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## From the President



Dear Friends,

Over the past few months I have been lucky enough to visit Friends groups at many of the branch libraries around town and am even more amazed by and appreciative of all you do to help the San Antonio Public Library offer the community great resources and services. National Volunteer Month is in effect as I write this, and it seems appropriate to let all of you know how much you are appreciated.

Of course we appreciate your membership dues and donations, and we value just as much the work you do at your libraries, from shelving materials, to helping prepare craft supplies for group activities, to holding book sales, to showing library staff how much they are valued. If you are one of our members who has sent in his or her dues but does not attend branch Friends meetings or volunteer at your branch or serve as an officer, please consider adding some of those activities to your list of contributions to the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. Your active participation in branch Friends activities adds value to the contributions you have already made by allowing your library to do that much more for the community.

In that connection, the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library needs to ask some of you to give a little more – some of our branch groups have lost officers, and we need to recruit and elect new ones. Why is this important? Because without AT LEAST an executive committee (president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer) a branch Friends group cannot approve expenditures of funds to help the branch. You have all worked much too hard to establish your groups and raise funds for them to let those groups go inactive. Right now we are working to re-activate the Friends of the Potranco Branch Library – any help you can give will be much appreciated.

Finally, if some of you have as little as four hours a week to give, the volunteers in the BookCellar could sure use your help! The BookCellar provides a HUGE part of our funding, and they can't do it without help. And I need to send out a big thank you to all those folks as well.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, thank you so much for all you do!

**Beth Graham**

*“My two favourite things in life are libraries and bicycles. They both move people forward without wasting anything. The perfect day: riding a bike to the library.” – Peter Golkin (and a perfect thought for these beautiful spring days!)*

## WANTED: Book Lovers

The BookCellar Used Book Store needs people who love books and want to help others find new favorites. The volunteer job description includes shelving books, tidying shelves, assisting patrons, looking up Dewey system numbers, filling displays, and (after training) operating the register. Your work will help raise funds to support the San Antonio Public Library!

For more information, or to volunteer, please go to our Volunteer Match page at <https://www.volunteermatch.org/search/opp2459103.jsp>.

## Changes to the Central Library Parking Garage

In collaboration with CCDO (Center City Development & Operations), the decision was made to discontinue automatic three-hour free parking in the Central Library Parking Garage effective Wednesday, April 17, 2019. Library customers will continue to get up to three hours of free parking through the validation process.

This is a first step to address the lack of parking for library customers and library staff, as well as other monthly parkers. Signage is posted in the garage and in the library to alert the public to this change. Communications with Library stakeholders, including partners co-located in the Central Library is ongoing. The Library continues to work in close coordination with CCDO.



Brook Hollow hosted Piñata Making classes March 30 and April 6. See more samples of pinatas on our website at [friendsofsapl.org](http://friendsofsapl.org).

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, March 17, 2019 | Memorial Library  
Submitted by *Liz Alves*, Secretary



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The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, March 17, 2019, at the Memorial 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, Linda Cheatum, Liz Alves, Kim Cauthon, Elena Brickman, Monica Brite, Barbara Chavez, Shirley Coleman, Jose Duran, Ann Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Ann Springer, Betty Walters, Sandra Wilkinson, Sylvia Zamarrippa, Jill Zimmerman, and Delia Trimble.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**; **Veronica Anderson**, Central staff; **Juspreet Kaur**, Library Trustee; **Cynthia Conley**, BookCellar Committee Chair; **Richard Garcia**, Memorial Heights Neighborhood Association; **Maria Gonzales**, branch manager; and **Vicky Enciso.**

**Approval of Minutes:** **Ann Springer** moved that the minutes of Sunday, January 27, 2019, meeting be approved. **Betty Walters** 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:** **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Report and mentioned again that there are still several deposits without appropriate backup, so that they cannot be

credited to the correct branch groups. **Delia Trimble** moved that the report be approved. **Anna Cleve** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

## LIAISON REPORTS

**Library Board of Trustees:** **Juspreet Kaur** reported on the 2020 Budget and invited attendees to attend the upcoming meetings. She said she hopes everyone will participate. Juspreet congratulated the new board members of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

**Library Administration:** Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** presented the attendees with a 2020 Budget Development presentation. This presentation had information regarding upcoming library improvements and future development for San Antonio.

**San Antonio Public Library Foundation:** **Liz Alves** encouraged everyone to come out on Saturday, April 6, and attend the Book Festival.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**BookCellar Committee:** **Cindy Conley** reported that the BookCellar's gross income was \$13,573.38, and net was \$12,816.37. The BookCellar is in need of volunteers to sign up.

**Membership Committee:** **Kim Cauthon** reported that members have received two mailings and an email regarding their 2019 dues. On Sunday, April 14, the committee will meet to brainstorm about calling members to renew their memberships and the committee had discussions on finding ways to sign up new members. Future meeting with the com-

mittee will continue regarding workshops and new members.

## OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Arts and Letters Award Committee:** **John Costello** will chair this year. The committee members will be **Beth Graham, Kim Cauthon, Monica Brite, Jose Duran, Pat Peak, Delia Trimble, and Shirley Coleman.** **Jose Duran** moved that the members be approved.

**Delia Trimble** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

**Financial Review Committee:** **Linda Cheatum** updated the attendees on who the new committee members will be for 2019. They are **Terrance Alley, Cody; Monica Brite, Carver; Elena Brickman, Westfall; Susan Durrett, Tobin; Betty Walters,** Thousand Oaks; **Sandra Wilkinson,** Mission; and **Esmerelda Araiza,** Forest Hills. The meeting will be for about two hours to review financials. **Jill Zimmerman** moved that the members be approved. **Delia Trimble** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition.

**Beth Graham** extended a thank you to the Friends of the Memorial Branch Library for the refreshments.

## Adjournment

**Beth Graham** asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Betty Walters** made the motion and **Jose Duran** seconded, and the motion passed without discussion or opposition at 3:16 p.m.

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  
Kim Cauthon ..... Vice President  
Liz Alves ..... Secretary  
Linda Cheatum ..... Treasurer  
Nancy Gandara ..... Immediate Past Pres

## MEMBERSHIP

**SECRETARY**..... Barbara Morrow

## 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 Zamarripa

### 2019–2021 Term:

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

## SAPLINGS

Managing Editor .....Alana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at [www.friendsofsapl.org](http://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](mailto:saplingseditor@gmail.com).

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!



## Bazan

On April 10, the Bazan Branch was notified that we will be hosting the Los Courts exhibit from May 3 to May 26. The exhibit documents the history of the Alazan-Apache Courts, San Antonio's oldest and largest public housing development. The exhibit challenges stereotypes about public housing while exploring life at Los Courts and the role they play in providing housing to more than 1,800 residents of the Westside.

This important exhibit just ended its run at the Latino Resource Center in the Central Library. Our thanks to **Jim Jimenez**, Bazan Library's manager, who worked diligently to bring this event to fruition.

During April, Bazan Friends provided refreshments for several programs, among them: Coloring for Grown-Ups, Bad Girls Roman Club, and Browncoats Meet-N-Geek. On April 23, we celebrated Fiesta by teaching a class on making upcycled mini-piñatas out of toilet paper rolls. Bazan Friends also helped by providing supplies for the piñatas class. Kudos to **Enedina Prater** for working on these successful programs.

Bazan Friends met April 17 to discuss several topics including the Los Courts exhibit and the possibility of hosting an opening reception.

*Gloria Almaraz*

## Brook Hollow

As spring and summer arrive, Brook Hollow's Pretend & Play Market has morphed

from a grocery store to a flower shop! Children of all ages (and their adults) are enjoying the beautiful flowers at the shop. I can't wait to see what this Market will become in the future—the staff at Brook Hollow are always so creative!

The Brook Hollow Friends are in the process of planning an Appreciation Dinner for the Brook Hollow staff and Library supporters. All Brook Hollow Friends will be invited to attend as well. As has been the case in recent years, the dinner will be held at the Alamo Cafe on a Tuesday or Thursday evening in May or June. Details will be shared with all via email in the future.

The current offering of adult craft activities ended on a high note with a two-part class (over two Saturdays) to create a piñata in honor of Fiesta.

**Carmen Zarate** (Circulation Attendant) and **Elizabeth Jimenez** (Library Aide) led the class. The participants were very enthusiastic about the class and asked that another piñata class be scheduled in the future. Adult crafts have been put on hold over the summer so attention can be focused on the children. There will be many fun activities funded (in part or in whole) by the BH Friends, including Happy Tails (a favorite with both adults and children; who wouldn't want to pet an alpaca??), Tom Kinsey (a Naturalist), Illusions by Blake (a Magician), and the Astonishing Mr. Pitts, a Ventriloquist (this will be the first ventriloquist I've ever seen!). And, of course, there will be a party to celebrate Summerfest. It will be a busy summer—we invite you to stop in and see what's happening.

The Brook Hollow Friends recently received a vintage wood and brass book/music stand. **Pat Bjornson** did some research and found one like it

that sold on eBay for \$189, so we would like to get at least \$100 for it. If you or someone you know might be interested in buying this stand, or if you have any ideas about how we might sell it, please contact **Pat Bjornson** at [pmbjornson@gmail.com](mailto:pmbjornson@gmail.com).

Our next Brook Hollow Friends meeting will be held on Saturday, June 29, at 1:00 pm. We'd love to see you there!

*Pat Finley*

## Carver

In March, Carver hosted an HBCU Day event that completely packed the house! People shared their experiences attending Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the values that were instilled at those institutions.

Carver Friends hosted a Deputy Voter Registration class with Bexar County Elections, which deputized 20 people (Carver Friends and community members) to register people to vote. We worked shifts and registered quite a few people to vote. Our goal is to offer the community the opportunity to register to vote every March and September at all three District 2 Libraries (Carver, Schaefer, and Pruitt). We are planning our next class for August. If you are interested in volunteering at your branch, please email **Monica Brite** ([monicabrite@yahoo.com](mailto:monicabrite@yahoo.com)).

Carver Friends also sponsored a Housing Panel to address the epidemic of rising property taxes due to gentrification and other reasons; how to transform from a renter to a homeowner and tenants rights. It was a very educational and uplifting event, which also resulted in a full house.

This month, Carver hosted a book signing for two local upcoming authors, **Rachelle Hathaway** and **Debra Cole-**

**man-LeBum**. "Our Stories: A Personal Journey to Freedom" consisted of an enlightening and spiritual conversation between the authors and the audience, in which the authors discussed the life experiences that brought about their books. Stimulating conversation, laughter and tears flowed throughout the room.

Carver has been the Pickup/Drop-off location for the Freedom Black History Bus Tour, which is a tour of numerous locations that were critical to the Civil Rights Struggle and Black History of San Antonio. The Freedom Black History Bus Tour was inspired by the movie, "Walk on the River: A Black History of the Alamo City" that was directed, produced, and released last year by local artists, **Baba Aundar Ma'at** and **Born Logic Allah**. Baba Aundar Ma'at has recently joined the Friends of Carver and hosts many educational and cultural events at Carver Library.

Carver is the host location for the 3rd Annual Pan-African Cultural Festival, which is hosted by Ma'at Marketing, an organization created by Baba Aundar Ma'at to educate the community on the Pan-African Culture. This event brings hundreds of people from all over Texas to Carver Library every year and is one of our most popular events.

*Monica Brite*

## Encino

The rain held off for the 2nd Annual Encino Friends Book Sale and Craft show on Saturday, March 23, which brought in \$1343 for the library. At the April 7 meeting, the Friends group scheduled the Fall Book sale for October 12. We hope to have the Bexar County Master Gardeners host a plant sale in conjunction with the book

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sale. The Friends discussed purchasing a book shelf to replace the Friends book carts for the permanent book sales and providing treats for the Library staff for National Library Week.

The Library's "Truck Fest" on March 2 was a resounding success, and the free Kona Ice truck funded by Friends was almost as popular as the San Antonio Fire Department's ladder truck.

The Friends continue to support the children and teen programs all year round. The Summer Reading Kickoff is June 8. The Friends agreed to provide funding for the "Mad Science" program for the End of Summer Reading Program.

The next Friends of the Encino Library meeting will be August 25.

*Carla Pomager*

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## Great Northwest

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The Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library selected new officers at the February 26 meeting. The new officers are **Julie Chase**, president; **Mary Purkey**, vice-president; **Larry Purkey**, treasurer; and **Cate Prazak**, secretary.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library, teens have the supplies and snacks they need for their weekly craft and movie night program. Staff are gearing up for summer and are well prepared to purchase supplies through the quarterly check donation. The fish are happy in their new clean tank thanks to Brad and the Friends.

The Great Northwest Branch Library will be closed for renovations April 15–May 6. Don't worry, you can still pick up your holds Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and drop off your items at any time in the out-

door book drop. You can still come to the library to vote during early voting April 22–April 30 and on the May 4 Election Day!

Upcoming meetings for the Friends of the Great Northwest Branch Library are June 25, August 27, and October 22 at 11 am.

*Cate Prazak*

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## Guerra

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The Henry A Guerra Jr. Library hosted the San Antonio contestant from the Fox TV series MasterChef Junior. If you are interested in joining the Guerra Friends, please call the Guerra Branch at 210-207-9070.

*Edward Mayberry*

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## Igo

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The Friends of the Igo Library and the Igo staff have been working hard to get geared up for Summer Reading.

As part of our regular programming, Igo offers a sound lineup of book groups: A.R.C (an audiobook group), Club de Lectura (a Spanish book group), Dollars and Sense (economics), Enlighten Book Circle (positivity), Igo Mystery Book Group, Romance Readers, and the Tuesday Afternoon Book Club (variety of topics). May 27 will be our last ukulele lesson, and in June, we will begin offering a ukulele club.

Other adult programs in May include the Elderberries, Genealogy Club, the Igo Stitchery, PoeTree, and Writers Block. Teen Librarian **Laura Herman** has been busy creating a stellar lineup of programs for teens including Teen Time, Teen Enthusiast Book Club, Dungeons and Dragons Night, and Teen Movie Night. On May 16, Igo will host a zoo-themed play and learn event. There will be a break in pro-

gramming for children during the second half of May, with the exception of a special Ramadan story time that takes place on May 28. We have also teamed up with the Community Engagement office at NISD to offer some kindergarten readiness workshops, which will start on May 29.

The Summer Reading theme this year is "Over the Moon" to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 mission. Igo will host an SRP kickoff party on Saturday, June 8. There will be plenty of crafts and activities for kids of all ages.

We will be offering all of our regular children's programs throughout the summer. On Tuesday afternoons, Igo will offer a Chinese Language Club for ages 7 and up. Kids Time will return on Thursday afternoons. On June 20, Igo will have Dinosaur George out for not one but two afternoon programs. Can you say pachycephalosaurus?

There will be a wide variety of activities for any age group. On June 17, we will offer telescopes so patrons can get a close-up look at the full moon. Adults will have an opportunity to make phases of the moon t-shirts this summer. Naturally, teens will have their own list of special events.

For more information on any of our programs, please visit our events calendar: <https://www.mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar>.

Our monthly Friends meeting is held on the second Saturday of the month at 10:30 a.m. We encourage you to join us at a monthly meeting.

*Al Rakus*

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## Landa

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The Landa Branch Library has been very busy! There have been multiple author visits and attendance has been

very good at these sessions. The cookie decorating class was filled and had a wait list!! The children's programs continue to go well and the Friends provided caterpillars and lady bugs for the programs. They are on display – well worth watching them!!! The book cart sales continue to be successful. Election of Friends officers will be held June 3 at 6 p.m. Please come visit Landa!

*Sheila Figueroa*

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## Las Palmas

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The Library's 50th Anniversary celebration Mar. 23 included a Color Guard presentation by Edgewood ISD's Memorial High School ROTC group, remarks by District 5 Councilwoman **Shirley Gonzales** and Library Director **Ramiro Salazar**, and a student art exhibit by the EISD Fine Arts Academy. During the afternoon, the Library hosted a number of distinguished guests that included City and County officials, Library Board of Trustees members, neighborhood association presidents/members, and community VIPs. In addition, a variety of "Come and Go Activities" were overseen by Library staff. Because of Port San Antonio's sponsorship, Friends provided some of the refreshments and two programs: "Building Roller Coasters," presented by the STEAM Center from Our Lady of the Lake University and a "Papel Picado Workshop" by **Angelita Merla**. We enjoyed working with the Las Palmas Library staff and the Library's Marketing Department to make this such a special event.

On Mar. 24, the D5 City Councilwoman's office and the Thompson Neighborhood Association held the Surclovina

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that closed off streets on a 1-1/2-mile route in the area. Friends joined a Las Palmas Library staff member in the San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) booth to greet the runners/cyclists/walkers and to promote the SAPL and its services. We handed out water and snacks for the children.

As additional community outreach, Friends participated in Port San Antonio's Fiesta de Los Niños Apr. 20. Children enjoyed the bean-bag toss game (with small prizes and treats). A Library staff member joined us to provide specific information on SAPL services and on "happenings" at the Las Palmas Library.

We'll be meeting soon with Library staff to plan some activities to add to the currently scheduled programming for the Summer Reading Program.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

### Maverick

Spring is upon us, and summer is just around the corner! The flowers are blooming; the sun is shining, and the Maverick Friends are gearing up for a busy season.

On March 9, we sponsored an Elephant and Piggie puppet show. The Friends group provided refreshments and craft supplies. Though we initially planned for roughly 30 to 50 attendees, we were blown away that we hosted more than 92! What a fantastic crowd. We hope to have as many again in the future.

Speaking of recent events, we also had a wonderful turnout for our spring book sale on March 30 and 31. Its success was in large part due to the kind book donations we received from so many as well as the time and effort of our lovely members, **Yvonne, Sue, Roe, Rick, Kim, Jody, Eliza-**

**beth, Doug, Daphne, Chris, Becky, and Amanda.** The Friends want to give a special shout out to The Steinhauser family, **Barbara and Franklin**, as they always go above and beyond in helping set up signs, pack or unpack boxes and work the event. We are so grateful for all of those who helped support the library, especially **Kaitlyn Henage** and our UTSA volunteers, **John Rosetta, Jacob Rodela, Jasmine Zamora, and Ryan Allen**, who helped us close down the sale.

What's next for the Maverick Library? We're all excited for our Summer Reading Kick-off event on June 1 from 2 to 3 p.m. with a visit from Balloonimations. The Friends are helping fund the program and volunteer with registration, crafts, and food. We're also sponsoring a trip over for our furry friends at Happy Tails on June 12 at 2 p.m. as well as the magician, Spikey Mikey, on June 26 at 2 p.m. For our teens, the library will offer an extended program throughout the summer, meeting from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. every Tuesday evening. Maverick tweens (9 to 12 years old) will kick off their first program with a STEM activity and craft on June 13.

Stop by our next meeting on May 7 at 7 p.m. and find out how you can help support your local library!

*Amanda Dickinson*

### McCreless

The Friends of the McCreless Library started off 2019 with the goal to get more members. Much effort has been made to publicize the Library and the Friends meetings and book sales. **Christel Villarreal**, Vice-President, and **Lucy E. Duncan** staffed a table with membership infor-

mation three different times at the McCreless Library. **Lucy E. Duncan** has been putting information in the Nextdoor app and **Marisa DeBow** has been submitting articles to the *Welcome Home* magazine. We did get a few new members, and the publicity certainly helped make the March 9, book sale a success.

The Friends have nine large reusable signs advertising a book sale. The signs were designed and purchased due to the hard work of **Paula Masingale**. These were put up around neighborhoods the Sunday before the sale. Many members helped to set up, staff and break down the book sale. Much appreciation is given to: **Jill Zimmerman**, President, **Christel Villarreal**, Vice-President, **Bernadette Navarro**, Secretary, and **Mary Gallagher**, Treasurer, **Lucy E. Duncan**, **Vera Banner**, **Cindy Barkman** and **Mary Alberti**. **Marisa DeBow**, on her own time, has been researching titles, and because of her mark-ups, we made \$125 on special items. She also helped set up and staff the sale. The Square was used for the first time by the McCreless Friends, and we made \$181.12 net accepting credit and debit cards. We

made \$618.60 cash and with donations, the Book Nook and selling leftovers to Half-Price Books, we made a total of \$859.07.

At our April 8 Friend's meeting, we were honored to have **Beth Graham**, President of FOSAPL attend. She encouraged us to go to SA Speakup and complete the City's questionnaire so that the importance of libraries is emphasized in the City of San Antonio's annual budget process. And to let everyone know about the questionnaire, spreading the word to our friends, family, and co-workers.

Our next book sale will be on Saturday, June 22, from 10 to 4. Our next business meeting will be on Monday, September 9, at 6 p.m.

*Jill Zimmerman and Lucy E. Duncan*

### Mission

For the months of May and June, the Friends will help sponsor the following events:

- Coloring @ Mission— Every other Sunday. Color with your family and friends. Supplies are provided, but you are welcome to bring your own.

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## Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

### In Memory of

Gloria Malone  
Patricia Fahrenthold  
Dr. Harold Rodinsky

### By

Nancy Gandara  
Nancy Gandara  
John Stankus

### In Honor of

Friends of the Pan American Library as the library celebrates its 50th anniversary

### By

Anonymous

## From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

San Antonio Public Library is preparing for a season of reading with the Mayor's Summer Reading Club for children and the Summer Reading Program for teens and adults—both begin on June 1. Library services and programs—especially those that encourage reading—are critical for students to maintain reading

and skill levels between school years.

The theme this year is Over the Moon in celebration of Apollo 11 and the 50th anniversary of the lunar landing. We appreciate your help in not only registering for the Summer Reading Program yourselves but inviting members of your communities to sign up. For more information, please visit <http://guides.mysapl.org/summerreading>.

Thank you to the Friends of San Antonio Public Library for your generous support of the Summer Reading Program! Your contributions allow the Library to better serve students who need the Library during the summer. You are helping to provide opportunities to fulfill the Library's mission of changing lives through information, imagination, and ideas.

Thank you for all that you do. Please enjoy the start of the summer.

Regards,

*Ramiro S. Salazar*

## New Membership Secretary: Barbara Morrow

**Kim Cauthon**

Congratulations to the new Membership Secretary **Barbara Morrow**! The transition of Membership Secretary from Kim to Barbara occurred on April 14 at the membership committee meeting. Barbara is fairly new to FOSAPL and is currently treasurer for the Encino Friends. She has a degree in Information Systems from UTSA and was a GIS Administrator for a telecommunications company before retiring in 2014 to play with grandbabies. She looks forward to using her skills to help FOSAPL increase memberships.

Continue to use the email address, [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com), with any membership questions or to request Branch membership lists. The email address has been transferred from **Kim Cauthon** to **Barbara Morrow**.

Thank you, Barbara!

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• **Teen Cooking Class**—Teens ages 13–18 can come cook. Each week, we cook a new recipe that can be easily replicated on a stove top at home!

• **Karaoke Night**—The second Thursday of the month, everyone is welcome to come in and sing.

• **Craft Nights**—Every second Tuesday of the month

• **Lego Club**—Every other Monday

• **Table Tennis Spring Tournament**—Adults, May 25.

• **Table Tennis/Fitness in the Park Summer Program**—starting June 1.

Fitness in the Park is a city-wide program that offers a wide variety of FREE exercise and fitness classes all over San Antonio! Join us at your local park, community center, or Mission Library and let us help you achieve your fitness goals.

*Josie Martinez*

## Parman

The Friends of the Parman Library continue to request book donations from our community, save a portion to add to our annual book sale stock and sell donated books at our Book-tique.

Sponsored events from the Parman Friends:

• The Parman Cafe presented vegan Jackfruit tacos on April 11

• Provided pizza for the librarians on April 16 in honor of National Librarian Day.

• Provided Faberge eggs, Pisanki, and cascarones on April 18.

The Friends of the Parman Library would like to thank our Parman manager and her staff for presenting all of our active members a SAPL Fiesta medal. Viva Fiesta!

Our Games of Thrones chair is on display in the teen center. All are welcome to have a seat and take pictures.

*Maggie Konopa*

## Semmes

Spring has arrived, and the park around our beautiful Semmes Library is bursting with beautiful greens and purples and yellows throughout the grounds, inviting the community to

enjoy the outdoors and our beautiful library. Renewal will soon spread to within our facility as well. The City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Public Library have authorized several improvements to the Semmes Library and the dates for closure to accomplish them have been scheduled. Semmes Library will be closed May 1–27 for the installation of new carpet, a new circulation desk, new furniture, and improvements to the parking area. During this time, patrons will be able to pick up “holds” in the lobby area Tuesday–Saturday from 10–5. Book donations to the Semmes Friends of the Library will also be accepted in this area at that time. The outside book drop will remain open (while the parking lot is open) but all other access/services of the library will be unavailable until May 28.

The Friends of the Semmes Library met recently, and new officers were elected. Those officers are: **Sandy Sherman** – President, **Jose San Clemente** – Vice President, **Betty Walters** – Secretary, and **Grizzly Cloud** – Treasurer. Many thanks and much appreciation go out to Past President **Judy Wilson** for her many years of service as president to the Semmes Friends.

The February Semmes Friends Book Sale was a great success with many patrons shopping and buying great books to read. The Summer Book Sale date has been set; mark your calendars for June 7–8 and plan to come find some great reads for your summer reading pleasure. Preview for SAPL Friends will be Friday, June 7, from 10–Noon. Sale hours for the general public will be Saturday, June 8, from 10–3.

Our next Semmes Friends of the Library meeting is scheduled for June 19 at 1 p.m. in the “quiet room” at Semmes.

*Sandy Sherman*

## Texana/Genealogy

Monetary support for training is one area Friends' groups should support. Within the past couple of

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months, the Friends of Texana/Genealogy funded training for three members of the Staff Department.

**Andrew Crews** and **Heather Ferguson** attended the professional development course *Encoded Archival Description* hosted by the Society of American Archivists on March 11–12. This two-day course provided instruction and hands-on practice needed to bridge the digital divide and get acquainted with the language of XML. XML is the most up-to-date version of Encoded Archival Description (EAD), which is the international standardized descriptions of archival records. This backend work makes collections easier to search online and in person.

The Friends of Texana/Genealogy Department also provided support for **Sylvia Reyna's** participation in the professional development workshop *Arrangement and Description: Fundamentals* (again hosted by the Society of American Archivists) on March 14–15. This course introduced the basic principles, concepts, and tools that archivists use to establish both physical and intellectual control over archival records. Particular emphasis was placed on the day-to-day decisions made in arranging and describing archival materials. This type of workshop helps the archivist carefully arrange collections once they are acquired. Description language choices are also important because they zero in on the essence for each collection.

These types of workshops help the Texana/Genealogy Department's Collections become more accessible for the public. It is important for this to happen because it increases the usage of the collections, which, in return, creates more public awareness, thus, exposing the collections' rich resources to a wider audience.

*Jacob Sherman*

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

### 2019 Board Meetings

*All meetings start at 2:00*

Date	Library
May 19	Forest Hills
July 21	Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell
September 15	Westfall
November 17	Johnston
January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting	Central Library

## BookCellar News

Sandra Wilkinson

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



Thanks to **Cindy Conley**, the new chairperson for the BookCellar (BC) committee, for writing the BC News for the last issue of the *SAPLings*.

You are welcome to call the BC, 210-227-9519, any day we are open to learn about sales. Any day is a good time to drop into the BC. Books are always at "bargain basement" prices as regular paperbacks are 50¢, and adult hardbacks are \$1. (There are special exceptions to this pricing.) No cash, no problem, bring your credit card, minimum purchase \$3 when using card.

The BC just had a very successful nine-day Spring Break Sale. The most successful ever, raising \$3,162. The Book Festival, April 6, was another good day for the BC making \$1,680 as reported by Manager **Andrea Mason**. These record sales can be attributed to the BC volunteers, who perform many necessary small tasks that keep the BC operating. Volunteers were: **Marjie Day, Bob Teague, Bob Mason, Danielle Sauve, Salina Vargas, Nancy Oseasohn, Cindy Conley, Linda Cheatum, Antonio Balart, Betty Walters, Roger Gardener, Richard Morales, Anne Springer, Michael Clark, Stephanie Serrata, and Sandra Wilkinson**.

MAY sales are adult, hardback fiction for 50¢. Art mark-ups 1/2 off sticker price. Adult biographies will be 50¢ or 3/\$1. Patrons must buy multiples of three to get the lowest price.

JUNE sales are adult regularly priced nonfiction 300s, 600s, and 900s for 50¢ per book. Regular priced sci-fi books, hardbacks, and softbacks, will be 1/2 off. Additionally, a special collection of adult paper backs 2/25¢ will return.

### Writing About Reading

Accepting the assumption any member of the Friends of the Library

is an individual who loves to read, if you will please respond/write in 50 words or less, a few more if necessary, to the following: was there a person or an event/time that encouraged you to become a reader? Understanding that defining a reader is a personal choice, just write about how you became a "reader."

Please email to Sandra Wilkinson ([wilksan0@aol.com](mailto:wilksan0@aol.com)) or text me at 337-257-7540. Subject each with "writing to read," otherwise I may not recognize the message. Responses may be published in BC News and/or posted in a select place in the BookCellar. You may submit by signing your name or you may remain anonymous upon request. Thank you for responding either way.

From the first responder to the above, writing about reading.

"I have found that reading helps me de-stress. Whenever I'm having a hard day, reading helps me escape my troubles for a little while."

— submitted by Salina. [*Thanks for being first.*]

"My fourth grade teacher influenced my reading. My school did not have a librarian, therefore students were selected to assist. My teacher made me the 'librarian' for several classes. I realized later in life she put me there not only to 'straighten' the books but to give me some down time after recess. I really enjoyed recess! In that small library, I discovered biographies. The library was supervised by the principal as her office was next door and opened into the library."

— submitted by Sandra

To all friends—remember you can "friend" a non-Friend by passing on your copy of *SAPLings*.



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- April 15–May 6 Great Northwest closed for renovations.  
May 1–27 Semmes closed for renovations.  
May 3–26 Los Courts exhibit at Bazan.  
May 7 Maverick Friends meeting, 7 p.m.  
May 16 Igo will host a zoo-themed Play & Learn event  
May 17–19 Cody Friends Book Sale; Friday, Preview Sale, 2–4; Saturday Book Sale, 10–4; Sunday, Book Sale, 1–3.  
May 18 Texana/Genealogy Friends meeting, 10 a.m.  
**May 19 Friends Board meeting, Forest Hills, 2 p.m.**  
June 1 Friends of Thousand Oaks Book Sale, 10–3.  
June 1 Summer Reading Kick-off event, Maverick, 2–3.  
June 3 Landa election of Friends officers will be held, 6 p.m.  
June 7–8 Semmes Summer Book Sale, Friday, 10–Noon; Saturday, 10–3.  
June 8 Summer Reading Kickoff at most branch libraries.  
June 17 Igo will offer telescopes so patrons can get a close-up look at the full moon.  
June 19 Semmes Friends meeting, 1 p.m.  
June 25 Great Northwest Friends meeting, 11.  
June 22 McCreless Book Sale, 10–4.  
June 29 Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 1 p.m.

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.

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2200 W. Commerce St., 78207  
210-207-9160  
Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
210-207-9030  
Central Library  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
210-207-2500  
Cody Library  
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230  
210-207-9100  
Forest Hills Library  
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228  
210-207-9230  
Great Northwest  
9050 Wellwood, 78250  
210-207-9210  
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  
Semmes Library  
15060 Judson Rd., 78247  
210-207-9110  
Thousand Oaks Library  
4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233  
210-207-9190