



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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From the President



Dear Friends,

This edition is going to be a potpourri of items. There is a lot going on at the library!

Please keep our library staff in your good thoughts—Summer Reading is in full swing, and they are *busy*. Don't forget to take your kids, nieces, nephews, neighbors, and YOURSELVES to sign up for the program. That's right, once again the San Antonio Public Library is offering a Summer Reading program for adults, and there are prizes to be won and an end-of-Summer-Reading party for adults. For more information, go to www.mysapl.org or ask at any library location.

Because people are always asking what the Friends of the Library do, remember that Summer Reading is one of the most valuable programs we sponsor. It gives busy parents opportunities for free activities for their children. It attracts new patrons to the library. Perhaps most important, it keeps children reading over the summer while they're not in school. Studies have shown that students can lose as much as one full grade level of reading skills during the summer holidays. And finally, Summer Reading gives kids a chance to see that reading isn't all studying and homework. It can actually be fun.

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."

On July 4, we celebrate the independence of our country. Let's remember the importance of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. More, let's remember that libraries are on the front line of protecting freedom of the press, as embodied in the free access to information that public libraries provide. Libraries are among the most patriotic of our nation's institutions. Happy Independence Day!

In that connection, please remember that City Council will soon take up the Fiscal Year 2020 budget. Your support will be needed to help the library achieve the funding it needs. Please contact your City Council representative to express the importance of the library and the necessity to fund it appropriately. Democracy in action!

I am proud to share the news that San Antonio Public Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** has been elected President of the Public Library Association! His term will run 2019–2020, after which he will serve as Past President for 2020–2021. Congratulations, Ramiro—we're all proud of you!

And finally, FOSAPL couldn't do what we do without you. Thank you for loving and supporting the public library. What you do is truly valuable to the community.

Beth Graham

"Google can bring you back 100,000 answers. A librarian can bring you back the right one." – Neil Gaiman

Save the Date!

Mark your calendars now for the **FOSAPL Membership Workshop** on **Sunday, September 22**, from 1–4, at the Central Library Auditorium.

Members from the branch Friends will have an opportunity to interact in round-table discussions on advocacy techniques, community grassroots partnerships, fundraising, and other areas of shared interest. A guest speaker from a non-profit group will share information about membership recruitment, retention, and activities.

More details to follow but plan now to attend. [Please RSVP \(required\) at this link.](#)

Friends of San Antonio Public Library seek nominations for Arts & Letters Awards

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library are now accepting nominations for their annual **Arts & Letters awards**, recognizing San Antonians who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of the arts and literature, including the visual arts, dramatic arts, musical arts, and any genre of the written arts, and journalism. Deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, August 1**, and nominations may be submitted online at <https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-arts--letters-awards-form> or you can print out a [PDF of the form](#) and submit by mail to Arts & Letters Awards, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, Texas 78246. Nominees must have a significant body of work demonstrating continued excellence in their specific genres and continued commitment to the arts in San Antonio and must have demonstrated a commitment to the greater San Antonio community. Anyone may make a nomination.

The Friends of the Library Arts & Letters Awards were first presented in 1972 to "recognize and celebrate achievement by individuals who have demonstrated outstanding accomplishments in the arts and letters." The list of nearly 100 past honorees includes "artists, writers, musicians, educators, community leaders, and entertainers whose dedication and devotion to their chosen fields

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Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 19, 2019 | Forest Hills Branch Library
Submitted by *Elizabeth Alves, Secretary*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, May 19, 2019, at the Forest Hills Branch Library. President **Beth Graham** called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Secretary **Liz Alves** called the roll and said that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Beth Graham, Liz Alves, Kim Cauthon, Kathy Bee, Elena Brickman, Jose Duran, Susan Durrett, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Pat Peak, Veronica Rouse, Betty Walters, Sandra Wilkinson, Sylvia Zamarippa, and Jill Zimmerman.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance include **Juspreet Kaur**, Library Trustee, and **Dale McNeill**, Assistant Library Director for Public Service

Approval of Minutes: **Sylvia Zamarippa** moved that the minutes of the March 17, 2019, meeting be approved. **Jose Duran** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

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

Treasurer's Report: **Kim Cauthon** presented the Treasurer's Report on behalf of **Linda Cheatum**. **Betty Walters** moved that the report be approved. **Pat Peak** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Board of Trustees: **Juspreet Kaur** reported on the ongoing city budget process and noted that it is very important for each of us to express the need for dollars for

the library, and to remind the Mayor and Council members that it is important to support the library. Juspreet announced that **Jo Ann Harris** had been selected as the new library trustee for District 2 due to the passing of **Gloria Malone**.

Library Administration: Assistant Library Director **Dale McNeill** reported that the Fiscal Year 2020 city budget would be adopted by City Council on Thursday, September 12. It was also noted that 50 years ago, three library branches opened on the same day: Las Palmas, Pan American, and Tobin. Tobin's 50th anniversary celebration will be Saturday, June 15.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: **Liz Alves** mentioned that the 2019 Book Festival was a great success. Attendance was estimated at 18,000, with more than 100 authors and 80 presentations. The date for the 2020 Book Festival will be Saturday, April 4. The Valero Corporation gave approval for the Foundation to apply for grants for three library branches for \$75,000 and for a \$100,000 grant for Family Connect at the Central Library. Meetings are in progress with Spurs Sports and Entertainment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BookCellar Committee: **Beth Graham** reported on behalf of **Cindy Conley**, who was out of town. The BookCellar's gross income through April 30 was \$31,705.87, and the donation box through April 30 totaled \$303. The BookCellar continues to be in need of volunteers to sign up.

Membership Committee: **Kim Cauthon** introduced **Barbara Morrow** as the new Membership Chair. Barbara

reported that membership sits at 728, with 244 expired members. A membership recruitment workshop has been scheduled for Sunday, September 22, at the Central Library. Updates will continue regarding time and speakers for this workshop.

Arts and Letters Awards: **John Costello** reported that the awards ceremony would be held on Sunday, November 3, at 2:00 p.m. at the Central Library. It was noted that the first committee meeting had been held on Wednesday, May 22. The committee will be revising the judging criteria to provide more flexibility in recognizing educators who influence the arts.

Financial Review Committee: **Beth Graham** reported the committee would begin meeting the second week of June, and a report will be submitted to the board at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consider amendment of Standing Rule 6D(2), Website Committee, to add the following verbiage (original Standing Rule in black, amendment in blue):

The Website Committee shall consist of at least five members, to include an officer, a member of the Newsletter Committee, and three (3) other members appointed by the Board of Directors. **The Chair will be appointed by the President, annually.** The purpose of the Website Committee shall be to facilitate the electronic communication

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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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Beth Graham President
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BOARD MEMBERS

2018–2020 Term:

Kathy Bee • Barbara Chavez • Shirley Coleman • Jose Duran • Delores Huber • Linda Janney • Mary McAfee • David Parsons • Rowena Rodgers • Veronica Rouse • Ann Springer • Cheryl Whelan • Sandra Wilkinson • Sylvia Zamarippa

2019–2021 Term:

Terrence Alley • Elena Brickman • Monica Brite • Susan Durrett • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Pat Peak • Delia Trimble • Betty Walters • Jill Zimmerman

SAPLINGS

Managing EditorAlana 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 with photos as large as possible emailed to saplingseditor@gmail.com.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

tasks of a Webmaster, whose compensation shall be authorized annually as part of the annual FOSAPL budget. **The Webmaster shall be an *ad hoc* member of the committee.** The Website Committee shall be responsible for directing and approving both the content and style presented by the FOSAPL web presence.

Barbara Morrow moved that the amendment be approved as proposed. **Sandra Wilkinson** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

- Consider amendment of Standing Rule 6D(3), Newsletter Committee, to add the following verbiage (original Standing Rule in black, amendment in blue):

The Newsletter committee is responsible for selecting an editor or editors, paid and volunteer editorial staff, the timely assembly of news items, including official notices, general information, news of Branch Friends or other support groups, and the editing, publishing, and distribution of a newsletter. When possible, the President should receive a pre-publication draft of the newsletter.

In addition, the committee will monitor the newsletter for accuracy and quality of content; contribute written articles and photographs; assist the newsletter editor as requested; and ensure that financial information is reported to the FOSAPL membership on an annual basis.

Prior to development of the annual FOSAPL budget, the committee may recommend that the board include additional recompense for the editor and/or additional funds for printing and mail-

ing, if such requests can be justified.

Committee Chair and Members: The committee shall be composed of at least three members, of which two will be members of the FOSAPL Board. The Newsletter Editor and the FOSAPL President are *ad hoc* members. The chair will be appointed by the president, annually.

Jose Duran moved that the amendment be approved as proposed. **Jill Zimmerman** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

Beth Graham extended a thank you to the Friends of the Forest Hills Branch Library for the refreshments.

Adjournment

Beth Graham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Jose Duran** made the motion, and **Veronica Rouse** seconded. The motion passed without discussion or opposition at 3:00 p.m.



Bazan

We held a Summer Kick-Off celebration on June 3 for the summer reading program that was attended by more than 40 children and parents. The children were entertained by “Pandorfus” the Clown who did face-painting, balloon sculptures, and paper crafts. Bazan Friends provided refreshments, and everyone in attendance was registered for the Summer Reading Program.

Bazan Friends met to plan activities for the next three months. We are still working out the details on the events that will include a book sale and the celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month.

Gloria Almaraz

Brook Hollow

Two months ago, Brook Hollow’s Pretend & Play Market went from being a grocery store (complete with empty boxes of crackers, cereal, etc.) to a flower shop. Last month it transitioned to a “Pet Vet” with various medical tools and supplies (including stethoscopes and band aids) as well as stuffed cats and dogs needing treatment. The Market is currently in the process of becoming the Control Center for a spaceship that will take children “Over the Moon” during the Summer Reading Program! Thanks to the creative staff at Brook Hollow, the Pretend and Play Market has provided countless hours of fun (and education) to children of all ages.

Brook Hollow is preparing for an “Over the Moon” Summer Reading program. Last

week Library Assistant **Jennifer Olivarez** was creating a rocket out of cardboard. I look forward to seeing the finished product this week. The Brook Hollow Friends helped to fund a number of activities this summer including a Kick-Off Party on June 11 featuring **Tom Kinsey** (a Texas Master Naturalist) and his “critters!” Additional events include Magician **Richard Blake** on June 18; “Galaxy Night” for Teens (watching “Guardians of the Galaxy,” eating ice pops, and making nebula jars and galaxy magnets) on June 26.

Future Friends sponsored events include Dinosaur George on Tuesday, July 9; Happy Tails on Tuesday, July 16; and the SummerFest Party on Tuesday, July 30, featuring the Amazing Mr. Pitts (Magician and Ventriloquist!) There will also be a Graphic Novel Book Club for Kids from 4:00-4:45 p.m., on Thursdays, as well as many Come & Go Crafts, Lego Time, Teen Time, and adult crafts. Check the Brook Hollow online calendar for dates and times of these and many more activities.

The Brook Hollow Friends also arranged to purchase two Summer Reading t-shirts for each staff member and plans to provide lunch for them on some or all of the Tuesdays on which there are special programs.

The Brook Hollow Staff is amazing—they’re all friendly and knowledgeable and work together as a team under the guidance of Branch Manager **Heidi Novotny**. We were sorry to see **Caroline Mossier** leave effective April 30 to start a new job in CA, and **Jenny Borrero** began maternity leave on June 7. The Brook Hollow Friends hosted an Appreciation Dinner for the Brook Hollow staff and Library supporters on June 13 at the Alamo Cafe.

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Fine-free Check-outs on Materials for Children & Teens

Overdue fines will be waived on all materials classified as **juvenile** or **young adult** that are returned after June 3, 2019. *(This does not include fees for lost or damaged items).*

This is a pilot program.

Questions? Ask a staff member or visit guides.mysapl.org/fine-freepilotprogram.

All Brook Hollow Friends were invited.

Pat Finley

Carver

School is out, and Carver Branch has partnered with San Antonio Food Bank to host the Summer Lunch Program, which allows children in the community to have a lunch during the summer. Many children come from impoverished households and need a guaranteed lunch when school is out. San Antonio Food Bank and Carver Branch are stepping up to the plate—no child should go hungry.

Carver is also participating in the Over the Moon Program in which kids, teens, and adults read a certain number of books to earn a Certificate of Completion and free books and prizes of their choice. This is a great opportunity to increase readership and literacy in the community.

Last month, the 4th Annual Pan-African Festival, sponsored by Ma'at Marketing, was held at Carver Branch Library. Hundreds of people attended to participate in panel conversations, cultural education, local vendors, and great food.

Monica Brite

Encino

The Encino Friends helped Teens & Tweens get through the past couple of months by supplying them with materials for “Teen Time” & “Tweens Create” events. Younger children made a special Mother’s Day Craft right before the big day for Mom!

In April, the Encino Friends purchased and installed new, permanent book shelves for the ongoing Used Book Sale. They are filled with gently used books of all genres ready for purchase.

The Encino Branch kicked off the Summer Reading Program on June 8 with lots of fun activities for children of all ages. Encino Friends volunteers were on hand to help with the event and recruit new members.

A Cosplay Leatherworking Class is planned for Sunday, July 28, as part of a six-part series on all things Cosplay.

The next meeting of the Encino Friends is scheduled for Sunday, August 25, where plans will be underway for the Fall Used Book Sale. The Bexar County Master Gardeners will be selling plants at the sale which will be on Saturday, October 12, from 10–4.

Liana Benavides

Igo

In the month of July, the weather won’t be the only thing that’s hot. The San Antonio Public Library’s Summer Reading Program (SRP) will be in full swing. We have SRP programs for kids, teens, and adults. Completion of Summer Reading gets the participant more than just bragging rights. There are some really cool prizes as well. Adults and teens can also complete entries by attending programs or reading to kids. If you haven’t signed up, there’s still plenty of time to finish. Our end of summer party will feature a Harry Potter inspired free event on July 27. Attendees will be sorted into their houses, make wands, and attend classes such as Potions and Care of Magical Creatures.

As part of SRP, Igo library will have two performances of *Jack and the Beanstalk* by Magic Theater. These will be at 2 and 4 p.m. on July 11. Throughout the summer Igo will also offer chess classes (1st and 3rd Mondays), a Chi-

nese Language Club (Tuesday afternoons), Kids Time (Thursday afternoons), as well as our regular Tuesday and Thursday morning children’s programs.

Igo Teens will have a Tokyo Night (Tokyo-themed movie and crafts), a Galaxy Night (space-themed movie and crafts), D&D, and an opportunity to make a book safe, plus plenty of other fun activities.

For adults, we have a number of book clubs. Dollars and Sense (first Saturday of the month) is a club that discusses the economy, industries, and investments. The Igo Mystery Book Club (first Wednesday of each month) is one of our biggest and most active groups. Club de Lectura (fourth Friday of the month) is a Spanish book club. The Igo Elderberries is a group for seniors that meets on the first Thursday of every month to discuss a variety of topics, often with local appeal. We offer Yoga every Friday at 10:30 a.m. For music aficionados, there’s our ukulele club. On Sundays, we have Writer’s Block and the Igo Stitchery.

The Friends of the Igo Library book sale will take place during the last weekend in July. This will be one of the largest sales yet. We can’t wait to see you here to snatch up some wonderful bargains.

There will be a short break in Children’s programming in August, but kids can still turn in their Summer Reading logs until the end of the month. Adult and Teen Summer Reading both end on July 31.

The monthly Friends meeting will not be held in July or August. We would love to see you at our next meeting, September 14, at 10:30.

Until then, we hope to see you at the library.

Al Rakus

Las Palmas

On May 29, the Las Palmas Library had a great “Over the Moon” kickoff for the Summer Reading Program (SRP). To support the event, Friends did some publicity that also included visiting organizations and programs in the area, provided snacks and a space/galaxy themed cake, and bought gift cards so the Librarians could purchase needed supplies.

In addition to the special programs scheduled by the Library for the SRP in June, Friends have coordinated with Librarians to fund the following activities: July 1—Fiesta Farms; July 15—Happy Tails; July 22—Tom Kinsey, nature program; and July 31—Jolly Joey’s Clowns for face painting and balloon sculptures at SRP finale, Summer Fest.

The Edgewood ISD community office has invited Friends to participate in their Back to School Fair on August 3. We’ll work with Library staff on that opportunity to promote relevant Library resources like Online Homework Help, Learning Express Library, Research Databases, etc.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Ah, the lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer are finally here, and the Maverick Friends are beating the heat while staying busy.

On June 1, we helped support the children’s summer reading kickoff. We had a blast with more than 120 visitors stopping by. Our Friends provided the refreshments, balloon artists, napkins, and tablecloths for the event. A huge thank you to all of our Friends who helped—**Jody, Yvonne, Roe, Chris, Amanda,** and

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Sue. We also helped cover the costs for visits from our furry friends, Happy Tails, on June 12, and the magician, Spikey Mikey, on June 26.

During Summer Reading 2019, Maverick Teens have plans for four special programs: Galaxy Night, Fright Night, Unicorn Night, and Superhero Night, all of which the Friends will be helping in part to sponsor. Teens will have thematic crafts, special snacks and choose a movie to watch or game to play. On August 6, they will have their end of Summer Reading Party with special games and prizes. And remember, the Maverick's Tweens Only! group will meet on Thursdays from 3:30 to 4:30, beginning June 13. Although we're still in the middle of summer, our group is already looking forward to our fall book sale, which is scheduled for September 21 and 22 from 10–4. Until then, consider donating any new or used books, movies, or CDs to help support the Maverick Library. You can leave any donations with the staff at the circulation desk. Mark your calendars and come on out!

Although we won't be meeting in July, please stop on by our next meeting on August 6 at 7 p.m. and find out how you can help support your local library.

Amanda Dickinson

McCreless

Summertime at McCreless Library is in full swing! The McCreless Friends are ready to fully support all the summer programming.

What's going on at the library and how are McCreless Friends helping? Let me count the ways! On June 22, the Friends group held a book sale. We voted to host three book sales

this year because our branch is slated to be closed for renovations in 2020. We want to have enough funds ready to go when the newly renovated library re-opens. A book sale includes setting up on the day before the sale, staffing the sale, and then breaking down on the day after the sale. The intrepid volunteers of McCreless Friends could use some additional assistance on June 21, 22, and 23, to help with this worthy cause. Proceeds from the book sales allow us to fulfill the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library mission of supporting the programs at the library. We are very lucky to work with the great librarians and staff members of McCreless Branch.

Four gift cards were requested by the library branch manager from the McCreless Friends to support the Children's and Teens programs. The gift cards will go to purchase such supplies as table cloths, paper goods, baggies, etc. There are summer reading programs for all ages. Targeted programs for specific age groups include Summer Kids Time, Tween Time, Children's SummerFest, and Adults Moon Jar program on National Moon Day, Teen Anime club, and Summer Teen Time.

Some of the items purchased with funding from the McCreless Friends: embroidery hoops, tie-dye kit, Perler bead boards, white Perler beads, Mason jars, Modge Podge, canvas panels, an electric tea kettle, gum base, backpacks, flat glass beads, mini glue guns, mini glue gun glue sticks, popcorn machine, and popcorn bags. I don't know what Modge Podge is, but I do know it was put to good use at McCreless Library. The popcorn machine will be used with Lego Time

and Teen Time during the summer and beyond.

Thanks to Librarians **Morgan Yoshimura** and **Marisa DeBow** (AND a McCreless Friends member), Interim Branch Manager **Troy Lawrence**, staff members, and to the active members of McCreless Friends group, we are looking at another successful summer at the library.

Troy Lawrence

Memorial

The Memorial Amigos held a very successful parking fundraiser during Fiesta Oyster Bake during the evenings of April 12 and 13, raising more than \$3,200. Our Book Nook is available during open library hours and has a variety of adult, YA, and children's books and media available for a small fee. Our third-quarter meeting is scheduled for Sunday, August 4, at 3:30 p.m.

Diane Duesterhoeft

Potranco

The Potranco Branch Friends have a board again! We sent an email to our active members to gauge interest in different options for meeting days and times. We are also considering incorporating a remote/web-based option for meeting attendance. We re-started monthly meetings but are reconsidering the frequency of meetings to better accommodate busy schedules. We had a recruitment event at the kick off of the summer reading program on June 1. June also included a recruitment event on the 15th and a meeting on the 18th. Our secretary/treasurer has set up an email address for our Friends—potranco.foapl@gmail.com. This email address is monitored.

Our book cart was reloaded, and we are hoping to plan a

variety of events for the remainder of the year.

Karin Pedersen

Thousand Oaks

Things were really hopping at Thousand Oaks on Saturday, June 1. As usual, our summer book sale was scheduled for the first weekend in June which happened to fall on the opening day for the Summer Reading Program. Several of the Friends volunteered to help the Children's Librarian with the activities she had set up for the children. When things slowed down a little at the book sale, we joined with the parents and kids to make rocket ships to sail out of a straw, guided little hands with paste to glue images to a moon poster, and played with Play Doh disguised as moon mud.

The moms as well as dads and the kids were much more experienced than the Friends with these activities, but everyone seemed to enjoy the projects. More than 70 kids signed up for summer reading as well as a few adults and Lee Ann was pleased with the response.

The book sale was a success also, bringing in slightly more than last summer's sale.

We purchased a Cricut machine for the library last month, and staff members are working on training and planning best uses for their new equipment. We expect a request soon for accessories so everybody can develop their own projects.

Thousand Oaks Manager **Troy Lawrence** is temporarily assigned to McCreless Library. We had a new member come to our May meeting, **Faye Mazey**. She has been active with Friends groups but is new to Thousand Oaks, and she pitched right in to help with

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From the Library

Digital Inclusion Certificate Program

Library patrons now have a new resource with the San Antonio Public Library's free Digital Inclusion Certificate program. This program provides certification to a variety of digital skills paths in the following areas:

- **Computer Basics:** Introduction to computer vocabulary and how to find information online.
- **Connect with Family and Friends:** How to stay in touch with family and friends using digital platforms.
- **Applying for Jobs:** Using the internet to find career opportunities and complete online applications.
- **Build Professional Skills:** Strengthen administrative skills and introduction to Microsoft Word and Excel.

The Library is very excited to showcase this new program and continue efforts as a leading force in bridging the digital divide for the San Antonio community. The Digital Inclusion Certificate program is available to all San Antonio residents at all four Learn at SAPL centers located at the following branch locations: Bazan, Cortez, Carver, and Westfall Branch Libraries.

Activities at Branch Libraries



Carver celebrated the 4th Annual Pan-African Cultural Fest. Las Palmas added a spaceship control center for the SRP. Bazan had face painting for the SRP kickoff, and Brook Hollow added a Flower Shop. See more at friendsofsapl.org.



Getting to Know Your Friends Diane Duesterhoeft

While attending the 30th anniversary celebration for Memorial Library in May 2011, Nancy Gandara asked Diane Duesterhoeft if she would join the Amigos, and once she agreed to join, Nancy asked Diane if she would serve as the Amigos Treasurer. Diane has been the treasurer ever since and has filled in as Secretary on occasion. In January 2017, when the Forest Hills Friends re-grouped, Diane was elected Treasurer of the Forest Hills group as well.



Diane is originally from Minnesota and lived in Wisconsin and Illinois prior to moving to San Antonio in August 1993 to begin her position as a Reference/Instruction Librarian at the Academic Library (now the Louis J. Blume Library) at St. Mary's University. She is still working at the Blume Library. At the university, Diane serves on the Faculty Senate and facilitates the University's Sustainability Committee. She has also been active on the Women's History Month Committee and several search committees. She was a 2010 recipient of the Alice Wright Franzke Feminist Award and a 2019 recipient of the Marianist Heritage Award.

Diane enjoys life-long learning and has taken advantage of the tuition waiver that the university provides to its full-time employees. She earned a third Master's degree in Political Science in 2007. She also completed two semesters of Latin, and most recently two semesters of Koine Greek.

Besides library work, Diane is active in the local community. She has been serving on the Steering Committee of SA Climate Ready, which has been developing the City's Climate Action and Adaptation Path since February 2018. She has also been part of the Eco Exchange Edu Showcase planning committee since 2015.

Diane has been active in leadership at First Unitarian Universalist Church of San Antonio. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the Green Sanctuary Team, which she helped establish in 2009. She has also served as the Co-Chair of the Social Action Committee and the Denominational Connections Committee. She served on the Board for five years and was President of the Board in 2005–2006.

Diane enjoys walking, especially completing non-competitive walks organized by clubs affiliated with America's Walking Club, the American Volkssport Association (ava.org). She is often on the walking trails with her husband Mike and their dogs Buddy and Molly.

2019 Board Meetings All meetings start at 2:00

Date	Library
July 21	Tobin Library at Oakwell
September 15	Westfall
November 17	Johnston
January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting	Central Library

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the book sale and the Summer Reading programs. Our next meeting is scheduled for August 15, but we are planning a social get together in July.

Pat Howell and Pat Peak

Tobin Branch at Oakwell

The Tobin Branch at Oakwell turned 50 on June 15. To celebrate the milestone, the Friends and the library had a party for its patrons, with activities ranging from miniature golf to face painting to story time and pictures with an astronaut. Just in time for the celebration, the Friends unveiled the “Book Nook,” replacing the Book Cart. Installed in the library’s foyer, the six-shelf bookcase more than doubles the previous area for book sales.

The next book sale at the Tobin will be on September 28, with a preview sale for Friends on September 27, 4–6.

John Costello

Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of *By*

Dr. Harold Rodinsky John Stankus
 Leslie Sapadin
 Robert Buchanan

Donation by

DeAnna Brown Judy Freeman
Aundar Ma’at

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have served to enrich the cultural and spiritual life of San Antonio.” Past recipients have included Janette Sebring Lowery (author of children’s classic *The Poky Little Puppy*), architect O’Neil Ford, actor Tommy Lee Jones, dancer/teacher Rosita Fernández, Lyn Belisle, Gini García, Jacques Barzun, Sandra Cisneros, Rick Riordan, Jay Brandon, and Naomi Shihab Nye. In 2018, the honorees were authors Jan Jarboe Russell and John Phillip Santos, poet Laurie Anne Guerrero, and artist Clifton Tinker.

The 2019 Arts & Letters Awards recipients will be honored at a ceremony at the Central Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas 78205, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 3. For more information, or to submit a nomination, go to <http://www.friendsofsapl.org/arts--letters-awards.html>.

BookCellar News

Sandra Wilkinson

The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11–3 every day
plus 3–7 Thursdays
210-227-9519



SALES! SALES! SALES!

Trim this notice from the FOSAPL Newsletter, then use your favorite fridge magnet and place in a very conspicuous place on the fridge.

JULY SPECIALS

History markups and Texana markups will be 1/2 of the lowest sticker price.

Regular-price adult hardback mysteries—books shelved on the mystery shelves and identified as mystery—will be 50¢ each.

Our annual **BACK TO SCHOOL** sale will be a 7-day sale this year, due to the sale’s popularity and our limited inventory. It will begin Saturday, July 27, and end at 3 p.m. on Friday, August 2. If we get substantial donations from retiring teachers, through Facebook solicitations, we will extend the sale through Sunday, August 4, 3 p.m.

AUGUST SPECIALS

Vintage magazines, none priced over \$2, will be offered again. Young adult and adult graphic novels will be 1/2 off the lowest sticker price. Regular-priced, adult 700s will be 50¢ each. All musical scores will be 1/2 off the lowest sticker price.

BookCellar Financial Report:

Gross YTD through 5/22/19 is \$36,752.35. (To help put this in perspective, our Gross YTD through 5/22/18 was \$30,000.65.) The YTD donation box total is \$333. (This information is provided by BC Manager **Andrea Mason**.)

WRITING ABOUT READING:

Here is a new submission about reading:

“I was born in 1937 in San Antonio, Texas. We lived in the back room of our mom and pop grocery near the entrance to Brackenridge Park. I grew up in the store. I was surrounded daily by a visual, virtual classroom of words, pictures, letters, and numbers. My constant teachers were the labels from canned goods, signs, boxtops, and posters, as well as the English and Spanish language-speaking customers who streamed into the store. I COULD READ! When I started first grade, my reading skills astounded everyone. Reading became my lifetime enjoyment and a passport to the future.” — submitted by Yolanda, a member of FOSAPL



Yolanda is on the bicycle in foreground.

To all friends—remember you can “friend” a non-Friend by passing on your copy of *SAPLings*. Also, remember you may submit to Writing about Reading, 50 words more or less to Sandra Wilkinson at wilksan0@aol.com.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- July 21** FOSAPL Board meeting, Tobin Library at Oakwell, 2.
- July 27–Aug. 2 BookCellar “Back to School” Sale (specially for teachers and home-schoolers) 11–3.
- August 1 Deadline for Arts & Letters Nominations.
- August 4 Memorial Amigos meeting, 3:30.
- August 6 Maverick Friends meeting, 7.
- August 15 Thousand Oaks Friends meeting, 12:30.
- August 25 Encino Friends meeting, 2.
- September 14 Igo Friends meeting, 10:30.
- September 15** Friends of the San Antonio Library Board meeting, Westfall, 2.
- September 21–22 Maverick Fall Book Sale, 10–4.
- September 22** FOSAPL Membership Workshop, 1–4, Central Library Auditorium.
- September 27–28 Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale, Friends’ Preview–Sept. 27, 4–6; Sale–Sept. 28.
- November 3** Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony, Central Library Auditorium, 2.

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.

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

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

Memorial Library
3222 Culebra, 78228
210-207-9140

Thousand Oaks Library
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233
210-207-9190

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

Westfall Library
6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
210-207-9220