



From the President



Dear Friends,

I am happy to announce the "birth" of a new branch group. The Guerra Branch Friends of the San Antonio Public Library had their first official meeting on April 6. They elected officers and agreed on by-laws. We welcome them into our group! Anyone who lives or works near the Guerra Branch is welcome to join them. I will be helping **Melva Ramirez**, the branch manager at the Memorial Branch Library, to start a group there next. Ms. Ramirez worked previously at the McCreless Branch and knows what a help their Friends group has been.

The Book Cellar currently is open from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. every day the library is open. (Patrons have been known to refer to our "funky" hours.) We are hoping to extend those hours to 7 p.m., beginning with just one day a week, to see how it works. This means we need some members to volunteer to work at the Book Cellar from 3 to 7 p.m. Parking is paid for by FOSAPL, and volunteers get a 50% discount on books. (I have been helping at the Book Cellar, and there are so many great books that I always bring home a bag full. I give them to family, friends, etc. It's like working in a candy store, only nonfattening!) If you can help, even once or twice a month, please call **Monica Hernandez**, the Book Cellar manager, at 210-227-9519. Let her know what day(s) of the week you are available.

FOSAPL is planning a "welcome" reception for our new library director, **Ramiro Salazar**. It will be from 2 to 4:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 12, on the beautiful third floor terrace at Central Library. Mark your calendar and please plan to attend. We want Mr. Salazar to see what a vital, active Friends group San Antonio has!

Linda Nairn
President

Two Friends Recognized as Library Champions Library Board awards presented at March 23 reception

Vera Banner,
Library Champion
from Friends of
McCreless Library,
and District 3 City
Councilman
Ron Segovia.



John Nicholas,
Library Board Chair,
and **Pat Bjornson**,
Library Champion
from Friends of
Brook Hollow
Library.

Nominations Now Being Accepted for Friends 2005 Arts and Letters Awards

Robert LaCaff

First presented by the Friends in 1972, the prestigious Arts and Letters award recognizes and celebrates achievements by individuals who have personally demonstrated notable outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters. Past recipients include local writers, artists, musicians, publishers, entertainers, and others whose dedication and devotion to their chosen field have served to enrich

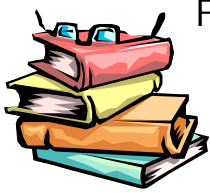
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RECEPTION TO WELCOME LIBRARY DIRECTOR RAMIRO SALAZAR

June 12, 2005
Sunday afternoon,
2:00-4:30 p.m.
Central Library
(third-floor terrace)*

*Auditorium in case of rain

*"Alone we can do so little;
together we can do so much."
-Helen Keller*



FRIENDS OF THE SAN ANTONIO PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

March 16, 2005

Submitted by Lucy Gale

Board members present:

Lee LaCaff, Robert LaCaff, Gerry Celitans, Maria Pfeiffer, Lou Harris, Barbara Isner, Pat Brown, Pat Konstam, Robbie Ruppert, Rowena Rodgers, Alan Cutler, Linda Nairn, Sheila Figueroa, Lucy Gale, Cathy Dean, Bruce Gill, Lucille Lammert, Vera Banner, Nancy Fitzgerald, Ronnie Retzloff, Dr. Don Norton, and Mary McAfee

Library Board of Trustee Present: Cathy Dean

SAPL Staff Present: None

President, **Ms. Linda Nairn**, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending.

The minutes for the board meeting were reviewed and approved.

Treasurer's Report

Ms. **Nancy Gandara** reported that FOSAPL had budgeted \$50 for bank charges, and to date \$47.50 has already been spent, most of which are charges from depositing checks from accounts with insufficient funds. Board members suggested having these charges on a separate line item from regular bank charges that FOSAPL incurs. In addition Ms. Gandara noted the cost of newsletter printing did not appear in the Treasurer's Report handed out; the amount on that line item is \$359.69. The treasurer's report was accepted as presented.

Reports

Library Board – Cathy Dean.

A new library director has been hired, **Ramiro Salazar**, from Dallas, and he will start

April 3. The Library Champions Awards recognized two friends members; **Pat Bjornson** and **Vera Banner**. Plans are under way to name the children's area on the 3rd floor of the Central Library for **Amy Freeman Lee**.

Library Foundation – Mr. **Robert LaCaff** attended the first board meeting of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation of 2005. Due to Ms. Nairn's schedule conflict, Mr. LaCaff will be attending the Foundation Board meetings.

The Library Foundation will have a fundraiser on April 17 at the Central Library Gallery where art will be sold at a silent auction. Local Latino artists have donated their work to the event, and **Dr. Ricardo Romo** will emcee the event.

A letter was received from Christus Santa Rosa about the grant proposal submitted jointly between the Foundation and the Friends for a health collection for the Library. The letter indicates that the grant has been received and is currently being reviewed.

The Foundation has been invited to participate in the 50th Annual International Reading Association Conference scheduled to take place during the first week of May in San Antonio. The Foundation will give a seminar to conference attendees on the Born To Read program. FOSAPL representatives will be asked to attend the seminar in recognition of past partnerships on this initiative.

Library Administration – No report given.

Secretary-Correspondence – No report given.

Committee Reports

Book Cellar – Robbie

Rupert for **Aaron Konstam**. The Book Cellar committee met and discussed advertising ideas for the Book Cellar. The Book Cellar is in need of books since they had not received any from the Library because staff had not been trained on how to deactivate current books from the new computer system.

Newsletter – **Dr. Don Norton** Dr. Norton is the new editor

of the newsletter. For the March–April issue, 795 newsletters were mailed out, and 55 were left from the 850 that were printed.

Membership – **Ronnie Retzloff**. FOSAPL's membership is up to 731 paid members; 199 former members have not renewed. The software for producing the Member Directory for FOSAPL is available for purchase. Mr. LaCaff volunteered to help with the member directory

Texas Library Legislative Day – **Mary McAfee**. 300 delegates, 19 of whom were from San Antonio, were in Austin for TLA's Legislative Day. The TLA conference is scheduled for April 5–7; registration deadlines have been extended.

Old Business – None

New Business

Arts & Letters – **Lucy Gale** is the new chair for the Arts & Letters committee. Nominations are now being accepted. Members who have agreed to serve on the committee include **Barbara Isner, Sheila Figueroa, Robert LaCaff, Lou Harris, and Maria Pfeiffer**.

By-Laws Review Committee – This committee will meet to review the by-laws and make recommendations to the Board of any changes that need to be made. Members who have agreed to serve include **Lee LaCaff, Bettie Ward, Ronnie Retzloff, Robert LaCaff, and Linda Nairn**.

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*New Officers of the Friends. L-R Secretary **Lucy Gale**, Vice-Pres. **Robert LaCaff**, President **Linda Nairn**, Treasurer **Nancy Gandara**.*

BRANCH LEAVES

(News from Support Groups)



Book Cellar

In response to customer requests, the Book Cellar Committee is exploring keeping the store open until 7 p.m. one night a week. Which night it would be - and whether this experiment can go forward—depends on volunteer availability. A new crew of four or five people who could work 3–7 p.m. after the regular day shift leaves would be needed. If you could help, call Book Cellar Manager **Monica Hernandez** at 210-227-9519 and tell her your preferred evening to work.

New volunteers for the present 11 a.m.–3 p.m. daytime shift are also needed, especially for Saturday and Sunday so regulars can have an occasional weekend break. Please tell your book-loving friends about this opportunity to spend four hours a week discovering surprises and bargains. Parking is paid, and workers get a 50 percent discount on books. Call 210-227-9519.

The Book Cellar 3-for-\$1 clearance sale in May is the 300 Dewey Decimal series. The 300s span a variety of subjects, including personal finance, family life, folklore, education, politics, crime, environment, and other social issues.

The clearance in June will be adult mysteries, on sale at 2-for-\$1.

To be notified of special sales by e-mail, call the Book Cellar at 210-227-9519 or send e-mail to sa_bookcellar@hotmail.com and ask to be put on the store's e-mail list.

Pat Konstam

Brook Hollow

The long-awaited renovation at Brook Hollow has begun. We are expecting the library to close some time in May and remain closed until August or September. A small bookmobile will

probably be stationed in the parking lot for the summer, and story time this summer will be at Coker Elementary. More information will be available at the library as closing time approaches. The library staff will have to box up its collection before the library closes. The Friends have volunteered to help with this thankless task. If you can help, please e-mail **Pat Bjornson** at nbjorn@earthlink.net and let her know.

Because of the renovation and early voting taking place at the library, the Brook Hollow Friends' spring book sale has been canceled. We anticipate holding another sale in November.

Our next meeting will be on Monday September 12, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. If the library has reopened by then, it will be in the meeting room of the library. If it has not reopened, we will choose another location and notify all members of the Brook Hollow Friends.

Finally, we give our hearty congratulations to **Pat Bjornson**, president of the Brook Hollow Friends. Pat recently received the Library Champion Award from the Library Board of Trustees in recognition of her volunteer work at Brook Hollow and her work with FOSAPL.

Beth Crabb

Guerra

We would not be a branch group without the invaluable assistance and help of **Linda Nairn** and the Guerra library staff. Linda helped us by discussing the how-to's of beginning a new branch group and answering our many questions. Staff members posted notices, made book-marks about the Friends group, and even became founding members.

We have three book clubs : Adult, Science Fiction, and Grupo De Lectura.

We have enjoyed a Jazz meets Classical Concert and other programs.

Officers are:

President:	Lora Eckler
Vice-President:	Monica Reyna
Secretary:	Yanira Vegerano
Treasurer:	Hedi Hoecker
Parliamentarian:	Evelyn Thomas

We would like to invite all to join us for our first branch anniversary on Saturday, July 16. We will have activities for children, teens, and adults. WOAI Radio

will have a live broadcast of the "Garden Show" from Guerra Library in the morning. It is also the tentative date for our first book sale.

Meeting dates at 7 p.m. for the year are May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

Lora Eckler

McCreless

Dr. Paul Frisch of the McCreless Friends was recently appointed as the District 3 representative to the Library Board. Dr. Frisch is the third Library Board appointee for District 3 to come from the Friends of the Library.

The next McCreless Friends meeting will be Wednesday, June 15, at 7:00 p.m.

Cathy Dean

Oakwell

Oakwell Library had their book sale on November 20, 2004. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make it a success. May 21, 2005, is our next book sale—be sure to come!!!

Our annual meeting was November 13, 2004, in the meeting room. Librarian **Wendy Friedman** welcomed everyone and spoke of the activities and happenings. The program consisted of Councilman **Chip Haass** speaking about matters of the council and those relating to the Library. **Marian Haddad** spoke about her latest book of poetry *Somewhere between Mexico and a River Called Home*. **Lea Glisson** spoke of her first book *Some Glad Morning*. These were great presentations. The authors brought their books to sell and sign.

Some of the items purchased for the Library by the Friends from our book sale money included chair dollies for the meeting room, wide-angle safety mirrors, a media shelving unit, paperback rack, and CD display rack.

Games Day for Garner Middle School students—this is a way to welcome the young people to the library with games, refreshments, and books. Games Day is offered regularly throughout the school year.

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Arts and Letters Nominations

the literary, artistic, and cultural life of San Antonio.

Nominations for a Library Friends 2005 Arts and Letters Award, to be presented October 30, 2005, are now being accepted. More than one award may be given. Nominations may be submitted by any individual attesting to the desirability and suitability of the nominee to be considered for the award. Nominations from past award recipients are especially welcome.

Nominations require a cover letter from those making the nomination, attached supportive biographical information about the nominee, and a local mailing address and telephone number for the nominator and the nominee.

Nominations addressed to **Lucy Gale, Committee Chair, 2005 Arts and Letters Award, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246, will be accepted through May 31, 2005.** Do not send nominations to any San Antonio City Library or other Library Friends activity. Nominations by telephone are not acceptable.

For more information, call Award Chair **Lucy Gale** at 210-452-2320 or e-mail lgale@satx.rr.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR AN EXPERIMENT

The Book Cellar will experiment with staying open until 7 p.m. one night a week if a new crew of evening volunteers can be lined up.

If you can work the 3-7 p.m. shift once a week, call and tell us your preferred night.

The Book Cellar also has openings for the 11 a.m.- 3 p.m. shift on Saturdays and Sundays.

To volunteer, call Book Cellar manager **Monica Hernandez** at 227-9519.

Branch Leaves

Oakwell Friends provided for a special program of kite making. The presenters were TAKO (The Alamo Kite Flyers Outfit) about Japanese kites for all ages. A full house of 52 participants enjoyed this activity.

Fern Burke

Texana/Genealogy

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy will hold their spring meeting on Monday, May 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Central Library. The program will highlight the long and interesting history of the San Antonio Public Library. Special attention will be given to the accomplishments of the past ten years since the opening of the new Central Library and establishment of the Texana/Genealogy Department as we know it today.

Upcoming Saturday classes offered by the Texana/Genealogy Department are as follows: Military Records (May 7, 2-4:30 p.m.) and Immigration and Naturalization Records (June 4, 2-4:30 p.m.). Monday computer classes are: Passenger Lists (May 9, 2-3:30 p.m.) and Beginning Genealogy: the Internet as a Source for Genealogical Research (June 13, 2-3:30 p.m.). There is a \$2.00 charge for computer classes. For more information about these classes, call 210-207-2500 (ask for Texana) or write genealogydesk@sanantoniogov.gov.

We hope you will join us on May 23!

Maria Watson Pfeiffer

Thousand Oaks

The recent book sale, held Sunday, March 13, was very

successful, and the Friends appreciate the positive response by the public. The book purchasers were given a bookmark with the dates of the next two book sales, and they appreciated the information. With the money earned at the book sale, we were able to purchase lockers for the staff.

Mark your calendars—the next sale will be Saturday, July 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The next book club discussion will be May 10 at 7 p.m., and we will discuss **John Kalzenbach's** book *The Analyst*. We welcome any of you who wish to join us.

Nancy Fitzgerald

Westfall

The April meeting of the Friends of Westfall Library featured mystery novelist **Rick Riordan** who discussed "Using San Antonio as a Mystery Setting." This topic generated several suggestions from the audience of favorite San Antonio sites that might be possible settings for future Riordan mysteries. We shall just have to wait and see!

Jeff Martin, Branch Manager, showed us the new Westfall Library sign that will replace the broken one that

faces Rosedale Court. It will be mounted as soon as electrical work is completed on the sign stand. The Friends are happy that we will soon have the improved signage to designate our branch.

Future Events: The next Westfall used book sale will be Saturday, June 18, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. This will be the perfect time to acquire some bargains for summertime reading. Hope to see you there!

Bettie Ward

Writer Friends

Please join Writer Friends for a Texas Writers Month Celebration, Tuesday, May 10, at 7:00 p.m. at Barnes & Noble Fiesta Trail, 12635 W. IH 10. Hear readings by local authors **David Liss, Bryce Milligan, Naomi Shihab Nye, Rick Riordan, and Tammar Stein**, moderated by **Steve Kellman**. A question and answer session will follow.

Books by many other Writer Friends authors will also be available for purchase and signing. Refreshments will be served. Free and open to the public. Don't miss it!

Vera Banner

NOTICE

NEW FOSAPL MAIL BOX ADDRESS

Effective April 1, 2005, our P.O. Box mail address is:

P.O. Box 461523
San Antonio, Texas 78246

Mail will be forwarded to the new box for one year.

Questions? Call 210-545-6855.

Brook Hollow Branch Library Undergoes Renovation and Expansion

Beth Graham

On Tuesday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m., District 9 Council Representative **Carroll W. Schubert** joined the Library Board of Trustees and Library management and staff at Brook Hollow Branch Library, 530 Heimer Road, for a groundbreaking ceremony for the branch's renovation.

When construction is finished, the branch library will have an additional 1,500 square feet, including a new children's area and a quiet study room. The public service area will be rearranged to allow more efficient use of space and better customer flow. Additional plans include replacing the roof, major elements of the heating, ventilation and air conditioning system, and much of the interior lighting, as well as reconfiguring the parking lot to improve traffic flow.

Library officials said the project would entail closing the branch from late May through September. Arrangements are being made to provide basic services to Brook Hollow customers using a small bookmobile parked at the branch. Additionally, Summer Reading activities will continue without interruption, thanks to an arrangement with the North East Independent School District and Coker Elementary School.

The project architect is Vitetta, a company that has previously worked with the Free Library of Philadelphia, the Third Circuit Court of Appeals Library, and the Jacksonville, Florida, Public Library. The \$1.019 million project fund came from the 1999 Bond Election, 2002 Community Obligation Bonds, and the 2003 Bond Election.



L-R, **John Nicholas**, Chairman, Library Board of Trustees; District 9 City Council Representative **Carroll Schubert**; Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**



The Friends of Brook Hollow Branch Library hosted refreshments for the ceremony, and **Linda Nairn** also attended.

Women of Afghanistan: Portraits and Stories

The San Antonio Public Library proudly presents professional photographer **Peggy Kelsey** sharing her exhibit, Women of Afghanistan: Portraits and Stories, at the Central Library Gallery, 600 Soledad Street. The exhibit will run through June 5.

Peggy Kelsey was inspired to begin the Afghan Women's Project after meeting with a delegation of Afghan women who passed through Austin, Texas, during the fall of 2002. She was amazed at how strong and full of life the women were in



spite of the difficulties they had been through. This was contrary to the image of Afghan women as helpless victims sometimes portrayed in the media. One of the project's goals was to seek wisdom and strength from these women who had experienced

such repression and hardship. Merging her love of photography with her interest in human psychology, Peggy brings the lives and stories of these remarkable women to us in the West.

For more information about Women of Afghanistan:

Portraits and Stories, contact **Peggy Kelsey** at 512-799-5915 or at peggy@kelseys.net.

The San Antonio Central Library's Gallery is used to support the Library's mission "to inform, educate, and entertain and culturally enrich..." All events associated with this exhibit are free and open to the public. For more information about the San Antonio Public Library Gallery, please call 210-207-2500. One hour of free parking is available at the San Antonio Central Library with a validated ticket.

Treasurer's Report as of February 28, 2005

Submitted by *Nancy Gandara*

Accounts	Balance
Working Capital Account	51,025.07
Money Market Gold Account	24,578.75
Money Market Gold Account	53,086.72
Checking Account	51,604.26
TOTAL ASSETS	180,294.80
Branch-designated Funds	57,044.03
TOTAL LIABILITIES	57,044.03
OVERALL TOTAL	123,250.77
Brook Hollow	19,449.31
Carver	1,765.48
Cody	3,445.54
Johnston	1,209.18
McCress	4,338.22
Oakwell	7,000.51
Teens	55.89
Texana/Genealogy	7,174.70
Thousand Oaks	3,602.82
Westfall	5,926.41
Writers	3,076.47
TOTAL BRANCH FUNDS	57,044.03

Approved at the FOSAPL Board meeting of
March 16, 2005

Book Cellar Receives Estate Books

Forty boxes of books from the estate of **Ward Taylor** were donated in April to the Book Cellar by Mr. Taylor's widow, **Maggie Taylor**, a resident of San Antonio. The books were delivered by their daughter, **Lynne Taylor** of Houston, son **Michael**, and **Melissa Shepherd**, a family friend and longtime supporter and Friend of SAPL.

Mr. Taylor, a former member of the San Antonio Writers Guild, was an avid reader who also wrote fiction. His extensive and eclectic personal library will now be recycled for the enjoyment of other readers while benefiting the Book Cellar.

We sincerely thank the Taylor family, and also, **Melissa Shepherd** who arranged for the donation and transfer of this fine collection.

Minutes

Audit Committee – This committee will help the treasurer conduct an audit and write procedures for future audits to follow. Members who have agreed to serve include **Robbie Rupert, Alan Cutler, and Bruce Gill**.

Welcome for Ramiro Salazar – This committee will help plan and organize a welcome event for the new Library director. Members who have agreed to serve include **Nancy Gandara, Cathy Dean, Lucy Gale, and Linda Nairn**.

Vending Machines for Book Cellar – **Aubrey George** suggested having vending machines at the Book Cellar. Another consideration is having the Book Cellar open later one day a week. These discussion items have been passed to the Book Cellar committee for review.

Change of time, dates, and place for board meetings – The board meetings will be held the third Sunday of the month at various branch library locations.

Branch News & Announcements

- ◆ Brook Hollow will have a book sale in April.
- ◆ **Linda Nairn** has helped start the Friends group at the Guerra Branch Library, and their first meeting will be April 6. Ms. Nairn is scheduled to help Memorial and Semmes start their Friends groups as well.
- ◆ Westfall will have their meeting on April 6 at 7 p.m. with **Rick Riordan** as guest speaker.
- ◆ Ms. Dean reported that the American Library Association was planning a virtual march to the capitol during the first week of April for National Library Week. Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Telephone & Web Guide

Book Cellar	227-9519
http://www.sanantonio.gov/Library/friends/cellar.asp	
Central Library Administration	207-2644
Central Library Information	207-2500
Central Library Volunteer Office	207-2502
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library	
http://www.sanantonio.gov/Library/friends/	
President, Linda Nairn	653-0640
Vice President, Robert LaCaff	545-6855
Secretary, Lucy Gale	452-2320
Treasurer, Nancy Gandara	695-9648
San Antonio Public Library Foundation	225-4728
http://www.sapl.org	



*Texas Library Association delegate group advocating for libraries on TLA Legislative Day in Austin, February 16, 2005. Group included librarians and supporters from San Antonio and surrounding communities and was led by Brenda Branch, Director of the Austin Public Library. FOSAPL president **Linda Nairn** and SAPL board member **Cathy Dean** were part of the group that visited State Representatives **Carter Casteel, Frank J. Corte, Jr., Robert Puente, and Patrick Rose**; and Senator **Jeff Wentworth** to present information on library funding needs. [Photo courtesy of Representative **Robert R. Puente**]*

“Hot in Here” Summer Reading 2005 June 1–July 31




San Antonio sizzles in the summer, but the San Antonio Public Library is cool any time!


Hot Books for Cool Readers!; Refréscale con un libro! (for children of any age)


Go online to www.sanantonio.gov/library to sign up, or fill out a form at any San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) location, then pick up your reading log. Cool off with some hot books and collect your awards for reading 5, 10, and 15 hours! (*Awards available while supplies last.*)

Inferno – Stop, Drop and Read! / ;Inferno – Para, piensa, lee! (for children and teens ages 13 [or entering 6th Grade] to 18).

Visit the Library web page or any Library location, to sign up and meet your match – your SAPL “matchbook,” that is! The more you read, the more chances you have to win:

 Read one book – receive a raffle ticket for a prize drawing

 Read two more books – collect your next raffle ticket

 Read three more books – pick up your last raffle ticket

All tickets will be entered for a final grand prize drawing.

Back by popular demand! Some Like It Hot!/Si te gusta picante y caliente... (for ages 18 and up)

It was so popular last year, we’re doing it again! The SAPL is proud to offer our second annual Summer Reading Club for adults. Register online or at any Library location and pick up your reading log. Read a book from each of our categories, and as you complete a book, stop by your Branch Library to register for a weekly drawing for an exotic prize basket. If you complete all seven continents by July 31, you can enter a drawing for the grand prize.

Mark your calendar!

In addition to all the great programs planned at your local Branch Library, the SAPL invites

you to join us for our special Summer Reading Series. Join us at the SAPL for fun all summer long!

For dates and times, look for our Summer Calendar of Events online or pick one up at any library location.

These programs are free and open to the public. Due to limited seating, a ticket is required for admission. Free tickets will be available at each location approximately one week prior to the program date.

Children’s Programs

Joe McDermott

Joe invites children and adults to sing, dance and use their imagination as they listen to his catchy, kid-friendly songs. He was such a hit last year that we invited him back! Learn more about Joe at his Web page, <http://www.joemcdermottmusic.com>.

SeaWorld and Imaginative Publishing present Herbert Hilligan and his Magic Lunchbox, with Paul Epner

Herbert Hilligan’s magic lunchbox takes him (and his friends!) on journeys of exploration and adventure. Check it out at <http://www.herberthilligan.com>.

Teen Programs

Brian Brushwood – Scams, Sasquatch and the Supernatural

Pseudoscience fanatics and parapsychology buffs: Have you ever wondered how spiritualist mediums talk to dead people or how phone psychics predict the future? How about tarot cards, UFOs, Ouija boards, Big Foot, palm readers, astrologists, holistic medicine: are they real? See the show where you will learn the secrets that top con artists use to scam, trick, and rob believers all

over the world. National touring magician **Brian Brushwood** performs amazing live demonstrations of the cleverest scams out there. And just when you think, “There is no way he could do that without some special power,” he’ll show you how it’s done and teach you how to avoid getting scammed in the future. Find out about Brian at <http://www.shwood.com>.

South Texas Herpetology Association

Hot, dry South Texas is home to crawly animals of all kinds – but wait! Most are beneficial and some are even cute. Members of the South Texas Herpetology Association will visit the library with live snakes, lizards, and maybe even the odd spider, scorpion or frog, for you to meet up close and personal. Find out all

about how they live and why we should make sure they stick around. Interested in find out more? Visit <http://www.kingsnake.com>.

Adult Program

D*Groove

Nothing is cooler than hot jazz! Join us to cool down with this great group as they heat things up with your favorite romantic standards from Sinatra, Ella, & Ellington to the jazz and R&B sounds of today.

SummerFest

Don’t forget to wrap up the best summer ever with the SAPL at SummerFest! This year you’re invited to help us celebrate at the Central Library, 600 Soledad, on Saturday, July 30, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. (kids) and 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. (teens). Watch for more info!

It's Central to Everything

Remember? Ten years ago, San Antonians were looking at their new Central Library, then under construction, and asking each other, “What color IS that?” The *San Antonio Express-News* ran a contest to name the color; entries included: Don't-Look-at-It-With-a-Hangover Red; Shake-Me, Wake-Me, I-Lay-in-the-Sun-Too-Long-and-It-Baked-Me Red; Salsa, Hot Tamale, Paprika, Chile Pepper Red, Cream of Tomato Soup, Red All About It, Prose Rose, Well-Read Red, and Literary Blaze. The winning entry, Enchilada Red, gave the new Central Library its nickname, the Big Enchilada.

Has it really been 10 years since the Central Library opened? Saturday, May 21, 1995, the Central Library opened its doors to the public.

On Saturday, May 21, 2005, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., the Central Library will celebrate its 10th birthday.

The party is free and open to the public. Activities will include a children's program from Radio Disney at 1:00 p.m., presented by H•E•B, and at 2:00 p.m., reenactment performer **Roy Collins** will transform himself into **Judge Roy Bean**, the outlaw Texas legend who called himself the “Law West of the Pecos,” but was also known by others as “Hanging Judge Roy Bean.” The Judge Roy Bean program will be presented by the 34th Annual Texas Folklife Festival. There will also be tours of the Central Library, including a look at some behind-the-scenes areas. And, of course, there will be birthday cake! Mark your calendar, and be sure to stop by to help us celebrate our 10th Anniversary!



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

Please refer to the Branch Leaves for Friends group meetings. It's a good idea to call and verify information before setting out for a meeting or program. Sometimes dates or times change after newsletter publication.

- May 7 Cody book sale, 9 a.m.–3 p.m.
- May 10 Writer Friends meeting, 7 p.m., Barnes & Noble Fiesta Trail, 12635 W. IH 10. Readings by local authors.
- May 10 Thousand Oaks book club discussion, John Kalzenbach's book *The Analyst*, 7 p.m.
- May 15 FOSAPL Board Meeting, Sunday, 2 p.m., at Cody Branch Library**
- May 21 Central Library 10th Anniversary Celebration, 1–4 p.m.**
- May 21 Oakwell book sale
- May 23 Texana/Genealogy spring meeting, 7 p.m., Central Library
- June 12 Friends Welcome Reception for Ramiro Salazar, 2–4:30 p.m., Central Library.**
- June 18-19 McCreless book sale, Saturday, 9 a.m.–4:45 p.m.; Sunday, 1–4:45 p.m.
- June 18 Westfall book sale, 9:30 a.m.–4 p.m.
- July 9 Thousand Oaks book sale, 10 a.m.–3 p.m.
- July 16 Guerra 1st Anniversary celebration, 1 p.m.–4:45 p.m. (and possible book sale)

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 these meetings.

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530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-496-6315

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2534

Cody Library
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
210-696-6396

Guerra Library
7978 Military Drive West
San Antonio, TX 78227
210-673-1492

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

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

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

Westfall Library
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