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From the President



Dear Friends,

While you are sitting by the pool with a good book and a frosty glass, City and Library financial wizards are busily crunching numbers for the FY 2012 City budget. The process started with the “Five-Year Financial Forecast” that was presented to the City Council in early May, and which you can read on the City’s website. As in years past, the City Manager has required that each City Department identify ways that their costs can be reduced by 10% (which is \$3.3 million for the Library). After the FY 2012 Budget proposal is presented to the City Council on Aug. 11, there will be Community Budget Hearings held in each District. I urge you to attend a hearing or contact your councilperson (send an email through www.sanantonio.gov/council) and tell them to “Keep Our Branches Growing!” Our libraries can’t serve their communities if hours are reduced, or if funds for resources are cut.

Growth—or change—is the hot topic of this hot summer, as the Library’s Five-Year Strategic Plan is being developed. This community-based effort will guide everything from “what” the facilities might look like, to “how” information is acquired and books are read, to “where” the services are focused, and “who” pays for them. You can read a Draft of the report on mysapl.org and express your opinion by attending a Public Forum, or by contacting the Trustee who represents your district. The Library Board of Trustees will approve the Plan in late July, and it will be presented to the City Council for their endorsement in August or September.

Electronic books may be the newest trend, but I am glad to hear that so many branch Friends’ groups have held successful “pulp” book sales recently. Recycling these books truly makes us a Green organization—and if you choose to receive an electronic notice of every new issue of SAPLings, you can help save the forests (and keep our costs down!).

Our biggest FOSAPL fundraiser, the BookCellar Annual Summer Tent Sale of Books, could not happen without the hard work of scores of volunteers: “thank you” for your time, your aching muscles, and your cheerful sales assistance!

Looking forward to seeing you at a District Budget Hearing, Public Forum, or book sale, soon.

Cheers,
Nancy Gandara

**Friends of the Library Annual
Summer Tent Sale of Books**

Friends’ Preview Sale:
Thursday, July 7, 4–7 p.m.

Sale to Public:
Friday–Saturday, July 8–9, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Sunday, July 10, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.

Free Books for Branch Sales:
Monday, July 11, 11 a.m.–3 p.m.

**BookCellar, Central Library Basement
600 Soledad**

See page 9 for more details.

**An Exciting Future
for The Friends**



Nancy Gandara

What should the role of the Friends of the Library be during the next five years?

How will it be different from what it has been, or is today?

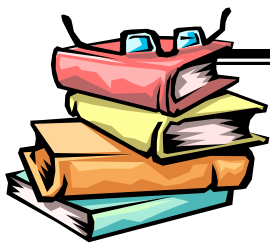
How can the Friends work more effectively with the Library Foundation, and with the Board of Trustees?

What can be done to ensure that follow-through occurs over time, to build and maintain the working relationships we seek?

These were all questions that were posed during two work sessions in which **Jean Brady** and **David Carpenter** (Trustees), **Kaye Lenox**, **Mike Molak**, and **Joanne Winik** (Library Foundation), Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, **Pat Mendiola**, and I (FOLSAPL) participated as part of the Strategic Plan. The sessions were facilitated by **Bob Ashcroft**, and equal time was given to delineating the roles of the Library Director (“the one In Charge”), the Trustees (“represent the community and set policy for SAPL”), the San Antonio Public Library Foundation (“raise funds and friends from the private sector”), and FOSAPL (“build grass-roots support at the community level”).

The group agreed that all of the support groups must operate with a “shared vision”—look for that vision to be articulated in the Strategic

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Board Meeting

May 22, 2011

Submitted by Anne Long

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, May 22, 2011, in the meeting room at Landa Library.

Those present were: Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Evelyn Bonavita, Pat Bjornson, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Pat Konstam, Robert LaCaff, Josie Martinez, Pat Mendiola, Ronnie Retzloff and Virginia Wong.

The Minutes of the March 20, 2011, meeting were printed in the May/June 2011 *SAPLings*. Jackie Fremming moved and Claudia Kohler seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report—Nancy Gandara gave a quick run-down of her many meetings with the Library Foundation, Library Trustees, Library Strategic Plan Committee and the BookCellar committee. She has attended many Friends functions and the Friends Fundraising Task Force.

Treasurer's Report—Judy Wilson reported the net assets for FOSAPL as of April 30, 2011, as \$51,194.39 and the Branch Group funds are \$108,781.49. There was a question concerning the “no budget amt” items on the budget:

1) “Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members” are given to SAPL when a Life Member dies, and 2) “Donations from FOSAPL members” are variables that cannot be estimated. The item for parking will be considered for budget by the budget committee. Judy called for volunteers for the Audit Committee, and the following members volunteered: Stephanie Alvarado, Linda Arronge, Evelyn Bonavita, Nancy Gan-

darra, Claudia Kohler and Ronnie Retzloff. A motion was made by Evelyn Bonavita and seconded by Stephanie Alvarado that we accept the report. It passed and will be submitted for audit.

Library Board Report—Jean Brady gave kudos to all concerned and involved with the hard work and excitement of the new branch openings. She reported that the library needs to issue about 50,000 library cards to meet the one million mark. She gave a very special thank you to the Friends for all their help over and above the money and the advocacy.

Library Administration—Ramiro Salazar joined Jean in her praise of and thanks to the Friends. He gave a quick run-down of the branch openings and reported on the Young Pegasus Award ceremony to support our youth who express themselves in writing and poetry. June 3rd will be the kick off for the Summer Reading Program which is now aligned with the Mayor's SA2020 initiative.

Library Foundation—Carol Black attended the Mission and Parman Branch openings and represented the Foundation with a cart of new books to be bought by patrons in memory or in honor of someone, and placed in the library collection. Carol also presented an initiative that the Foundation is undertaking with the SA Museum of Art to publish a set of books for toddlers. This initiative will be to promote reading from infancy to three years old and will be launched in September.

BookCellar—Aaron Konstam passed out flyers for the tent sale July 7–11 and also a sign-up sheet. Books left unsold by July 10 will be available for branches to come and take for

branch sales. The BookCellar is in need of donations.

Membership—Christie Smith reported that our membership is at 810 with 127 new members.

OLD BUSINESS

The Fundraising Task Force met and did some brainstorming about how to raise funds to go directly to the library for use in the library system. Of all the ideas there were two that seemed to offer real promise:

1) Produce a calendar using a library photo for each month, and 2) Help the BookCellar market itself more successfully.

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan—Ramiro Salazar gave the definition of the Strategic Plan as a blueprint for the board to plan for the future—a tool to guide the library system for the next five years. There are five strategic focus areas:

- I Support educational and learning activities
- II Facilitate Economic Development
- III Foster the community connections
- IV Develop Marketing/ Communications Initiatives
- V Improve Organizational Health

And in addition, the plan will: Delineate the Role of Library Support Groups (specifically for Advocacy/ Fundraising); Leverage Technology, and plan for future Facilities.

Pat Mendiola and Nancy Gandara told the FOSAPL Board about the “Roles of Support Groups” meetings in which they had participated, and distributed notes of those meetings. The first draft of the plan

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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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Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

The deadline for submitting articles and photos to *SAPLings* is the 15th of the month (February 15, April 15, June 15, August 15, October 15, and December 15)

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file. Please email files and photos to Alana Woods, alana005@yahoo.com. Printed articles and original photos should be mailed to Alana Woods at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.



Branch Leaves

News from
Branch Libraries

Cody

Cody Friends meet as needed.

Cody Library had a successful book sale in May. The contribution of many hard-working volunteers was greatly appreciated, with special thanks to our new FOSAPL Board Members **Diana Sanchez** and **Susan Bailey**. We had tons of books, sold tons of books and even after the Sunday bag of books sale, we, unexplainably, still had tons of books remaining. These were donated to other libraries. Hopefully, this is not a “sign” that people are divesting themselves of books in favor of electronic readers. All proceeds will benefit Cody Library. Our customary luncheon for the volunteers was enjoyed by all.

Four book clubs (2 on Saturday) and 1 film club are ongoing at Cody. A bulletin board in the library entrance area lists all books to be read during the year by each book club. This is a great way to expand your reading choices and for newcomers to establish new friendships.

Cody will participate in the “Mayor’s Summer Reading Club.” In association with this, there is a reading treasure hunt, “Match the Character With the Book” for younger readers. In the showcase at the library entrance, there is a display of colorful stuffed animals and main characters from some of the most well-known children’s books. A game form can be obtained from the Children’s Librarian, and, when

completed correctly, children will receive a prize.

Information for Cody Summer programming for all ages can be obtained at the Library. On Thursdays, in July, at 2:00, there will be special programs for children; tickets are required, but they are free and can be obtained on the Monday prior to the event. Activities are planned for Teens on Tuesdays, 2:00.

August 1–August 21, there will not be any children’s programs. Computer classes will begin on August 5.

Happy summer reading to all!
Judy Malter

Great Northwest

Great Northwest Friends meet third Sunday of the even months (opposite board meetings) at 4 p.m. in the Community room. Next meeting Aug 21.

The Great Northwest Library had a successful book sale on June 3–4. Tickets for the beautiful quilt made by the Great Northwest Library Quilters were also available. Ticket sales end on July 4, and the quilt winner will be announced soon after. Our new tables and signs looked and worked great. And the new refrigerator kept cold water available for those hauling books out in the summer heat.

We had a meeting on June 12 to discuss our thoughts after the sale and plan our next event which is the Staff and Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on August 1. This is our annual activity to thank the summer volunteers along with all the staff at the library. There will be food, games and prizes for all to enjoy. We also set the fall book sale for the weekend of Sept 30 and Oct 1.

Please see the picture of one of our new tables, the new A-frame sign holder, and our little red book cart that brings in funding for our projects every month.

Denise Barlow

Igo

Igo Fibbers meet the first Saturday morning of each month except when there is a holiday conflict - as in July this year.

Igo Fibber’s Fall book sale will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 24 and 25. Please put these dates on your calendars and consider helping with set up on Thursday, the 22nd, from 4–6 and on Friday, the 23rd, from 10–4. Donations of books for the sale are encouraged.

The San Antonio Public Library Board met at Igo on May 25. Refreshments were served and appreciated by attendees.

In January, we purchased a special cart and installed a locked box on the top, and the Book Nook was born. The cart is stocked with books from our donation collection and patrons are asked to contribute when they take a book. A system to track how long the books have been on the cart was set up, and as Fibbers visit the library, they replenish the stock. We’ve been able to take in about \$175 since we set it up in January. The staff report that it is a popular new addition to library service.

The first weekday after schools closed for the summer about 1,000 people came through the doors of the library. The staff was doing double time at every point of service. The library’s Anime program on May 14 was attended by about 70 teens. Domino’s Pizza donated 6 pizzas. Thank you Domino’s. About 100 people are signed up for the summer reading programs. Fibbers will be selling our “I GO TO IGO” backpacks and book bags at the June and July Thursday morning programs. Contact any Fibber for purchase of them at other times.

Igo Library’s circulation and program attendance reflects what we are being told about the

economy’s effect on library usage. High library usage and circulation may indicate that many patrons are also choosing to stay at home and postpone or cancel vacations. Branch Manager **Kathy Claspill** discussed a workshop she attended regarding innovative library service models in San Jose, CA. One library there is experimenting with a book store/market place model. The design and layout of the collection in addition to expanding on the self service approach allows libraries to function with fewer staff. This is especially important given the state of the economy in California. Just to note, self check out machines are heavily used at Igo. About five to six thousand checkouts go through the machines per month.

John Igo reported that his new book, *A Stone for Plot 4*, is complete and being submitted to publishers. We got a first-hand description of its contents. He proudly showed us the 4-GB flash drive on which it was contained. It is always a treat when he attends our meetings and updates us on his various projects.

The Fibbers meet next on July 9 — a week later than usual to avoid the July 4 weekend. Then we meet again as usual on August 6. We invite all to join us.

Kathleen McCloskey

Landa

Ten members of the Landa Friends met on June 5 to “rejuvenate, reorganize, and reenergize” the group. A good start was made on that with the election of the following officers, who will serve out the remainder of 2011, plus two-year terms:

President: **Diane Prickett**
Vice-Pres.: **Martha James**
(with special duties for membership recruitment and communication).

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Treasurer: **Olga Canales**
Secretary: **Sheila Figueroa**
Branch Manager **Michael Kaminski** reviewed a wish list of needed items, which the group approved.

Shirley Morrison agreed to take on the duties of Book Sale Coordinator. Donations are currently being accepted, and a sale will be held on Aug. 5 (preview) and Aug. 6. Volunteers to help with set up during Aug. 3–5 are guaranteed to have a fun time!

Nancy Gandara

Maverick

Maverick Friends meet the first Tuesday in August (August 2).

Our successful book sales have allowed the Maverick Friends Group to support a number of summer programs for the Library. The group is providing refreshments, supplies and entertainment for a variety of activities at the Library this summer.

One of the new programs presented in May was a family game night attended by adults and children. The classic game with a new twist, called “Loteria,” was created by **Benjamin Longoria**, Adult Services Librarian, who designed bingo-style cards using a library related theme with pic-

tures, labeled in both Spanish and English. Prizes were provided by the Friends. (see related photo). Participants in the program had fun and learned new library terms in two languages.

The next book sale for the Friends is scheduled for October 15–16. After a July break, the group resumes monthly meetings and sorting for the sale.

Donna Hogan

McCreless

Friends have been busy this summer supporting the public library events. Several McFriends were at the opening of the beautiful Mission Branch library. Because the McCreless meeting room was being used for early voting, the McCreless Friends’ May Board Meeting was held at the new Mission branch library. After the meeting, everyone took time to browse the library collection and admire the art work on display at Mission. Back at our McCreless Branch, summer event planning is in full swing. At our May general meeting, we approved funds for the Summer Reading program, the Teen Program, and the Summer Movie Night Program. We also set aside a very generous sum to be used for

the 45th Birthday Celebration of McCreless Branch on August 14 from 2–5. There will be activities, food and fun for the patrons. Volunteers will be needed for both planning and participation for the event.

After the business part of the meeting was concluded, **Susan Hughes** of Green Spaces Alliance presented a wonderful program on Wildscaping and conservation. Using informative and beautiful landscape slides and bringing actual plants, Ms. Hughes provided great instruction on how to attract birds and butterflies to live in our yards through creating an inviting and sustaining environment. There was a lively Q&A session with much discussion. Everyone was able to take home a live plant to begin our own wildscaping effort. Ms. Hughes has very generously offered to offer the Green Spaces Alliance presentation to other Friend’s groups that might be interested. She can be contacted at susan@greenspacesalliance.org

A huge thank you to everyone who helped set up, sell, and take down for the book sale. We had some wonderful donations. **Sean De La Cruz’s** donation bought Subway sandwiches for the workers on Fri-

day, and **Mary Swanson** made a pineapple upside-down cake for dessert. Although many of our boxed books were missing and we did not have as much stock, we still raised \$685 in support of library services and resources. Our unsold books were packed up and picked up by Cortez library for their sale on Memorial weekend.

Hope to see you at our next meeting and be sure to put August 14 on your calendar!

Jill Zimmerman

Memorial

Memorial Amigos will meet Sat, July 30, at 10 a.m.

The Friends of the Memorial Branch (aka the Memorial Library *Amigos*) met in early May, planned membership recruitment and a book sale, and chose new officers:

President: **Tom Nemuth**
Treasurer: **Diane**

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Secretary: **Jimmy Jimenez**
Plans to recruit additional Friends’ members included having an “incentive cart” at the planned Anniversary event: every new Friend could choose a free book from a selection of attractive donations contributed

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Have a new eBook reader?

Remember that you can download e-books and audiobooks free with your San Antonio Public Library card! Just about anything anyone needs to know about using an eBook reader for Library downloads can be found here on our webpage: <http://guides.mysapl.org/content.php?pid=89027&sid=699534>. This covers SAPL rules about checking out e-books, help pages, and info about compatible devices (for example, Kindle users can’t download e-books because of Amazon’s proprietary software, and won’t be able to until this fall.)



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should be ready in early June to be published by June 23. There will be time for feedback from the public then and a final draft in July or August.

Arts and Letters Awards—Linda Arronge opened the nominations for the awards and called for volunteers to serve on the committee. August 19 will be the last day to accept nominations.

Approval of Bylaws—The Friends of the Mission Branch Library submitted their bylaws

for approval. Three members of the group (**Roberto Anguiano, Josie Martinez, and Pat Jay**) were in attendance, and were introduced to the Board. **Ronnie Reztloff** moved the Bylaws be approved and **Jackie Fremming** seconded the motion. With a unanimous show of hands the motion passed.

Pat Mendiola made the motion to adjourn. **Bruce Gill** seconded and the meeting was adjourned.

by Tom. A bookmark to advertise both this membership special and a book sale to be held on Aug. 6 was designed by Nancy, and Diane assisted in distributing it. Donations of books to be sold would be appreciated!

Branch Manager **Jimmy Jimenez** reviewed the events that were planned for the 30th Anniversary party that was held on May 21. **Andy Sarabia** and other leaders of Communities Organized for Public Service were recognized for their work in promoting the establishment of the Memorial Branch, in 1981, and Edgewood ISD Board President **Joseph Guerra** was a speaker. Program participants included the Jefferson H.S. Mariachis, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center folklorico dancers, **Xavier Garcia** (award-winning author and illustrator of children's books) and **Victoria Acosta** (prize-winning mariachi singer). There was great attendance, and both kids and adults enjoyed the face painting, birthday cake, and afternoon's entertainment.

Set-up for the book sale will be on Aug. 5 and cleanup on Aug. 7. Come and meet some new *Amigos!*

Nancy Gandara

Mission

The Grand Opening of the Mission Branch on April 30th was replete with music, face-painting, "the Big Red Chair," food—and a dozen enthusiastic Friends! Losing no time, **Josie Martinez** drafted By-laws for the Friends of the Mission Branch Library, which the FOSAPL Board approved at the May 22nd meeting. Serving as "charter officers" of the group are:

President: **Roberto Anguiano**
Vice-Pres.: (vacant)

Treasurer: **Rosie Anguiano**
Secretary: **Josie Martinez**

Pat Jay has volunteered to coordinate Book Sales and Fundraisers.

Mark your calendars and attend the first meeting of this group, which will be on Aug. 25 from 6–8 p.m.

Nancy Gandara

Thousand Oak

Thousand Oaks Friends will continue to meet the third Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m.

The Thousand Oaks Friends' hard work at their spring Book Sale paid off in good profits. The bottom line got some assistance from our Teen Friends, who bagged all the romance novels, 20 to a bag, and put them up for sale. One woman took advantage of the bargain and cleaned them out with her purchase of 27 bags!

We are awaiting news of a new library manager so we can plan a welcome event. Meanwhile, we continue to support the active Teen Program and other library activities.

Renee Hermanson

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Tobin's Friends' next meeting is Tuesday, August 23, at 1:30 p.m. in our Community room.

The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell hosted the

annual staff appreciation dinner May 25 at the Barn Door. Tobin Friends board members joined seven Tobin staffers and their families for a delicious dinner; a good time was had by all. The Tobin Foundation for Theater Arts sponsored a delicious cake that capped off a lovely evening.

Our May book sale garnered \$2,600. Again, thanks to the many volunteers who made this sale a success.

Tobin Friend **Edith Speert** honored two former Friends, **Charlene Phelan** and **Gloria Goldstein**, with a memorial gift to our Friends group.

On June 12, one of our members, Karen Sagun was honored as a 2011 Library Champion for her substantial contribution of volunteer hours at the Tobin Library. Congratulations!

The next book sale at Tobin is set for Oct. 8.

It is the generosity of our Friends that keep our library thriving. Thanks to all.

Janet Goddard

Rare 1611 edition of King James Bible on display at Central Library Exhibit commemorates 400th anniversary of Bible's publication

In 1603, in an attempt to resolve conflicts between religious denominations, King James I of England and Ireland (James VI of Scotland) convened a group of 54 scholars to undertake an official translation of the Bible. The final product was published 400 years ago, in 1611. In 2011, organizations around the world are observing the 400th anniversary of the publication of the King James Bible.

The San Antonio Public Library has joined the celebration with a special exhibit of a rare 1611 first issue of the first edition of the King James Bible, on display through August 26 in the Texana/

Genealogy Department on the sixth floor of the Central Library, 600 Soledad 78205. Accompanying the Bible are other antique publications, including John White's *The Way to the True Church: wherein the principal Motives perswading to Romanisme are familiarly disputed and driven to their Issues*, published in London in 1616; Vincenzo Cartari's *Imagini colla sposizione degli dei degli antichi* (Images of the Gods of the Ancients), Venice, 1674; and Thomas Heywood's *The Hierarchy of the Blessed Angels*, London 1635.

The Texana/Genealogy Department is open 12:00 noon–8:00

p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. Wednesday, Friday and Saturday. It is closed Sunday and Monday.

About the Bible on display at the Library

During the blitz of London in World War II, German pilots regularly bombed the city from September 1940 to May 1941. In 1942, fearing more attacks, a rare book dealer in London sold several items to San Antonio bookstore owner Frank Rosengren, who dealt in rare books as well as current titles. In 1945 the San Antonio Public Library purchased the King James Bible with funds from a

bequest from Library benefactor Harry Hertzberg. This copy is defective in lacking a title page and a final page, but is otherwise complete.

This copy comes from the first edition run that produced the "Great He Bible." As the result of a typesetter's error, Chapter 3, Verse 15, of the Book of Ruth reads, "He went into the citie," referring to Ruth. As corrected in later editions, the verse should have read, "She went into the citie."

As far as San Antonio Public Library staff are aware, this copy of the King James Bible has not been on display since 1945.

Trash—or Treasure?!

Get Rebates for Your Used Ink Cartridges

M. Judith Penington

A Library Friends group's whole purpose is to support the library to which it is affiliated. Helping shelve books, working with craft events, assisting with summer reading programs, providing staff appreciation, etc., are all worthy uses of the talents of Friends groups.

To do more, all Library Friends groups need money! Maverick Friends uses Book Sale and Book Nook money for special (large) purchases that benefit the library and to augment programs for children, teens, and adults. But there are other expenses, as well. This includes the cost of office supplies for the Friends (envelopes, stamps, paper and printer ink for Friends-specific copies), a file cabinet for all Friends' archives and report books, and replacement of ink cartridges for the small "special" library printer used to create flyers, decorations, and instructions for special library activities (a lot of ink is used!).

The Friends of Maverick Branch has one fundraising activity that does not require any effort and little time, but which covers many of the smaller needs for both the library and the Friends' group, itself. Maverick FOL started to collect used ink cartridges from the FOL members (and the library "special" printer) a few years ago for recycling through Staples Office Supply stores. Staples pays \$2 for each cartridge turned in. (Office Depot and Office Max also have a cartridge turn-in system.) Only 10 cartridges can be turned in each month on an account. Originally, the account used was that of the group Treasurer. Some months, our members were very generous and we had more than 10, which necessitated a call for other members to share their accounts. We had 30 to turn in one month! (Some members bring cartridges from work that would otherwise be trashed.) Some months we don't have 10, but still turn in whatever we have for the rebate. Members can drop their cartridges off at the library anytime during the month. On the last day of each month the cartridges are picked up by the Treasurer, then dropped off at Staples. In approximately a month, Staples emails the rebate coupon for FOL to use for purchases at Staples. Obviously, this becomes a continuous loop of "turn in, get money!" Yay!

It has been suggested that a box be set up near the Book Nook for patrons to drop off cartridges as well, but Maverick has not yet tried that outreach. If you would like more information, email me at mavfol@yahoo.com.

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Plan. Part of fulfilling our unique roles must be improving communication between our groups and operating with mutual trust and respect. Since we are all more effective when we know more about what the other groups are doing, we committed to contributing to each other's newsletters and planning a collaborative goal and strategy work session for our members.

In addition, we discussed crafting a "user-friendly" Memo of Understanding that would clarify and formalize the working relationships among the Library Administration, Trustees, Foundation, and Friends. This kind of document could be used to periodically assess progress made in goals set for each organization (e.g. membership increases, money raised, communications shared, etc.).

The group agreed that the primary focus of the Friends should be communicating about the Library with the community, making personal connections that benefit SAPL, attracting and using volunteers, and providing feedback to others, inside and outside SAPL.

Currently, our Mission Statement reads "The Friends 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." I hope that over the next year we will take the opportunity presented by the Strategic Plan to reassess, or reaffirm, the mission of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

Memorial Celebrates 30th Birthday!



Guadalupe Center Folklorico dancers. From left to right: **Judy Wilson, Nancy Gandara, Diane Duesterfoeft, Mary McAfee.**
Author **Xavier Garza**

Photos by **Nick Rubio**,
Photographer.



Growing Our Own Librarians, Through the MeJOR Futuro/Better Future Grant

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is a federal grant-making agency, working at the national level and in coordination with state and local organizations to “sustain heritage, culture, and knowledge; enhance learning and innovation; and support professional development.” Mrs. Bush called on the Institute to help recruit “a new generation of librarians” through a special funding initiative. In 2005 and 2008, the San Antonio Public Library Foundation was the recipient of a grant from the IMLS through the Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian Program to fund MeJOR Futuro/Better Future Scholarship.

During the spring of 2008, the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) surveyed employees to determine the level of interest in pursuing a master’s degree in library science and/or technology and information science. Forty-five employees responded affirmatively. Concurrently a survey of the library workforce reflected a graying work force that would require replacements with personnel with master’s degrees. The purpose of the MeJOR Futuro/Better Future grant is to recruit 45 scholars who will complete a master’s degree in library science or its comparable degree at an ALA approved institution of higher education. Scholars who are employees of the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) participate in the leadership training and the executive coaching. This grant educates not only the next generation of professional librarians but will also develop the next generation of library leaders.

The need for master’s degree librarians is great, but the need for branch managers will be even greater in the near future. The managers of both the Mission Branch and the



Parman Branch achieved their MLS degrees with the help of the MeJOR Futuro/Better Future program. Among the other 14 staff members who have been promoted recently, 13 are program scholars. These promotions are Librarian II’s or assistant managers. These promotions in turn created five Librarian I vacancies, and these vacancies were staffed by scholars in library assistant positions. A consequence of these promotions will be that community scholars will be able to apply for library assistant positions, entry-level employment, or as a librarian I. (SAPL policy allows consideration of applicants within 6 months of graduation of the Master’s degree for Librarian I vacancies.)

From inception of the grant (2008–2009) to date (2010–2011) 45 individuals have been identified as scholars. Six withdrew from the program; 14 graduated including eight in the fall of 2010. Also the fall 2010 added six persons as scholars. Among the eight fall 2010 graduates, five were SAPL employees, one was in the Alamo Area Library net; and two were from the community. Five of the eight graduates maintained a 4.0 GPA. Of the 14 or 36% of the graduates to date, seven have maintained an overall 4.0 GPA.

To afford the participation of all scholars in the leadership training, “skyping” and webcasting were explored as vehicles for delivery. Webcasting was determined to be the better alternative. The producer of the



Elma Nieto-Rodriguez, Manager of the Mission Branch, received her MLS from the University of North Texas using the Better Future grant

webcast maintains a copy of each session on the website for reference purposes and will maintain all sessions until the conclusion of the training. The material will then be edited for inclusion in the leadership manual that is being developed. An unintended consequence of this service has been that scholars who must be absent can visit the website and view the presentation.

Last fall the author of the leadership manual met with the principals and a focus group composed of recently graduated scholars of this and previous grants. The recommendations of these scholars will be used to better meet the needs of future scholars. Among the suggestions was to institute an additional form of peer mentoring to pair a graduate scholar with the current scholar.

Currently there are 31 scholars in the program, and 13 scholars are employees from SAPL; one from Alamo Area of Libraries and 18 from the community. Of the 31 scholars 10 or 32% are bilingual (Spanish/English). Of these, five or 16% are SAPL employees and from the community. Anyone is eligible to apply for a scholarship by calling **Mary Jo Fernandez**, (210) 225-4728, x17 at the San Antonio Public Library Foundation.

The Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell host the annual staff appreciation dinner



Clockwise from lower left: Staffers Adolph Lopez, Lorren Cruz, and Robert Barba and family await the first course at our staff appreciation dinner.



Alan and Joan Hildreth wait for the guests of honor to arrive at the Barn Door.

From the Library Director



¡Gracias!

As valued volunteers, members of the Friends of the Library know that volunteers are the mainstay of non-profits and other organizations that provide public service.

The San Antonio Public Library is no different. Individual volunteers are always there to help with storytime, to shelve books, or to assist teen services staff with projects. Corporations have sent volunteers or donated funds to support Library programming or provide new resources. Other non-profit partners have dedicated staff, time and other resources to promoting access to Library services.

In many ways, we couldn't do what we do without this kind of support, and it's important for us to say thank you. In 1996 the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees created the Library Champion Awards to honor notable volunteer contributions to the Library system.

The Champion Awards recognize individuals (not employed by the Library), businesses, and community organizations for their substantial involvement with the Library system, or who have contributed time, talent or resources that resulted in the enhancement of library service in San Antonio.

On June 12, the San Antonio Public Library honored two teams, one corporation, and eight individuals as 2011 Library Champions. Their contributions range from giving freely of their time to funding an innovative family program at one of our library branches.

The 2011 award recipients were:

City Councilmen John Clapp and Justin Rodríguez Deede Lu

The Library Marketing Team: Mari Aguirre, Jessica Cerda, Mike Bacon, Rosenda Rios, Angela Bartels, Andi Rodríguez, Becky Bridges, Anamaria Suescun-Fast, Mercedes O'Higgins

The Rackspace Foundation

Karen Sagun

Chairs of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation

Gene Ames, Dennis Martínez, Pat Flynn, Mike Molak, Kye Fox, Guillermo Nicolás, Nick Hollis, Carol O'Malley, Alice Lynch, Debbie Prost

Also recognized were the three individual volunteers with the greatest number of service hours over the previous year:

Richard Kierbow—1,158 hours

Paula Parra—845 hours

Pamela Miller—693 hours

We appreciate their good example and are proud to thank the 2011 Library Champions for all they do.

Thanks to all of you—we couldn't do it without you!

Ramiro Salazar

Getting to Know Your Friends

Alan & Joan Hildreth

Claudia Kohler

Alan and Joan Hildreth are valued members of the Tobin Library at Oakwell. They moved to San Antonio from Falls Church, Virginia, seven years ago. Joan volunteered at the library and **Mary McVicker** talked to her. Before you knew it, Joan was Secretary of the Friends, then Vice President, followed by President. Joan soon brought Alan onto the Board to help. Joan states that **Fern Burke** was very helpful in helping her learn her new job.

Alan, who grew up in Southampton, N.Y., remembers well his first library experiences on Job's Lane—"Miss Evans used to hiss and shush at us," she would tell us to take our hats off! Joan grew up in Brooklyn and lived close enough that she and her mom would walk to the library. Later on, she would take the trolley and watched the W.P.A. build the brand new downtown library in Brooklyn.

Alan and Joan lived in Southampton when they were married (59 years ago in June!) until Alan's job as an engineer with Western Union caused them to move to Falls Church, Virginia, where they stayed until they retired. Joan taught at the high school level. After retirement, they moved to Texas to be closer to their daughter. Their first experience showing how friendly Texas are happened on the drive here. They had a flat tire. They were expecting AAA to come fix it so they turned down nine folks who



stopped and offered help. They finally took the help from #10 when AAA hadn't shown up yet.

When asked about a memorable experience while volunteering, they mentioned that noted author **Jacques Barzun**, who is 103 years young, has come to their book sales with his wife and his housekeeper. They all bought books and because they came on a preview day, they even joined. There was a paperback copy of his book *From Dawn to Decadence: 500 Years of Western Cultural Life* at the sale, and his housekeeper bought it. For an interesting review of this book, you might want to go to: <http://ugleyvicar.blogspot.com/2008/04/on-finishing-barzuns-from-dawn-to.html>.

Tobin at Oakwell has successful preview sales where they always pick up new members. They ask everyone if they would like to be on their mailing list. Joan and Alan tell them of the great friendships they've made, and the fun they have being a Friend!

Donations and Memorials

Submitted by **Sheila Figueroa**

In Memory of

Claude Stanush

By

Don and Betty Child

Donations

Drs. Jacques and Marguerite Barzun
Bill Wolff

Edith Speert
Josephine P. Myler



Maverick Friend **Becky Vargas** is standing behind the prize table for the Loteria game.



Great Northwest Children's Librarian **Cari Raley**, and FOSAPL Members **Elsbeth Blakeman** and **Barbara Schneider**.



BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

It's time for Friends of the Library's biggest fundraiser of the year: the Annual Tent Sale of Books in the BookCellar and patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad St., downtown. The event opens with a preview sale for Friends members on Thursday, July 7, 4–7 p.m. with new members invited to join at the door. Refreshments will be served.

The three-day sale to the public will be held Friday and Saturday, July 8–9, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., and Sunday, July 10, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. One hour of free parking will be available with a validated ticket in the Central Library parking garage. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to browse through thousands of books, videos, and audio books for children, teens, and adults and buy most selections for \$1 or less. A successful sale will bring in thousands of dollars for system-wide library programs.

A new addition this year is Free Book Day on Monday, July 11, during regular BookCellar hours, 11 a.m.–3 p.m. Representatives of branch sales and other nonprofit organizations needing books and videos for adults are invited to choose items from sales leftovers remaining on the patio, pack them up, and take them away at no charge. Books inside the store, including children's books, will not be included in the giveaway.

If you can volunteer to help with the sale, or want more information, call the BookCellar at (210) 227-9519. And please come to shop.

Because of the big sale, the store will have no Buy-One-Get-One Special in July. The August Buy-One-Get-One sale will be adult and children's books in the 300 Dewey Decimal system. This category ranges from personal finance, human relationships, social issues, and politics to military history, true crime, and education.

The BookCellar Committee wishes to thank marketing consultant **Kay Sharp** for donating her time and expertise this spring to help the committee think through strategies for increasing sales and for making the work of volunteers more effective.

The annual Potluck Supper for BookCellar volunteers and their spouses or guests on May 16 was attended by 18 people, who enjoyed good food and conversation. Linda Arronge and Stephanie Alvarado coordinated the event, and Monday volunteers helped with set up in the BookCellar, where the supper was held after closing time.

Treasurer's Report

February 28, 2011
Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

| FOSAPL INCOME | Budget | FOSAPL Jan-Feb | FOSAPL YTD |
|----------------------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| BookCellar gross sales | 80,000.00 | 9,867.49 | 9,867.49 |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld | | (741.49) | (741.49) |
| Donations and memorials | 1,000.00 | 645.00 | 645.00 |
| Interest | 300.00 | 77.09 | 77.09 |
| Membership | <u>8,000.00</u> | <u>2,525.00</u> | <u>2,525.00</u> |
| FOSAPL Projected Income for 2011 | <u>89,300.00</u> | <u>12,373.09</u> | <u>12,373.09</u> |

| EXPENSES | BUDGET | YTD | JAN-FEB |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Accounting | 2,400.00 | 225.00 | 225.00 |
| Arts and Letters | 400.00 | | |
| Bank charges | 100.00 | | |
| FOSAPL Committee expenses | 200.00 | | |
| Friends recognition | 100.00 | 21.57 | 21.57 |
| Insurance | 2,000.00 | 1,460.00 | 1,460.00 |
| Membership recruitment | 900.00 | 224.20 | 224.20 |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing | 4,350.00 | | |
| Office supplies | 100.00 | 33.44 | 33.44 |
| Parking | no budget amt | 564.00 | 564.00 |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage) | 1,500.00 | 246.64 | 246.64 |
| President's expenses | 300.00 | | |
| Seed money for new groups | 200.00 | | |
| "Show me the Money"/fundraising program | 450.00 | | |
| BookCellar Expenses | | | |
| Advertising | 1,000.00 | | |
| Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies | 300.00 | | |
| Commodities for resale | 1,800.00 | 207.52 | 207.52 |
| Equipment and maintenance | 2,500.00 | 17.24 | 17.24 |
| Printing and copying | 200.00 | | |
| Recruitment of volunteer workers | 200.00 | | |
| Salary and benefits | 7,100.00 | 1,347.51 | 1,347.51 |
| Volunteer appreciation | 1,250.00 | 18.39 | 18.39 |
| Library Support | | | |
| Public programming & staff development | 42,000.00 | | |
| Donations from FOSAPL members | no budget amt | 140.00 | 140.00 |
| Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members | no budget amt | <u>100.00</u> | <u>100.00</u> |
| TOTAL BUDGETED EXPENSES | <u>69,350.00</u> | <u>4,605.51</u> | <u>4,605.51</u> |

| FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS | GROUPS YTD | GROUPS JAN-FEB |
|---|---------------|-------------------|
| Donations | 688.80 | 688.80 |
| Income from book sales, Book Nook sales | 10,624.01 | 10,624.01 |
| Memberships | 960.00 | 960.00 |
| Branch Friends group operating expenses | 786.99 | 786.99 |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments | 11,619.23 | 11,619.23 |

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

| Bank Accounts | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Compass Money Market (BookCellar deposits) | 96,505.94 |
| Compass Money Market Gold | 38,154.73 |
| Compass Checking | 28,711.19 |
| Total Assets | 163,371.86 |
| Branch Designated Funds (-) | (111,874.56) |
| Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-) | (590.20) |
| Checks outstanding (-) | <u>(3,769.01)</u> |
| Net Assets for FOSAPL Use | <u>47,138.09</u> |

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of February 28, 2011

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bazan | 1,621.32 |
| Brook Hollow | 18,439.18 |
| Carver | 3,980.26 |
| Central | 574.00 |
| Cody | 3,025.27 |
| Collins Garden | 307.66 |
| Cortez | 967.03 |
| Forest Hills | 2,987.99 |
| Great Northwest | 3,038.59 |
| Guerra | 4,008.58 |
| Igo | 4,562.35 |
| Johnston | 2,872.44 |
| Landa | 3,197.64 |
| Maverick | 7,744.01 |
| McCreless | 2,890.50 |
| Memorial | 3,020.31 |
| Mission (no group formed) | |
| Semmes | 3,737.84 |
| Texana/Genealogy | 20,446.01 |
| Thousand Oaks | 5,726.16 |
| Tobin at Oakwell | 10,795.51 |
| Westfall | 4,286.07 |
| Writers (currently inactive) | <u>3,645.84</u> |
| Total Group Funds | <u>111,874.56</u> |



Library Trustee **Eida Flores**, poet **Naomi Shihab Nye**, and Children's Services Coordinator **Viki Ash** at Johnston's Thirtieth Anniversary

Treasurer's Report

April 30, 2011

Submitted by Judy Wilson

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

| FOSAPL INCOME | Budget | FOSAPL Mar-Apr | FOSAPL YTD |
|---|-------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| BookCellar gross sales | 80,000.00 | 20,817.26 | 10,949.77 |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld | | (1,564.32) | (822.83) |
| Donations and memorials | 1,000.00 | 720.00 | 75.00 |
| Interest | 300.00 | 174.67 | 97.58 |
| Membership | 8,000.00 | 3,005.00 | 480.00 |
| FOSAPL Projected Income for 2011 | 89,300.00 | 23,152.61 | 10,779.52 |
| | | | |
| EXPENSES | BUDGET | YTD | MAR-APR |
| Accounting | 2,400.00 | 225.00 | |
| Arts and Letters | 400.00 | | |
| Bank charges | 100.00 | | |
| FOSAPL Committee expenses | 200.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Friends recognition | 100.00 | 21.57 | |
| Insurance | 2,000.00 | 1,460.00 | |
| Membership recruitment | 900.00 | 254.20 | 30.00 |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing | 4,350.00 | 600.00 | 600.00 |
| Office supplies | 100.00 | 33.44 | |
| Parking | no budget amt | 564.00 | |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage) | 1,500.00 | 302.64 | 56.00 |
| President's expenses | 300.00 | | |
| Seed money for new groups | 200.00 | | |
| "Show me the Money"/fundraising program | 450.00 | | |
| BookCellar Expenses | | | |
| Advertising | 1,000.00 | | |
| Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies | 300.00 | 223.34 | 223.24 |
| Commodities for resale | 1,800.00 | 582.01 | 374.49 |
| Equipment and maintenance | 2,500.00 | 17.24 | |
| Printing and copying | 200.00 | | |
| Recruitment of volunteer workers | 200.00 | | |
| Salary and benefits | 7,100.00 | 2,800.07 | 1452.56 |
| Volunteer appreciation | 1,250.00 | 18.39 | |
| Library Support | | | |
| Public programming & staff development | 42,000.00 | | |
| Donations from FOSAPL members | no budget amt | 265.00 | 125.00 |
| Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members | no budget amt | 100.00 | - |
| TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES | <u>69,350.00</u> | <u>7,491.90</u> | <u>2,886.29</u> |

| FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS | MAR-APR | YTD |
|---|-----------|-----------|
| Donations | 1,289.15 | 1,977.95 |
| Income from book sales, Book Nook sales, fundraisers | 13,460.93 | 24,084.94 |
| Memberships | 205.00 | 1,165.00 |
| Branch Friends group operating expenses | 549.07 | 1,336.06 |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branches/departments | 16,939.75 | 28,558.98 |

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

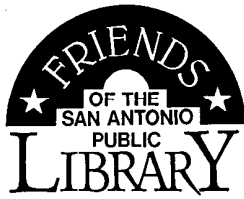
Bank Accounts

| | |
|--|------------------|
| Compass Money Market | 107,535.41 |
| BookCellar deposits | 38,172.61 |
| Compass Money Market Gold | 18,668.71 |
| Compass Checking | 164,376.73 |
| Total Assets | (108,781.49) |
| Branch Designated Funds (-) | (100.00) |
| Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-) | (4,300.85) |
| Checks outstanding (-) | <u>51,194.39</u> |
| Net Assets for FOSAPL Use | |

Branch and Support Group Funds

Balance of April 30, 2011

| | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bazan | 1,621.32 |
| Brook Hollow | 17,194.00 |
| Carver | 3,990.26 |
| Central | 514.00 |
| Cody | 3,395.47 |
| Collins Garden | 307.66 |
| Cortez | 1,218.92 |
| Forest Hills | 2,885.56 |
| Great Northwest | 2,925.46 |
| Guerra | 3,940.62 |
| Igo | 6,259.20 |
| Johnston | 3,013.67 |
| Landa | 2,909.66 |
| Maverick | 8,674.78 |
| McCreless | 2,895.50 |
| Memorial | 4,009.42 |
| Mission | 5.00 |
| Semmes | 3,747.84 |
| Texana/genealogy | 21,377.01 |
| Thousand Oaks | 5,051.45 |
| Tobin at Oakwell | 5,867.78 |
| Westfall | 3,331.07 |
| Writers (currently inactive) | <u>3,645.84</u> |
| Total Group Funds | <u>108,781.49</u> |



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

| | |
|---------------|---|
| July 7 | Friends Preview, BookCellar Tent Sale of Books, 4–7 p.m., Central Library |
| July 8–10 | BookCellar Tent Sale of Books, Friday–Saturday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m., Sunday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m. |
| July 9 | Igo Friends' meeting |
| July 11 | Free books for branch sales, BookCellar, 11 a.m.–3 p.m., Central Library |
| July 20 | Deadline to send comments re. SAPL Strategic Plan to Library Director |
| July 26 | SAPL Strategic Plan DRAFT Presentation |
| Aug 6 | Igo Friends' meeting |
| Aug 5–6 | Landa Branch book sale |
| Aug 6 | Memorial Branch Friends' book sale |
| Aug 13 | Westfall Friends' booksale |
| Aug 14 | McCreless 45th Anniversary Celebration (2–5 p.m.) |
| Aug 23 | Tobin @ Oakwell Friends' meeting (1:30 p.m.) |
| Aug 25 | Mission Branch Friends' meeting (6–8 p.m.) |
| Sept 18 | FOSAPL Board meeting, 2 p.m., at Thousand Oaks |
| Sept 24–25 | Igo Friends' book sale |
| Sept 30–Oct 1 | Great Northwest Friends' book sale |
| Oct 8 | Tobin @ Oakwell Friends' book sale |
| Oct 15–16 | Maverick Branch Friends' book sale |

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

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

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

Landa Library
233 Bushnell, 78212
210-732-8369

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

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

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-432-6783

Mission Library
3100 Roosevelt

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

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.