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From the President



Dear Friends,

Thank you for contacting your City Council representatives, for appearing at the district budget hearings, and for sending electronic messages to them in support of the FY 2011 Budget. In recognition of the valuable role that our libraries play in their communities during this challenging economy, City Manager Sheryl Sculley's proposed budget included:

- Maintenance of the current budget for books and materials, for an annual total of \$3.2 million
- Operating funds for the 3 new service outlets that are scheduled to open next year (new Mission Branch, new Parman Branch, and the History Center Portal at the Hertzberg/Western Art Museum)
- Additions to the Operating Budget for staff salary increases (2% for non-executives)
- A total Operating Budget of \$31.6 million, a \$2.1 million increase over FY 2010

Unfortunately, not all recommendations were positive:

- A reduction of the staff positions for the San Pedro Branch, which would require that branch to be closed for two days a week
- Not currently any additional funding included for Capital projects—such as the \$1.7 million needed to bring our branches up to City Code
- Unfunded is the \$150,000 needed for staff to expand the service hours of the Mollie Pruitt Library at Roosevelt High School to 56 hrs/week.

Action to approve the budget will be taken on Sept. 16, so it is not too late to say “Thank you!” and “More, please!” to your councilperson.

Recently, you may have been “surveyed” to participate in the Community Needs Assessment that was conducted for the Library. This is part of a Strategic Plan being developed that will guide the Library's growth over five years, in the context of community-wide issues such as the literacy rate, health, workforce and business development. More info about this important study—and how Friends can participate—will be covered in future *SAPLings*.

Finally, remember to cash in your “groupons” at the Book-Cellar: the books are bargains, and the volunteers who work there are true Friends!

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara

Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony

You are Invited to Celebrate with
Honored Awardees, Friends, and Guests
Sunday, October 24, 2010, 2:00 p.m.
Central Library Auditorium
Refreshments will be served.

Diane and Rick Malone and Vasquez Y. Sanchez Win Arts & Letters Awards

Diane and Rick Malone and five friends co-founded The Classic Theatre of San Antonio in 2008. Diane serves as Co-Artistic Director and Treasurer of the board, and Rick is the Director of Operations. Diane also designs sets and costumes for some of the productions. Rick is a sound designer and has provided sound and video for some of the productions and all of the shows in the company's first season. His sound designs have been recognized in international design expositions in Prague, Toronto, and Seoul, Korea.



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Vasquez Y. Sanchez is an artist whose work is deserving of state and national recognition because of its deep cultural significance. His work is rich in the use of bright primary colors in his images and subjects, evoking the texture and fullness of the long cultural past of San Antonio and the Borderlands.

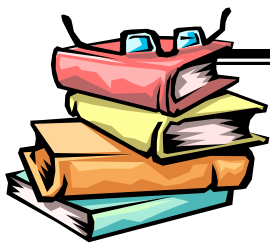


Many of his works portray the early culture and history of San Antonio with Indians, missions, churches,

and settlers as subjects along with religious icons and patriotic representations to create a vivid world that becomes timeless.

The works and activities of Mr. Sanchez serve to enrich the culture and spiritual life of San Antonio through his art and his service on

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting

July 18, 2010

Submitted by *Linda Arronge*

The Friends of the Library met on Sunday, July 18, at Tobin Library at Oakwell at 2 p.m. The Board Members present were: **Nancy Gandara, Bruce Gill, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Linda Nairn, Delores Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Josie Martinez, Robert Mason, Patricia Mendiola, Ronnie Retzloff and Ann Tobin.**

The minutes were presented as they appeared in the July/Aug 2010 *SAPLings*. The motion was made that we accept the report. It passed.

President's Report—**Nancy Gandara** attended many sessions of the Mayor's Summit. She also attended the Board of Trustees' meeting and the BookCellar Committee meeting. She was also present at the meeting of the Audit Committee. She worked before and after the BookCellar Tent Sale, and she was present at the Preview Sale to accept memberships to Friends of the Library. She participated in an Advocacy committee meeting. She will attend a Library Board Planning Committee on Monday and present the Resolution of Support on behalf of the Friends of the Library at the next Trustees' meeting.

Board of Trustee Chair — **Jean Brady** thanked everyone for the support to the Library. She also praised the BookCellar for the very successful Tent Sale. She suggested that each Friend talk to their Council member and stress one fact about the Library that was important to them. The Capital funds requested will be to fix buildings already in use.

Treasurer's Report — **Judy Wilson** stated that copies of the

report were passed out. Page 1 shows that we currently have \$114,140.66 in the bank. On page 2, it shows how we spent our money. We gave \$1,000 for the Mayor's Summit. We had three memorial gifts. The branches spent \$26,000 for library projects. We had allowed \$600 for the Texas Library Association, but **Linda Arronge** said that she and **Denise Barrow** had not had any expenses. Several libraries have a "Book Nook"—they sell books on the honor system, and it seems to work well. Wilson said she is still working on the Bond Insurance. The insurance currently is for the officers and **Monica Hernandez**, the BookCellar manager. **Mary McAfee** moved and **Delores Huber** seconded the motion that we accept the Treasurer's Report. It passed.

Library Administrator — **Ramiro Salazar** thanked the Friends for the support they give the library. He also praised the BookCellar volunteers for the hard work that helped make the Tent Sale a big success. He told us that the library has engaged a group of people from marketing to help market the many library resources (e.g. tutor.com, résumés assistance, etc.).

He has been working on the 2011 budget with the City Manager. It is very important that the Friends contact the Council members and let them know that we feel that the libraries make a big contribution to the City.

The Central Library Weatherization Project should be finished in spring of 2011, with the exterior paint color guaranteed for 10 years. The Chihuly will be back in place by October. In a partnership with

Metro Health system, 20 branches are to have Health Stations that will record weight and other vitals. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** asked if we were going to be involved in the 300th year celebration of San Pedro Springs. Salazar said we would later on.

Library Foundation — there was no report.

BookCellar Report — **Aaron Konstam** said the BookCellar made \$12,400 at the Tent Sale (a record!). We had 200 boxes left over, and many were picked up by the Medina Children's Home. We discussed Groupons. The BookCellar plans to sell a \$10 coupon for \$5. The BookCellar will get 50% of the profit from the sale and great publicity. You can go online at www.groupon.com.

Membership Report — **Claudia Kohler** reported that we have 908 members. We had 15 people sign up at the Preview for the Tent Sale at the BookCellar. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** suggested that we try to get more teens to join to reach 1,000 members. Many of the libraries have teen groups. Some teens use this to fulfill the community service requirement. **Ann Tobin** suggested that individuals consider sponsoring the teens by paying the \$5 fee to FOSAPL.

OLD BUSINESS

Advocacy for Better SAPL Budget Task Force — **Nancy Gandara** said the Advocacy Committee met on Monday, July 12. The slogan that the Trustees approved is "KEEP OUR BRANCHES GROWING!" Gandara had created a package with informational items, stickers for Friends to

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public

use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

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SAPLINGS

Newsletter published every two months for the information of member Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and others supportive of our ideals and activities.

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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.



Branch Leaves

News from
Branch Libraries

Brook Hollow

It has been a very busy summer at Brook Hollow. As a result of the Friends contributions, the staff was able to provide a great summer reading program for both adults and children.

The crowds have been awesome, and that is a good thing!

The next Book Sale sponsored by the BH Friends will be Saturday, Oct. 9. Hopefully, it will equal or top the one in March, and members are encouraged to bring in their books for donation soon.

Since the Friends don't meet in the summer, there hasn't been much direct activity on their part. However, the Landscaping Committee has been diligent about watering the planting that was done last year to keep it alive in the current heat. We are also trying to get the city/library through its contractor to provide some tree trimming for those trees whose branches are presenting an obstacle to patrons entering the library. If some response is not received soon, the Friends will consider use of its own funds to get the job done.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Oct. 9!

Bruce Gill

Collins Garden

Collins Garden Friends invites everyone to National Night Out, Tuesday, Oct. 5, 5–8 p.m. at Collins Garden Library. C.G. Friends will be giving out free Play-doh and books to the first 100 children and young adults.

Richard Morales

Cortez

The Friends of Cortez held their first meeting on July 6.

The Friends provided pizza for the 39 children who attended SummerFest on Aug. 4. One of the library volunteers helped prepare 50 balloon "hot dogs." The children enjoyed their choices from seven crafts, and everyone left full and with a balloon dog.

Twelve teens enjoyed pizza provided by the Friends for the end of the summer party on Aug. 5.

The successful partnership of the Cortez Library and the San Antonio Food Bank ended in July. The response from families was excellent. Volunteers from the South San High School National Honor Society helped distribute the meals and set up board games and video games for the families after lunch. Between 30 and 35 children were fed each day at the library.

The Magic Show with Spikey Mikey on June 16 was a great success! One hundred thirty-three people attended the show, which included jokes, magic tricks, and humorous stories about the benefits of reading. On July 7, Storytime Theater presented the story "Goldifox and the Two Hares." Eighty-four children and parents enjoyed the fun and lively performance.

More than 30 patrons attended the award-winning Guadalupe Dance Company performance Aug. 12. The group performed traditional dances and music from various regions of Mexico. The colorful costumes, excellent choreography, and skill of the dancers mesmerized the audience. Dance demonstrations were given between performance segments to the children in the audience, and a question and answer session followed. The Director of the Guadalupe

Dance Company told the Branch Manager she was pleased with the sound system, turnout, and participation from the audience. Cortez will be having another book sale in October.

Rebecca Johnson

Forest Hills

The summer continues to be a busy one at Forest Hills.

Librarian **Elma Nieto-Rodriguez** spoke with members of the NISD Council of PTAs. The group met at Forest Hills Aug. 7. Tutor.com, a demonstration of the library's circulating laptops, and invitations to visit mysapl.org were among the items discussed. Members were also provided a copy of SAPL's current issue of *Bookmarks*. Bravo Health, the San Antonio Food Bank, and a NISD teacher's study group also kept the community space active.

The Forest Hills Teens are enjoying the last few weeks of summer vacation. All regular teen patrons have completed their summer raffle cards, and most are finishing up second or third cards.

Ronald McDonald made another appearance at Forest Hills. Kids and patrons were in eager anticipation to see his magic show, which was held on July 15.

The End of the Summer Reading party was a huge success with about 75 attendees. It was held July 29. Kids made an Andes craft, got their faces painted by our Circulation Attendant **Denise Johansson**, and enjoyed an end of summer treat. To date, more than 2,000 children and teens have signed up at Forest Hills to participate in the Summer Reading Program.

More than 100 backpacks were distributed on July 13 to families with children returning to school.

Johnnie D. Spraggins

Igo

The Summer Reading Program at Igo continues to increase every year. **Kathy Claspill** reported to the FIBBERS at our Aug. meeting that the total attendance at the 2010 summer reading programs for June and July was 6,784. This is an increase of 797 over the same period in 2009. The Children's program included story times, Thursday backpack programs, and other children programs. The breakdown of those programs is Children's Summer Reading, 1,373 signed up to date and 468 have completed the program. For the Young Adult Program, 167 signed up and 32 finished. Ninety-three adults signed up, and 52 have finished. As a note, the adult summer reading is not a system-wide program and specific to this location. Kathy stated that sending a librarian to make contact at local elementary, middle school and high schools con-

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Do You Live Online?

Do you want to be notified when each new issue of *SAPLings* is available online?! Be part of a pilot project that may improve your enjoyment of *SAPLings* (see photos in color!), give you speedier news, and save FOSAPL printing costs. Look for an email from FOSAPL requesting that you subscribe to receive the *SAPLings* electronically. Then when issues of *SAPLings* are posted to the Library website, you will be notified with the link, and you can immediately access it.

tributed to the increase in attendance.

Igo is partnering with the city's Animal Care Services people. On Sept. 25, the mobile clinic will be having a pet adoption program in the Igo parking lot. At other times, they will be offering neutering, spaying, and vaccination clinics. The October clinic will coincide with our Fall Book Sale on Oct. 9. Reservations must be made with Animal Care Services for these procedures. Call the library for other specific dates.

The FIBBERS have been assessing library and book sale needs. We voted to purchase six more folding tables like those currently in use. More tables will help in organizing books for the book sale and providing additional space for those pricing books and taking in money. Other needs approved are two more carts for displaying books and two more book carts with tubs to contain and house the library's board books.

Signs for book sales are always on the agenda, and more will be purchased.

Work on the old Smoke House building behind the library is an ongoing project. The electrical and water lines have been installed, and an arborist has been contacted to assess any impact on the large oak tree nearby.

We discussed the 2010 library budget, and signs similar to name tags supporting library funding were passed out for members to wear. We were given a list of talking points and facts to use in conversation with individuals. Likewise, we were encouraged to attend city council budget meetings and to remind people to contact their city council representatives about the importance of increased funding for libraries. The FOSAPL

leadership has done a fabulous job in getting the word out to "friends" to encourage involvement in city council discussions.

Kathleen McCloskey

Maverick

Librarian **Amy Roberts** closed the Summer Reading Program at Maverick with a party for the participants. Maverick Friends were pleased to provide the ice cream and cookies for the party.

Maverick's Teen Reading Group has been kept busy with programs designed by Librarian **Stacy Bosquez**. The Friends supply refreshments for the Teen meetings.

Our next book sale will be on Oct. 16 and 17. At our August meeting, we set several tentative dates for sorting books in preparation for the sale. If you would like more information about the sale, please contact **Wayne Ratliff** at 210-521-1467.

Sue Ratliff

McCreless

Beginning in September, McCreless Library will be closed for four to six weeks, during which additional parking spaces will be put in, old carpeting replaced, a fresh paint job done and a new HVAC system installed.

Cammie Gunther, with a \$100 donation from the Friends Group, is having a "closing/birthday" party for the staff on the last day before closing. The Friends group looks forward to having our next book sale, tentatively scheduled for Nov. 13 and 14, in the newly renovated library space. Please collect books to donate for the book sale or clear out your books to come buy more. Remember that

the proceeds go toward support of library services.

A Nominating Committee for new officers was elected at the general meeting held Aug. 9. So if **Gail Long, Anne Long, Vera Banner, or Heidi Flannery**, our newly elected Nominating Committee, calls and asks you to run for office, please consider doing so. It takes strong group participation to have a successful Friends of the Public Library group. After the General Meeting was adjourned, **Susan Hughes**, Executive Director of Green Space Alliance of South Texas, presented on the benefits of providing space for wildlife around your home and what plants are best to attract wildlife such as birds, lizards, and butterflies. There was lively discussion among the 30 people in the audience as plants were passed around and discussed. Door prizes were awarded courtesy of **Susan Hughes** and the Friends Group. Yours truly took home a beautiful plant that is still thriving today.

The next Board meeting is Nov. 1 at 1:00 p.m. at Snoga's Restaurant on Goliad. This will be a working lunch, and anyone is welcome to come. Officer Elections for 2011 will be held at our next General Meeting scheduled for Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. at McCreless Library.

Jill Zimmerman

Semmes

Although the Semmes Friends, themselves, have had a quiet summer, we are pleased with the support we have been able to give the busy library staff with theirs. Gift cards helped the staff with special program opening and closing activities and receptions. The Summer Reading Program

kick-off party in June hosted about 100 people with crafts, food, and other refreshments. Senior citizens also had special events scheduled in honor of Senior Citizen month. The July Summerfest saw about 190 participants enjoy an ocean theme with the usual refreshments and a caricature artist. All purchases made at the beginning of the summer are now in and being put to use. These include a book repair kit, supplies for the sign/display making kits previously purchased, and shelving to help accommodate the new floating collections and other categories. Everyone is especially pleased with the new teen area that is furnished with a new carpet, tables and chairs. Why not make plans to come visit Semmes (as well as the wonderful Comanche Lookout Park!)? Mark your calendars for Sept. 10 and 11 when we will hold our next book sale. Friends' pre-sale will be on Sept. 10 from 11-12:30. The public book sale will be on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10-4.

Christie Smith

Thousand Oaks

While the summer months found many of our Friends leaving town or staying in out of the heat, their financial support of the Thousand Oaks summer reading program was still hard at work in both the Teen and Kids programs.

The Friends paid for Balloonation to entertain the youngsters at the End of Summer Reading Party on July 31. Eighty-six children and parents attended the party, which also featured crafts, a puppet show and refreshments.

For the teen program the Friends provided funds for refreshments, crafts and prizes

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Rain or Shine, the Work Goes On!

Teresa Jensen, Library Services Administrator

For the past year, visitors to the Central Library have watched “a work in progress:” the \$6 million Weatherization Project will provide a new roof, replace the exterior surface of the building, and apply waterproofing. Final painting (guess what color?!) will be done as the exterior scaffolding is removed, and some of that can already be seen. We have also reorganized the collections within Central and have begun the creation of the Jobs and Small Business Center to assist job seekers and small business entrepreneurs. Look for these when you visit Central:

- Construction on the skylights in the center atrium is completed; general contractor F.A. Nunnelly has workers painting in the atrium under the skylight, and as they move down the walls, we will begin to see more light in the building. We expect that the interior scaffolding will be disassembled by the end of August.



- The Chihuly “Fiesta Tower”—We are projecting it will be brought out of storage and reconstructed after the first part of September.
- Exterior work on EIFS—EIFS means “Exterior Insulation Finishing System.” This is the stucco-like substance on the outside of the building; presently our contractors are working on the south side of the building, and have made the



turn toward the west side, which includes the main library entrances. You probably noticed the extension of the plywood tunnels in front; lighting has been strung in the tunnel’s ceiling for better visibility and safety. As the work is completed, the netting and scaffolding will come down, to be relocated as work moves around the building. The new, brighter “enchilada red” color is visible on the very top of the building; the best view of this part of the library is from the Riverwalk near Houston Street, which highlights the contrast between the old and new color.

- Jobs and Small Business Center—Headed by **Cole Johnson**, Central Reference, and coordinated overall by **Roberta Sparks**. The Center will be located on the 5th floor in the Reference area; additions and changes will include more computers, a relocation of print resources pertaining to jobs and small business resources, as well as new additions to the library’s print and media on those topics. The 5th floor computers will be managed by a separate print management unit to allow for extended use by persons using those resources. The Jobs and Small Business Center is being funded by a SYNG grant (Systems Negotiated Grant Pro-

gram) from the Texas State Library. Anticipated completion date is late fall 2010.

- The reorganization of Central Library’s collections is nearing completion:
 - * All non-fiction print items are now housed on the 2nd floor, as opposed to three different floors originally.
 - * Internet computers are available on the 1st and 2nd floors.
 - * Current magazines and newspapers



are now on the first floor, adjacent to the Internet computers.

- * Periodicals, 1 year plus, are housed on the 6th floor.
- * The Reference collection has moved to the 5th floor, which includes the Latino collection.
- * Genealogy materials in Texana have been moved onto open shelves on the 6th floor, making them available whenever the library is open.

New books have been consolidated on the first floor, allowing for space for a new browsing collection called “Marketplace.” Popular materials on the topics of Home and Garden, Self Discovery, Travel, and Texas will be available in the shelving area formerly occupied by new non-fiction.

The repairs, improvements, and modernization of the Central Library is being done to serve you better: check it out!

From the Library Director



In Appreciation of Our Friends

The Library Board and staff appreciate all the support we receive from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. Your help allows us to continue to offer great library resources and services to our community. We are aware of how hard you work to raise funds through book sales, member contributions, and sales at the BookCellar Used Book Store.

As Library Director, I want to offer special congratulations to the BookCellar, which held its annual book sale in July and set a new sales record, raising more than \$12,000 in three days! Thanks are due to all the volunteers who helped make this fundraiser such a success, and especially to Book Cellar Committee Chair (and long-time Friends of the Library member) **Aaron Konstam**, whose hard work and dedication are largely responsible for the success of this year's sale. In April of this year, the Library Board of Trustees honored Aaron and his wife Pat, also a member of the Book Cellar Committee, as Library Champions, in recognition of their many contributions to the San Antonio Public Library. We can't say it often enough: thank you for all you do.

With fall here, it's back-to-school time, and we want to be sure you know that the San Antonio Public Library is here to support both schools and students. From online journals and research materials to free online tutoring, the San Antonio Public Library offers a wealth of resources to help students, their parents and their teachers. More information is available at www.mysapl.org. Be sure to tell the students in your lives—and any teachers you may know, too—about all these great resources. A San Antonio Public Library card is your most important school supply!

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for their weekly meetings. Eighty-one teens completed their summer reading, which is the highest number the branch has ever seen. Library manager **Christine Palmer** says the extra money enhanced the programs and helped bring in the teens.

Plans for more opportunities to help our library and its patrons will be discussed at the Fall "Back to Work" meeting.

Renee Hermanson

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Whataburger Presents

If You Give a Moose a Muffin

Coming soon to a Library near you through a cooperative partnership between The Magik Theatre and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, underwritten by Whataburger.

If a big, hungry moose comes to visit, you might give him a muffin to make him feel at home. If you give him a muffin, he'll want some jam to go with it. When he's eaten all your muffins, he'll want to go to the store to get some more muffin mix. In this hilarious sequel to The Magik Theatre's 2009 runaway hit *If You Give a Mouse a Cookie*, the young host is again run ragged by a surprise guest. Last year, the boy was visited by a tiny, fast-moving mouse. This year, his guest is bigger and his head is adorned by a gigantic set of antlers. Join the Library to see what kind of havoc a moose can make when you invite him into your home and offer him something just as sweet as—but perhaps just a little larger than—a cookie.

Based on the book by **Laura Joffe Numeroff**, adapted for the stage by **David Morgan**.

If You Give a Moose a Muffin will be performed at all San Antonio Public Library locations, so you have 25 chances to see as the play. All presentations are free and open to the public, but seating may be limited at some branch libraries and will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Saturday, September 11, 2010
3:00 p.m. Bazan Branch Library

Monday, September 13, 2010
6:30 p.m. Las Palmas Branch Library

Tuesday, September 14, 2010
6:30 p.m. Memorial Branch Library

Saturday, September 18, 2010
11:00 a.m. Guerra Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Johnston Branch Library

Tuesday, September 20, 2010
6:30 p.m. Collins Garden Branch Library

Saturday, September 25, 2010
11:00 a.m. Bannwolf Library at Reagan High School
3:00 p.m. Brook Hollow Branch Library

Saturday, October 2, 2010
3:00 p.m. Igo Branch Library

Saturday, October 9, 2010
11:00 a.m. Great Northwest Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Maverick Branch Library

Saturday, October 16, 2010
11:00 a.m. Landa Branch Library
3:00 p.m. San Pedro Branch Library

Saturday, October 23, 2010
11:00 a.m. Carver Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Pruitt Public Library at Roosevelt High School

Saturday, October 30, 2010
11:00 a.m. Semmes Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Thousand Oaks Branch Library

Saturday, November 6, 2010
11:00 a.m. McCreless Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Pan American Branch Library

Saturday, November 13, 2010
11:00 a.m. Forest Hills Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Cody Branch Library

Saturday, November 20, 2010
11:00 a.m. Tobin Library at Oakwell
3:00 p.m. Westfall Branch Library

Saturday, December 4, 2010
11:00 a.m. Cortez Branch Library
3:00 p.m. Central Library

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar's July Tent Sale was a tremendous success, raising \$12,441 for the Library System. The sale received an exceptional amount of publicity, generating an almost continuous double line of buyers. (Perhaps people were intrigued by the idea of a tent sale for books.) In addition, the Members Only Preview Sale attracted 15 new members for FOS-APL. Thanks go to the 53 volunteers who worked on the sale, including 24 Friends of the Library and 29 Valero Energy Corp. volunteers.

On August 4-5, Groupon.com sold 262 discount coupons for BookCellar

purchases, adding another \$655 to the store's income as well as some new customers.

The BookCellar is being spruced up with fresh paint on its enchilada red, buttermilk yellow, and purple walls, thanks to **Jim Wogstad** who had the paint mixed and is applying it.

The buy-one-get-one-free special for September is regularly priced adult books with Dewey Decimal 800 numbers. The 800s include literature, writing manuals, drama, poetry, humor, and literary criticism. In October, the special will be hardcover fiction for adults, including



novels, mysteries, science fiction, westerns, and large print.

If you know a high school student or organization, such as the National Honor Society, seeking community service credits, please tell them the BookCellar welcomes hard-working teenage volunteers. Sponsors or individuals can call BookCellar Manager **Monica Hernandez** at 210-227-9519 or Committee Chair **Aaron Konstam** at 210-656-0355 to discuss details.

Library Takes New Look on the Road

Beth Graham

If you see a giant library card flash by while you're on the way to work, you're not hallucinating. San Antonians traveling around the city will see a new look for the San Antonio Public Library's



delivery vehicles. Thanks to funding from the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, the Library's delivery vans now sport graphics making them Library billboards-on-wheels. The back of each vehicle even displays the Library's website address and main information phone number, along with the invitation "Follow me to the library."

"Our delivery vehicles offer the perfect opportunity to remind people of the resources and services available at the Library," said Library Director **Ramiro S. Salazar**. "If you see one on the road,

accept the invitation and follow it to the Library."



Malones, from p 1.

Diane was a recent member of the Cultural Arts Board of the City of San Antonio's Office of Cultural Affairs. Diane and Rick served on the Alamo Theatre Arts Council for several years, Rick as President and Diane as Treasurer. They are active in San Antonio Theatre Coalition, King William Association, San Antonio Symphony League, and they usher for the Majestic-Empire theatres. Rick is a member of the United States Institute of Theatre Technology and Theatre Communi-

cation Group. Diane is a member of the Society of Stage Directors and Choreographers, Speech Arts Association of San Antonio, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation, where she is a curatorial volunteer at San Antonio's Villa Finale.

Diane is originally from San Antonio where she attended Alamo Heights schools. Rick's family was from Paris, Texas. They met and married while students at Texas Tech in Lubbock almost 50 years ago.

Sanchez, from p 1.

many cultural boards and commissions. He has received several awards commending the public nature of his service.

Mr. Sanchez donated a large painting to the Central Library several years ago. The painting uses a plat map as its theme showing the grants made to the early settlers of San Antonio. The painting is prominently displayed in the Texana Department. Mr. Sanchez continues to be a vital part of the community through his artistic presence and through his artistic and cultural contributions to the unique historical past of San Antonio.

Mark Your Calendars! October 24, 2 p.m. Central Library Auditorium

First presented in 1972, the Arts and Letters Awards are presented annually by the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library to recognize and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters.

Honorees include artists, writers, musicians, educators, community leaders, and entertainers whose dedication and devotion to their chosen fields have served to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of San Antonio.

wear at Budget hearings, and speech suggestions. Each branch group representative received a package to take to their branch.

Noting that several other civic groups (i.e. Greater Chamber of Commerce, Women's Chamber, etc) had passed Resolutions of Support, Gandara said that such a resolution would be brought forth for consideration by the FOSAPL Board, as an item of New Business.

Arts and Letters Committee — **Linda Arrange** reported that they had received several nominations, and the committee members would be reviewing the nominations. The committee will meet on Thursday, July 22, at the BookCellar.

Audit of 2009 Financial Records — Those on the committee were: Chairperson **Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Denise Barlow, Bruce Gill and Joe Valadez**. Kirkpatrick said the committee members reviewed records of book sales, donations, and fundraisers conducted by the Friends of the Branch Libraries, the BookCellar and the Board of the Friends. The paperwork was in order, and the Treasurer received compliments from the committee members. Some recommendations were made that the Treasurer has already implemented. Kirkpatrick also recommended that policy guidelines should be developed for Branch Friends and BookCellar expenditures and reimbursements. There was some discussion about the gift certificates that some Friends groups give the library staff members as holiday gifts; the legality of this will be studied. **Ann Tobin** moved that we accept the report pre-

sented by the Audit Committee. **Linda Nairn** seconded the motion. It passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution in Support of the Library during CoSA FY2011 Budget Process —

For the full text of the Resolution, see elsewhere in this issue of *SAPLings*. After minor editing of the original, **Pat Konstam** moved and **Linda Nairn** seconded that it be approved, and the motion passed.

Committee for Nominations for 2011 FOSAPL Board — This item was postponed until the September meeting.

By-Laws Revision Committee — There are several changes that need to be made to the By-Laws. Gandara asked if anyone was interested in working on the committee. **Judy Wilson** and **Bob Mason** said they would like to serve on the committee.

Reports of Branch Group Activities

Linda Nairn reported that several members of the **Thousand Oaks Friends** have volunteered to help fold the *SAPLings*, and that is quite helpful.

The **Texana/Genealogy Friends** bought two laptops to use at the Texas Folk Festival and were able to help people research their ancestry.

Stephanie Alvarado said that the **Cortez Friends** were planning a Book Sale on Oct. 8–9. They will accept donations from anyone who has extra books.

Bruce Gill said that the next Book Sale for **Brook Hollow** will be Oct. 9.

Landa Library will have their first Book Sale on Nov. 6. The meeting was adjourned.

Resolution in Support of the Library during the City of San Antonio FY2011 Budget Process

On July 18, 2010, the Board of Directors of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library adopted the following position statement:

STATEMENT: The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library supports no reductions to the San Antonio Public Library's budget as City of San Antonio Mayor and Council deliberate the FY2011 Operating Budget and also urge the Mayor and Council to support allocation of "one-time funds" for necessary, critical projects.

- Cuts to personnel, library materials, automated resources, or facilities' maintenance would diminish services for patrons of all ages — services on which the residents rely for information, education, and recreation. Libraries must be open in order to get the most benefit from the taxpayers' investment in computers, books, materials, and programs.
- Capital Budget projects need to be implemented at older branches because of years of lack of funding and deferred maintenance. Investing in the repair and maintenance of the existing buildings is fiscally responsible, and should be as high a priority as opening new branches.

The San Antonio Public Library is invaluable in building a stronger San Antonio through its role in the areas of education, early childhood and adult literacy, bridging the "digital divide," and empowering people with knowledge. To fulfill this role, we must strengthen our library system by investing more in this valuable service institution.

Representing the members of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, we ask your support of the directive:

Libraries: Keep our Branches Growing!

Branch Leaves, continued from p 4.

Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Friends book sale is set for Oct. 1–2. The preview, open to all FOSAPL

members, will be 1–3 p.m., Friday, Oct. 1. Regular book sale hours are 10 a.m.–4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 2. After the sale, any Friends group is welcome to pick up leftovers.

Dan & Janet Goddard

Library supporters nationwide encouraged to nominate librarians for the 2010 Carnegie Corporation of New York/ New York Times I Love My Librarian Award

NEW YORK – Nominations are now open for the 2010 Carnegie Corporation of New York/New York Times I Love My Librarian Award.

The award invites library users nationwide to recognize the accomplishments of librarians in public, school, college, community college and university libraries for their efforts to improve the lives of people in their community. **Nominations run through September 20** and are being accepted online at ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Up to 10 librarians will be selected. Each will receive a \$5,000 cash award, a plaque and a \$500 travel stipend to attend an awards ceremony and reception in New York, hosted by *The New York Times* in December.

Each nominee must be a librarian with a master's degree from a program accredited by the ALA in library and information studies or a master's degree with a specialty in school library media from an educational unit accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education. Nominees must be currently working in the United States in a public library, a library at an accredited two- or four-year college or university or at an accredited K-12 school.

In 2008, Carnegie Corporation of New York awarded the American Library Association (ALA) \$489,000 to support the award, which will continue annually through 2012. The award continues in the tradition of one *The New York Times* presented from 2001 to 2006.

Last year, more than 3,200 library users nationwide nominated a librarian. For more information on last year's winners, visit ilovelibraries.org/ilovemylibrarian.

Carnegie Corp. of New York was created by Andrew Carnegie in 1911 to promote "the advancement and diffusion of knowledge and understanding." For more than 95 years, the corporation has carried out Carnegie's vision of philanthropy by building on his two major concerns: international peace and advancing education and knowledge. As a private grant-making foundation, the corporation will invest more than \$100 million this year in nonprofits to fulfill Carnegie's mission, "to do real and permanent good in this world." The corporation's capital fund, originally donated at a value of about \$135 million, had a market value of \$3 billion on Sept. 30, 2007.

The New York Times Company, a leading media company with 2008 reve-

nues of \$2.9 billion, includes *The New York Times*, the *International Herald Tribune*, *The Boston Globe*, 15 other daily newspapers, WQXR-FM and more than 50 Web sites, including NYTimes.com, Boston.com and About.com. The Company's core purpose is to enhance society by creating, collecting and distributing high-quality news, information and entertainment.

The American Library Association is the oldest and largest library association in the world, with more than 62,000 members. Its mission is to promote the highest quality library and information services and public access to information.

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FOSAPL Sales Tax Exemption

As a 501(c)(3) organization, FOSAPL is not required to pay sales tax on any purchase. To avoid paying sales tax a vendor/store/service provider must be shown a copy of the FOSAPL Exemption Certificate that shows the FOSAPL Taxpayer I.D. Number. All branch group Treasurers have this, and a copy can be given to any member who is making a purchase.

- At HEB, a form for making a tax exempt purchase is available at Customer Service. Get it before you shop and fill it out while you wait in line.
- At a Wal-mart Customer Service Center, you will be given a Tax Ex-

empt Identification Card that should be shown to a cashier before an order is rung up so that sales tax won't be added. You need apply only once.

- Hobby Lobby gives out the same I.D. card, but it's done at the check-out. Expect dirty looks and heavy sighs from customers behind you when you apply!
- The FOSAPL I.D. number at Office Depot is 46916297. Please make a note of that on your Tax Exempt Certificate for your convenience.

As you gather I.D. numbers from businesses write them on your Tax I.D.

Certificate for future reference. Remember to show the Tax Exempt Certificate to any cashier before your order is rung up to avoid delay as the whole order might have to be voided if you don't show it.

Please remember that library staff can obtain bids from vendors, and staff might get a better discount than a FOSAPL member can negotiate. The bids will never include sales tax. FOSAPL Treasurers should be familiar with this procedure and know how to have purchases paid for directly by the FOSAPL Treasurer.

~~ 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
<small>(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)</small> |
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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:

- 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

June 30, 2010
Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

FOSAPL INCOME	Budget	FOSAPL May/June	FOSAPL YTD
BookCellar sales	\$75,000	\$14,195.82	\$31,118.71
Donations and memorials	\$1,600	\$55.00	\$1,494.00
Interest	\$1,000	\$67.20	\$178.75
Membership	\$10,000	\$495.00	\$4,335.00
FOSAPL Projected Income for 2010	\$87,600	\$14,813.02	\$37,126.46

BUDGET EXPENSES	May/June	YTD
Accounting	\$2,400	\$325.00
Arts and Letters	\$390	
Bank charges	\$100	-\$38.39
FOSAPL Committee expenses	\$100	\$205.41
Friends recognition	\$100	
Insurance	\$2,500	\$200.00
Mayor's Summit	\$1,000	\$1,000.00
Membership recruitment	\$800	\$105.40
Newsletter prep/editing	\$2,050	\$600.00
Newsletter printing	\$2,300	\$723.92
Office supplies	\$1,000	\$73.80
Parking	\$3,267.50	\$6,000
Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)	\$1,560	\$75.20
President's expenses	\$350	
Seed money for new groups	\$300	\$100.00
"Show me the Money" program	\$400	
TLA Convention	\$600	
BookCellar Expenses		
Advertising	\$1,000	
Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies	\$300	\$172.82
Commodities for resale	\$2,000	\$673.18
Equipment and maintenance	\$2,500	\$112.98
Internet and software	\$100	
Printing and copying	\$200	\$70.26
Recruitment of volunteer workers	\$500	
Salary and benefits	\$7,100	\$869.50
Volunteer appreciation	\$1,250	\$72.56
Library Support		
Programming for public	\$30,000	\$5.00
Staff development and training	\$30,000	
Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members	no fund amt	\$200.00
TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES	\$96,900	\$4,563.67

FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS	May/June	YTD
Donations	\$177.30	\$1,072.12
Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, tote sales	\$15,438.34	\$33,061.51
Memberships	\$155.00	\$1,470.00
Branch Friends group operating expenses	\$776.78	\$1,986.81
Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments	\$12,345.11	\$26,210.38

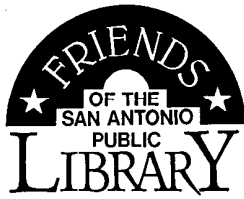
Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

Bank Accounts	
Compass Money Market BookCellar deposits	80,830.69
Compass Money Market Gold	38,078.61
Compass Checking	88,269.53
Total Assets	207,178.83
Branch Designated Funds (-)	(114,140.66)
Net Assets for FOSAPL Use	93,038.17

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of June 30, 2010

Bazan	1,376.32
Brook Hollow	14,264.40
Carver	3,470.26
Central	360.00
Cody	4,615.37
Collins Garden	317.65
Cortez	765.10
Forest Hills	4,810.37
Great Northwest	3,160.69
Guerra	4,999.74
Igo	7,080.45
Johnston	2,177.23
Landa	737.50
Maverick	5,085.30
McCreless	3,364.97
Memorial	4,844.89
Pruitt (no group formed)	30.00
Semmes	4,317.87
Texana/genealogy	19,551.66
Thousand Oaks	5,039.74
Tobin at Oakwell	15,800.15
Westfall	4,325.16
Writers (currently inactive)	3,645.84
Total Group Funds	114,140.66





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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Sept. 1 McCreless Branch closed for renovation (call 210-207-2538 for opening date info)
- Sept. 10–11 Semmes Friends book sale, Friday Preview sale, 11–12:30; Saturday, 10–4
- Sept. 11 Memorial Friends book sale, 10–2
- Sept. 19 Friends Board Meeting, Westfall Branch, 2**
- Oct. 1–2 Tobin Library at Oakwell Friends book sale
- Oct. 5 Collins Garden Friends celebration of National Night Out, 5–8
- Oct. 9 Brook Hollow Friends book sale
- Oct. 9–10 Igo Friends Fall book sale
- Oct. 16–17 Maverick Friends book sale, Saturday, 9–5 and Sunday, 10–4
- Oct. 24 Arts & Letters Awards presentation, Central Library Auditorium, 2**
- Nov. 6 Landa Friends book sale
- Nov. 8 McCreless Friends, General membership meeting, 5:30
- Nov. 12-13 Guerra Friends book sale, Friday, 4–6, Saturday, 10–4
- Nov. 13-14 McCreless Friends 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

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

Collins Garden Library
200 N. Park Blvd, 78204-2434
210-225-0331

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

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

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

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-432-6783

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

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

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