



From the President

Dear Friends,

If the bluebonnets are in bloom, can the Young Pegasus Awards ceremony be far behind? This year's recognition of poets from five to eighteen years old will be held on Sunday, May 20, and the Friends are honored to underwrite the costs of printing the annual booklet. Perhaps one of these young poets will "grow up" to be the next Poet Laureate of San Antonio!

The Friends are also pleased to underwrite much of the costs of the children's Summer Reading Program, which will start on June 1.

By reaching out to children who enroll in summer care and enrichment programs (e.g. Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, Parks Dept. programs) through use of an electronic management system called Evanced Summer Reader, the Library will provide online registration, electronic book logs, and opportunities for kids to write and share book reviews—so don't forget to sign up your child, grandchildren or neighbor and take him for a weekly visit to your branch.

One of the needs that was identified in SAPL's Strategic Plan was for more marketing, and the Library staff has been busy: **Beth Graham** (Public Relations Manager), **Ana Farr** (Senior Graphic Designer), **Andy Gordon** (Events Coordinator), and new staffers **Joseph Marks** (Library Public Information Officer), **Giselle Weyte** (Graphic Designer), **Erick Rodriguez** (Marketing Specialist), and **Esther Sanchez** (Admin. Assistant), have created partnerships with community groups and branch library staffers to maximize "the buzz" about San Antonio Public Library events. You may even have seen Libro the Lion (aka the SAPL mascot) at VIA's bus rodeo, providing photo opportunities. Whether it's in print, word-of-mouth, on TV, radio, or in cyberspace, SAPL is hot news!

Both SAPL and the Friends of SAPL have appreciated the opportunity to work with the fund-raising non-profit, the Library Foundation, which has been led for the past 14 years by **Kaye Lenox**, President. We wish her a happy and busy retirement, and look forward to working with new president **Tracey Ramsey Bennett** on mutually rewarding projects.

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara



BOOKCELLAR TENT SALE

**Friends' Preview Sale and
BookCellar 21st Birthday Celebration
Thursday, May 31, 4-7 p.m.**

Sale to Public:

Friday-Saturday, June 1-2, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Sunday, June 3, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Free Books for Branch Sales
Monday, June 4, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**BookCellar, Central Library Basement
600 Soledad**

See page 9 for more details.

Building the Future with the 2012-17 Bond Issue

By now you know that the City of San Antonio has proposed a \$596 million five-part Bond Program, to fund projects that would modernize all parts of the city. While the greatest number of projects involves streets, bridges, drainage and flood control, funds would also be made available for parks, recreation and open space improvements, and public safety facilities improvements (such as replacement of two fire stations that were built in 1957 and 1967!).

"Proposition 4" should be of special interest to the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, as eleven projects would fund improvements to libraries, museums, and cultural arts including:

- Central Library (\$4 million) Renovations, repairs, upgrades and space reconfiguration to the facility that opened in 1995.
- District 2 New Branch Library (\$6 million) There is a commitment for the donation of land for this project, and bond funds would be used to construct and equip it.
- District 9 New Branch Library (\$7 million) This would require a land purchase in Council District 6, possibly near Sea World.
- District 6 New Library Site (\$1.4 million) Land to be purchased for future construction.
- Improvements to the Blue Star Arts Complex, Carver Cultural Center, Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, San Antonio Museum of Art, Witte Museum, Hanger 9 Museum, and public art related to the bond projects.

The election will be held on Saturday, May 12, and early voting will be from Monday, April 30, to Tuesday, May 8, 2012. For details about the proposals or if you have questions, call (210) 207-1011 or visit www.sanantonio.gov/2012Bond.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

March 18, 2012

Submitted by *Anne Long*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Jan. 16 at 2:00 p.m. at the Parman Branch Library. Those present were: **Nancy Gandara, Linda Arronge, Judy Wilson, Anne Long, Walter Ague, Denise Barlow, Pat Bjornson, Evelyn Bonavita, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Claudia Kohler, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Bob Mason, Pat Mendiola, Patricia Peak, Ann Springer, Christie Smith, and Jill Zimmerman.**

The Minutes of the January 16, 2012, meeting were printed in the Mar-April *SAPLings*.

Jackie Fremming moved and Mary McAfee seconded the motion that the Minutes be accepted as they appeared in the Newsletter. The motion passed.

President's Report—Nancy Gandara shortened her report to give a brief rundown of the events she had attended since our last meeting. She encouraged all attending this meeting to enjoy the new nature trail now open at Parman.

Treasurer's Report—Judy Wilson reported the net assets for FOSAPL use as \$65,418.18.

Nancy Gandara clarified the item in the budget that relates to Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life Members. That item was \$800 but had no budgeted amount. FOSAPL donated \$100 each to the library in memory of Life Members who have died. Brook Hollow has submitted plans to their branch manager to spend some of their funds and the Friends group is now waiting for a response from the branch manager. **Judy Wilson** called for volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee. **Linda Arronge, Pat Peak, Walter Ague, Karen Matson, Claudia Kohler** and **Nancy Gandara**

will serve on that committee with **Judy Wilson** as the chair.

Library Board Report—Jean Brady has graciously volunteered to serve as a Bond Ambassador for the upcoming bond election. She outlined the five proposals of the Bond and encouraged everyone to vote for all five proposals as they all impact each other. She stressed the fact that this bond does not raise property taxes.

Library Director—Ramiro Salazar thanked **Jean Brady** for her work and dedication to the library board in general and the Bond issue in particular. He also thanked the Friends and emphasized the importance of our gifts in programming for the libraries. He applauded Parman Branch for having received one of the highest ratings as an environmentally friendly library. Parman also received national recognition in a library publication for its design and amenities. The library has also received notice that **Mr. Parman** and **Mrs. Ince** will be receiving the Texas Library Association Benefactors Award. Mr. Parman donated ten acres for the building of Parman Library and Mrs. Ince funded the walking trail. Mr. Salazar gave the following rundown of how the library has allocated the funds they will be receiving from FOSAPL for 2012: \$7,000 for adult programming, \$7,000 for children's programs, \$7,000 for teen programs, and \$30,000 for the summer reading programs. He also explained that Branch Managers have been asked to work closely with their Friends so that large balances of available Friends group funds do not accumulate (except those being consciously "saved" for expensive projects), while recognized needs go unmet.

BookCellar—Linda Arronge reported that the BookCellar, to date, has brought in \$13,303.10. She also brought to our attention that in the BookCellar we are saying goodbye to **Carol Wooster** who is "hanging up her apron," but we will soon say hello to a new baby as volunteer **Dee Barfield** is expecting. BookCellar volunteers have been trained on how to evacuate the BookCellar in case of emergency. Linda encouraged everyone to contribute ideas and suggestions for the 21st Anniversary celebration. It is scheduled to be held some time in October.

Membership—Christie Smith reported that our current membership is 839 members as of March 15, 2012. This is down from the November 2011 count, but up from the March 2011 count. The number of new members not renewing is still a problem. Christie encouraged everyone to submit an email address.

OLD BUSINESS

In the November 2011 meeting, FOSAPL allocated \$50,000 for support to the library. There was a motion made at that meeting that we look at the budget again during our March 2012 meeting to see if there were more funds we could allocate to the library. **Judy Wilson**, in looking at the figures, made a motion that we not give any more funds to the library for the year 2012 and that future allocations for SAPL be made at the January meeting or later. **Jackie Fremming** seconded the motion, and in a vote of 6 for and 12 opposed, the motion did not pass. **Mary McAfee** made a motion we appoint a committee to discuss the issue

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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

Managing Editor Alana Woods

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

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

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

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

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Brook Hollow Holds Successful Book Sale

and report back to the board how our budgeting process should be done and if additional money is available to be allocated in 2012. **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously. The committee chairperson will be **Nancy Gandara**, and the committee members will be **Judy Wilson**, **Mary McAfee**, **Pat Mendiola**, **Linda Arronge** and **Yolanda Kirkpatrick**.

NEW BUSINESS

Alana Woods has suggested that FOSAPL needs a Facebook page. She got caught in traffic and could not make the meeting, so the discussion is tabled for the next meeting.

Branch groups shared upcoming events and book sales. It was suggested we all consider the possibility of having one large book sale with all branches participating on the same day.

There being no further business, **Walter Ague** moved we adjourn, and **Bob Mason** seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned for delicious St. Patrick's Day refreshments provided by the Parman Friends Group.

Are You Part of the Green Team, Yet?

Perhaps you are very, very cautious about giving out your email address; we understand your concern, and FOSAPL would never share, misuse or sell your email address—but we can be trusted to send you news of the Friends and of the San Antonio Public Library that you will want to receive! Send your email address to Christie Smith, Membership Secretary, xts@sbcglobal.net and join the many Friends who get *SAPLings* faster, and with color photos.



Photos submitted by **Pat Bjornson**

Top: Brook Hollow Friends posed for a group photo after setting up for their book sale in March.

Center: Here's the meeting room at Brook Hollow, all ready for the sale, about 9:50 March 24.

Bottom Right: And here's the meeting room about 20 minutes later!





Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Branch enjoyed another successful book sale on March 24.

Approximately 27 Friends volunteered during the process, which resulted in total sales of \$3384.

The Friends met on March 26, and **Phyllis Beach** was welcomed as the new Secretary replacing **Ann Springer**, who could not accept her previous election. It was also announced that BH now has 73 members.

Members were also informed that an article had been published in the *Welcome Home* neighborhood newspaper and that future monthly articles are encouraged.

Beth Schorlemer, Branch Manager, provided a report on previously authorized expenditures as well as current needs and requests. Most previously approved items are either on order or awaiting central approval and/or procurement. She also advised the members that Central had requested that the Friends funds on hand be expended down to a maximum of \$6,000. Since the Friends funds are not controlled by the Library system, the consensus was that several additional items would be approved, but the funds to be retained on hand would be determined by the Friends of Brook Hollow and reserved for future needs.

The next book sale is scheduled for October 13 to be followed by a Friends' meeting on October 15, 2012.

Bruce Gill

Great Northwest

GNW library will be closed on Friday, June 8, for staff development. Our book sale will be Saturday, June 9, 10-6. Leftover books will be available for other groups on Sunday, June 10. Contact Denise at (210) 681-2095 if you want to pick up books. Thank you!

Denise Barlow

Igo

Igo Branch Library employees **Rhonda Woolhouse** and **Irene Scharf** kicked off a series of trial programs to interest Seniors. They chose three different time periods to see what the Seniors would prefer

- "Tea time with the Sunrise Seniors" on March 2 @ 10:30 a.m.
- Then "Afternoon with the Sunshine Seniors" on March 10 @ 12:30 p.m.
- Then "Evening with the Sunset Seniors" on March 14 @ 6:30 p.m.

By far the most popular times were the Friday morning and the Saturday noon time meetings. They had some great dialog at the meetings and are putting together the info received for our next meeting in April or May.

The Friends of Igo Branch Library had our March Meeting on the 3rd @ 10:30. We discussed the senior program, book sale and John Igo's upcoming Incarnate Word University presentation of two one act plays at 7 p.m. March 23, 24 and 2 p.m. March 25. We hope all went well and they were a huge success!

We passed around a work sheet for volunteers for our book sale work days. Wow, what would we do without the great people of the Friends of the Igo Branch Library. We

worked hard Thursday, March 22, with 19 adults and 8 teenagers. Most of the heavy work was done by 6:00 that evening, and Friday was finishing up day. We had 11 adults this day. Saturday and Sunday were the days of the sale. We had 13 adults Saturday and 9 adults Sunday to finish the sale and pack up and put the remaining books back into the storage area. We had just a few items remaining to do and did so Monday with the help of five adults. Wow, what a fantastic job. We had help with our sale from other Branch Friends plus some new prospective members. THANK YOU everyone; it made my job easier!

We have a lot going on at our Branch. If you want to be a part of it, come join us.

Tom Hill

Maverick

April is always a busy month for the Maverick Friends.

We got an early start this year, sponsoring a return performance by the Fiesta Flutes on March 31. In addition to enjoying the music, several attendees were surprised to learn flutes come in several shapes and sizes.

At our April 3 meeting, most of our focus was on the book sale scheduled for April 14 and 15. As many of you know, a successful book sale takes the support of many members. We always manage to have a lot of fun in the process.

Our group is looking forward to the Summer Reading Program. Children's Librarian Amy Roberts is planning a kick-off party on June 4. The Friends will provide the refreshments and several mem-

bers will be there to help with the serving.

Everyone is always welcome to stop by our meetings on the first Tuesday of the month at the library. Hope to see you soon!

Susan Ratliff

Parman

The Parman Friends will sponsor a kite workshop for patrons of the Parman Library. The Alamo Kiteflyers Outfit will host the workshop. The Parman Library Wish List was approved and several items have been purchased for the children and teen library programs. Some of the wish list items were a Cricut Cutter, flannel board, Kindle Touch and board games. The ongoing book sale has been very successful. Please continue to donate used books and purchase books from the Book Nook. Anyone willing to assist with and/or coordinate book sales is encouraged to contact Katherine Lavender by email at happykat3@yahoo.com or by phone at (254) 592-2476. All Parman Friends are invited to help sort books every Sunday from 2-5 p.m.. The Parman Library always welcomes new friends.

Adrienne Becnel

Thousand Oaks

The Thousand Oaks Library Friends hosted a Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Wednesday, April 11. Our member **Leila Heilman** decorated the tables in fiesta colors. She also incorporated signs that read "Thank you" in many languages. We learned to say: Thanks (English, of course), *Gracias* (Spanish), *Shukran* (Arabic), *Blagod Arya*

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Branch Leaves, from p 4.

(Bulgarian), *Tak* (Danish), *Grazie* (Italian), *Merci* (French), *Danke* (German), *Tesekkur* (Turkish), *Obrigado* (Portuguese), *Spasibo* (Russian), and *Wado* (Cherokee).

The menu included a variety of salads, lots of pizza, iced tea and sodas, and yummy desserts. Everyone enjoyed the food and the great atmosphere!

We do thank our staff for their constant kindness and efficient service! They do everything with grace and good humor. The Thousand Oaks staff even knows how to deal with the occasional goat that wanders in to visit.

Our next Book Sale is planned for Saturday, June 9, from 10-3. Donations of gently used books, CDs, DVDs, etc. will be gratefully accepted beforehand and can be left at the library.

Linda Nairn

Maverick Book Sale



Top: Packing up went fast and smoothly with this crew of Maverick Friends.

Left: Kiddos will always find a good spot to read!

Right: Kozy is a service dog in training who waited patiently for her trainer to finish shopping then got to carry a book out.

Photos submitted by **Claudia Kohler**

TLA Benefactor award Honors Parman and Ince

On April 18, 2012, the Texas Library Association at the Texas Library Association Conference in Houston, Texas, recognized local businessman, **Mr. Dan Parman**, and Library Trustee, **Mrs. Loyce Ince**, as 2012 Benefactor Award recipients for their commitment to libraries in our community. Presented annually since 1975, the Texas Library Association Benefactor Award is awarded based on recognition of a substantial donation to a library. Mr. Parman's donation of land allowed for the development and construction of the Parman Branch Library and Mrs. Ince's donation of the walking trail at the Parman Branch

Library in memory of her husband, the late **Raymond B. Ince, Sr.**, have been invaluable to the community and users of the San Antonio Public Library.

The BookCellar Turns 21 in 2012

Information collected by **Pat Konstam**

The BookCellar Is Born

May 1989 – **David Leamon**, “the father of the BookCellar,” is hired as Library Director, bringing new ideas from out of state. Finding a huge number of discarded library books in storage, he suggests Friends of the Library hold a big book sale and possibly open a book store to dispose of the books and raise money for the underfunded library. He works with City Manager **Alex Briseño** to persuade City Council to authorize the Friends to sell discarded library materials. The resulting city ordinance passes on March 22, 1990.

September 12-16, 1990 – The first sale, co-chaired by **Mary McAfee** and Asst. Library Director **Gerry LeFevre**, is held in Centro de Artes in Market Square, raising more than \$20,000.

October 1990 – Leamon asks the late **Val Poska** to head a committee to set up a used book store in the basement of the Hertzberg Circus Museum.

April 6, 1991 – The Market Street Book Cellar opens in the Hertzberg Circus Museum basement at 210 West Market Street, open five days a week and operated by Friends of the Library. Early volunteers included **Norm Sonnenschein**, **Tom Nemeth**, **Jeanne Papa**, **Lucille Teeter**, **Yolanda Herrera**, **Rowena Rodgers**, and **Jim Wogstad**, who all remain active workers.

October 1991-March 1996 – The Friends continue to hold big Annual Book Sales, twice in the old Sears parking garage (now Central Library garage), three times in the Villita Assembly Hall basement, and finally in the auditorium of newly opened Central

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Thousand Oaks Staff Appreciation Luncheon



Photos taken by **Troy Hoyles**

Memorial Raised \$2500 Parking Cars During Oyster Bake



Photos submitted by **Jimmy Jimenez**



Tom Nemeth (standing above left) with **Laura Mendoza** and **Geronimo**, employees of JP Morgan Chase Bank who provides volunteer help to Memorial Branch.

Branch of SAPL receives LEED Gold Certification from U.S. Green Building Council!

The San Antonio Public Library is pleased to announce that its Parman Branch Library has been recognized nationally by the U.S. Green Building Council and awarded the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Gold certification. LEED certification provides independent, third-party verification that a building, home or community was designed and built using strategies aimed at achieving high performance in key areas of human and environmental health: sustainable site development, water savings, energy efficiency, materials selection and indoor environmental quality. Opened less than a year ago, the Parman Branch Library is the first library and the first city-owned building in San Antonio to receive this designation. By using natural materials found in the region, and with very little disruption to the ecosystem that surrounds the 17,000 square-foot building, the Parman Branch Library blended well into the environment and into the community.

It took a group effort to develop a design and construct a building that would use as little energy, water and other resources as possible. San Antonio-based firm, Marmon Mok Architecture, partnered with the San Antonio Public Library and City of San Antonio Capital Improvement Management Services (CIMS) to construct a library that would be as safe and friendly to the environment as it would be to the community. Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** said, "For the Library, this project was a labor of love. We had an opportunity to do something innovative that would be good for the environment and for the citizens of San Antonio. We could not be happier about how this project turned out, and the recognition that it is receiving."

CIMS Director and City Engineer **Mike Frisbie** added, "The Capital Improvements Management Services Department is proud to play a leading role in our community's drive to be a green city. Through due-diligence project management, CIMS is dedicated to building a great San Antonio and committed to being good environmental stewards in our new facilities."

"Through its Mission Verde Initiative, the City of San Antonio is working toward creating a sustainable community and is also leading by example by investing in improvements to current City buildings and taking innovative approaches to the creation of new City buildings that are energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. The Parman Branch Library is a great example of how the City is investing in ensuring that the needs of current and future generations are met," said **Laurence Doxsey**, Director of the City's Office of Environmental Policy.

Stop by and visit the Parman Branch Library to view the award first-hand. It is posted just inside the main doors.

Getting to Know Your Friends

Judy Wilson, FOSAPL Treasurer

Claudia Kohler

I first got to know **Judy Wilson** when we were both on the Arts & Letters Committee. Judy said "I've never done publicity before but I'd like to give it a try." Judy jumped in with both feet and took care of business. She did a great job, the auditorium was full.

Next, I was the Membership Chair and Judy became the Treasurer of the big Friends group so we worked together again, and I found her to be thorough, patient, and very detail oriented.

Judy was born in the upper peninsula of Michigan. She left Cadillac and went down to Big Rapids to attend Ferris College. Shortly after that, she met and married **Ed Wilson** and moved to Flint. Ed grew tired of the cold and snow. So did Judy. Ed drove out to California, New Mexico, Arizona, and Texas to see if they were possible places to live and start a salvaging business. San Antonio scored the highest so Judy and Ed moved here 35 years ago. They bought 2-3 acres of land to set up a salvaging business. Judy did the bookkeeping for the business as she had previously done for Ed's father in Michigan.

When the Wilson's aren't working, they enjoy traveling. They have visited a lot of the United States, especially our National Parks, sometimes camping, and sometimes staying in motels. Judy's favorite parks are Bryce for its beautiful colors; Yellowstone for its diversity of landscapes, and Banff just because it is awesome. They have also traveled overseas visiting England, Germany, Amsterdam, Bruges, France and Austria.

Judy was at the opening of the Semmes Library and joined the Friends group immediately with urging from **Ivy Durnell**. Judy was the treasurer at first and is now the President of Semmes.

Semmes runs their book sales a little differently than other branch-



es. They have a preview sale on Friday, and the regular sale on Saturday only. Around 12:30 on Saturday, they begin their bag sale, \$1 per bag! After it seems people have stopped buying, they tell their customers to "take what they want." The goal at Semmes is to have no leftover books. They close down the Book Sale and try to be "out" by 2:00-3:00. The leftover books get recycled even if that means with covers torn off and into the recycling bins! Using this process, Semmes makes around \$1500 for each of their 3 sales, and they start with 100% fresh books each sale.

I asked Judy what her ideal submission is for the "Requests For Funds." She said she really appreciates if people cut down the receipts to the smallest size they can send. She likes the receipts taped or stapled onto a blank sheet of paper, with as many as will fit on one sheet.

Judy's goal is to leave FOSAPL's finances in good order—this is the last year of her term. She has recommended that \$30,000 be held in reserve to cover one year's expenses of \$14,000 for FOSAPL expenses and \$16,000 to cover \$100 per Life Member's memorials. Her regret is that she didn't propose that the organization also set aside \$2,500 per year during her four-year tenure for a fund that would be available to pay to SAPL if the BookCellar earnings fall short so the FOSAPL gift to SAPL could be maintained at a consistent level.

Igo Friends Book Sale



Photos submitted by Tom Hill



"Explore" Texana and Genealogy

Frank Faulkner, Public Services Manager

As many of you know the Texana/Genealogy Department has for a number of years (17!) published *The Explorer*. It was begun in the previous library building (203 S. St. Mary's) by the late **Conley Johnson** as a listing of new books and happenings in the History, Social Science, and General Reference Department. Conley passed away before we moved into the present Central Library. As I work on each issue, I always have Conley in my thoughts.

After moving to the present location, we gave the

publication its current name and expanded its contents to include historical articles, abstracts of records, and more. For several years, it was published quarterly with about 50 pages an issue; but as of 2007 (vol. 13), only twice a year with about 70 pages an issue. Issues are sent to other libraries and institutions. In exchange, they send us copies of their publications. We currently exchange with about 180 genealogical and historical organizations, which allows us to double the number of publications that we can make available to our

patrons for research. Until volume 16, the Library covered cost of printing. Since then the Friends of Texana/Genealogy have paid the printing cost.

For a few of the early years **Mr. Munguia** sponsored a smaller edition (5 1/2 x 8 1/2, instead of 8 1/2 x 11) for paid members of the Friends of Texana/Genealogy. This became too expensive for him to produce, with no advertising or other means of recovering his costs. Since then members of our Friends have not seen a copy of *The Ex-*

plorer unless you have read it here or at another institution.

We are now producing *The Explorer* completely on computer, and it is time our Friends again had their own copies. Therefore, we will be sending email copies (no paper) of *The Explorer* to paid members of the Friends of Texana/Genealogy, as issues are published.

If you would like to submit content for future issues, or have comments, please contact us at genealogydesk@sanantonio.gov.

Jelly Bean Day at the BookCellar



Photos submitted by **Pat Konstam**

*Top: Volunteer **Kelly Crespin** outlines the history of jelly beans.*

*2nd Row Left: Volunteer **Mary Chance** helps families make jelly bean rabbits.*

*2nd Row Right: Volunteer **David Stanley** helps a boy thread a jelly bean necklace.*

Above Left: Identifying jelly bean flavors.

Families shop for books during Jelly Bean Day.

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam



The Friends of the Library's biggest fundraiser of the year, the Annual Tent Sale of Books, will open to Friends members with a preview sale on Thursday, May 31, from 4-7 p.m. at the BookCellar and adjoining patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad. FOSAPL memberships will be available to those who want to join that evening.

The three-day sale to the public will be held Friday and Saturday, June 1-2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, June 3, from 11 a.m. to 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 choose from thousands of books for children, teens and adults, along with music CDs and books on CD, and pay only 25 cents to \$1 for most items. A successful sale will bring in thousands of dollars for system-wide library programs.

The preview sale will include a celebration of the 21st birthday of the BookCellar, with a birthday cake, other refreshments and souvenirs. The original BookCellar opened in the Hertzberg Circus Museum on April 6, 1991.

The Monday following the sale, June 4, is Free Book Day for branches and other nonprofits. Representatives can choose books from sales leftovers on the patio between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and take them away at no charge. Books inside the store, including children's books, will not be included in the giveaway.

In addition to the three sale days, volunteers will be needed on Wednesday and Thursday, May 30-31, to help set up and on Tuesday, June 5, to help pack up leftovers. If you can donate some time, call the BookCellar at (210) 227-9519. Volunteers will receive paid parking, lunch on Friday and Saturday, and a discount on purchases if they work two hours or more.

The store will be closed to customers on Thursday, May 31, to prepare for the sale.

The May Buy-One-Get-One special is adult and juvenile biographies. Books on tape are on clearance sale during May.

A March 22 National Jelly Bean Day celebration designed to showcase the BookCellar as a source of inexpensive books and educational materials for homeschooling attracted 14 families, including 29 children. The event, which included jelly bean-themed crafts on the patio for children while their parents shopped, was organized by **Kelly Crespin**, a volunteer who works in the BookCellar's children's section. [See photos.]

The BookCellar donated 32 boxes of books to Gemini Ink for the writer organization's free book booth at Luminaria, the city's arts festival. Books also have been given to several branch groups for their sales.

Evelyn Bonavita, a Tuesday volunteer, and **Tom Nemeth**, who volunteers on several days, are new members of the BookCellar Committee.

BookCellar, from p 5.

Library. Thousands of books are transported from the Hertzberg by truck or hand-pulled dollies.

The BookCellar Hibernates

November 1996 – The Market Street BookCellar is forced to close because of renovations to open the Hertzberg to the Riverwalk and make the building accessible to the disabled.

May 1997 and February 1998 – Annual Book Sales are held in the Central Library auditorium. **Lucille Teeter**, then BookCellar manager, keeps volunteers informed and involved.

The BookCellar Revives and Thrives

October 31, 1998 – The BookCellar opens in the Central Library basement. Hours are 11 a.m.-3 p.m. daily.

July 2000-June 2002 – The store shares space with Blimpie's Subs and Salads.

May 17-19, 2002 – Canopies designed by **Jim Wogstad** enable the big Annual Sale to expand to the patio.

June 9, 2005 – The store extends its hours to Thursday evenings.

2002-2011 – The store adds shelves, tables, new equipment and better lighting and expands work space for improved effectiveness in selling books and media. Average annual sales increase by 33%.

21 Years of History

While several hundred individuals have worked in the BookCellar, at any one point in time, the store has had a core of 20-40 active volunteers. Their work in operating the BookCellar and big Annual Sales has enabled Friends of the Library to give the Library System more than \$1 million during those 21 years!

Friends Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

TELEPHONE: _____ UNLISTED DO NOT PUBLISH

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I'll read the newsletter electronically OR Send newsletter to me via US mail

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

- BOOKSALES
- COMMITTEES (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.)
- FOSAPL Board of Directors
- HOSPITALITY
- PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION

- STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS
- POLITICAL ADVOCACY
- VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR
(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)

MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- INDIVIDUAL (Adult) \$15
- DUAL (Adult) \$25
- INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) \$5
- PATRON (Per Person) \$50
- CONTRIBUTING (Per Person) \$100
- LIFE (Per Person) \$250
- BUSINESS \$25

FOSAPL membership year is Jan 1 - Dec 31.

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).

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL
- BRANCH GROUP: _____
- ADDITIONAL DONATION: _____

Donations are always welcome! Please Specify
SAPL _____

FOSAPL _____
Branch Library _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

February 29, 2012
Submitted by **Judy Wilson**

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

| FOSAPL INCOME | BUDGET | FOSAPL YTD | FOSAPL JAN-FEB |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| BookCellar sales | 75,000.00 | 11,397.65 | 11,397.65 |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld | | (856.48) | (856.48) |
| Donations and memorials | 2,000.00 | 476.00 | 476.00 |
| Interest | 600.00 | 90.18 | 90.18 |
| Membership | 8,000.00 | 1,680.00 | 1,680.00 |
| FOSAPL INCOME | 85,600.00 | 12,787.35 | 12,787.35 |

| BUDGET EXPENSES | BUDGET | YTD | JAN-FEB |
|---|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Accounting | 1,500.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 |
| Arts and Letters program | 300.00 | | |
| Bank charges | 100.00 | | |
| Directory | 2,000.00 | | |
| FOSAPL Committee expenses | 200.00 | 263.91 | 263.91 |
| FOSAPL Insurance | 1,000.00 | | |
| Friends recognition | 100.00 | | |
| Fundraising program | 400.00 | | |
| Membership recruitment | 1,200.00 | 146.85 | 146.85 |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing | 4,350.00 | 718.17 | 718.17 |
| Office supplies | 170.00 | 41.07 | 41.07 |
| Parking | 600.00 | | |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage) | 1,180.00 | 302.02 | 302.02 |
| President's expenses | 200.00 | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| Seed money for new groups | zero | | |
| BookCellar Expenses | | | |
| Advertising | 1,000.00 | | |
| Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies | 1,500.00 | | |
| Commodities for resale | 2,000.00 | 167.47 | 167.47 |
| Equipment and maintenance | 1,500.00 | | |
| BookCellar insurance | 1,000.00 | 752.00 | 752.00 |
| Printing and copying | 200.00 | 104.93 | 104.93 |
| Recruitment of volunteer workers | 200.00 | | |
| Salary and benefits | 8,500.00 | 1,501.74 | 1,501.74 |
| Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration | 1,000.00 | | |
| Volunteer appreciation | 1,250.00 | | |
| Library Support | | | |
| Public programming & staff development | 50,000.00 | | |
| Donations from FOSAPL members no budget amt | | 66.00 | 66.00 |
| Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members | no budget amt | 800.00 | 800.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES | 81,450.00 | 5,314.16 | 5,314.16 |

| FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME | JAN-FEB | YTD |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|
| Donations | 927.11 | 927.11 |
| Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers | 6,852.01 | 6,852.01 |
| Memberships | 565.00 | 565.00 |
| BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME | 8,344.12 | 8,344.12 |
| Branch Friends group operating expenses | 811.90 | 811.90 |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department | 9,601.27 | 9,601.27 |

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Bank Accounts | |
| Compass Money Market ****8659 | |
| BookCellar deposits | 117,097.26 |
| Compass Money Market Gold ****4644 | 30,226.43 |
| Compass Checking ****8736 (as of 3-6-12) | <u>15,736.47</u> |
| Total Assets | 163,060.16 |
| Branch Designated Funds (-) | (95,229.68) |
| Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-) | (1,940.14) |
| Checks outstanding (-) | <u>(472.16)</u> |
| Net Assets for FOSAPL Use | 65,418.18 |

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of February 29, 2012

| | |
|------------------------------|------------------|
| Bazan | 1,681.32 |
| Brook Hollow | 20,089.45 |
| Carver | 4,011.64 |
| Central | 831.73 |
| Cody | 4,983.23 |
| Collins Garden | 530.61 |
| Cortez | 869.43 |
| Forest Hills | 1,883.64 |
| Great Northwest | 3,083.84 |
| Guerra | 4,901.65 |
| Igo | 6,054.27 |
| Johnston | 3,345.51 |
| Landa | 3,746.60 |
| Maverick | 5,474.82 |
| McCreless | 1,893.04 |
| Memorial | 1,700.24 |
| Mission | 752.90 |
| Parman | 1,133.47 |
| Semmes | 5,310.91 |
| Texana/Genealogy | 5,564.63 |
| Thousand Oaks | 3,899.08 |
| Tobin at Oakwell | 8,329.18 |
| Westfall | 1,712.65 |
| Writers (currently inactive) | <u>3,445.84</u> |
| Total Group Funds | 95,229.68 |





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U.S. POSTAGE PAID
San Antonio, Texas
Permit No. 865

CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Apr 30-May 8 Early Voting for Bond Election
May 12 Bond Election
May 12 Texana Friends Meeting, 10 a.m.
May 20 FOSAPL Board meeting at the Mission Branch, 2 p.m.
May 31 BookCellar Tent Sale FOSAPL members' preview and 21st Birthday Celebration, 4-7
June 1-3 BookCellar Tent Sale, 9-4 Friday and Saturday, 11-4 Sunday
June 1 Summer Reading Program Kickoff!
June 1-2 Guerra Book Sale, Friday, 4-6; Saturday, 10-4
June 4 Free Book Day for branches and nonprofits, BookCellar, 11-3
June 8 All Libraries CLOSED for Staff Development Day
June 9 Great Northwest Book Sale, 10-6
June 9 Thousand Oaks Book Sale, 10-3
June 11-14 Tobin Library at Oakwell CLOSED for repairs

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500
Great Northwest Library
9050 Wellwood, 78250
210-684-5251
Guerra Library
7978 Military Drive W, 78227
210-673-1492
Mission Library
3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214
210-207-2704
Thousand Oaks Library
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233
210-657-5205

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.