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From the President



Dear Friends,

It's the season of pumpkin lattes, football, and a new City budget. Thank you to all who contacted your City Council representative or chose to "Speak Up!" via the City of San Antonio website or library box. Thanks, also, to the members of the Board of Trustees (who are also Friends' members!) and to the Library Foundation's staff and membership for their enthusiastic and effective advocacy. The budget that City Manager **Sheryl Sculley** proposed for FY2019 – and on which the City Council will take action Sept. 13 – includes many improvements for the Library system:

- Additional funds for Library Books & Materials – \$530,000 (leveraged with \$50,000 in private funds)
- Community Needs Assessment and Customer Engagement software – \$50,000 (leveraged with \$50,000 in private funds)
- "Refresh" of the Semmes Branch library – \$211,500
- "Refresh" of the Great Northwest Branch library – \$131,900
- Building improvements at the San Pedro Branch library – \$416,500
- Deferred maintenance and parking lot improvements – \$350,000
- Selected computer replacements across the system (oldest first) – \$195,156
- Replacement of book carts, furniture and equipment – \$167,900
- Contractual services increases (e.g. landscaping, cleaning, security, software) – \$392,457
- Various increases in employee benefits

Want to see the impact of funds used to "refresh" a branch? Visit Cody, Thousand Oaks or Pan American, each of which recently reopened after replacement of furniture and equipment, reorganization of their space, and addition of technology updates to their meeting rooms. Also, if your evening errands take you near the Semmes Branch, be sure to admire the new lighted monument sign that has been installed at Judson/Nacogdoches, a gift of the Semmes Foundation.

Progress is being made every day, but it takes money; don't forget to thank **Mayor Nirenberg**, your council person, and **City Manager Sculley** for helping to polish our jewel of a library!

Cheers,

Nancy Gandara

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library to honor four at Arts & Letters Awards

The Friends will recognize three authors and a visual artist at their 2018 Arts & Letters Awards ceremony, scheduled for **2 p.m., Sunday, October 14**, at the **Central Library**. The event is free and open to the public, but an **RSVP is requested**.

The honorees are:

Laurie Ann Guerrero, a poet, essayist, and educator who is the author of three published books and one currently in progress. Ms. Guerrero was keynote speaker for **Sandra Cisneros'** 2016 Macondo Workshop and was selected as San Antonio's Poet Laureate for 2014–2016 and the State of Texas Poet Laureate for 2016–2017.

Jan Jarboe Russell, journalist and author. During her extensive career, Ms. Russell served as an editor for the *San Antonio Light* newspaper and *Texas Monthly* magazine and was a political columnist for the *San Antonio Express-News*. She is also the author of *Lady Bird: a Biography of Mrs. Johnson*, and the non-fiction New York Times bestseller *The Train to Crystal City: FDR's Secret Prisoner Exchange Program and America's Only Family Internment Camp During World War II*. She is a member of the Texas Institute of Letters and winner of its Prize for Best Book of Nonfiction for *The Train to Crystal City*.

John Phillip Santos, producer, journalist, author and educator. Mr. Santos holds the distinction of having been the first Mexican-American Rhodes Scholar and has degrees in English Literature and Language from Oxford University, and Philosophy and Literature from the University of Notre Dame. He was a program officer for the Ford Foundation, where he managed a \$40 million portfolio of grants supporting new media productions and the development of public interest channels and networks around the world and has worked as a journalist for a wide variety of publications. His book *Places Left Unfinished at the Time of Creation* was selected by the San Antonio Public Library Foundation for the first ever "One Book, One San Antonio" program.

Clifton Tinker, artist and educator. Mr. Tinker has been an artist for most of his life and an educator for the past thirty years. He began his teaching career at the San Antonio Art Institute and is currently head of the Fine Arts Department at James Madison High School. Possibly his best-known work is "The Transition Game," the giant fabric collage he designed to change the configuration of the Alamo-dome for Spurs games. At 80,000 square feet, it was the largest fabric sculpture in the world when it was displayed. He was selected to create the Centennial poster for the San Antonio Public Library, and the poster to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the Texas State Teachers Association. H-E-B contracted with him to create a series of shopping bags and kitchen utensils. His work may be seen regularly at Artistic Endeavors Gallery.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, July 15, 2018 | Las Palmas Branch Library
Submitted by **Beth Graham**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, July 15, 2018, at the Las Palmas Branch Library. President **Nancy Gandara** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary **Beth Graham** called the roll and said that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Nancy Gandara, Kim Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Beth Graham, Kathy Bee, Barbara Chávez, Shirley Coleman, Bruce Gill, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Karen Matson, Pat Mendiola, Rowena Rogers, Veronica Rouse, Stephanie Serrata, Cheryl Whelan, and Sandra Wilkinson.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, Library Board member **Juspreet Kaur**, Assistant to the Library Director **Heidi Kluber**, Library Chief of Staff **Jessica Zurita**, BookCellar Committee Chair **Richard Morales**, and Las Palmas Friends' Vice President **Linda Arronge.**

Approval of Minutes: **Sandra Wilkinson** moved that the minutes of the May 20, 2018, meeting be approved. **Cheryl Whelan** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

President's Report: **Nancy Gandara** gave a brief review of her activities during the two months since the last board meeting.

Treasurer's Report: **Mary McAfee** moved that the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted, **Shirley Coleman** seconded, and the motion was approved without opposition.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Board of Trustees:

Library Trustee **Juspreet Kaur** thanked the Friends for completing postcards to be delivered to City Council members in support of the library as the City's budget process begins. She also expressed appreciation in general for the Friends' support of the library. She reported that the next Library Board meeting would be at 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 25, at the Thousand Oaks Branch Library and invited Friends members to attend.

Library Administration:

Assistant Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** introduced **Heidi Kluber**, who is assuming the position of Assistant to the Director. He noted that she would serve as the library administration liaison to the Friends. **Ramiro** also thanked **Jessica Zurita** for her work as former Friends liaison. **Jessica** will move into the position of chief of staff for the library.

Ramiro noted that work had begun on the library's portion of the new city budget and that a meeting with the City Manager was scheduled for the week following the Friends meeting. He advised that the budget was scheduled for adoption at the September 13 City Council meeting, and asked the Friends to continue their support for the library's budget requests.

Ramiro reported that the Library Foundation had received a bequest of \$100,000, and that the donor had directed that it be used for the improvement of the Las Palmas Branch Library. **Ramiro** said the gift would support creation of a new teen area at the branch.

Additionally, Las Palmas received \$1.7 million in the most recent bond referendum, and **Ramiro** reported that the public input process for that project would begin soon.

He announced that three branch libraries – Las Palmas, Pan American, and the Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell – would observe their 50th anniversaries in 2019 and that plans were underway for celebrations at all three branches.

Ramiro invited the Friends to attend the Women's Fair at the Bazan Branch Library on August 4, in honor of former librarian **Isabel Bazan**. He closed his remarks by thanking the Friends for their ongoing support.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: No representative of the Library Foundation was present.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** reported that, as of July 11, the BookCellar had collected revenues of \$40,677, and the donation box had accumulated a total of \$421. He recognized Friends Board member **Rowena Rodgers** as the BookCellar's longest-serving volunteer. **Nancy Gandara** also noted that a prison in Del Rio had placed a large order for books from the BookCellar and that manager **Andrea Mason** was overseeing preparation of the order for shipping.

Membership: Membership Secretary **Kim Cauthon** reported that there were currently 809 active members. She recognized **Pat Mendiola** and the Cody Branch Friends for recruiting 13 new members

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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.org.

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 12106 Apricot Dr., San Antonio, TX 78247.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle.....Chair
Beth Graham • Angela Ehrenfried • David Parsons • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods • Nancy Gandara.....*Ex Officio*

during the weekend of their book sale.

Bylaws and Standing Rules Committee: Nancy Gandara announced that the committee had met and that the results of their deliberations would be taken up under Old Business.

Financial Review Committee: Linda Cheatum reported that the committee had met and that the results of their meeting would be presented under Old Business. Pat Mendiola asked about the disposition of undesignated deposits made by branch Friends groups. Linda replied that until it could be determined which group had made a deposit, that amount would remain in the general Friends account. She noted that there was currently a balance of \$1,430 in undesignated or unclaimed branch funds, and she asked the branch representatives present to remind their treasurers to check to be sure all funds deposited had been correctly credited to the appropriate branches.

Arts & Letters Awards: Beth Graham reported that members of the 2018 Arts & Letters Awards Committee were herself, Kim Cauthon, Shirley Coleman, John Costello, José Durán, Bruce Gill, Nicola Tamlyn, and Cheryl Whelan. Additionally, she reported that a call for nominations had been sent to local media, universities, and arts groups. She reminded those present that the deadline to submit nominations for the awards was August 1, and asked the members present to mark their calendars for the award ceremony on Sunday, October 14.

OLD BUSINESS

Financial Review Committee: Linda Cheatum presented the report of the 2018

Financial Review Committee. Mary McAfee moved that the report be approved. Sandra Wilkinson seconded the motion, and it passed without opposition.

Consider recommendations of Task Force for Bylaws/ Standing Rules revisions:

A. Bylaws, Art. I. Name, Purpose and Policy, Section 4: update date of approval of MOU

Kim Cauthon moved to approve this change. Stephanie Serrata seconded; the motion passed without opposition

B. Bylaws, Article V. Directors: email requirement for FOSAPL board members

Kim Cauthon moved approval; Sandra Wilkinson seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

C. Bylaws, Art. VIII Fiscal, Section 2: “balanced” budget, that could be amended during the year. Cheryl Whelan moved approval; Beth Graham seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

D. Standing Rules, Rule 1 Membership, Rule 1B: simplify “classes of members” by deletion of Patron memberships (\$50 per person)

Cheryl Whelan moved approval and Sandra Wilkinson seconded. Cheryl then asked if branch groups could accept donations over and above the \$5 designated from each dues payment for branches. Kim Cauthon advised that they could. After this discussion, the motion passed without opposition.

E. Standing Rules, Rule 1 Membership, Rule 1B: simplify “classes of members” by deletion of

Contributing memberships (\$100 per person)

Beth Graham moved approval; Veronica Rouse

seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

F. Standing Rules, Rule 1 Membership, Rule 1B: simplify “classes of members” by deletion of Business memberships (\$25 per person)

Mary McAfee moved approval; Barbara Chávez seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

G. Standing Rules, Rule 1 Membership, new section 1J: clarification of Life Members’ branch group affiliation, without an additional yearly fee

Karen Matson moved approval; Stephanie Serrata seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

H. Standing Rules, Rule 4. Directors 4C: distribution of meeting locations, and publicity of same; omission of last two sentences of the section

Cheryl Whelan moved approval; Mary McAfee seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

I. Standing Rules, Rule 6D, 4: various additions and omissions to clarify Book-Cellar issues

Linda Cheatum moved approval and Stephanie Serrata seconded. Pat Konstam raised an objection to the lack of a minimum number of members of the committee; she expressed concern that without a minimum limit on membership, the committee could consist of just the chair and two non-voting members. Pat proposed an amendment to set the minimum number of voting members on the committee to three. The amendment died for lack of a second, following which the original motion passed, with one vote against and the rest in favor.

Nancy Gandara reminded the board that changes to the Bylaws would not be final until they were approved by the full membership at the

annual meeting, but that changes to the Standing Rules needed only approval by the board, and would go into effect immediately.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Membership Drive: An idea for an event to kick off the 2019 membership drive was presented for discussion. The membership committee was encouraged to develop this opportunity.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Gandara thanked the Las Palmas Friends for providing refreshments for the meeting, and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary McAfee made the motion; Pat Mendiola seconded, and the motion passed without discussion or opposition.

Revisions to FOSAPL Bylaws & Standing Rules Approved

Nancy Gandara

At the meeting of July 15, the FOSAPL board approved revisions to certain Bylaws & Standing Rules that were recommended by a Task Force in order to update, simplify or clarify the document. See www.friendsofsapl.org (Branch Friends Groups) for the Bylaws/Standing Rules document. The following revisions to the Standing Rules are effective immediately, and include:

- Simplification of Rule 1B by eliminating Patron (\$50), Contributing

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Bazan

The Bazan Library had a busy summer and was successful in creating programs that were enjoyed by children, teens, and adults. More than 300 children participated in the Children's Summer Reading program, and many attended the end-of-year SummerFest. Bazan Friends provided snacks, craft supplies, face painters, and a balloon-making clown to make the SummerFest more enjoyable.

In June, more than 40 children and their parents attended the Happy Tails event. The kids learned about reptiles and other exotic animals that were brought in for the event and were thrilled to be able to pet them.

We thank **Esperanza Sonnen**, the Children's Librarian, for planning the Bazan's children's summer programs.

Our Bad Girls Romance Book Club continued to flourish in the one year since it was formed with the same members attending each meeting. Plans are being made to expand the program and include a writing critique since most members are writers. Refreshments for the meetings were donated by Bazan Friends.

On Aug. 4, we held the first Isabel Bazan Library Women's Fair, which was a huge success with more than 140 women in attendance. An all-woman Human Library was available where "female experts" acted as "books" that could be checked out. Our "authors" were the mayor of Somerset, a special education teacher, a librarian, a life coach, a dual language director, a sexologist, and an LGBTQ musician. Workshops on financial planning and résumé building were offered.

In addition, several organizations disseminated infor-

mation on their community services, including the Family Services Association, Financial Empowerment Center, Family Violence Prevention Services, American GI Forum, San Antonio Christian Dental Clinic, and the Center for Healthcare Services. Free medical screenings were made possible by the Metro Health Mobile Clinic and the City of San Antonio's Mobile Fitness.

Kudos go out to **Enedina Prater**, in charge of Bazan's adult programming, who coordinated the women's fair; **Jim Jimenez**, branch manager; and the rest of the staff for helping to organize such a successful event. As our thanks for their hard work, Bazan Friends provided the staff with a light lunch.

Irene Chavez

Brook Hollow

Brook Hollow Branch Library closed out the successful summer reading program with a SummerFest held on Aug. 4. Several hundred children and adults attended the party and enjoyed all sorts of cookies, cake, and popcorn while choosing assorted activities to take part in such as face painting, crafts, and the very popular green screen photography.

Mariachi Melodias de Mexico provided music to listen to during all these festivities.

Now that autumn is just about here, the Friends have turned their attention to the final preparations for the annual used book sale to be held this year on Saturday, Sept. 15, from 10 to 4 in the Pat and Neal Bjornson meeting room. The storage cupboards are bulging with donated items, so please come out and take your pick from thousands upon thousands of books, CDs, and DVDs. There are plenty of games and jigsaw puzzles, as well, looking for a new home – and the prices can't be beat!

At our previous quarterly Friends meeting, the membership approved funding for requested items and additional programming over the summer

months. The next meeting of the Friends of Brook Hollow will be held on Sept. 22 at 1 p.m. in the Pat and Neal Bjornson meeting room. We will discuss the success of the previous week's used book sale and funding for supplies and programming needed by Brook Hollow through the end of 2018.

Susan S. Feeley

Carver

Carver Friends and Branch Manager **D L Grant** have been very busy this summer. A number of events took place at the Carver Library, such as a job fair – "City of San Antonio SAPL Carver Learning Center 2018 Job Fair." The Learning Center had its annual job fair on August 7, sponsored by Dollar General. The job fair had 25 employers, 2 guest speakers, 9 volunteers, and 163 job seekers. Catered lunch was provided for the employers and volunteers. **Randy Beamer** from News 4 WOAI interviewed the Carver Learning Center Training Officer **Jeanne Johnson**. She was on the Thursday evening news to promote the event. The job fair was a huge success. The list of employers included Spurs, VIA, Chase, Veteran Commission, S.A. Public Library, and Toyota, among others. Guest Speakers were **Laura Thompson** – TAANTV and **Victor Ramon** – Dept. of Labor.

Children's Librarian **Braulia Carrillo** stated that this summer of 2018 has been exceptional at Carver! Programming for children has brought in a record number of children and families to the library. More than 100 participants were in attendance at each of the performances for Happy Tails and Magic Theatre. They saw exotic animals, such as the alpaca, the western porcupine, and the capybara. They were also treated to STEM (Science Technology Engineering and Math) demonstrations. Children learned about zoo animals, rivers, toys of the past, the flag, and bat caves and created their own toys of the

past. More than 300 children registered for the summer reading program, which is a phenomenal number. Children created chalk art on the sidewalk and enjoyed reading a book in a tent. It has been an exciting summer at Carver.

Aundar Matt had a book signing at Carver Library on July 28, which was very successful.

Carver Friends book sale will be Oct. 19–20, 10:30–5:00. Another program planned for Carver is Tambor Rhythms presented by **Jorge Ochoa**, and it's all about drums. Friends give thanks to all patrons and businesses for their support for the library.

Shirley Coleman

Cody

The Friends of the Cody Library fall book sale will be held Saturday, Sept. 29, 10 to 4. Friends preview sale will be held Friday, Sept. 28, 2 to 4. Find great bargains and treasures on books, DVDs, audio books, and more! Bring your friends, they can join at the door! General public Sunday, Sept. 30, 1 to 3, bag-o-books & half-price sale. There are about 25,000 donated books! Organized by categories: Hardback & paperbacks for adult fiction, trade paperbacks, mystery, sci-fi, fantasy paperbacks, literature, reference, textbooks, general education, vintage, foreign language for adult & children, biographies, business, computers, history/government/politics/law, parenting/family, medical, psychology, philosophy, self help, cook books, crafts/hobbies/home/humor/nature/animals/gardening/science, young & older children, travel/geography/Texana, art/music, audio books, music/albums/CDs/cassettes, movies/DVDs/VHS, Also multi-subject premium tables. Cash/personal checks only please.

Ongoing inside book sale daily, "Bart-the-Cart," during regular library hours.

Brenda Brumit

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Encino

Encino Library had an active Summer Reading Program from the opening Beach Party to the Harry Potter SummerFest Party in August. The Encino Summer Reading Beach Party on June 9 brought in more than 250 Encino community members for the opportunity to celebrate the 2018 Mayor's Summer Reading Club with this year's theme of Library Land. Encino offered a lei-making craft, showed *Moana*, provided refreshments, and had a Hula Hoop contest and lawn games. Local musician **Kelli King** played classic children's folk songs and had a nice crowd singing right along with her. The Friends of Encino Library helped sponsor the event by offering an H-E-B gift card for the purchase of consumables, Amazon.com materials purchases and an honorarium for **Kelli King**.

SummerFest Harry Potter Party on August 4 brought in more than 400 visitors to the Encino Library to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the publication of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* and the end of the Summer Reading Program. Encino Branch became Hogwarts for an afternoon and offered a Potions class, a Herbology class, a wand-making area in "Diagon Alley," and face painting by **Carla Freise**. The Burbank High School Harry Potter club took time out of their summer vacation to assist us with our celebration and brought in the very popular Sorting Hat and a Harry Potter trivia game. The Friends of Encino Library assisted the Harry Potter party with consumables purchased with the H-E-B gift card and materials purchased from Amazon.com. An honorarium was offered by the Friends to **Carla Freise**.

The Cosplay 101 Series, a series of five classes dedicated to introducing cosplay and creating costumes and props

for upcoming cosplay conventions, was very successful and brought in over 100 people to all five classes, which were offered every other Sunday, starting June 24–Aug. 5. The Friends of Encino Library sponsored this series of classes using materials purchased with JoAnn Fabric/H-E-B gift cards as well as Amazon purchases, donating time and equipment to assist with the Sewing Your Cosplay class and offering an honorarium to the class instructors. Attendees will use what they learned for the Encino Second Annual Cosplay Con which is slated for Saturday, Sept. 22, from 2–4. Bitforce, a video game music band, will play for the attendees as well as a Cosplay contest with prizes for the top three Cosplay costumes.

Encino Library has four staff vacancies. They hope to have two of the four filled by the end of the fiscal year. In addition to these vacancies, the Children's Librarian **Nicki Weaver** will be retiring on Sept. 30, 2018.

The Friends of the Encino Library book sale is scheduled for Oct. 13. A Friends of the Encino Library meeting will be held on Oct. 21 to elect officers for the next two years.

Carla Pomanger

Igo

The end of July brought our latest book sale held by the Friends of the Igo Branch. Many people came to the sale to purchase books. The proceeds from the book sale help pay for events and functions held at the Igo library. One of the events that took place during the book sale was a viewing of rescued birds of prey. "Last Chance Forever" brings the birds for the public to see. There were several types of owls, a falcon, and a hawk. Everyone looks forward to seeing these magnificent birds.

The Elderberries meeting in August always bring a lot of participants to the library for the annual ice cream social.

50 participants came to eat ice cream and view a presentation by **Frank Faulkner** on historic photos of San Antonio.

Artful Aging with **Barbara J. Coulter** was held Fridays in August. These classes are very popular. Registered seniors participated in Art Expression with Acrylics. Look for artwork to be displayed in the future.

Even with school back in session, there are numerous things to do at the library. Baby time, toddler time and story time will continue each month. Several book clubs will meet at the Igo library. Dollars and Sense book club, Mystery book club, and Afternoon book club will have meetings at the library. Join one or join them all. Check the monthly schedule for times.

Genealogy returns to Igo in September. Researching Labor Union records is the topic for September. October brings the topic of Researching Military Records. Many people who enjoy researching their roots come together at these meetings to enhance their researching skills.

October will bring the next book sale at the Igo Library. Look for dates of this sale to be posted at the library.

I would like to invite anyone interested in the library to attend a monthly meeting of the Friends of the Igo Library held Saturday, Sept. 8, at 10:30 right here at the library. Come find out what it is all about. I look forward to meeting you.

Al Rakus

Las Palmas

From June through August, Friends sponsored six special programs as supplemental activities for the Summer Reading Program: Fiesta Farms, petting zoo; **Tom Kinsey**, nature appreciation; SAY Sí, art activity; Happy Tails, exotic animals; Fun in the Sun, educational activities; and Rubber-band Racers, an energy/motion project. We also

funded *real* paletas for those attending SummerFest on Aug. 1.

Like most Friends groups, we're interested in recruiting more members. In this regard, on July 28, we attended the organizing meeting for the new Las Palmas Neighborhood Association, and we'll continue to stay involved with that neighborhood network. In addition, one of our Friends has arranged for us to have a booth, at no cost, at her church's festival on Sept. 29. We'll have a game for the children (with small prizes), distribute information on Library services, and, of course, talk to folks about joining Friends. Plus, we'll have a booth at the Las Palmas H-E-B's National Night Out on Oct. 2, another chance to meet with "neighbors."

We're looking into sponsoring a joint Halloween/Día de los Muertos event with the YWCA, which is adjacent to the library.

Friends are still requesting information and photos from the community for a "through-the-years" video presentation to celebrate the Library's 50th anniversary in 2019. It will be an opportunity to showcase the library as a valuable resource for the Las Palmas community. An exact date for the event has not been announced yet.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

What a wonderful summer it's been! With back-to-school season upon us and the holidays already fast approaching, the Maverick Friends are looking forward to the arrival of crisp, cool fall.

As we closed out summer, our reading programs continued to draw in community members and library patrons. The Friends sponsored a visit from Dinosaur George, which brought in an impressive 220 attendees! Likewise, we helped provide supplies for the Tweens' summer programs. The kids

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had a great time at the lovely events put on by our Teen Librarian **Mary Lou Bleichwehl**. It's safe to say a recent round of Giant Golf was a "huge" success.

Over the past few months, our group has been fortunate enough to gain new Friends. We are proud to welcome **Billie Lujan** as well as **Douglas and Lorraine Slater**. We're always so happy to connect with others who seek to support the library, carry out our mission, and unite in our love of reading and books.

On that note, our next book sale is coming up! We'll soon be sorting and setting up for the event, which will run on Oct. 13 and 14 from 10 to 4. Come on out and shop new releases, classic novels, special editions, DVDs, CDs and more. All proceeds help support the Maverick Branch Library. Previously, we've used the money raised from this event to purchase outdoor benches, storage or display cases, hold appreciation lunches, and so much more.

Join us at our next meeting on Sept. 4 if you're interested in learning more about our group.

Amanda Dickinson

McCreless

Our next book and media sale has been scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 22, from 10 to 4. President **Jill Zimmerman** announced at our last meeting that we are looking for donations as well as for volunteers. Everyone always wants children's books and *libros en Español* along with other donations of books and DVDs, etc. Volunteers are needed for set-up on Friday, Sept. 21 as well as for the Saturday sale. We have no "left overs" from our last sale, so this sale features "all fresh stock." Staffer **Marisa Debow** has made a great flier for us to e-mail to all our contacts as well as to hand out at the library. We really appreciate her effort. Our next meeting will be on Monday, Oct. 1, 6 pm, at McCreless Library.

Paula Massengale

Parman Library

The last couple of months the Parman Friends have been planning several events that will be held during the rest of the year.

The annual Craft Sale is scheduled for Sept. 29, 10 to 2. National Night Out will be held on Oct. 2. Spooky Walk will be on Oct. 18. Our book sale will be on Nov. 9–11. The Winter Walk will open Dec. 1 and will be open through the end of December.

Vivian Demos

Tobin Library at Oakwell

Summer was busy at the Tobin Library at Oakwell, with all ages enthusiastically turning in reading logs.

The library hosted Dinosaur George, where fossils and facts were presented to an enthusiastic crowd of over 150.

Thanks to the generous funding provided by the Friends of Tobin at Oakwell, SummerFest was a huge hit, with nearly 300 people attending. **Kevin Cooley** brought

100 drums of all types used in various places for all to learn how to drum in a group drumming circle. Adults and kids learned about tempo, drumming light, fast, loud, and soft together.

Friends also funded balloon art by Moxie Girls and fresh paletas for all to enjoy at this event.

Tobin Friends also funded art supplies for painting clay pots in which to plant herbs with Librarian **Rhonda Woolhouse**.

The popular Dungeons and Dragons group has grown to very solid attendance on a weekly basis. This is a three-hour event for pre-teens and teens, and often snacks are provided. Also a new Russian class started on Sundays in August, where folks can learn common Russian phrases and to speak Russian.

The Tobin Friends plan to hold a book sale for three days, Sept. 28–30. The book sale will be held with a special Dr. Who Meet Up program throughout the library at the same time on Saturday, Sept. 29.

Tracey Knouse

Membership Matters

Kim Cauthon, Membership Chair

Membership renewal season is fast approaching! It's also a great time to recruit new members. The membership of all Friends who join or renew after October 1 will be active until December 2019.

We ask each branch Friends group to set up a recruitment table – using the supplies from the Membership Matters Workshop – at least once between October 1 and December 31. Some ideas for places to recruit include a local National Night Out event on October 2; during any special event at your branch; on election day, November 6; during National Friends of the Library Week, October 21–27; or at a book sale – there are many on the calendar.

If your branch would like assistance or you have any questions, please email Membership Secretary **Kim Cauthon**, at fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com. The membership task force will try to assist you as much as possible. Also, if you email a quick note telling us where you will be promoting Friends membership, it will be included in the next *SAPLings*.

A membership chair can be a valuable addition to any branch group. This could a separate position, or the duties could be added to any current officer's job description. The chair could send a welcoming email or card to each new member and send emails every one to two months to all members.

There will be a monetary incentive for those branches that increase their membership! More information will be provided in the next *SAPLings*.

Thank you for being a Friend!

Standing Rules, from p 3.

(\$100) and Business (\$25) membership “classes.” The membership envelope will be modified to encourage persons who wish to donate more to “their” branch(es) than the usual \$5 per branch affiliation.

- Clarification (by adding Rule 1J) that “Life” members may declare a branch affiliation without an additional yearly fee.
- Clarification of the roles of the BookCellar Committee Chair and the BookCellar Manager (Rule 6D4), and allocation of the “donation box” revenue for the BookCellar’s operating budget.

The following changes to the Bylaws, which will be considered for approval at the all-members’ Annual Meeting (Jan. 27, 2019), were also recommended by the Task Force, and include:

- Date of most-recently approved Memorandum of Understanding between the FOSAPL and SAPL (Bylaws, Art. I, 4)
- Requirement that all members of the board maintain an email account, in order to facilitate timely communications (Art. V)
- Requirement that the annual FOSAPL budget reflect anticipated revenues equal to, or greater than, the anticipated expenditures (Art. VIII, 2)

Contact Nancy Gandara (nancy.gandara@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions about these revisions.



Pat Finley, Veronica Rouse, Pat Bjornson, Ramiro Salazar, Heidi Novotny, and Marci Ince at the Brook Hollow Staff Appreciation Dinner in June

Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

Donations

Dale McNeill

BookCellar News

Sandra E. Wilkinson

**The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
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The BookCellar now accepts credit cards! Because we must pay a processing fee for each transaction, we require a minimum purchase of \$3 per transaction. With all the great offerings in books, magazines, sheet music, and calendars, we’re sure you will find it easy to meet the \$3 minimum.

BookCellar Back-to-School Sale

The July sale was a big success. The BC made \$4,115.38. Average daily sales for the nine days were \$457.25. The success of the sale could not have happened without the many extra hours of the BC daily volunteers. The real winners are the teachers and their students who will have access to the good books sold inexpensively by the BC. All should consider how many books have to be sorted, marked, grouped, and shelved; then sold for 10¢, 25¢, 50¢ and sometimes for \$1 to add-up to \$4,115.38.

Current and Future Sales

September – All sheet music is 50% off sticker price. Regular-priced biographies, both adult and juvenile will be 50% off. Regular-priced adult paperback fiction (including Science fiction) will also be 50% off. (This sale excludes classics, Spanish, and westerns.)

October – All bound periodicals will be 50% off. The BC’s special collection of paperback fiction priced 2/25¢ will return.

End Note

Send a copy of *SAPLings* to a non-Friend. Be safe.

The BookCellar has books and resources for every category of buyer. We have free books, 10¢ juvenile selections, 25¢ adult choices, regularly priced juvenile selections, and adult books in addition to 25¢ juvenile paperbacks, 50¢ hardbacks, and the popular markups that are usually \$1. Other books are the regular-priced adult books, small paperbacks for 50¢, and large paperbacks/hardbacks for \$1. We also have vintage books and reduced-price vintage books.

Remember, our main goal at the BookCellar is to put a book in the hands of everyone.

Donations

Magazines are popular items with many of our BC visitors. We accept donations of many varieties, including sports, self-help, nature, *National Geographic*, and more. If you want to donate magazines, we suggest you use a black, broad point, permanent marker to cover your name and address instead of cutting out that portion of the cover. Please remember to bring your magazines the BC the next time you visit us.

Another popular item is new calendars such as those you receive from organizations you support. If you have any new calendars to spare, please bring them to the BC.

New Feature

The display of books located on the table across from the checkout counter is related to the current topic for Our Family Reads: Mayor’s Book Club. These books are available for sale. They will expand your knowledge of this month’s topic!



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

September 4	Maverick Friends meeting, 7.
September 8	Igo Friends meeting, 10:30.
September 13	The budget is scheduled to be adopted at the City Council meeting
September 15	Brook Hollow Book Sale, Saturday, 10–4.
September 16	FOSAPL Board Meeting, Carver Library, 2.
September 22	Brook Hollow meeting, Saturday, 1.
September 22	Encino Second Annual Cosplay Con, 2–4.
September 22	McCreless Book & Media Sale, 10–4
September 28–30	Cody Friends Book Sale. Friends Preview sale, Friday, 2–4. Public sale, Saturday/Sunday, 10–4; Sunday, 1–3.
September 28–30	Tobin at Oakwell Friends Fall Book Sale; Friends Preview – Friday, 4–6; Public Sale, Saturday/Sunday, 10–4.
September 29	Parman Craft Sale, 10–2.
October 1	McCreless Friends meeting, 6.
October 2	Maverick Friends meeting, 7.
October 2	National Night Out
October 5–6	Semmes Friends Book Sale – Saturday, 10:00. Preview, Friday, 10–11:30.
October 13	Encino Book Sale, 10–4:30.
October 13–14	Maverick Friends Fall Book Sale, 10–4.
October 14	Arts & Letters Awards, Central Library, 2.
October 18	Parman Spooky Walk.
October 19–20	Carver Friends book sale, 10:30–5.
October 21	Encino Friends meeting.
October 21–27	National Friends of the Library Week
November 9–11	Parman Book Sale.

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

Brook Hollow Library
530 Heimer Road, 78232
210-207-9030

Carver Library
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220
210-207-9180

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

Cody Library
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230
210-207-9100

Encino Library
2515 East Evans Road
(210) 207-9250

Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-207-9080 (also TTY)

Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-207-9060

McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-207-9170

Parman Library at Stone Oak
20735 Wilderness Oak
210-207-2703

Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-207-9110

Tobin Library at Oakwell
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
210-207-9040