From the President

Dear Friends,

Do you have a “to do” list? I have, and sometimes I even get everything done on the list—but, frequently, half of those projects become the list for the next day! During 2018, the Friends of SAPL checked these off our list:

- **Andrea Mason**, Manager, and **about 40 volunteers** provided service at the BookCellar seven days a week, used social media enthusiastically, and conducted special sales throughout the year, netting an income of $74,000+

- The **Membership Committee**, under the leadership of **Kim Cauthon**, planned and conducted three “Membership Matters” workshops and provided branch group leaders with tools and techniques to recruit more members

- The Arts & Letters Committee, led by **Beth Graham**, considered more than twenty nominees, culminating in a delightful and well-attended award presentation event

- Changes to the FOSAPL bylaws and Standing Rules were recommended by **members of the Bylaws Review Committee**, to improve operation of the organization

- **Branch Friends’ groups** donated more than $68,000 to their respective branch libraries, and **FOSAPL** donated more than $60,000 to SAPL for system-wide programming, marketing, and staff development

Our “to do” list for 2019 is already pretty full, as the plans include:

- **Election of officers and Board members at the Annual Meeting on Jan. 27th** (y’all come!)

- **Continued use of the “Love your library?---Join the Friends!” banners and recruiting tools at each of the branches**

- **Re-activation of the Friends groups for the Central Library and Pan American Branch**

- **Recruitment of more BookCellar volunteers** (there’s a work-shift for you, too!)

- **Thinking creatively about fundraising, and “friend-raising”**

  Oprah Winfrey may have said it best: “Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right.” Wishing you a year that is productive and creative, with time spent with good Friends!

Cheers,

_Nancy Gandara_

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**ANNUAL FOSAPL MEETING**

_Sunday, January 27, 2019, 2 p.m._

_Central Library Auditorium_

**Keynote Speaker: Kathy Donellan, Assistant Library Director**

Election of Officers and Board Members

_Door Prizes! Free parking in the library garage_

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**Nominating Committee Report**

_Sheila Figueroa, Chairman_

Election of the Officers and Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting January 27, 2019, at the Central Library at 2:00 p.m. The floor will be open for additional nominees. If you want to nominate someone, you must have his or her approval.

The slate of officers standing for election:

- **Beth Graham**, President
- **Kim Cauthon**, Vice President
- **Linda Cheatam**, Treasurer
- **Liz Alves**, Secretary
- **Nancy Gandara**, Past President

Standing for election to their first term of the 2019–2021 Board of Directors:

- **Terrence Alley**
- **Elena Brickman**
- **Yolanda Kirkpatrick**
- **Pat Peak**
- **Delia Trimble**

Current Board Members standing for election to the 2019–2021 term:

- **Kathy Bee**
- **Barbara Chavez**
- **Shirley Coleman**
- **Jose Duran**
- **Delores Huber**
- **Linda Janney**
- **Mary McAfee**

The Nominating Committee would like to extend a sincere thank you to **Beverly Duran, Bruce Gill, Pat Konstam, Robert Mason, Pat Mendiola, and Stephanie Serrata** for their years of service to the Board and to FOSAPL.

Respectively submitted by the members of the Nominating Committee, **Kathy Bee, Sheila Figueroa, Anthony Prater, Cheryl Whelan**, and **Jill Zimmerman**.
The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, November 18, 2018, at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. President Nancy Gandara called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

In lieu of calling the roll, Secretary Beth Graham asked that board members introduce themselves and say which libraries they represented. Following the introductions, Beth announced that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: Nancy Gandara, Kim Cauthum, Linda Cheatum, Beth Graham, Karen Matson, Liz Alves, Kathy Bee, Beverly Durán, José Durán, Bruce Gill, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Pat Peak, Veronica Rouse, Delia Trimble, Sandra Wilkinson, and Sylvia Zamarripa.

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included Library Trustee Marcie Ince, Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan, Assistant to the Library Director Heidi Kluber, Cynthia Conley, Sheila Figueroa, Pat Finley, and Betty Walters.

Approval of Minutes: Mary McAfee moved that the minutes of the September 16, 2018 meeting be approved. José Durán 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: Linda Cheatum presented the Treasurer’s Report.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Board of Trustees: Marcie Ince thanked the Board for their support during the Fiscal Year 2018–2019 City budget process. She announced that the date for the upcoming Trustees meeting had been moved from December 5 to December 12.

Library Administration: Assistant Library Director Kathy Donellan reported that the 2018–2019 construction schedule for 2017 bond projects had been released, and that it was available on the City of San Antonio website. She noted that the first steps would include community input and announced public meetings to discuss two projects, Memorial Branch Library improvements (meeting on Saturday, December 1), and McCreeless Branch Library improvements (meeting on Saturday, December 15.)

Kathy announced that libraries had seen their highest traffic ever in October and November, due to unprecedented voter turnout. In October, there were a total of 627,397 visits. The Brook Hollow Branch Library was one of the busiest locations, ranked first for both early and overall voting numbers. There were a total of 38,441 visits to Brook Hollow during October alone. The next busiest sites were the Central Library, Igo Branch Library, and Parman Branch Library.

She reminded the meeting that three branch libraries, Pan American, Las Palmas, and Tobin, would have 50-year anniversary celebrations in March 2019, and said that details would be announced soon.

Kathy closed her remarks by thanking the Friends for their continued support.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: Liz Alves reported that the San Antonio Library Foundation had donated more than $1 million to the library in 2018.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts & Letters Committee: Chair Beth Graham reported that the award ceremony had been a successful event, with approximately 75 in attendance, and coverage by both the San Antonio Express-News and WOAI/Channel 4 news. Additionally, more than 22 nominations were received this year. Beth once again thanked the members of the committee, Kim Cauthum, Shirley Coleman, John Costello, José Durán, Bruce Gill, Nicola Tamlyn, and Cheryl Whelan.

BookCellar: Chair Cindy Conley reported that BookCellar year-to-date revenue was $70,634.58, and that the donation box had collected $769 as of the meeting date.

Cindy noted that a total of 36 had attended the BookCellar volunteers appreciation luncheon.

She announced that the annual blow-out auction, with 50% off almost everything, would begin the Saturday after Thanksgiving and continue until December 11.

Budget Committee: Treasurer Linda Cheatum announced that the budget committee had met and that the proposed 2019 budget would be presented to the meeting under New Business. She thanked the members of the committee, Edie Cooksey, Beth Graham, Richard Morales, Betty Walters, Sandra Wilkinson, and President Kathy Bee.

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Nancy Gandara, who served in an advisory capacity.

Membership: Membership Secretary Kim Cauthon reported that there were currently 881 active members, an increase of 55 since the last meeting. She noted that membership renewal letters were currently being mailed out and that once again new and renewing members would receive an acknowledgement postcard or e-mail with a coupon for a free book, this time from either the BookCellar or from one of the branch library used book sale carts.

Nominating Committee: Chair Sheila Figueroa announced that the Nominating Committee had met and was in the process of confirming nominees for Board slots and officers’ positions. She confirmed that the slate of candidates would be announced in the next SAPlings issue and voted on at the meeting on January 27, 2019. She thanked the members of the committee, Kathy Bee, Anthony Prater, Cheryl Whelan, and Jill Zimmerman.

OLD BUSINESS

President Nancy Gandara noted that the board had been asked to approve, by e-mail or telephonic vote, a proposal that the acknowledgement coupons to be sent to 2019 Friends members be valid for either the BookCellar or a branch library used book cart, and that the vote had been in favor. She asked the meeting to ratify the telephonic vote, a proposal that was moved by Mary McAfee made a motion to that effect. Sandra Wilkinson seconded, and the motion was approved without opposition.

NEW BUSINESS

Consideration of Additions to Standing Rule 5D: This measure would authorize the FOSAPL Treasurer to take certain actions within a stated timeframe after having made reasonable attempts to notify branch Friends’ groups or individuals, specifically: 1) deposits that have not been reported to the FOSAPL Treasurer by a branch group, or “claimed” after notification has been given to all branches, shall be considered part of the FOSAPL general fund after four months, and 2) checks that the Treasurer has issued to Friends as reimbursements for purchases that have not been cashed within four months of issuance will be cancelled. Delia Trimble moved that the change to Standing Rule 5D be approved and Liz Alves seconded. Because this change would involve a transfer of funds to the general Friends account from branch Friends accounts, Betty Walters asked what the cost would be to stop payment on checks that had been issued. Treasurer Linda Cheatum advised that because the funds transfer was essentially only a bookkeeping step, a stop-payment order would not be issued. After this discussion the motion passed without opposition.

Consideration of additions to BookCellar Policies, as requested by the BookCellar Committee: Sylvia Zamarripa moved that the additions be approved, Pat Konstam seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Bonus for BookCellar manager: President Nancy Gandara announced that BookCellar Chair Cindy Conley had asked that BookCellar Manager Andrea Mason receive a holiday bonus. Mary McAfee moved that the Board approve a bonus of $100. Sandra Wilkinson seconded the motion. Linda Cheatum asked that the motion be amended to $100 after taxes. Sandra Wilkinson seconded the amendment, which passed without opposition. After the amendment was voted on, the original motion also passed without opposition.

Budget Committee: Treasurer Linda Cheatum presented the proposed 2019 budget. Beth Graham moved that the budget be approved as presented and Veronica Rouse seconded. Nancy Gandara explained the calculations used to arrive at the budget figures. José Durán asked if the figures for salaries included payroll taxes, and Linda explained that such taxes were noted separately on the “Payroll Tax” line item. Beverly Durán inquired about the reason for the increase in anticipated bank and credit card charges. Nancy explained that there would be higher Square usage charges now that the Square could be used to accept payment of membership dues. José noted that expenses had increased due to a raise for the BookCellar manager and higher fees for the bookkeeper.

Announcement: Nancy Gandara announced that a memorial service would be held on November 30 for BookCellar and Texana/Genealogy volunteer Ira Lott, who had passed away earlier in the month.

ADJOURNMENT

Nancy Gandara thanked the Brook Hollow Friends for providing refreshments for the meeting, and asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mary McAfee made the motion; Delia Trimble seconded, and the motion passed without discussion or opposition.

Friends of Texana/Genealogy Underwrites Digitization Project

Jacob Sherman

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy have provided funding to support the digitization of 769 additional African American funeral programs to be scanned and added to the University of North Texas’ Portal to Texas History. San Antonio Public Library’s Texana/Genealogy unit has already contributed 3,777 programs to the African American Funeral Programs of San Antonio collection available online at https://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/collections/AAFP/, (the Portal to Texas History). The new additions should be available for public viewing sometime in early 2019.

The African American Funeral Programs of San Antonio collection is one of the most popular and frequently visited in the Portal with more than 570,000 visitors since it first went online in June of 2012. It is one of the largest collections of its kind in the country and has won two awards for the library, the Sojourner Truth Award from the San Antonio Juneteenth Association in 2015 and the Trailblazer Award from the Texas Digital Library Association in 2016.
Branch Leaves
News from Branch Libraries

Bazan

During October, the Bazan Branch staff participated in several community events at local elementary schools and a KIPP campus, the Barrio Boo Fair, and Movie Night sponsored by the City of San Antonio’s Center Development Office, to name a few, where they promoted library resources to several hundred attendees.

Library Assistant Enedina Prater attended outreach at Alamo City Comic Con where she was able to promote library services to more than 500 people. She was also able to get local San Antonio actor Henry Thomas to pose with a SAPL library card to help promote how awesome the library is.

Late October was filled with exciting teen programs at Bazan. Once again, Gemini Ink hosted another Teen Writing Workshop offering teens the opportunity to expand their creative writing skills.

In celebration of the Day of the Dead, Bazan hosted a sugar skull workshop. This was the second year the program was presented by Angie Merla of the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center. More than three dozen children, including families, enjoyed this informative event. Attendees decorated a premade sugar skull to take home in addition to making several of their own. Several patrons who returned from last year expressed their hope to have this workshop become an annual tradition. Bazan Friends sponsored this program.

Also, the Bazan Branch held a Halloween party that attracted more than 40 people, many of whom were dressed in their Halloween costumes. Attendees enjoyed arts and crafts activities, music, and refreshments. Bazan Friends provided the refreshments.

On November 14, Bazan Friends treated the staff to a Thanksgiving luncheon. This was our way of showing our appreciation to the Bazan staff for their dedication and hard work throughout the year.

Among the December events was a Santa’s Workshop where attendees made a gift for someone they care about. DIY crafts were available to make, and supplies were provided. Bazan Friends provided gift cards to offset some of the expenses.

On Dec. 19, there was a Cookies with Santa activity where families were invited to attend and enjoy cookies and other refreshments. A photo opportunity with Santa Claus was also available. Bazan Friends provided the refreshments. As a Christmas present to the Bazan staff, Bazan Friends gave each staff member a gift card at their Dec. 19 Christmas party. They have done an excellent job during 2018.

The Friends of Bazan Branch Library are happy to announce officers Secretary Enedina Prater, Vice President Gloria Almarez, and President Anthony Prater. We look forward to a new year with our new officers.

The position of Treasurer is currently open for anyone wishing to throw their hat into the ring. Please contact Anthony Prater (aprather@bexar.org) if interested.

Many thanks to Our Lady of the Lake Resident Life Department for their recent donation of about 200 DVD and Blu-Ray discs. These will be added to the book cart and sold at our Annual Book Sale to continue supporting our branch.

Irene Chavez

Brook Hollow

Brook Hollow has always been a great place for children’s activities but is now becoming a place for adults interested in craft activities. Over the past few months, adults have had the opportunity to create jack o’ lanterns from old books, unique paintings by pouring acrylic paints on blank canvases, terrariums in a jar, and holiday wreaths made with mesh ribbons. The Brook Hollow staff design and lead these activities, and the Friends help by providing materials such as canvases, paints, glue guns, dirt, plants, ribbons and—on occasion—participants!(Yes, I’ve been known to take a class or two.)

December was a busy month for Brook Hollow—patrons between the ages of 11 and 18 created characters and embarked on campaigns via Dungeons & Dragons on Monday afternoons. All ages participated in the Winter Wonderland party Dec. 11, and the Brook Hollow Branch celebrated its 35th Anniversary Dec. 15 with crafts, refreshments, and a slideshow (created by Friend Beth Crab) portraying the Branch through the years. Neal Bjornson, Treasurer of the Brook Hollow Friends, manned a table at the anniversary party to recruit new Friends, and the Brook Hollow Friends provided funds for the refreshments at these December events.

Branch Manager Heidi Novotny, with input from the Brook Hollow staff, is in the process of improving the children’s and teens’ areas; the Friends are purchasing equipment for the infant and preschool programs (a new area rug, soft animal toys, and STEM program equipment such as mirror blocks, flexi blocks, and Magna Tiles) as well as a “Pretend and Play Market” (to be placed near the Playhouse). The Friends have also purchased a standing sign for the reconfigured Teen Area, which will serve to reserve the space as “Teens Only” after school on weekdays. Additionally, at the December meeting, the Friends agreed to fund the purchase of a disc cleaner to repair scratched DVD and Blu-Ray discs—equipment that is sure to make staff and patrons of ALL ages happy!

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday, Mar. 23, at 1 p.m. Mark your calendars—Brook Hollow has already set the date for our Annual Book Sale—Saturday, Sept. 21.

Pat Finley

Carver

The Friends of the Carver Branch will meet on the Sat., Jan. 12 at 10:30AM to plan membership recruiting events, sales and programs for 2019 —please come!

Collins Garden

The Friends of the Collins Garden branch will welcome new members and plan the activities for 2019 on Tuesday, Jan. 8 at 6:30PM. Looking forward to having you join us!

Cortez

The next meeting of the Friends of the Cortez branch will be Wed., Jan. 9, at 2PM, so please join us!

Encino

The Friends of the Encino Library met Oct. 21 and elected the following officers for the next two years. President: Carla Pomager, Vice President: Nicki Weaver, Secretary: Liana Benavides, Treasurer: Barbara Morrow. Volunteers set up and manned a Friends recruitment table during early voting and sold books to the waiting voters. The Friends purchased three fold-

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Great Northwest

Great Northwest Friends are excited to have had another wonderful year. We sponsored a wonderful leadership project that involved Ann-Carolin Jahn, a senior trying to earn her Stars and Stripes Award in American Heritage Girls, coming in and spending several days teaching kids to make healthy snacks by themselves for times when they are home alone. Everyone loved it, and Ann-Carolin did a great job! Friends had Spikey Mikey perform for the kids, helped provide for some library needs, helped maintain the fish tank, had a successful book sale, hosted a volunteer appreciation party, and helped with the annual staff Christmas party. We will hold elections for new officers at the end of February and will post the date when available.

Jen Davis

Guerra

Please join the Friends of the Guerra Branch on Wed., Feb. 13, at 1 p.m., to help us plan activities for 2019.

Igo

As in most years, 2018 was very busy at the Igo library. Many people visited the library. As 2018 comes to a close, we see long-time employee Ramona Lucius retiring. We wish her well in this new chapter of her life.

One of the Igo Library ongoing activities is our Book Sale that will be held on Feb. 9 and 10. By this time, we are tired of winter and being cooped up inside, so we have fun activities outside for the children to get into the spirit of the rodeo.

Genealogy is another popular event at the library. This monthly event will continue to take place even though Ramona has retired. The next genealogy meeting is scheduled for February and will discuss how to review divorce records.

The Elderberries are another group that has a strong following. Irene Scharf continues to plan monthly activities that are essential and functional for older adults. Remember to check the monthly calendar online or pick up a paper copy of the calendar at the library to view at your leisure. Thank you for participating at the Igo Library. We hope to see you at our next meeting, on Sat., Jan. 12; all meetings start promptly at 10:30 a.m.

Lisa Rakus

Landa

The Landa Library had a very busy summer especially with the success of the summer reading program. The Friends of Landa met Dec. 3 and scheduled their next Book Sale for Saturday, Jan. 26, from 10–3:30. We will have a Friends Preview Sale on Friday, Jan. 25, from 4–5:30. We welcome anyone interested in our meetings and see what our Friends’ group is all about!!! We have a Little Red Cart filled with books for sale inside the library during regular library hours, and we welcome donations of any and all books, media, etc. We lovingly thank Branch Manager Kiyanna Stephens, and staff for all of their hard work! We appreciate them so very much!!!

Sheila Figueroa

Las Palmas

We’re happy to welcome nine library staff members plus one dedicated volunteer as new Friends members for 2019, our 50th anniversary year.

Friends assisted at the Christmas decorations arts and crafts activity and at the Christmas lighting event Dec. 3. The tree and decorations were a collaboration between the office of Councilwoman Shirley Gonzales and the Thompson Neighborhood Association. In the spirit and tradition of the season, we also provided goodie and gifts for the staff at their Holiday Brunch Dec. 20.

For Dream Week: Adult Programs Librarian Rhonda Davila has scheduled a Jan. 19 talk and film presentation by Anna Vasquez, one of the “San Antonio Four.” On Dec. 4, the Express-News front page article detailed the total expunging of all criminal records regarding the initial charges against the four women. The Innocence Project worked for years, gathering the evidence to have the women freed. Ms. Vasquez now works for the Innocence Project as an outreach and education director—after being wrongfully accused and spending 15 years in prison! She agreed to do the program at Las Palmas because she grew up in the area. Friends will assist with publicity and sponsoring the reception for this event.

The public meeting (part of the conceptual design phase) for the pending renovation of the Las Palmas Library (as approved in the 2017–2022 Bond Program) is scheduled for 10–12, Saturday, Feb. 16, at the Las Palmas Library. This will be the public’s opportunity to present ideas for the next step in the process—the design phase. Actual construction work is scheduled for 2020. Friends will be helping publicize this meeting, hoping for maximum input from the community.

We’re working with staff, putting together an invitation Branch Leaves cont on p 6.
list for the Library’s 50th Anniversary observance on Mar. 20 and providing ideas for the event. We’ll also help with publicity and identifying potential sponsors.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

It’s the most wonderful time of the year! 2018 is coming to a close, and the Maverick Friends are already planning for a great start to the bright New Year.

We celebrated the end of the year with our Christmas dinner for staff and Friends held on Dec. 3 at Viola’s Ventanas in honor and appreciation of all the hard work done to help the library. Our group is so thankful for the support we get from our extended members and wonderful branch staff, and we were glad to have an opportunity to treat everyone for all they do.

There were many fun events at Maverick in November and December, including a Gerald and Piggie performance for the children, Christmas tree decorating as well as a harp and violin performance. Throughout all of these, the Friends bought refreshments, ornaments, and other supplies. We had great turnout and participation.

We’re already looking forward to our 2019 Spring Book Sale. It’s great to see community members and fellow book lovers coming together to support the library. Our sale will be on Mar. 30–31 from 10–4. We’ll offer books, special editions, DVDs, CDs, and more, and all of your purchases will help support the Maverick Branch Library. In the past, the money we raised from this event helped buy outdoor benches, storage or display cases, and so much more.

Thinking of joining the Maverick friends? Stop by our next meeting Jan. 8 at 7 p.m.

Amanda Dickinson

McCReless

Our Monday, Jan. 7, meeting will be convened at 6 p.m. by President Jill Zimmerman. She has agreed to serve in 2019 along with Vice President Christel Villarreal, Secretary Bernadette Navarro, and Treasurer Mary Gallagher. Jill is currently on the FOSAPL board nominating committee. She has been a member of that board for several years and is standing for re-election. You know Christel if you visit the BookCellar on Wednesdays where she is a regular volunteer. Bernadette has been a faithful volunteer for our book sales since joining McCReless Friends in 2016, and Mary Gallagher has served as our Treasurer for many years. Lucy Duncan has retired from the position of Secretary after serving for the past five years, but she continues to be a mainstay for our book sales. In addition to being an important part of the crew for each set-up, sale and take-down, she frequently volunteers (along with Chris-tel) to sort and box donations that come in to our branch between sales.

Just a few unsold items were stored from our last book and media sale as we are determined to have fresh stock for our next sale, probably in March (date TBA—stay tuned). We are exploring the possibility of accepting credit cards at that sale. Volunteers and new members are always welcome!

Bring your ideas to the Jan. 7 meeting as we look forward to another successful year of activities.

Paula Massengale

Memorial

Memorial Branch Library Amigos offered each voter in the recent election one item free of charge from the book sale shelves as a thank you for voting. The line for voting passed by those shelves, so voters had a good opportunity to peruse the shelves while waiting. Not only was this successful in terms of goodwill, it also generated sales and donations. Now it is our turn to thank those voters for their generous support!

The next meeting of the Memorial Branch “Amigos” will be Sunday, Jan. 6, at 3.

Angela Ehrenfried

Mission

The next meeting of the Friends of Mission Branch will be on Thursday evening, March 28 at 6:30. Hope to see you then!

Parman

The Friends of the Parman Library Book Sale was a success. We had a crowd waiting at the door on opening day and a steady stream of shoppers. Other events sponsored by the Friends of Parman included our National Night Out, The Spooky Walk & Halloween Carnival, and The Winter Walk of Lights. Our reusable shopping bags were released in November, and they are on sale for $4. The Parman Friends meet on the second Sat. of every other month; we will meet Jan. 12 at 10:15.

Maggie Konopa

Schaefer

The next meeting of the Friends of the Schaefer Branch will be on Sat., Feb. 9, from 11–noon. Please join us to help plan the activities for the next year.

Semmes

The Friends of Semmes will be meeting Jan. 2 at 10:30 to discuss the future of the group and hold an election. We need a new president and vice president; we have volunteers for the treasurer and secretary offices. The office of president doesn’t require a lot of time, but without a president we’ll have to close down the group and give up $4,000 + a year that we earn for our branch. Our next book sale will be Feb. 2 with a preview for members of FOSAPL Feb. 1, 10–11:30.

Judy Wilson

Texana/Genealogy

The Friends of the Texana/Genealogy Dept. met Oct. 13 and approved funding requests of Heather Ferguson, the department manager, which included an amount for programming supplies, book trucks for project-based needs (for staff to use in smaller spaces), framing of two large maps, transcription supplies, an honorarium for a guest speaker, and the cost of digitizing funeral programs. New officers were elected at this meeting, and they are: Jacob Sherman, President; Lee Grant, Vice President; Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Treasurer; and Laura Canna, Secretary. Frank and Linda Faulkner (who formerly served as President and Secretary) will serve as Membership and Programs co-chairs. The next meeting of the group will be Saturday, Jan. 26, at 10; we hope to see you there!

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks held our second book sale of the year Dec. 1, and we were pleased with the outcome from both sales as well as from our Book Nook, which is almost like having a third sale. We added some enhancements to the sale event with some craft items as well as several books specially selected for the sale with a theme such as a cook book with kitchen utensils attached and a children’s book with a toy animal attached, selling them as a gift package. We

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Life Members

Kim Cauthon

Thank you to the “Life” Friends for their member-“friend”-ship. Current Life members are listed below. Please email Membership Secretary Kim Cauthon at fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com, if there are errors or omissions, and the corrections will be made.

When the Friends learn that a Life member has passed away, a donation of $100 is sent to the San Antonio Public Library for purchase of books in memory of that Friend. All notifications of death are researched on the Internet to locate an Obituary to verify the death when possible.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams
Charles Adkisson
Laura Albrecht Davis
Dr. Felix D. Almaraz Jr.
Elizabeth Alves
Mr. & Mrs. M. L. Alwais
Linda Arronge
Blanche M Ashbrook
Ms. Jessie Bailey
Karen Baker
Mrs. Karen Balcom
Denise M. Barlow
Adrienne P Becnel
Dr. George W. Beddingfield
Charles & Virginia Bowden
Alethea Bugg
Susannah Carroll
Kim & David Cauthon
Charles & Nancy Cheever Jr.
Christine Chemell
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Dr. Betty Child
Mary F. Clee
Evelyn Cooper
Danee Crouch
Robert C. Cruise
Rachel Cywinski
Dr. Jacqueline O. Dansby
C. Robert Daubert
Jane Bowles & Frank Daunt
Ralph & Meg Domas
Craig and Pat Donegan
Deborah Douglas
Mark Drogin, MD
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Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Gorman
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Brazos V. Guido
Thomas L. Guido
Robert E Harris
Jack Hebdon
Carah Helwig
Barbara Higdon
Stacey Lynn Hill
J.C. Hollimon II
Marcie Ince
Isabel Y. Jennings
Robert L. & Elizabeth Jones
Betty & Bob Kelso
Yolanda Kirkpatrick
Richard Kleberg III
Graham & Anne Knight
Jade Lamb
Jonathan Lamb
Richard J. Lamb
David Liserio
Mrs. Robert M. Luby
Alice Ann Lynch
Dr. Daniel E. Macias
Paula Massengale
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mathews
Karen Matson
Caroline Matthews
Mrs. Mary Womack McAfee
Martha McCabe
Mr. & Mrs. John McCamish
Kathleen M. McCloskey
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John & Judy Mumma
Alicia G. Muniz
Josephine P. Myler
Linda Child Nairn
John E. Newman Jr.
Ronald K. Obadal
Susan Oppenheimer
David Oppenheimer
William A. Parker
Donna Perez
Mary Philip
Michael Phillips
Elizabeth D. Podesta
Joy G. Price
Fonzie Quance-Fitch
B. Wayne & Sue Ratliff
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Jane Schaefer
Sam Schaefer
Dona Schenker
Kathleen Schock
Scottish F.M. Rite
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Elizabeth Sellers
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Dr. & Mrs. A. Severance
Larry Sheerin
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Conrad Sterrett
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Jean Van Nest
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Patsy Warneke
Nancy West
Lucie Jean Whitehead Bourne
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Mike Koets & Nceia Wolff
Junette Kirkham Woller
Virginia Y. Wong
Lori Wright
I-Tien Yeh
Sylvia Zamarripa
Betty D Zinn
Happy New Year!

The Library is looking forward to an active and productive year serving our community. I would like to thank the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) for all of the support you provide throughout the year and your partnership that allows us to be successful.

This past year has been full of significant accomplishments for SAPL including key advancements in technology. The IT Roadmap, the first of its kind at a library and guided by community input, was created to inform and empower SAPL efforts to improve the customer experience, advance digital literacy, and narrow the digital divide in Bexar County. The IT Roadmap will also ensure that SAPL continues to operate as a 21st century library and deliver leading edge services in the ever-evolving technology landscape.

The planning phase of the voter-approved 2017–2022 Bond Program has been initiated. As part of the planning process, SAPL is providing opportunities for the public to participate in obtaining community input to ensure the outcomes of each SAPL bond project meets the needs of the community. Flexible and inviting SAPL facilities are essential to delivering technology resources and other library services to the public, which is why we are so excited about upcoming improvements at four SAPL branches and Central Library. In late 2018, we heard from communities at Memorial and McCreless Branch Libraries. The first two meetings this year are scheduled at Forest Hills Branch on January 19 and Las Palmas Branch on February 16 from 10 to noon. Public participation is critical to ensuring the project outcomes reflect the expectations of the communities we serve. We appreciate your help in spreading the word to your friends, families, and neighborhoods. Information about Bond meetings is available on the SAPL’s Facebook page and website. Additional information will be provided as we get closer to the event dates.

Also in January is a significant and timely program series—Learn & Remember: The Holocaust. This year’s observance will include programs available across several Library locations throughout the month of January that are focused on the theme of resistance. I encourage you to join us by participating in these programs that enlighten the community, promote tolerance, and encourage acceptance within our communities, which is the purpose of Learn & Remember. Please visit mysapl.org for dates and times.

In closing, I want to thank you again for your continued support. Your contributions of time, talent, and resources are greatly appreciated by our staff and the entire community.

Our team will continue to share more information with you about SAPL events and projects at your monthly meetings throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Ramiro S. Salazar
San Antonio Public Library Director

From the Library Director

Holocaust: Learn & Remember

The San Antonio Public Library, along with The Holocaust Museum and the Jewish Community Center, is preparing for the 7th annual Holocaust Learn & Remember: Resistance program that will take place through the month of January 2019, and invites the public to take part in the numerous planned programs.

Programming throughout the month will include an opening reception January 7 at the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (12500 N.W. Military Highway). On January 7 and 14, Dr. Roger C. Barnes, chair of the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice at the University of the Incarnate Word, will present “Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto” at Thousand Oaks Branch Library (4618 Thousand Oaks Dr.). On January 18, Dr. Jason Johnson, professor of Modern European History at Trinity University, will host a lecture “Standing Up: German Resistance to Nazism” at Tobin Branch Library and at Forest Hills Branch Library on February 2.

“Brandibar, UTSA Opera on the Run” will take place January 21 at the Harry & Jeannette Weinberg Campus of the Jewish Community Center, 12500 N.W. Military Highway. And, on January 28, the public is invited to attend “Recovered Voices” at Central Library (600 Soledad). This program, given by soprano Kristina Bachrach and pianist Daniel Anastasio, aims to spread knowledge of these brilliant unknown composers, whose stunning music is the key to their rediscovery.

In addition, an exhibit will be hosted at the Central Library Gallery throughout the month. This year’s exhibit is titled “Besa: A Code of Honor Muslim Albanians Who Rescued Jews During the Holocaust.” Albania, the only European country with a Muslim majority, succeeded in the place where other European nations failed. The remarkable assistance afforded to the Jews by this community was grounded in Besa, a code of honor, which still today serves as the highest ethical code in the country.

Holocaust Remembrance urges all of us to honor the memory of Holocaust victims, and encourages the development of educational programs about Holocaust history to help prevent future acts of genocide. International Holocaust Remembrance Day, an international memorial day for the victims of the Holocaust is January 27. This is significant because this is the date, in 1945, when the largest Nazi death camp (Auschwitz-Birkenau), was liberated by Soviet troops.

Visit mysapl.org, HMMSA.org or learnandremember.org for a complete calendar of events.

Time to Renew Your “Friend”ship

Kim Cauthon

Thank you to the Friends who have renewed their member-”friend”-ship. If you have not renewed yet, please mail your renewal in an envelope with your payment or go online (https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-membership) to renew using PayPal or your credit card.

The branch Friends that increases its membership between Sept. 1 to Jan. 15 by the largest percentage will be awarded $50, second-largest will get $25, and the third-largest increase will get $10. Awards will be presented at the Jan. 27 annual meeting. Everyone who joins or renews for 2019 will receive an acknowledgement postcard or email.
also displayed some other items with a hobby or craft interest. A few members also contributed some baked goods for sale. All contributed to a successful and fun sale.

Our small group of Friends has worked at being a Friend to Thousand Oaks throughout the year by helping with funds as well as active participation in library events. We participated in a “re-open the door” party after a closure early in the year for renovations and a Harry Potter-theme party for tweens. The big hit at that event was the color-changing punch. We also helped the children’s librarian with treats for Halloween. It was fun seeing the kids in their costumes for the occasion.

We participated in the District 10 Mayor’s Book Club event, which has a Military theme this year, in early December and celebrated with our group of THO Friends with a luncheon during the holidays.

The Friends of the Thousand Oaks branch are meeting on the third Thursday of every month: the next meeting will be on Jan. 17, at 12:30.

Pat Howell

Tobin Library at Oakwell

In January, a new program, Toddler Two, will begin on Wednesdays for tots ages 24−36 months. The popular Toddler Time will continue for toddlers 16−24 months.

For the adults, we will have our monthly Cosplay Confab with LOCASA Jan. 5, our monthly Tobin Writers meeting Jan. 12; and you can learn Russian every Sunday at 10!

After-School Fun Time is expanding with a partnership with San Antonio Food Bank. Healthy snacks will be served on school days during this program held from 3:45−4:45. Prior to this partnership, the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell were helping to fund these snacks.

Several programs are being held for the Holocaust: Learn and Remember series. Jason Johnson, Ph.D., a professor of modern European history at Trinity University, who currently serves as the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio’s Distinguished Scholar in Residence, will lecture on investigations into the main cases of resistance within Germany to the Nazi regime, Jan. 18.

On Feb. 5, HMMSA Collections and Programs Manager Kristin Hernandez will share basic preservation information and practical advice for caring for personal objects, such as photos, documents, and textiles, with a presentation and lecture.

Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell will have a General Membership meeting on Thursday, Feb. 7, at 6:30. Our Spring Book Sale will be Mar. 29 and 30.

Tracey Knouse

Las Palmas Christmas tree lighting

The Friends of the Parman Library book sale was a success.

Bazan Halloween party

Attention All Branch Friends Treasurers!

Two recent additions to the Friends’ Standing Rule 5D were approved by the board. One emphasizes the importance of prompt submission of the “Report of Funds Deposited” reports, and the other notes that reimbursement checks must be promptly redeemed by each recipient. Language added to Rule 5D is as follows:

Deposits that have not been reported to the FOSAPL Treasurer by a branch group, or “claimed” after notification has been given to all branches, shall be considered part of the FOSAPL general fund after four months. A branch group that has not reported or claimed the deposit within four months of it being listed on the bank statement will permanently forfeit that revenue.

Checks that the Treasurer has issued to Friends as reimbursements for purchases, etc., that have not been cashed within four months of issuance will be cancelled. Persons who have failed to cash a reimbursement check within four months of its issuance will forfeit any reimbursement funds and will be notified of such by the FOSAPL Treasurer.

Questions about these additions to Standing Rule 5D may be directed to Linda Cheatum, FOSAPL Treasurer, at cheatli@yahoo.com.
# FOSAPL Budget for 2019

Approved by FOSAPL Board on Nov. 18, 2018

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| **EXPENSES, FOSAPL** |  |
| Arts & Letters Program | 1,000 | Plaques, musician, reception expenses |
| Bank chrgs, PayPal & Square fees | 275 | Expected to increase w/online membership increase |
| Board expenses | 200 | Refreshments: $75 for Annual meeting, and $25 each for 5 other board meetings in 2019 |
| Br. Officers Workshop(s) | 600 | Topic(s) to be determined |
| Contract–Accounting | 7,500 | Accounting, tax return preparation, quarterly payroll tax report prep. |
| Insurance–FOSAPL Bd. | 1,200 | Prof. liability & accident, for FOSAPL & Board |
| Membership Recruit. | 1,500 | NPR spots, membership envelopes |
| Newsletter Expenses | 3,900 | SAPLings Editor fees, PC Creative mailing service |
| Office Supplies | 450 | Checks, envelopes, printer ink for officers |
| Postage | 700 | Bulk Mail Permit, PO Box, mailings by Treasurer |
| President’s Expenses | 150 | Mileage reimbursement, possible attendance at TLA conf in Austin (4/15-4/18/19) |
| Website Maintenance | 750 | Webmaster contract, monthly fees for domain name |
| **Total EXPENSES, FOSAPL** | **$93,145** |  |

| **EXPENSES, BookCellar** |  |
| Advertising | 150 | Business cards, etc. |
| Insurance -BookCellar | 1,000 | Liability & accident, for volunteers & manager |
| Commodities for resale | 2,900 | Tote bags, water & sodas sold in BookCellar |
| Equip. & Maintenance | 600 | New cash register, repair a dolly, lock for file cabinet |
| Payroll Tax | 1,239 | 7.65% of anticipated salary for 2019 |
| Salary - BkClr Manager | 16,131 | Proposed amount for 2019 calculated as $14/hr [22.5 hrs/wk] from Jan–June, and $14.50/hr from July–Dec; includes possible bonus |
| Supplies | 900 | Supplies for marking books, book sales |
| Volunteer Appreciation | 2,000 | Annual luncheon for volunteers, aprons & service hr.patches |
| **LIBRARY SUPPORT** | 50,000 | Donation to SAPL for system-wide programming, marketing, staff development, etc. |
| **Total** | **$93,145** |  |
Happy New Year from all the volunteers at the BookCellar. Volunteers who sort books, box books, shelve books, price books, check out books at the register, assist patrons in locating books, and continually organize the books on the shelves really work together as a team. The BookCellar is a great place to volunteer!

News About Volunteers

Four of our volunteers recently passed away, Thelma Stewart, Ira Lott (84), Dorothy Papa (92), and Adele Strelchun.

Thelma Stewart passed away in July. Thelma started in the BookCellar in February 2011, volunteering as the Saturday cashier; she worked approximately five years before retiring.

Ira Lott volunteered during the 3–7 p.m. shift on Thursdays. His job was to clean, check, categorize, and price all incoming music CDs. He loved jazz and classical music.

Dorothy Papa was the “mark-up lady;” using the computer, she would price donated books for the market value to be sold in the BookCellar. She volunteered on Saturdays for 20 years.

Adele Strelchun volunteered on Wednesdays from 2014 into 2016 until she retired from the BookCellar due to declining health.

Each will be missed for their talents and contributions to the BookCellar; and for just being kind persons.

In other news Cindy Conley has replaced Richard Morales as chairperson for the BookCellar committee. Richard ended his tenure of two two-year terms of leadership of the committee this December. Richard was at the BookCellar almost every day assisting patrons and volunteers. He has been a volunteer for 15 years. He became a volunteer to give back to his community and to be around books—his passion. In his four years as chairperson, the committee has been very effective in communicating with the FOSAPL board and the BC volunteers. He thinks one of the best things the committee did was to hire our present manager Andrea Mason.

Special Note

The BookCellar committee is a standing committee of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. The committee is directly responsible to the President and the board of directors for the committee’s supervision and management of the Friend’s BookCellar bookstore.

Sales

The 2/25¢ adult paperback fiction novels will continue through January. Also in January, regularly priced juvenile and adult biographies will be 50% off. Regularly priced adult 300s will be 50¢ each or 3/$1, and adult large-print books will be 50¢ each or 3/$1.

Patrons must buy multiples of three to get the lowest price. (Sales info provided by Andrea Mason, BookCellar manager.)

As the winter weather gets colder and wetter, remember your public libraries are open every day when you get “cabin fever.” Come by for a visit, relax, and read.

Also remember to send the Friends newsletter to your “non-Friends.” Thanks for doing so.

www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA
CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Jan. 2  Semmes Friends meeting, 10:30
Jan. 7  McCreless Friends meeting
Jan. 8  Maverick Friends meeting, 7 p.m.
Jan. 13  Encino Friends meeting
Jan. 19  Las Palmas Dream Week speaker Anna Vasquez
Jan. 25–26  Landa book sale
Jan. 27  FOSAPL Annual Meeting, Central Library, 2 p.m.
Feb. 1–2  Semmes Friends book sale, Feb. 1 (10–11:30 preview sale), Feb. 2 (10–5)
Feb. 7  Tobin Library at Oakwell Friends meeting
Feb. 9–10  Igo Friends book sale
Feb. 16  Public Meeting for the pending renovation of Las Palmas Branch Library, 10–12
Mar. 23  Encino Spring book sale & craft fair
Mar. 23  Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 1 p.m.
Mar. 29–30  Tobin Library at Oakwell Friends book sale
Mar. 30–31  Maverick Friends book sale

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