gift from the Friends' book sale profits. Library staff will use the devices (an Apple iPad, Barnes & Noble Nook and Amazon Kindle Fire) to help patrons use their own readers and take advantage of all they have to offer. Several training sessions are on tap for hands-on learning.

Congratulations to **Pat Peak** for her election to the FOSAPL Board. She joins **Robbi Rupert** who will serve another term. Both have been longtime faithful members and officers of the Thousand Oaks Friends.

Our library is again serving the community by providing a room for income tax help. Volunteers will provide an estimated 31 hours of volunteer time helping people with their tax returns.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Sturdy, brightly colored cubes of Fatboy furniture have been purchased by the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell for use in the teen section. New teen librarian **David Gallin-Parisi** also is getting support from the Tobin Friends to fund a variety of activities for teens, including letting them play board games being donated for our book sales.

Other recent purchases approved by the Tobin Friends include a Demco rolling wall that will be used to shield the corner of the community room where we sort book sale donations. And **Tracey Knouse**, library manager, is getting a three-tier display case that will be used to show off new titles available for check-out.

Special thanks to library employee **Carlos Martinez** who did a super job rehabilitating an old book cart for our new Tobin Friends Book Cart that offers used books for sale during regular library hours.

Carlos painted the cart a bright orange, fixed the wheels, and attached a lockable mail box to receive money collected through our "honor system" for sales. The cart is in the library's foyer and so far has been averaging \$65–\$75 a week in book sales.

Board member **Alan Hildreth** created a gmail account with the email address of tobinfriends@gmail.com. Anyone interested in receiving notices of our book sales and other events is invited to email us at this address so we can capture your email address for our mailing list. We are tentatively planning to have our next book sale in May, depending on the election schedule.

Janet Goddard

Westfall

Westfall Friends recently purchased a projector and 2 new book carts and also provided support for the Summer reading programs and holiday themed events. We welcome several new members to Westfall Friends and encourage our new friends to become involved in the set up Friday, April 13, for our Spring sale on the 14th. This year we will have a 2-day sale, Saturday, April 14, 10–4, and Sunday, April 15, 11–4. Call **Eddie Patino**, (210) 684-3779, or **Pat Cummins** (210) 251-3847 to volunteer or to donate items for the sale.

Pat Cummins

The Perfect Volunteer

Edith Speert
BookCellar Volunteer

Approximately twenty years ago when the BookCellar met **Norm Sonnenschein** an attachment developed. The "attachment" takes place regularly every Monday when Norm opens the BookCellar doors at 11 a.m. and closes with the last customer at 3 p.m.

Norm, in his 80s, is like the old-fashioned postman who delivers regardless of the weather. Norm is the essence of a faithful and dependable volunteer who should be given a salute every day.

BookCellar tends to recognize volunteers who work the book sales, but what is harder? To be dependable every week, or to show up for a book sale twice or three times a year?

Brick & Mortar, continued from p 1.

mental Design (“LEED”) is a rating system for the design, construction and performance of energy-efficient buildings. Parman Branch will soon be awarded the “gold” certification.

- All work on the walking trail has been completed along the trail—just waiting for trash cans and a mutt mitt station.

Igo Branch

- Thanks to a generous donation by **John Igo**, stabilization of the old stone building behind the library has



been proceeding. Work to be done includes installation of a new metal roof, new concrete floor, entry door and Plexiglas windows.

Landa Branch



- A study of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system has been completed and is being evaluated by staff.
- The Landa Gardens Conservancy and staff are considering the possibility of bringing recycled water to Landa, to provide irrigation to the grounds (that would not be affected by drought restrictions).
- Historical Design Review Committee approval was received in mid-Feb. to replace the garage doors, in a partnership with the Monte Vista Historical Association.
- Research is being done to determine load capacity of the 2nd floor work room to convert it to a public reading room.

Mission Branch

- Construction of the first phase of the playground is set to begin in March.
- Phase 2 (a fitness trail) design has been completed, and documentation for a grant with Metro Health has been developed. Completion is expected in summer 2012.
- Marquee Plaza Area plans and bids have been finalized and approved by City Council.



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Saying “Goodbye” to Your Friends

Renee Hermanson

Claudia Kohler

Renee Hermanson is a valued member of the Thousand Oaks branch and has been a steady contributor for the *SAP-Lings Branch Leaves*. To read her columns lets you know how much she has enjoyed working with this group of volunteers. She said she will miss everyone and appreciates getting to know them. She said there is nothing like working alongside someone to make a new friend!

Renee and her husband Sheldon will be leaving San Antonio on March 23 for a permanent move to the City of Aurora, Colorado, which is just outside of Denver. They have four sons who live in the Denver area, and they are looking forward to being closer to their families. The change of climate may take a little getting used to, but they did live in Denver



Sheldon and Renee Hermanson

earlier in their marriage.

Renee’s favorite event at Thousand Oaks is the Book Sales. Her husband Sheldon works them too. She hopes to be able to find something similar to “Friends of the Library” in Denver.

We wish them both the best in this new venture and know that they will be missed. Be sure to take a moment and say “goodbye” to Renee and Sheldon!

Donations and Memorials

Submitted by **Sheila Figueroa**

In Memory of

By

Wilanna Bristow
Ruth Garcia

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Don and Betty Child

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San Antonio Public Library Foundation
Christie Smith

From the Library Director

Great Things Ahead!



The San Antonio Public Library certainly has great things ahead of it. That is the best way to describe the amazing projects that are under way in 2012 as part of the strategic plan initiatives I outlined in the January newsletter. Our team is excited about this plan because we understand how important it is for the San Antonio Public Library to remain a valuable resource for the community, and it is because of this that we will continue to develop new and innovative ways to be the “go to” place for our community’s needs, beyond being a repository of information.

One initiative I am very pleased to tell you about is our participation in the JASON Project. Founded by oceanographer **Dr. Robert Ballard**, the JASON Project is designed to expose teens to real-time scientific underwater exploration through satellite and high-speed networks to television monitors that have been installed in the Teen Services Department of the Central Library. Named for the Greek mythological adventurer, the JASON Project features the underwater explorations of the ship Nautilus operated by Dr. Ballard’s Ocean Exploration Trust.

Teens will be able to watch as cameras capture underwater images of new sea life, human artifacts, and lost treasures in the deepest, darkest areas of the Mediterranean, Aegean, and Black Seas. What an exciting way to expand the minds of our youth!

I would like to thank **Eddie Aldrete**, Chair of the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. He led the effort to bring this project to the Library. In addition, our partners at IBC Bank, the Hispanic Chamber, Rackspace Hosting, Frost Bank, and the San Antonio Library Foundation also deserve our deepest gratitude. We thank them for providing the teenagers of San Antonio a glimpse into a world they might not otherwise have seen.

Ramiro Salazar

Getting to Know Your Friends

Rebecca Vargas

Claudia Kohler

The Friends of the Maverick Library chose **Becky Vargas** as their “Best Friend” for 2011. At their February meeting, Becky was presented with a certificate and a Spurs cake in celebration.

I would like to quote **Wayne Ratliff** from his email choosing Becky as our Best Friend: “...she was involved in Friends from the beginning and was instrumental in bringing us, (**Wayne & Sue Ratliff**) and several other active members in. She quietly volunteers for or assumes any job that seems to be needed and can be counted on absolutely to take care of any task she begins. She is one of the most civic-minded people I know and active in many other community works.”

Becky told me she currently is the President of the volunteer/ambassadors at University Hospital where she has been serving for 10 years. She is also on the Board of her Home Owners Association. Becky teaches self-management workshops on diabetes education through Wisdom Works RSVP. And last but not least, Becky is Secretary of the President’s Council of the San Antonio Hospital Auxiliaries.

Becky was born and raised in the Rio Grande Valley, one of 9 children. Her parents did not speak English, so the children

learned at school. Each of the children graduated from college and upon doing so, the first child paid for the education of the 2nd child, the 2nd child paid for the 3rd child and so on.

Becky’s older sister was a pharmacist, and Becky got a job at her sister’s pharmacy as an assistant and knew right

away this was what she wanted to do. After graduation from Texas A&M University, she worked as a pharmacist for 40 years, first at Fed Mart Corporation, then at Walgreens. For the last 5 years, she worked the night shift, which she loved, as she’s a “night owl.”

Two of Becky’s sisters live on her street, which makes it nice for impromptu get-togethers and knowing there is always family nearby if help is needed!

Becky has twin girls; both of them work in the library field. Elizabeth has her master’s degree and is working as a librarian in Austin. Cynthia works at the Central library and is working on completing her master’s degree.

Becky met her husband Rudy at a Super Bowl



Maverick celebrated **Becky Vargas**’ selection as Best Friend for 2011!

party, and they’ve now been married for 15 years. Game days are still very special to them. Rudy is retired from the Air Force and from Los Alamos National Labs.

Becky anxiously waited for the “new” Maverick Library to open. She was at the 1st Friends meeting and helped with the by-laws. She visits the library usually once a week to check out books plus books on CD for long car trips. She also likes their Latino music on CDs. She feels reading is great help to stretch memory muscles because it requires her to remember details, facts, plot lines, themes, and characters.

It’s a joy to work with Becky at Maverick, and we hope to have her around for a long time!



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*The Tobin Friends Book Cart was an old book cart refurbished by library employee **Carlos Martinez**.*

Johnston Branch



- A study of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system has been completed and is being evaluated by staff, after which Library staff will coordinate with the City's Capital Improvement Management Services department to determine implementation.

Central and Branches

- SAPL received a grant of \$1.5 million from the Texas Library & Archives Commission to upgrade broadband capabilities (the Broadband Technology and Opportunities Program) at the Central Library and branches. The grant will provide technology improvements, furniture, and fixtures at the branches, and construction design and repurposing of spaces at the Central Library.

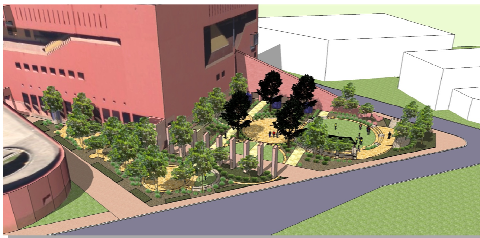
Branch Security and Signage

- Interior signage and entrance door signage has been installed at all 13 branch libraries with security cameras (Bazan, Carver, Cortez, Forest Hills, Guerra, Igo, Maverick, Memorial, Mission, Parman, San Pedro, Semmes and Westfall).
- Parking lot signage is being evaluated for placement.



Central Library Plaza Project

- Foundation work for the stone structures has been completed, and masonry and underground utility work has been started. Completion of the project is still estimated for spring 2012.



Carver Branch

- Staff worked with Grants Monitoring to acquire additional \$425,000 in funding, for completion of the parking lot expansion.
- Additional grant and donation opportunities will be sought for the playground portion of this project, which should be completed by the end of 2012.

Views of Mission Library

Photos submitted by Claudia Kohler



Semmes Friends Book Signings

Christie Smith

The photos from the Semmes Friends authors' book signing events in November were inadvertently overlooked for the last issue of *SAP-Lings*, so we are including the article with the photos in this issue. Now that you see who our celebrities are, do congratulate them when you recognize them out and about!

November 6 was an exceptionally busy day for Semmes friends! **Mary Margaret Rode** held a book signing event at the Twig Bookstore to mark the publication of her poetry collection, *Morning Songs*.

June Fitzsimmons-Esparza held an open house on November 6, during which she promoted the first novel in her "Etainia Trilogy," *Tiny Seedlings*. *TS* was published in 2009 and is described as, "...an intense and colorful read." It is a book about, "... a land where time and color meet," and a good read for teens through adult. The second book in the trilogy, *Soil* has just been published, though electronically, first and was launched at her December open house. June's novels are only one component of her unique literary and artistic achievements and offerings that can be viewed at www.jasperstone.net.



Mary Margaret and Paul Rode



Mary Margaret and fans



June Fitzsimmons-Esparza and her book covers

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar's Annual Tent Sale will be June 1-3. Sale hours will be 9-4 on Friday and Saturday and 11-4 on Sunday. The preview sale for Friends will be Thursday, May 31, from 4-7. Volunteers will be needed to help with this big 4-day event, which draws hundreds of shoppers and raises thousands of dollars toward FOSAPL's annual contribution to system-wide library programming. More details will be in the next issue of *SAPLings*.



In addition to big sales, the BookCellar Committee is looking at ways to increase income by marketing the store to specific audiences, such as daycare operators, homeschoolers, and seniors. The store took in \$73,926 in 2011.

At the request of a supplier to the project, the BookCellar donated three boxes of books to help furnish the home for Wounded Warrior **Shilo Harris** and his family built near Floresville by Morgan's Wonderland volunteers in January. Harris is a retired Army staff sergeant who was severely burned in Iraq. The house will be featured on the final episode of the popular TV show "Extreme Makeover: Home Edition" to be aired in December. Friends of the San Antonio Public Library BookCellar will be listed among the credits for the show.

The BookCellar donated 38 boxes of books left over from the December half-price sale to SA Reads, a reading program coordinated by Literacy San Antonio Inc. Surplus books and videos are available to branch sales and to nonprofit literacy organizations. Requests for books should be made to store manager **Monica Hernandez**. The BookCellar Committee is exploring additional ways to promote education and literacy through cooperation with the SA2020 initiative.

The monthly buy-one-get-one-free sale for March is adult and children's books in the Dewey Decimal 700 category. In April, it will be the Dewey 800 category. The 700s cover entertainment, including TV, movies, music, dance, games and sports. The 800s cover literature, including poetry, plays, humor, literary criticism, and books on how to write or give a speech.

To inspire springtime projects, the store is offering a wide array of colorful and useful books on gardening, decorating, and home improvement, most priced at \$1 to \$3.

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

STATUS/PAYMENT:

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

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

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

Treasurer's Report

December 31 2011

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	BUDGET	FOSAPL YTD	FOSAPL NOV-DEC
BookCellar sales	80,000.00	73,925.80	14,288.93
BookCellar sales tax withheld		(4,904.83)	(1,073.75)
Donations and memorials	1,000.00	4,118.00	1,215.00
Interest	300.00	530.98	82.42
Membership	8,000.00	10,645.00	2,470.00
FOSAPL INCOME	89,300.00	84,314.95	16,982.60

BUDGET EXPENSES	BUDGET	YTD	NOV-DEC
Accounting	2,400.00	1,275.00	900.00
Arts and Letters	400.00	218.02	39.86
Bank charges	100.00	12.00	12.00
FOSAPL Committee expenses	200.00	136.70	
Friends recognition	100.00	21.27	
Insurance	2,000.00	1,834.00	174.00
Membership recruitment	900.00	924.08	
Newsletter prep/editing & printing	4,350.00	3,484.67	971.26
Office supplies	100.00	160.92	
Parking	no budget amt	564.00	
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	1,500.00	1,324.76	794.00
President's expenses	300.00		
Seed money for new groups	200.00	200.00	
"Show me the Money"/fundraising program	450.00		

BookCellar Expenses			
Advertising	1,000.00	488.40	488.40
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	300.00	831.45	
Commodities for resale	1,800.00	1,772.13	418.72
Equipment and maintenance	2,500.00	509.95	
Printing and copying	200.00	20.00	
Recruitment of volunteer workers	200.00		
Salary and benefits	7,100.00	8,101.31	1,245.02
Volunteer appreciation	1,250.00	1,193.97	974.39

Library Support			
Public programming & staff development	42,000.00	42,000.00	20,949.00
Donations from FOSAPL members	no budget amt	350.00	60.00
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no budget amt	300.00	-
TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES	69,350.00	65,722.63	27,026.65

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	NOV-DEC	YTD
Donations	1,320.11	4,852.86
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, fundraisers	7,739.74	68,120.39
Memberships	1,345.00	4,380.00
BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME	10,404.85	77,353.25

Branch Friends group operating expenses	349.43	6,235.62
Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments	8,432.74	92,797.01

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market *****8659	
BookCellar deposits	105,619.38
Compass Money Market Gold ***4644	30,216.48
Compass Checking ***8736	
(as of January 5, 2012)	<u>19,548.84</u>
Total Assets	155,384.70

Branch Designated Funds (-)	(96,877.57)
Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-)	(81.03)
Checks outstanding (-)	<u>(465.86)</u>
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	57,960.24

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31, 2011

Bazan	1,676.32
Brook Hollow	20,160.39
Carver	4,006.64
Central	810.73
Cody	4,958.23
Collins Garden	431.66
Cortez	1,187.83
Forest Hills	1,868.64
Great Northwest	3,464.18
Guerra	4,933.69
Igo	5,944.99
Johnston	3,425.94
Landa	3,781.54
Maverick	5,330.43
McCreless	2,658.34
Memorial	1,549.58
Mission	820.17
Parman	923.18
Semmes	3,940.47
Texana/Genealogy	8,248.03
Thousand Oaks	4,647.90
Tobin at Oakwell	6,950.20
Westfall	1,712.65
Writers (currently inactive)	<u>3,445.84</u>
Total Group Funds	96,877.57



P.O. Box 461523
San Antonio, Texas 78246

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San Antonio, Texas
Permit No. 865

CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

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| March 2-3 | Landa Book Sale |
| March 10 | Texana Book Sale (10-2) |
| March 18 | FOSAPL Board Meeting, Parman Branch at 2 p.m. |
| March 24 | Brook Hollow Book Sale, 10-5 |
| March 24-25 | Igo Book Sale, Saturday, 10-5, and Sunday, 1-4. Set up Thursday, 4-6, and Friday, 10-4 |
| March 27 | Brook Hollow Friends Meeting, 7 p.m. |
| April 7 | Carver Book Sale, 10-4 |
| April 13-14 | Mission Book Sale (preview sale Apr. 13, 4-6) |
| April 14-15 | Maverick Book Sale |
| April 14-15 | McCreless Book Sale |
| April 14-15 | Westfall Book Sale |
| May 12 | Bond Election |
| May 12 | Texana Friends Meeting, 10 a.m. |
| May 31-June 3 | BookCellar Tent Sale (Preview sale May 31) |

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

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

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

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-732-8369

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

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
210-344-2373

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.