



From the President



Dear Friends,

Now that the worst of winter is over, we can look forward to bluebonnets!—and the **Texas Library Association Conference**, which will be meeting in San Antonio in mid-April. Contact **Denise Barlow** to trade some volunteer time for free access to the exhibit hall, or drop in on presentations by registering by March 31 (for a fee) at www.txla.org/conference. I'm looking forward to attending several sessions, such as "You've Got a Friend: Friends Groups That Work," "Building Community Partnerships: 25 Profitable Ideas," and "Rags to Riches: Book Recycling for Fun, Fashion, and Furniture." Our own Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, will be sharing "Lessons Learned from the Recession: Planning for the Future." If you search the online conference schedule [Programs by Topic](#), you'll be tempted by many of the presentation titles in the "Marketing, PR, and Advocacy" section.

Also during April be sure to help the **Carver Branch Library Friends**, staff and patrons celebrate *eighty years* of excellent public library service to the community. Call (210) 225-7801 for details.

Mark your calendar for May 19–21, when Mayor **Julián Castro**, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, the Urban Libraries Council and the Friends will sponsor "**The Mayor's Library Summit: A Global Perspective.**" Over several days, we will have the opportunity to hear from representatives of:

- The National Digital Library of Korea;
- The "Big City Plan" for Birmingham, U.K., that puts the public library at its center;
- The city library of Medellin, Columbia, that overturns all your stereotypes; and
- The libraries of China that have been developed to support specific entrepreneurial industries in different cities.

Our Mayor has also adopted the **Summer Reading Program** for 2010, with its statewide theme of "Catch the Reading Express," and library staff are busily planning reading lists and programs, which the Friends are happy to support in many ways.

Finally, it's not too late to reserve your copy of *Bless Me, Ultima* by **Rudolfo Anaya**: it's the Big Read for all of San Antonio to discuss in 2010.

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara



Friends of Central Library Forming

A new Friends group is now being formed to benefit the downtown Central Library. We welcome members who live, work or go to school downtown, as well as those who regularly visit Central to take advantage of its large collections, special services and helpful and professional staff. During our initial membership drive in January over 25 new members signed up, including staff members of the Central Library.

The purposes of the Friends of Central Library are three-fold:

- Volunteer through a multitude of opportunities; serving on the Friends of Central Library executive board, volunteering at the library in partnership with individual departments, and working to create new and imaginative funding opportunities.
- Advocate for a strong Central Library in downtown San Antonio
- Raise funds for Central Library projects outside the scope of the library operational budget

While branch libraries' Friends groups raise most of their contributions through annual book sales of donated and withdrawn materials, the Central Friends group will not be involved with book sales. Sales proceeds at the Book Cellar, located at Central Library, will continue to fund system-wide programming and staff development efforts through the parent organization of the Friends of San Antonio Public Library.

Become a Charter Member and vote for officers on Tuesday, March 9, at noon in the Central Library Auditorium!

Teresa Jensen, Library Services Administrator

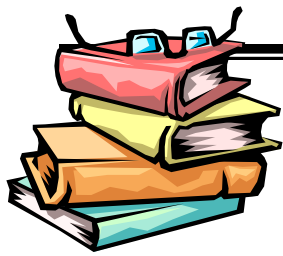
Texana Room Changes

You may have noticed some changes in Texana over the last few weeks: a large part of the Genealogy Collection has been moved onto newly available open shelves near the Texana Room, and items previously stored in the vault, because of lack of space, have been moved onto Texana room shelving. We hope that these changes will benefit everyone who visits the Texana Room by making more materials accessible to our patrons. While the department hours have changed to times of peak patron usage, most genealogy materials will be available in the open stacks during all Central Library open hours. Texana staff will continue to assist library patrons with local history and genealogy questions; please call them at (210) 207-2559.

Please note Texana/Genealogy Room hours for 2010:

- Sunday – Monday Closed
- Tuesday and Thursday 12:00 noon – 8:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, Friday and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Teresa Jensen, Library Services Administrator



Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting
January 17, 2010

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

The meeting of Jan. 17, 2010, was called to order by **President Nancy Gandara**. There was no roll call because this was the Annual membership meeting. The group accepted the Minutes of the Board meeting of Nov. 15, 2009, as printed in the Jan/Feb 2010 issue of *SAPLings*.

President's Report – Nancy Gandara delivered the 2009 President's report, which offered a review of the past year's events. The 2009 report highlighted the accomplishments and successful undertakings of the Friends of the Library. **Robert LaCaff** and **Claudia Kohler** compiled a new FOL membership directory. The membership envelopes feature a new graphic designed by **Jim Wogstad**. Our bi-monthly *SAPLings* newsletter has grown to 12 pages. **Tom Masinter** and **Dr. Felix Almaraz Jr.** were the recipients of our annual *Arts and Letters Award*. We had a good turn out for the 'Show Me the Money' program. FOSAPL gave the SAPL more than \$85,000 to support public programming and staff development, and more was given to individual branches by the 18 Friends groups. In the coming year, we have a goal of one thousand FOSAPL members and will endeavor to foster additional FOL groups at the new branch libraries.

Treasurer's Report, Review of 2009 Revenue and Expenditures, and Review of Budget 2010 – Judy Wilson reported that FOSAPL has given the Library the last payment for 2009. A copy of the budget for 2010 (which was approved by the Board on Nov. 15, 2009) was presented to all those in attendance. It was noted that

the FOSAPL budget includes an amount to pay for parking for volunteers who work in the BookCellar. Wilson reported that the BookCellar is estimated to raise more than \$75,000 during 2010. As of Jan. 1, 2010, each individual library group is responsible for paying taxes on funds raised that are in addition to the two tax exempt one-day sales that are allowed by law. The amount currently budgeted to give SAPL during 2010 is only \$60,000, due to our financial situation. **Mary McAfee** commented that if we make more we should consider giving more to the Library.

It was moved by **Mary McAfee** and seconded by **Alan Hildreth** that the Treasurer's report be accepted and be sent to audit. It passed.

Library Board – Jean Brady thanked all the members of the Friends for their hard work and effort. She informed the group that more than 100 people attended the Parman groundbreaking. The groundbreaking for the Mission Library is set for Jan. 26. She announced that Councilman **David Carpenter** from District 10 has been selected to serve as the newest member of the Library Board.

Library Director – Kendra Trachta- Assistant Director announced that the Library is set to take part in a pilot program that will share resources with other institutions including UTSA and St. Mary's University. Access to the system will require a special 'TexShare card'. The card would allow an individual to use multiple libraries in addition to those within the public library system. Participants in the program will be required to return all materials to the li-

brary branch from which they were borrowed. Trachta will update the FOL when more information becomes available.

Library Foundation – Sarah Swinney stated that the Parman Library will have a party for children on Feb 27 from 2–4 pm.

In May, the Foundation and the City of San Antonio will sponsor a seminar that will include four countries and three continents. They will discuss literacy and technology.

BookCellar – Aaron Konstam reported that the BookCellar made more than \$80,000 in 2009. It was closed in December for maintenance to the Central Library and the BookCellar. The floors were cleaned, and they look beautiful. New shelves were installed to allow for more books.

The half-price sale was a success, raising more than \$5,000. The usual volunteers worked harder and devoted many extra hours to make this happen.

Directory – Robert LaCaff thanked the members of his committee, who were able to complete the new directory that was printed by SwRI. The entire task was completed under budget. We greatly appreciate all the long hours they spent getting this job done.

Membership – Claudia Kohler announced that membership reached 917 for the year 2009; however, many have failed to renew their membership. The report will be sent to the library branch groups to encourage them to contact their members.

We now have 289 members on e-mail.

Newsletter – Lyn Belisle expressed her appreciation for

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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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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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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)

Articles to be submitted should be a simple text or Word file. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods, awoods005@att.net. Printed articles and original photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.



Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Friends celebrated Staff Appreciation Week February 5 with a dinner at The Lion & Rose Restaurant for about 40 staff and friends. This is an annual event and was enjoyed by all. Special guests included **Ms. Loyce Ince**, SAPL Board Member, and **Ms. Nancy Gandara**, FOSAPL President.

The Brook Hollow Friends will have a book sale on March 27.

Bruce Gill

Carver

Carver Friends are very excited about this new year. A number of projects have been scheduled for the upcoming year. Events include:

- Carver Festival/book sale, March 20
- Carver's 80th Anniversary, April 18
- Art literary event later this year
- Membership drive is ongoing
- Fall book sale later this year.

February is Black History Month. Friends are collaborating with Branch Manager **Ronnie Delgado**, and are underwriting the cost of 40 posters of African Americans. These posters illustrate the contributions of African Americans in our society. Patrons shall become more knowledgeable about African Americans, and how these individuals have helped to shape this great country in which we live today.

In December, Friends purchased six beautiful red poinsettias for the Carver Library. These poinsettias gave the library a festive atmosphere for the Christmas season.

John Coleman, local artist, and Carver Friend **Shirley Coleman** also added additional sparkle for the holiday. John displayed his art work, which included seven panels that illustrated scenes of Christmas holidays.

The comments from staff and patrons showed that everyone enjoyed the scenes that enhanced the Christmas atmosphere in December. Patrons seemed to be in the spirit of Christmas when leaving the Carver Library each day. Kudos to **John Coleman**.

D.L. Grant Jr., Carver's Best Friend, is assistant branch manager of the library. He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism at Texas State University, and he received his Master of Science in Library and Information Sciences from the University of North Texas. Memberships include American Library Association, Chair of the Texas Library Association-District 10, Bexar Library Association, Beta Phi Mu, the Library and information studies honor society, board member of the Black Caucus of American Library Association, and currently mentors students pursuing the master's in library school. He is pursuing the doctorate in Library and Information Sciences. Kudos to **D.L. Grant**.

Carver Friends thank all individuals in our community for their assistance in making Carver Library what it is today.

Shirley F. Coleman

Collins Garden

Collins Garden Friends extend a warm welcome to the following new members:

Roxanne Hernandez, Michelle Tremillo, and Eric Gandara.

The CG board welcomes **Dora Morales**, our new secretary, and all renewing members.

I am looking forward to working with all of you in the coming year.

Richard O. Morales

Forest Hills

It was a busy end of the year for Forest Hills. The Contrarian Viewpoint Book Club met for a lively discussion. Computer classes were held during the latter part of December. Most patrons attending the classes quickly became loyal followers and chose to sit in on the entire series of courses. City department meetings, a feral cat program, a neighborhood association, and a floating collections training session also met at Forest Hills.

VITA has begun to offer its tax filing service. Larger numbers of visitors are expected as the month progresses.

Since there was a break in story times, the Children's Librarian focused on preparing book lists and crafts for upcoming winter story times and the new Family Fun programs being offered at Forest Hills.

On Tuesday, January 12, the Children's Librarian conducted a storytime for a group of 13. The storytime consisted of books read and a craft. But to the children's and guardians delight, they also were presented with a poster of the new movie "The Tooth Fairy" from Katherine of Regal Cinemas.

Cindy Moreno, the Children's Librarian, started a new adult book group at Forest Hills, called The Mommy's Day Out Book Group, that discusses books about motherhood. The group met on

Wednesday, January 13, and discussed the book *It Sucked and Then I Cried: How I Had a Baby, a Breakdown and a Much Needed Margarita* by **Heather B. Armstrong**. Those who attended enjoyed discussing the book and motherhood and were enthusiastic about their next meeting.

The Forest Hills teens enjoyed playing Wii Mario Party during their Christmas break from school. They were equally entertained with some traditional games, such as UNO and Scrabble, the first week of January. Some of the younger regular participants have started inviting their older brothers and sisters to join in on the fun, which has increased attendance numbers. The Teen Book Chat group met on December 12 to discuss *The Forest of Hands and Teeth* by **Carrie Ryan** and will be reading **Corey Doctorow's Little Brother** for the month of January.

The partnership with UTHSC has finally become a reality as we plan for our first event in the coming weeks. The Forest Hills partnership with UTHSC will kickoff on January 20 with our first Teen Health Series event.

Johnnie Spraggins

Igo

Just how do we use the digital offerings at libraries these days? The technology changes so quickly, and Igo is in the forefront along with other libraries. The Digital Bookmobile visited Igo Branch, and 94 people learned how to utilize the downloadables that Igo offers. What an exciting offering in this digital age.

The Teen Advisory Board at Igo is in the early stages but had its first meeting. No doubt there will be great collaboration with area teens who attend Brandeis High School and are

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eager to volunteer at the library.

Igo continues to maintain an excellent circulation record—claiming the “bronze medal” in third place. **Kathy Claspill** informed us of the new floating book collection program. This allows better utilization of books and less need for returning books in house to their “home” library.

While it has been a slow month in general, the Fibbers (Friends of the Igo Branch) are planning a book sale on Saturday, March 20, and Sunday, March 21. Saturday’s sale will be from 10–5 and Sunday from 10–4.

Those interested in helping are welcome. With the excellent help we get on a regular basis from **Nelda Kreusch**, set up is fairly routine, BUT we do need extra hands. Set up will be on Thursday, March 18, from 4–6 and Friday, March 19, from 10–5. The cache looks interesting, so come help out and take away a few for yourself.

Kathleen McCloskey

Maverick

The Maverick Friends are busy preparing for our next big book sale. We invite everyone to join us on Saturday, April 17, between 10–5, and Sunday, April 18, from 1–4.

We also want to extend a tip of the hat and a big thank you to the folks at the Johnston Branch who presented the idea for a Book Nook at the most recent Show Me the Money conference. Ours has been quite profitable since it was set up in late December. After some discussion, we decided the Book Nook is so much better at raising money between book sales that we will no longer par-

ticipate in the Box 5 scanning program.

Sue Ratliff

Semmes

Semmes Friends hosted a cozy little book sale on Saturday, February 6. The whole sale process went quicker than usual with a smaller inventory; yet it still yielded a nice, tidy sum for library support.

Stay tuned for notice of the next sale sometime in early fall.

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

With help from expanded hours at the Thousand Oaks branch, winter dreariness is brightened for Thousand Oaks staff and patrons by new and continuing programs. Some highlights were a résumé workshop, jazz and ballet classes for five- and six-year-olds, an evening sharing scrapbook ideas, and a performance by the Great Jubilee Dance Co. in observance of Black History Month.

One of the most exciting programs is happening for teens who have been reading *The Lightning Thief* by local author **Rick Riordan** in anticipation of the premier of the movie based on the book. **Barbara Kwiatkowski**, Teen Liaison, took this opportunity to introduce them to Greek mythology. One lucky teen who could answer the most questions correctly about the book, and on Greek mythology, won tickets to the movie. The two runners-up in the contest won the newly released companion book to the series, *Percy Jackson and the Olympians*. The Friends of Thousand Oaks sponsor the YA

program by providing funds for the snacks, crafts and the prizes.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Tobin Library at Oakwell’s February book sale set a record with receipts totaling \$3,400. Big thanks to all of the Tobin Friends who assisted. **Rita Corey** deserves special recognition for coordinating the crack volunteer team, which included members of the San Antonio Altrusa service organization. We are grateful to **Tom Nemeth** of the McCrless Friends and **Richard Morales** of the Collins Garden Friends for assisting in our end-of-sale pack-up.

Our next book sale is set for May 21–22 at the Tobin.

Didi Morganti, head librarian, has been busy reorganizing the Tobin, expanding the young adult collection to better serve student patrons from our next door neighbor, NEISD Garner Middle School. Tobin Friends approved more than \$8,000 worth of projects on Ms. Morganti’s wish list, including new furniture for the young adult area, ergonomic chairs at the circulation desk, paperback and magazine shelving, materials for book repair, and a custodial cart.

A heartfelt thanks to the husband and wife team of **Joan and Alan Hildreth**, honored as the Tobin’s “Best Friends” at the annual FOS-APL meeting in January. As president, Joan recruited new members to the Tobin board. Alan has been our membership director, FOSAPL alliance member and computer guru. Congratulations!

Janet Goddard

Mission Library Groundbreaking

Second District 3 Library to be built on the grounds of the former Mission Drive-In Theater

On Tuesday, January 26, at 10:00 a.m., District 3 Councilwoman **Jennifer V.**

Ramos and a host of local dignitaries and representatives from the San Antonio Public Library held a ceremonial groundbreaking at the site of the new Mission Branch Library in the heart of District 3. The new library will be built on the grounds of the former Mission Drive-In Theater located at 3100 Roosevelt Avenue.

The \$7.4 million, 16,400-square-foot facility is scheduled to open in spring 2011. The facility is designed by Kell Munoz Architects, and the construction of the facility will be done by O’Haver Contractors.

Councilwoman Ramos sees this new facility as yet another unique opportunity for the residents of District 3. “With everything that is going on in our community from the Mission Reach to Texas A&M this new facility will no doubt fit in as a benchmark of growth and development,” she states.

“There have been a lot of hours devoted to this incredible project, and I am confident that the end result will be access to an education facility that will serve this community at a very high level,” Ramos continues.

Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** agreed. “This is the best part of serving on the Library Board. It’s so exciting to bring a new library to our community. City Council District 3 has long needed another library to provide service to residents here, and we are thrilled to be starting construction. We’d like to thank Councilwoman Ramos and former Councilman **Roland Gutiérrez** for helping us obtain funding for this

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Parman Library Groundbreaking

On Tuesday, January 12, 2010, at 11:00 a.m., District 9 City Council Representative **Elisa Chan** and the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees held a groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the new Parman Branch Library at Stone Oak, 20735 Wilderness Oak.

The new branch, scheduled to open in 2011, will be approximately 15,000 square feet. The new library will include a children's area and community meeting room. Project funding totaling \$7,050,000 came from the 2007 bond initiative and City of San Antonio Certificates of Obligation. The project architect is Marmon Mok.

Councilwoman Chan is eagerly awaiting the completion of this project, saying "I am so excited to see the groundbreaking for this library branch. Citizens in this area have waited a long time for a new library. The Parman Branch Library in Stone Oak will be the second full-service branch located in District 9. Brook Hollow Branch Library, the other District 9 branch, is one of the busiest locations in the San Antonio Public Library System, as is the Bannwolf Library partnership location at Reagan High School. I am eager to continue working with City staff and the Library Board towards the completion of the Parman Branch Library."

Library Board Chair **Jean Brady** agreed. "Along with Councilwoman Chan, we are pleased to see the first steps in providing a new branch library for this area of town. With their overwhelming support of library bond issues, the citizens have indicated their belief in the importance of neighborhood libraries. The Library Board appreciates the confidence the citizens have shown through their votes, and we are committed to meeting the needs of the community."



FOSAPL President **Nancy Gandara** and Assistant Library Director **Kendra Trachta** at Parman groundbreaking

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project, and all the citizens who voted for libraries in the 2007 bond initiative."



TLA—Annual Convention Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center April 14-17, 2010

The Texas Library Association (TLA) will be holding its annual convention at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center April 14-17, 2010. This year's convention is titled "Filtering Chaos: from Information to Knowledge." More information can be found at <http://www.tsla.org/conference/conf.html>.

FOSAPL members have traditionally volunteered to serve with the convention's hospitality committee. The Hospitality Committee is looking for 10-12 drivers to transport presenters from the airport to the convention center. TLA provides liability insurance for this activity. If you would like to be a driver, please contact **Necia Wolff** at 210-431-2299, x1452, nwolff@stmarytx.edu or **Denise Barlow** at 210-681-2095 denbarlow@earthlink.net. Volunteers are also needed at the Hospitality Booth during the convention. The schedule for booth volunteers was not available for publication in this newsletter but contact Denise and she will make sure you get on the volunteer list. If you volunteer for at least four hours, you will receive a pass to the exhibit hall where you can get a first hand view of what's new and exciting in the world of libraries and the information to knowledge process.

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From the Library Director
We appreciate our partnerships

Working with our stakeholders like the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and the Library Foundation gives us a strong appreciation of the importance of partnerships.

About the time I started writing this article, a news conference took place at the Central Library to recognize another long-time partner in providing library services to this community.

Many of you may not know that since 1936 Bexar County has had an agreement with the San Antonio Public Library to provide library service to residents of the county who live outside the city limits. In return, the County makes an annual appropriation to support the Library's efforts. In Fiscal Year 2009, that appropriation totaled about \$3.2 million!

In their 2009 Budget, the County went even further. They appropriated an additional \$285,000 in special funding for library technology upgrades. This extra funding has allowed us to meet an immediate critical need for additional public-access computers.

As technology has become more important in our daily lives, the demand for public access to computers and the Internet at the Library has become stronger. All San Antonio Public Library locations have public-access computers, but many of our libraries, especially some of those that serve high numbers of out-of-city residents of the County, have no room to add more desktop computers.

Library computers are used by our customers to

search for and apply for new jobs; to learn computer skills or improve the ones they already have to make themselves more employable; to conduct research necessary to open their own businesses; to prepare for vocational examinations; and to support and supplement their formal education. Computers at public libraries are no longer amenities; they are necessities.

The \$285,000 special appropriation by Bexar County allowed us to purchase 133 new laptop computers, together with the necessary software and support equipment. These portable laptops will be deployed throughout the Library system and can be checked out by library customers to be used within the library building, relieving a great deal of the demand for public-access computers.

Like the contributions made to library service by the Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation, this funding from Bexar County is a tangible demonstration of their commitment to improving community literacy and technological awareness.

Our stakeholders have set an outstanding example of cooperation to improve library service. Thanks to you, others in the community are now following your example.

Ramiro Salazar

Central Library Weatherization Project

Kathy Donellan

Interim Assistant Library Director

There is a major repair project underway at the Central Library. The project will replace the roof, skylight and exterior coating of the entire structure in order to weatherize the building to prevent water infiltration and leaks. Currently, there is \$6 million in City funding for the project, and the estimated completion date is March 2011. Raba-Kistner Consultants, Inc. provided the architectural and engineering services for the project and the general contractor is F.A. Nunnally Contractors.

The first phases of the project were to secure a construction yard, which you can now see as a fenced-in area between the Library and the parking garage; remove and store the Chihuly sculpture; and remove the volcanic rock from the roof surfaces. The Central Library was also closed for two weeks so that work could be completed on the building's cooling tower. This work required that the heating, cooling and ventilation system be turned off during the closure period. All planned work was completed during the closure, and no further building closures will be necessary for the project. Removal of the pavers on the terraces is also underway so that the roof and drain work can continue. The terraces and gallery will be closed for the duration of the project, but the auditorium will remain available.

Next, within about five to six weeks, scaffolding will be erected in the interior atrium of the building so that the skylight work can proceed, with exterior work on the outside of the building beginning in a later phase of the project. The exterior work will require some lane closures on streets surrounding the building and periodic closure of the Soledad circular drive and the Augusta drive. The exterior work will result in the building being restored to its original color as designed by architect Ricardo Legorreta. The parking garage adjacent to the Central Library will also be repainted a matching color.

The project will include some restoration of areas that were previously damaged by water infiltration, although the project will not fund all interior repairs. At the end of the project the Chihuly sculpture will be reinstalled, and the planted area, currently serving as the construction yard, will be restored.

Donations and Memorials

Submitted by **Sheila Figueroa**

In Memory of

Brian Davenport
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BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

Additional shelves and some reorganization have created new space in the store for attractive premium-priced books and popular categories like science fiction, classics and freebies. Year-end reorganization and collection weeding at several library branches have sent hundreds of books and videos to the BookCellar, including many coffee table books on art, history, gardens, and collectibles. So please come by and search through the new "Treasures in the Cellar."

The buy-one-get-one-free special in March is adult regular-priced biographies. The selection includes biographies and memoirs of movie stars, sports fig-



ures, celebrity journalists, politicians, presidents, royalty, famous writers, and many other folks.

In April, the two-for-one sale will be adult regular-priced books in the Dewey Decimal 600 series. This broad series includes health and medicine, cars and planes, dogs and cats, gardening, cooking, housekeeping, fashion and style, dating and marriage, child rearing, job hunting, business management, and marketing.

A sale on adult hard-cover fiction will return in May.

The BookCellar has a large inventory of automotive repair manuals, such as those published by Chilton, for vehicles produced from the 1970s to the 1980s. If you know someone who repairs or rebuilds old cars, please tell them that the store has books that might be useful.

Mark your calendar!

Library Champion Awards

Sunday, April 11 • 2:00 p.m.
Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad

Join us as we honor the volunteers and partners who help us make the Library better for everyone in the community!

The Big Read 2010

Kick-off Saturday, March 27
3:00 p.m.

Bazan Branch Library
2200 W. Commerce

Las Palmas Branch Library
515 Castroville Road

This year's Big Read title is *Bless Me, Ultima* by **Rodolfo Anaya**. Encourage your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to join in this city-wide celebration to read and discuss the same book. Big Read activities will take place throughout the Library system during the month of April. For details, please pick up a Big Read calendar of events at any San Antonio Public Library location, visit our website www.mysapl.org, or call (210) 207-2638.



Semmes Book Sale

Semmes' cozy book sale on February 6 was well attended.

2010 FOSAPL BOARD MEETINGS

Unless otherwise noted, all meetings start at 2:00 on the third Sunday of every other month. If you have an issue, question or request that you would like to have addressed by the Friends' Board, please contact Nancy Gandara [nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net] at least 3 weeks prior to the Board meeting dates, so that the item can be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting of the Board. Mark your calendar, and thank you for your participation.

March 21, 2010	Memorial Branch
May 16, 2010	Bazan Branch
July 18, 2010	Tobin at Oakwell Branch
September 19, 2010	Westfall Branch
November 21, 2010	Johnston Branch Library
January 16, 2011	Central Library



Great Northwest Officers: Secretary **Kris Hennon**, President **Denise Barlow**, Vice President **Barbara Schneider**, and Treasurer **Anissa Carr**

the work done by **Alana Woods, Bruce Gill, Cathy Dean, Linda Nairn, Pat Mendiola** and **Nancy Gandara** over the past year. She reminded everyone that the deadline for article submission to *SAPLings* is the fifteenth of every-other month.

Old Business: none

New Business:

New Board Members – Nominating Committee members included **Bruce Gill** (chair), **Mary McAfee, Robbi Rupert, Anne Long** and **Robert LaCaff**. Nominees for a second term were: **Dorothy Smith, Robbi Ruppert, Pat Konstam, Delores Huber, Shirley Davis** and **Josie Martinez**. First time nominees included: **Pat Bjornson, Yolanda Kirkpatrick** and **Bob Mason**. There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved that we accept the nominees by acclamation. The motion passed.

Addition to Standing Rule 2. Branch and Other Support Groups – As had been printed on the Agenda previously distributed, the following proposals were made:

New #2E. Each branch or support group shall conform to regulations of the Texas State Comptroller as described in Rule 3.22 (h)(1) and (2), and may have two one-day tax-free sales, auctions or fundraisers each calendar year. The Treasurer of the group will complete the appropriate form to notify the FOSAPL Treasurer of those sales, as well as any taxable sales. **Alan Hildreth** moved and **Denise Barlow** seconded the motion to accept the proposed addition. It was approved.

New #2F. All sales taxes that are legally due for payment shall be remitted to the State Comptroller by the FOSAPL Treasurer. Effective Jan. 1,

2010, funds to pay those taxes will be debited from the account of the appropriate Group or chapter by the FOSAPL Treasurer. **Ronnie Retzloff** moved and **Claudia Kohler** seconded the motion to accept the proposed addition. It was approved.

Revision of Standing Rule 6 Committees and Task Forces – **Aaron Konstam** explained that the BookCellar Committee was requesting that Rule 6.C.4. be changed to allow more members on the committee. Previously, it read “The committee will consist of ten (10) active Friends selected by the committee and approved by the Board of Directors.” The proposed revision was “The committee will consist of at least ten (10) active Friends selected by the committee and approved by the Board of Directors.” **Aaron Konstam** moved and **Ronnie Retzloff** seconded the motion. It was accepted.

Friends of the Great Northwest Branch, Approval of Bylaws – The Bylaws were presented, and **Denise Barlow**, President-to-be, said they had 13 paid members. She introduced the other officers. The Bylaws, which had been distributed previously with the Agenda, were approved by acclamation.

“Best Friends” Recognition – The group then assembled to present the “Best Friend” Awards. Certificates in honor of 12 Friends had been designed and prepared by **Lyn Belisle**, and presentation of the awards was made by the President of each participating group. Pictures and a list of persons receiving Awards are included in this issue of *SAPLings*. Refreshments were provided by **Dora** and **Richard Morales**, representing the Friends of the Collins Gardens Branch Library.

The meeting was adjourned by President **Nancy Gandara**.



Best Friends awards were presented to:

Above: **Ralph Thompson, Forest Hills**, by **Dr. Johnnie Spraggins**.

Below: **Tom Nemeth, BookCellar**, by **Aaron Konstam**.

Far right top: **Jackie Cunningham and Virginia Salmons, Guerra**, by **Delores Huber**.

Right top: **D.L. Grant (photo), Carver**, by **Dorothy Nell Smith**.

Far right bottom: **Ginger Hobbs, Thousand Oaks**, by **Leila Hileman**.

Right bottom: **Vera Banner, McCreless**, by **Anne Long**.



Best Friends of 2010

Patricia Mendiola
FOSAPL Board Member

The FOSAPL Best Friends Award ceremony was held at the Annual Meeting, January 17 at the Central Library. Quoting one of our branch presidents, "Volunteers are paid nothing, not because they're worthless, it's because they're priceless." That sentiment was felt by all when the awards were presented.

Carver President **Dorothy Nell Smith** awarded **Mr. D.L. Grant** their best friend award while holding up his photo for all to see.

Mr. Grant was attending a conference in Boston and was unable to attend. Cody President **Cynthia Talboys** also awarded an absent awardee **Judy Malter**, a relentless hard worker of their book sales.

Forest Hills President **Dr. Johnnie Spragins** awarded **Ralph Thompson**, a retired math teacher from St. Mary's University, their

award. Guerra President **Delores Huber** awarded two very special friends, **Jackie Cunningham** and **Virginia Salmons**, for their great help with book sales and sorting.

Igo President **Kathleen McCloskey** awarded **Nelda Kreusch** their award for her help at their library every week since they formed two years ago.

Maverick President **John Gaddis** awarded **Sue Ratliff** but both were unable to attend to receive the award.

McCreless President **Ann Long** awarded **Vera Banner**, their long-

time volunteer and well known FOSAPL Board member their award.

Thousand Oaks President **Leila Hileman** awarded **Ginger Hobbs** and thanked her for being responsible for their successful book sales for many years. She volunteers three mornings a week.

Tobin Library at Oakwell President **Dan Goddard** awarded the husband-wife team of **Alan and Joan Hildreth** for their "super" energetic talent.

Book Cellar Committee Chair **Aaron Konstam** awarded **Tom Nemeth** their award for not only his volunteer talents but his skillful talent of backing a 20-foot truck down a narrow ramp at the back of the library loading zone to deliver donated books to the BookCellar. **Nancy Gandara**, FOSAPL President, thanked all the awardees and also thanked **Lyn Belisle** for designing and preparing the certificates.



~~ 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 align="center">I would like to make the following donation of</p> <p align="center">\$ _____</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> In honor of <input type="checkbox"/> A special event <small>Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of </p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>	<p align="center">Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p>
<p align="center">Please fill out the form, make your check payable to Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and mail the form with check to: Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246</p>	<p align="center">My name and address is:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p 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:

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

STATUS/PAYMENT:
<input type="checkbox"/> NEW MEMBER
<input type="checkbox"/> RENEWAL
<input type="checkbox"/> BRANCH GROUP: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> 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:
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Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2009
Submitted by **Judy Wilson**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

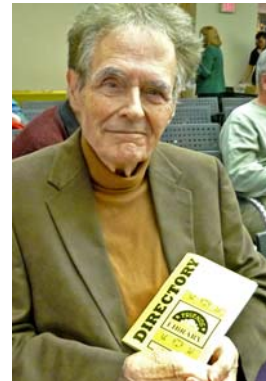
	Budget	FOSAPL Nov/Dec	FOSAPL YTD	Groups Nov/Dec	Groups YTD
INCOME					
Book Cellar sales/Branch Group sales	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 15,198.44	\$ 80,243.35	\$ 7,740.82	\$ 56,406.73
Donations	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,708.37	\$ 3,908.37	\$ 1,145.00	\$ 6,999.02
Interest	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,032.35	\$ 3,725.97		
Membership	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 3,160.00	\$ 14,055.00	\$ 910.00	\$ 5,000.00
FOSAPL Income	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 23,099.16	\$ 101,932.69		
9-09, \$40,000. transferred from Compass					
Assets to be used during 2009	\$ 128,375.00				
Branch Groups income				\$ 9,795.82	\$ 68,405.75
FOSAPL Expenses					
Accounting	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,665.00	\$ 3,090.00		
Arts and Letters	\$ 400.00		\$ 94.00		
Bank charges	\$ 50.00	\$ 92.15	\$ 173.78		
Book Cellar Expenses					
Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 408.00	\$ 408.00		
Book sale(s) expenses	\$ 200.00	\$ 27.65	\$ 548.36		
Commodities for resale	\$ 500.00	\$ 199.94	\$ 1,141.36		
Equipment and maintenance	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 102.14	\$ 552.66		
Internet and software	\$ 100.00		\$ 75.68		
Printing and copying	\$ 100.00	\$ 42.66	\$ 99.39		
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$ 500.00				
Salary and benefits	\$ 7,100.00	\$ 1,086.88	\$ 6,434.26		
Volunteer appreciation	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 778.31	\$ 1,490.67		
Branch Group operating expenses				\$ 504.94	\$ 4,100.89
Bulk mail	\$ 1,500.00		\$ 1,000.00		
Directory 2009-2011	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,581.85	\$ 1,581.85		
FOSAPL committee expenses	\$ 100.00	\$ 19.32	\$ 39.25		
Friends recognition	\$ 100.00				
Insurance (bonding)	\$ 125.00				
Library Support					
Programming for public	\$ 40,000.00		\$ 40,000.00		
Staff development and training	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 15,975.00	\$ 45,000.00		
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members no fund amt.	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00			
Various Branch Group purchases				\$ 11,745.57	\$ 62,290.35
Mail box	\$ 75.00		\$ 56.00		
Membership recruitment	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 241.28	\$ 728.73		
Newsletter prep/editing	\$ 2,050.00	\$ 550.00	\$ 2,050.00		
Newsletter printing	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 340.28	\$ 1,976.58		
Office supplies	\$ 600.00		\$ 472.94		
Parking	\$ 4,525.00	\$ 465.75	\$ 5,849.35		
Postage	\$ 300.00	\$ 70.54	\$ 337.01		
President's expenses	\$ 350.00		\$ 100.00		
Sales tax (Book Cellar & branches)	\$ 11,100.00	\$ 1,644.14	\$ 8,409.49		
Seed money for new groups	\$ 300.00				
Total Expenses	\$ 128,375.00	\$ 26,490.89	\$ 121,909.36	\$ 12,250.51	\$ 66,391.24

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Accounts	Balance
CompassBank Money Market Account	\$ 47,030.08
Guaranty Money Market Gold Account	\$ 38,015.44
Guaranty Checking Account	\$ 120,313.64
Certificate of Deposit (4% APY) matures 11/07/09	redeemed 11-13-09
Total Assets	\$ 205,359.16
Branch Designated Funds (-)	\$(103,539.09)
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	\$ 101,820.07

Branch and Special Interest Group Funds December 31, 2009

Bazan	\$ 2,000.20
Brook Hollow	\$ 11,713.15
Carver	\$ 3,451.29
Cody	\$ 2,705.13
Collins Garden	\$ 302.65
Forest Hills	\$ 4,113.03
Great Northwest	\$ 2,099.97
Guerra	\$ 98.66
Igo	\$ 6,064.74
Johnston	\$ 1,619.21
Landa	\$ 652.50
Maverick	\$ 2,918.86
McCreless	\$ 3,562.66
Memorial	\$ 4,390.99
Semmes	\$ 6,152.73
Texana/Genealogy	\$ 19,223.43
Thousand Oaks	\$ 4,253.62
Tobin at Oakwell	\$ 20,247.81
Westfall	\$ 4,312.62
Writers (currently inactive)	\$ 3,645.84
Las Palmas (no group formed)	\$ 5.00
San Pedro (no group formed)	\$ 5.00
Total Group Funds	\$ 103,539.09



Robert LaCaff,
Directory "Director!"



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

March 13-14	Carver CLOSED to replace the carpet
March 20	Carver Festival and Book Sale
March 20-21	Igo Book Sale
March 21	FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., at Memorial
March 27	Brook Hollow Book Sale
April 10	Cortez: Day-long celebration and FOSAPL member sign-up
April 14-17	Texas Library Association in San Antonio
April 17-18	Maverick Book Sale, 10-5 Saturday and 1-4 Sunday.
April 18	Carver 80th Anniversary Party
May 21-22	Tobin at Oakwell Book Sale
June 5	Thousand Oaks 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.

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

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

Cortez Library
2803 Hunter Boulevard, 78224
210-922-7372

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

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

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-432-6783

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

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