

From the President

Dear Friends,

Good news!

There's reason for cautious optimism about the library budget this year.

City Manager **Erik Walsh** submitted the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 budget to City Council on August 8 and it includes enhancements covering public and staff computers under the city's regular replacement schedule; repairs and improvements to the Igo, Westfall, Schaefer, and Brook Hollow Branch Libraries; conversion of temporary positions in the library's Little Read Wagon and Marketing divisions to permanent status; and an adjustment to accommodate the library's fine-free pilot program for youth materials.

Now our work begins. Please contact your city council representatives and ask them to approve the library budget as proposed by the city manager. Not sure who your city council representative is? Go to <https://www.sanantonio.gov/Council/Find-My-Council-Member> and enter your address to find your district and your council member. City Council is expected to approve the budget at their September 12 meeting, so get your letters and e-mails in, and thank you for all the support you have already shown!

Finally, congratulations to the Pan American Friends who have re-activated their group and have lots of plans for the future!

Thank you for all you do to support SAPL.

Beth

"The only thing that you absolutely have to know is the location of the library." – **Albert Einstein**



How to Win Friends and Influence People

Sunday, September 22, 1:30-4:00 p.m.
Central Library Auditorium
600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas 78205

Free Parking

Join us for **How to Win Friends and Influence People**, an opportunity to hear about great ideas and best practices. Our keynote speaker, **Kristi Vandenberg**, Executive Director of the Ultimate Gift of Life Foundation, will kick off the event with her thoughts on recruiting committed volunteers and participants. Kristy retired as the CEO of the Hill Country Chapter of the American Red Cross in December of 2013 after 6 ½ years with the chapter and a total of 42 years with the organization as a paid staff executive and volunteer. On January 1, 2014, responding to a great need, she became the Executive Director of The Ultimate Gift of Life Foundation, a 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization. Their mission is to increase awareness of the need for registered organ donors in Texas and throughout the United States.

Then, roundtable sessions will give you the chance to meet other Friends from around San Antonio, ask questions, and exchange thoughts and suggestions! Roundtable sessions will be facilitated by Friends branch officers and members. Topics include fundraising with book sales or other creative ideas, use of social media and other ways to connect with Branch Friends, working with library staff, the BookCellar, and partnerships with other volunteer organizations.

The workshop is free. Please RSVP on the website, www.friendsofsapl.org (<https://form.jotform.com/91667638242162>), or you can call 602-690-4937.

Arts & Letters Awards Announced

John Costello

Sunday, November 3 • 2:00 • Central Library Auditorium

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library announce the winners of the 2019 Arts and Letters Awards: **Fernando Esteban Flores**, **Antoinette Franklin**, **Aundar Maat**, and **Kathleen Trenchard**. The winners will be recognized at a ceremony at the main library on Sunday, November 3, and the public is welcome to attend.



Flores



Franklin



Trenchard



Maat

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Bazan

Bazan Friends held a book sale on Saturday, August 17. Funds raised will be used for various library needs and programs. During the book sale, we also conducted a recruitment drive and distributed Friends' applications to many interested library patrons.

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month (NHHM), the Bazan branch will be hosting several events including the art work of local artist, Victor Tello, whose paintings will highlight themes of "El Barrio." In addition, we will be presenting a silk screen-making workshop and a papel picado making workshop taught by Angie Merla from the Esperanza Peace and Justice Center. Throughout the month-long celebration, the public can visit the Bazan branch and make simple come and go crafts, such as Mexican paper flowers. Bazan Friends is providing refreshments for these events.

Gloria Almaraz

Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Branch Library has been buzzing with activity for the past few months. We've had the usual influx of children as a result of summer vacation, numerous library programs and activities, and the City's Summer Lunch Program, providing healthy lunches to children in the area. The Brook Hollow Friends helped fund the Summer Reading Kick-Off Party on June 11 with Naturalist **Tom Kinsey** and Magician **Richard Blake** on June 18, **Dinosaur George** on July 9,

and **Happy Tails** on July 16. The official end of the Summer Reading Program fell on July 30, when the Amazing Mr. Pitts performed magic tricks to shrieks of delight. He brought along two friends – a talking dog and an alien (perhaps from *Over the Moon?*). There were numerous craft activities for all ages during the SummerFest party.

"Program" days are always busy, and the library is full of children and their adults. As a result, the parking lot is full, and it's difficult for the staff to go out to lunch on these days. As we've done in the past, the Friends provided lunch to the staff on some of these Program days. The staff is very appreciative, and the food is a definite morale booster.

In early June, Librarian **Jenny Borrero** began maternity leave and **Marco de Leon** arrived to help in her absence. Jenny and her son **Alexander Thomas Borrero** (born June 23) visited Brook Hollow on July 30, much to everybody's delight.

The Brook Hollow Friends hosted its annual "Staff Appreciation Dinner" at Alamo Cafe on Thursday, June 13. We were pleased to have **Ramiro Salazar**, the Ince family (**Loyce, Marcie, and Ray Ince**), **Nancy Gandara**, and **Beth Graham** join us as guests. Councilman **John Courage** wasn't able to join us for dinner but stopped in to chat. We were especially happy that several of our newer members (**Rob and Julia Briggs, Susan Cogdell, Rose Orsborn, and Edna Ortiz**) joined us for dinner. **Veronica Rouse** did an excellent job decorating the room and arranging a drawing with prizes awarded to a number of those at the dinner.

During the current quarter, the Friends will purchase programming supplies suggested by Branch Manager **Heidi**

Novotny (craft trays, plastic baskets, and X-Stands to hold sensory bins) as well as a heavy-duty mobile book case for the Teen area. In July, Brook Hollow began a series of four crocheting classes on the second Wednesday of the month, with the first class being designed for beginners. Subsequent classes in August, September, and October are for both beginners and experienced crocheters. At this writing, no adult crafts other than crocheting are posted to the activity calendar.

Brook Hollow's annual used book sale will be held on Saturday, Sept. 21, from 10 to 4. Our next Friends' meeting will occur the following week on Saturday, Sept. 28, at 1:00 in the Brook Hollow Neal & Pat Bjornson Meeting Room. Please try to join us and hear about the book sale results.

Pat Finley

Encino

The Encino Friends supported the following successful summer programs with both volunteers and funding: Summer Reading Kickoff, Tweens Create, Oreo Challenge, Kids Time, Super Splash Day, Mad Science Summer, and Teen Club. Fall Programs at Encino will include the Boo Bash, Star Wars Event, Tweens Create, and the Grinchmas Winter Wonderland Party.

The Aug. 25 meeting of the Encino Friends included planning the Oct. 12 (10-4) book sale and approval of the FY 2020 Friends spending plan.

On Sept. 22, Encino Friends officers **Liana Benavides** and **Carla Pomager** will facilitate roundtables at the FOSAPL Membership Workshop, How to Win Friends and Influence People.

The Friends of Encino Library Newsletter was

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The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, promote public use of the San Antonio Public Library and appreciation of its value as a cultural and educational asset to the community and encourage the extension and improvement of its services.

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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!

emailed in August to all Encino members. If you would like a copy, contact efosaplsecretary@gmail.com.

Carla Pomager

Forest Hills

The summer program at Forest Hills went well. More than 300 children registered. The adult program had more than 100 registered, and the teen program had 75 teens registered.

Book cart donations are doing well. The library is gearing up for the renovation.

Our next meeting is set for Sunday, Sept. 8, at 2:00.

Esme Araiza

Igo

September and October are great months to discuss economics. One fiscal year is end-

ing and another is beginning. If learning about finance, investing, or monetary policy is in your wheelhouse then the Igo Dollars and Sense book club is for you. The club meets on the first Saturday of the month at 10:30. In September, they will discuss *I Love Capitalism* by Home Depot co-founder Ken Langone. October's discussion will be on *Red Notice*, which details financial crimes in Russia after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

The Mottled Oysters are a book group that reads the works of P. G. Wodehouse that also meets on the first Saturday of the month. Wodehouse, of course is one of the most popular humorists of the 20th century. Igo also has a very active and engaged Mystery club that meets on the first Wednesday of each

month at 6:30. On the last Friday of the month, Igo hosts a Spanish book group, Club de Lectura.

If music's your thing, Igo also hosts a ukulele club on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of every month. It doesn't matter what your skill level or experience with instruments is. Anyone can play the ukulele. It's that easy and super fun.

Tuesdays and Thursdays are the days when we have our regular children's programs: Baby Time, Toddler Time, and Story Time. We are blessed to have one of the best Children's Librarians in the business. No one at Igo is more passionate than Ms. Carrie about making reading and the library fun for our youngest guests.

On Oct. 12 and 13, the Friends of the Igo Library

will have their Fall Book Sale. On Oct. 26, Igo will host a pooch parade. Participants can bring their four-legged friends to the library for a doggy costume contest. This will be followed by a Halloween parade (also a costume event but for actual human children). Every Wednesday night is Teen Time, but on Oct. 30, we'll have Zombie Prom.

Naturally, Igo will serve as an early voting site in October as well.

If you want more information about any of these programs, please don't hesitate to call the branch at 210-207-9080 or visit our events calendar at <https://www.mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar>.

Al Rakus

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Activities at Bazan

Children and adults enjoying Happy Tails talk

Human library audience at Bazan Women's Fair



Landa

The Landa Library had a successful summer reading program. The Friends of Landa have scheduled their next book sale for Saturday, Oct. 5, from 10 to 3:30. We will have a Friends Preview Sale on Friday, Oct. 4, from 4 to 5:30. If anyone would like to help with the book sale or donate books we welcome you!!!

Sheila Figueroa

Las Palmas

On Aug. 3, Teen Librarian **Connie Hejl** and Friends **Melissa Lovett** and **Delia Trimble** participated in the Edgewood ISD Back-to-School Fair. Significantly, we all had the chance to meet hundreds of students and family members and highlight the many resources available through the Library system, especially the “homework

help” program. In addition to materials provided by the Library, we also purchased and handed out school supplies.

Two events are on the Friends calendar for October: Oct. 1 is National Night Out, and we’re planning activities with one of our Neighborhood Association neighbors. Then, for Halloween, we’ll coordinate with the librarians, including a new children’s librarian, regarding how best to provide support.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

With vacation winding down and kids heading back to school, it’s hard to believe that summer’s behind us and fall fast approaching! The Maverick Friends had a blast over the past few months, helping support the library during the busy season of summer reading.

In June, our group was so pleased to help sponsor visits from Happy Tails, an exotic animal show, and the magician Spikey Mikey, and provide snacks and extra volunteers for the children’s summer reading program kick off. All of these events had amazing turnouts, with more than 100 people in attendance. Moving into July, we had more than 130 visitors at our Piggie and Gerald puppet show. The Friends provided ice cream treats, and we had *just enough* for everyone as this was our largest performance to date! Our end of summer party was held late in the month, and we were so happy to celebrate all of those who participated in and finished the program.

The teen summer reading program was also a great success. We had 96 teens register for the program with 31 shirts awarded to those who com-

pleted it. Teen Time @ Maverick had wonderful attendance as well this year, averaging 25 teens over the last 9 weeks.

For our adult patrons, we held a Poets Power Hour program on Saturday, July 20. With 15 poets attending; the group had a great time reading poetry. The Friends also helped sponsor four art classes this summer, encouraging learning and practice of new artistic skills.

Looking ahead, we’re counting down the days until our fall book sale, which is scheduled for Sept. 21 and 22 from 10–4. Stop on by to load up on books, DVDs, CDs and more. All of your purchases will help the Maverick branch. In the past, the money we raised from this event helped buy outdoor benches, storage or display cases and so much more.

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Brook Hollow Kicks Off Summer Reading Program



Children building structures.



Naturalist Tom Kinsey's assistant allowing the children to see and pet a snake.



Naturalist Tom Kinsey allowing children to pet his white dove.

Everyone is always welcome at our branch meetings, with the next one being on Sept. 3 at 7 p.m., so feel free to check it out!

Amanda Dickson

McCreless

McCreless Friends held another successful book sale on June 22. We were able to add \$805.04 to our budget, supporting programs and resources at our branch library. Thank you to the following members, family and friends who supported our efforts. A huge shout out to McCreless members **Lucy E. Duncan, Cindy Barkman, Mary Alberti, Vera Banner, Bernadette Navarro, Christel Villarreal, Mary Gallagher, Marisa DeBow, Julia Briggs, and Jill Zimmerman** who helped with set up, sell, breakdown, marketing the book sale and/or helping pack up or try to sell the remaining stock. Special thanks to member **Mary Alberti** who not only purchased a 50¢ cupcake book but brought in cupcakes for the volunteers helping with the breakdown. Several non-members stepped up to help with the book sale as well. Thank you to **Natalie Sallinas**, who responded to an announcement shared in the app Next-door about the book sale and asking for volunteers for setup and breakdown. She assisted with setup and at the sale. **Cathy Kelley** and her grandsons were a huge help with wrangling the book boxes during the set up and friend of a Friend, **Esther Mari Conejo** helped with breakdown and putting boxes in cars to take to used-book stores. A book sale is a huge undertaking, but it is a fun activity as well!

Librarian I **Marisa DeBow**, reported that the Teen Time pizza party supported by funding from the McCreless Friends group was a great success with pizza and a dozen teens. They

played Minute to Win It games, and the teens all got to pick out of Marissa's treasure box (a mix of random giveaways, toys and gadgets). Some of the teens finished the Summer Reading program so they got their cool t-shirts.

Special thanks to our Friends Treasurer **Mary Gallagher** for calling in the order for the pizza delivery for the party!

Due to the successful fundraising activities, McCreless Friends were able to approve a request for additional funding of \$1,300 to support library activities through the end of the fiscal year.

Thank you to **Bonnie Simons** for her donation of \$50 in memory of her father **Joe Robin** to the Friends of McCreless Library.

Our next Friends business meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 9, in the branch library's meeting room at 6. One item on the agenda is to encourage members to attend the FOSAPL Membership Workshop on Sunday, Sept. 22.

Jill Zimmerman

Pan American

The Pan Am Friends have been reactivated: newly elected officers are **Nancy Rodriguez-Guzman**, President; **Isaiah Santellan**, Vice President; **Lilyana Guerrero**, Secretary; and **Marisol Gutierrez**, Treasurer. Come and buy fresh reads from our Book Nook!

The Pan Am Friends will hold a book sale Oct. 5, 10–5. At this book sale, we plan to sell books, stickers, and possible charms.

Nancy Rodriguez-Guzman

Parman

On Aug. 17, we had our back-to-school flash book sale.

After our flash sale, our books prices increased – hard-cover, \$2 and softcover, \$1.

We will discuss plans to support the Spooky Walk at our next meeting on Sept. 14, 10:15. Our annual book sale will be on Nov. 8, 9, and 10. We also have recyclable tote bags for sale at the front desk for \$4.

Maggie Konopa

Semmes

It's been a busy time this summer at the newly refurbished Semmes Library. Patrons are enjoying the new furniture and the "updated look" achieved during the May shutdown. Summer activities began June 8 with the kickoff of the Summer Reading Program, *Over the Moon*. Many adults, teens, and children participated throughout June and July, celebrating the 50th anniversary of man's first walk on the moon and learning other interesting things about space and its exploration. Prizes for levels of reading achievement awarded to participants included free books (children), t-shirts (teens), and a grand prize moon-related item (adults).

On that same date, June 8, the Semmes Friends of the Library sponsored their summer used book sale and are pleased to report it was a great success. Some of the new furniture provided in the May refurbishment, specifically that currently in the Semmes children's area, was purchased with Semmes Friends of the Library support.

This summer, Semmes Library proudly sponsored several guest entertainers for the community enjoyment. On June 13, the Majik Theatre came to perform their production of *Jack & the Beanstalk* for the enjoyment of our community children and their families. The performance was

outstanding. On July 18, Semmes patrons welcomed **Will Parker**, a children's songwriter and teaching artist. Mr. Parker writes and performs original music for the enjoyment of all ages using guitar, harmonica, and vocals. He often engages the audience to join in the singing and creative play. His presentation was enjoyed by all.

Semmes Library again partnered with NEISD this summer to serve free lunch for kids under the age of 18. Semmes hosted 75–100 kids each day, Monday thru Friday, from mid-June to Aug. 2, and NEISD provided the food to ensure these children were getting a nutritional meal. This is the fourth year this program has supported the Semmes community.

The Semmes Friends of the Library are busy planning and organizing their next used book sale. The Semmes Friends member preview will be Friday, Oct. 18, from 10–11:30. The book sale will be open to the public on Saturday, Oct. 19, from 10–1:30. The next general meeting of the Semmes Friends will be Wednesday, Oct/ 23. Hope to see you at our book sale.

Keep on reading!

Sandy Sherman

Thousand Oaks

Thousand Oaks Friends met in July for a "Just Friends" lunch at Hearthstone Bakery and Cafe. Since we don't schedule a business meeting in July, we just had a get together and talked about plans for the year and "other stuff."

Betty Walters, Laurine Crosby, Leila Hileman and Pat Howell answered the request of Children's Librarian **Lea Ann McDonald** to participate in the event to wind up summer reading, Summerfest.

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From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

I would like to extend a sincere thank you for all of your support of the Mayor's Summer Reading Club and Summer Reading Program. Your support allows us to strengthen our

programs and services to the community. Thanks to you, our programs this year have been a big success! Even though final numbers are not yet in, we have already seen an increase in participation in this year's summer reading program compared to last year. Patrons of all ages have enjoyed the reading challenge and attended programs to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the moon landing.

Staff is currently focusing efforts on supporting families, teachers, and caregivers as they transition from summer fun to the bustle of the school year. During the month of August, our teams were active outside of Library walls participating in multiple back-to-school outreach events and promoting our programs and services that are available year round to assist with studies. These programs include free online homework help, after-school programming and age-specific digital reading rooms to help identify the best reading materials for every level of reader.

Back-to-school time aligns with National Library Card Sign-Up Month in September, which is a key step in connecting to the Library's wealth of back-to-school resources. We ask for your help in spreading the word of National Library Card Sign Up to help introduce community members to a whole new world of possibilities!

If you haven't yet, I encourage you to follow the Library on social media. You can follow the Library on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter by searching for "@mysapl." As always, our team will continue to share more information with you about SAPL events and projects at your regular meetings.

Sincerely,

Ramiro S. Salazar

Library's Budget in the City Manager's Proposed FY 2020 Budget

Ramiro Salazar

The City Manager just presented his FY 2020 proposed budget presentation to the City Council. I want to highlight for you the adjustments to the Library's budget in the City Manager's proposed FY 2020 budget.

Proposed additions/enhancements to the Library's budget:

• Replacement of Library staff and public computers	\$659,000
• Capital Outlay Funding to Replace Library Furniture and Equipment	\$260,000
• Igo Branch Library building improvement project	\$241,000
• Westfall Branch Library heating, ventilation and cooling system project	\$300,000
• Brook Hollow Branch Library roof replacement	\$175,000
• Funding for walking trail and amenities at the Schaefer Branch Library	\$106,000
• Funding to add Little Read Wagon vans and the Teen VROOM van to the replacement schedule	\$ 80,000
• Additional funding for computer software maintenance for contractual price increases	\$118,000
• Additional funding for building maintenance for contractual price increases	\$105,000

In addition to these enhancements to our operating budget, the City Manager authorized converting to permanent status seven temporary positions in the Little Read Wagon and Marketing units. This was one of the budget priorities the Library Board established. In addition to converting temporary positions to permanent, yesterday the City Manager announced that, effective October 1, the City will be implementing paid leave for all part-time and temporary employees. On the revenue side, the City Manager is proposing to adjust the Library's revenue budget to accommodate any unrealized revenue associated with the Library's Fine Free Pilot for youth materials.

For your information, throughout the month of August, the City will hold community input meetings on the City Manager's FY 2020 proposed budget. The City Council will also hold special work sessions to receive information and deliberate on the proposed budget. The process will culminate on September 12 with City Council final action on the adoption of the FY 2020 budget. Additionally, Library staff will provide a full report with updates regarding the FY 2020 proposed budget at the August Library Board of Trustee's monthly meeting.

In Memory of Pat Konstam

Nancy Gandara



We were saddened to learn that **Pat Konstam** passed away on July 13, 2019, after a brief illness. Following a notable career in journalism, Pat gained respect and appreciation for her time, talent, and support as a member of the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell, her service on the board of the city-wide Friends (*two* six-year terms!), an expert proofreader of *SAPLings*, and as a knowledgeable and valued volunteer in the BookCellar. As the "Life Tribute" (*Express-News*, Aug. 9, 2019, page B4) noted, in 2010 the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees recognized Pat and her late husband, Aaron, with the prestigious Library Champion Award. Pat was named a "Best Friend" in 2011 for her contributions to the Friends. Colleague, mentor, mother, and "avid reader"—we are

glad for the opportunity to have known Pat as a Friend.

Membership

Barbara Morrow,
Membership Secretary

The membership committee is excited about the upcoming *How to Win Friends and Influence People* workshop scheduled for September 22. See article by **Kim Cauthon** on page 1. We currently have 811 active members.

2019 Board Meetings

All meetings start at 2:00

Date	Library
September 15	Westfall
November 17	Johnston
January 26, 2020 Annual Meeting	Central Library

Change Is in the Air

Beth Graham

Notice anything different about this issue of *SAPLings*? Thanks to some very creative volunteers, the title and format have been tweaked to make the newsletter more attractive and readable!

Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

In Memory of	By
Pat Konstam	Nancy Gandara
Toni Morrison	Nancy Gandara

Donation

Friends of Cody Branch Library donated \$120 to the Friends of the Las Palmas Branch Library

Parking at the Central Library Garage

Beth Graham

Friends,

I want to let you know personally that the FOSAPL Executive Committee and Board are aware of the many frustrations with parking in the Central Library parking garage. The San Antonio Public Library Board and administration are also aware and are working hard to resolve those frustrations.

This is a complicated issue. You may not know that the library does not manage the garage. It is a City of San Antonio garage, managed by the Parking Division of the City Center Development and Operations Department (CCDO). This means that anyone can park there. Growth and increased activity downtown mean that others, not associated with the library, have discovered its convenience.

However, the garage was intended partially as a convenience for library patrons (it is for that reason that there has always been an offer of free parking for library users), and the CCDO agrees. Concerns have now been elevated to the directors' offices, and the Library and CCDO directors are working personally to relieve the congestion.

One step that has been taken is to set aside a certain number of parking spaces for library users. You may have seen a "Lot Full" sign at the garage entrance, with a CCDO employee staffing it. Even if that happens, it's worth it to pull up and check with the attendant, since parking levels can and do change.

Some good news: I have noticed that the situation is greatly improved in the past few weeks and have had no difficulty finding spaces during several visits to the library.

I am also working on some possible temporary solutions, but since these involve non-city entities, I can't share details at this time and mention it only to assure you that everyone is taking your concerns seriously.

We know this is frustrating for everyone, and ask for your patience and understanding until a resolution is reached. Thank you!

BookCellar News

Sandra Wilkinson



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

September Specials

- Foreign languages books, one half off regular price.
- Regular priced, Adult 300s and 600s, 50¢ each.
- All music CDs, 25¢ each.
- Regular priced Adult, hardback fiction and/or filed in general fiction area, 50¢ each.

October Specials

- Regular priced, Adult biographies, 50¢ each.
- Regular priced, Adult 900s, 50¢ each.
- Return of specially selected adult paperbacks, priced at 2/25¢.

In Remembrance

July 13, 2019, **Patricia Konstam**, a professional journalist and volunteer for the BookCellar, passed away. The BC was very fortunate to have her professional knowledge. She and her late husband Aaron were cherished volunteers for the BC. Pat was featured in Life Tributes, in the *San Antonio Express-News*, August 9, 2019. Please go online to read about her career and contributions.

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.



www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA

Who is the Woman in this Photo? Getting to Know Your Friends

Angela Ehrenfried

Mondays will find her volunteering at the BookCellar in the basement of the downtown library. She has worked there for more than nine years and hopes to be doing so for a long time to come. She says, "Those of us who work at the BookCellar are always suggesting ways to improve the BookCellar and help patrons who frequent the library. We feel making known our location in the basement is important and are told frequently that there is a wealth of information not only in magazines and books but in reference books we sell at a very affordable price. Look out for the four sales held during the year and come check us out!"

You may have spotted our mystery woman in her neighborhood, where she serves as Secretary of the Henry Guerra Branch Library Friends. She makes sure the Book Nook at the library has plenty of books available, and members of her church readily comply with her requests for donations.

Perhaps you have seen her at Memorial Branch Library where she serves as Vice President of Amigos, Memorial's Friends group. Each year, she organizes and helps with parking for Oyster Bake, an annual fundraiser sponsored by the Memorial Amigos.

Our mystery woman grew up in Elgin, IL. Her mom interested her in reading early on, and she remembers many hours spent walking to and from the library in a quaint old house downtown. While a junior in high school, she worked as a switchboard



operator at Illinois Bell Telephone.

She left there to join the U.S. Air Force where she worked as an AF recruiter and training instructor as well as classifying trainees for jobs. She earned a degree from Community College of the Air Force and found it helpful in counseling basic trainees. In three years, she taught 100 men 18 different subjects as their entry into the Air Force. During her assignment in Germany, she enjoyed visiting relatives in Germany and Austria and seeing nine other countries. After 20 years she retired as a Master Sergeant.

Now, in "retirement," in addition to her volunteer work at three libraries, she is a part-time caregiver for her 91-year-old neighbor. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking and baking and keeping in touch, using her IBM Selectric typewriter, with friends she made during Air Force assignments. Maybe you have noticed her in her neighborhood when twice a day, under the supervision of the eldest, 14-year-old Boo Bee, she walks her five dogs. This dynamo of a woman is **Anna Cleve**.

Summer Reading Program at Maverick



We had such a great turnout at our performance of Spikey Mikey, the magician.



Each rocket represents someone who completed the summer reading program. Congratulations to everyone who participated and finished the program!

Pat Howell reports that there were more than 100 children and parents attending, which was one of the biggest responses for an event all year. Music, singing, dancing, and, of course, a variety of crafts were at stations scattered throughout the library. Kids and parents made camping pictures, firefly jars and built s'mores to take home for microwaving later. The big finish was a scavenger hunt throughout the Library. Music at the Summerfest event was provided by **Will Parker** who has participated with Thousand Oaks at several events.

Both **Lea Ann** and Library Manager **Troy Hoyles** took time during our August meeting to express their appreciation and thanks to our Friends for their involvement and enthusiastic participation in the Library's events and projects as well as our very successful Book Nook, (thanks to **Ginger Hobbs**). **Lea Ann** presented requests for specific items she would like us to consider for purchase for Toddler Time and Kids' Time programs, which we agreed to do, (with enthusiasm). We will be participating in **Lea Ann's** future plans for Halloween and Winterfest programs. Troy arranged for the "Cricut Master" **Rosa Villa**, to give us a demonstration of the Cricut machine we purchased. We were able to make flowers and other designs from both paper and felt. The subscription we purchased for the Cricut as well as supplies and accessories will be of great value to the Children's librarian and the staff, and we were able to see some of the benefits, hands on. A little play time is always fun after the business is done.

Our September meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, and our semi-annual book sale date will be Dec. 7.

Pat Peak

Tobin at Oakwell

Tobin at Oakwell celebrated its 50th Anniversary on June 15.

More than 560 people of all ages attended this festivity. Folks enjoyed moon pies, cake, and Tang while partaking in miniature golf in the book aisles and face painting and balloon art. Many patrons enjoyed making moon magnets, play rockets, and decorating their own little astronaut for the large "Over the Moon" poster. This fun and very successful anniversary would not have happened without generous funding by the Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell. In addition, the Friends funded a special performance by Mad Science on July 11 where both kids and adults enjoyed watching neat demonstrations on science themes like electricity, magnetism, optics, and biology. The Summerfest celebration on Aug. 3 included a magic performance, Illusions by Blake, paid for by the Friends.

All programs this summer have seen increased attendance for both children's and adults, including the DIY Moon crafts for adults. Similarly, Summer Reading sign-up has increased over last year for teens and children. Many kids, ages 18 and under, enjoyed the free healthy lunches served Monday through Friday June 17–Aug. 2. This partnership is with Northeast Independent School District and Texas' Department of Agriculture.

President of Tobin Friends **John Costello** hosted the Friends of San Antonio Public Library meeting held at Tobin on Sunday, July 21.

Join us at the Tobin at Oakwell Library on Sept. 14 at 2 for a tea to celebrate the release of the *Downton Abbey* movie on Sept. 20. The Garden Lounge Tea Shop will be doing a talk on tea and having a tasting. There will also be games and light refreshments. Period costume encouraged but not required.

The fall book sale will be on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 10 to 4, with a preview on Friday from 4 to 6 for all Friends members.

John Costello

Aundar Maat is a student of history, cultural activist, and business owner. Originally from Spartanburg, South Carolina, Maat's service in the U.S. Air Force brought him to San Antonio. During his teaching career of 20 years, Maat became involved in the San Antonio community coordinating cultural festivals and events, such as Kwanzaa Market Festival, Pan-African Festival, and Black History for Children Book Exhibit. Maat is the author of *Kwanzaa Tales of Africa*, a story coloring book for children, and the co-owner of the independent film company, Melaneyes Media. A husband, father, and grandfather, Maat enjoys reading, researching, and sharing Black history.

A graduate of the University of Texas at Austin with a B.A. in English, **Fernando Esteban Flores** taught writing at several secondary schools in San Antonio. Having received 2 ExCEL awards for excellence in teaching, Flores also was chosen as a distinguished educator from Bexar County by Trinity University's Trinity Prize Committee. He is also the recipient of an ELLA award from the San Antonio Public Library System for his work in promoting literacy and education. His work has appeared in the *San Antonio Express-News* and *The Houston Chronicle*, along with numerous literary reviews and journals. Flores' three books of poetry, *Ragged Borders*, *Red Accordion Blues*, and *Blood Songs*, were recently archived at the Ozuna Learning Center & Library

at Palo Alto College as well as the San Antonio Public Library's new Latino Collection. Flores is also the founder of Voces Cóslicas, an eclectic group of seasoned and emerging poets from San Antonio, TX.

As a poet and author, **Antoinette Franklin** has taught creative writing classes and workshops at the Carver Library, Gemini Ink, and other locations, to assist and encourage young people. A graduate of University of the Incarnate Word and Webster University, Franklin has an active writing career and has published several anthologies. In addition to her writing and workshops, Franklin is involved with the Carver Cultural Center and with the San Antonio Public Library, having served as the president of the Friends at the Carver Branch Library and as Vice President of the Schaefer Friends.

Kathleen Trenchard's love of drawing and an awe of the traditional Mexican and Chinese art of paper cutting has produced an extensive body of work during her career. After graduating from the University of New Orleans and the Pratt Institute, Trenchard combined her teaching career with exploring the art of paper cutting. From simple paper cutting, she has translated this ancient art to new, more permanent materials, like metal and suede. Trenchard's art can be seen in private homes, businesses, museums, and even VIA bus stops. Trenchard also exhibits regularly in San Antonio and lectures throughout Texas.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 21, 2019 | Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell
Submitted by *Elizabeth Alves, Secretary*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, July 21, 2019, at the Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell. President **Beth Graham** called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m. Rather than calling the roll, Beth asked attendees to introduce themselves, and Secretary **Liz Alves** reported that a quorum was present.

Board members present were: **Beth Graham, Kim Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Liz Alves, Sandra Wilkinson, Jose Duran, Ann Springer, Sylvia Zamarippa, Mary McAfee, Jill Zimmerman, Nancy Gandara, Kathy Bee, Shirley Coleman, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Betty Walters, Monica Brite, Elena Brickman, and Veronica Rouse.**

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included Library Trustees **Juspreet Kaur** and **Jo Ann Harris**, Assistant Library Director for Public Service **Dale McNeill**, **Arline Braswell, Charlotte Martin, Nancy Rodriguez, Janice Bryant, Isaiah Santellan, and Suki Smutz.**

Approval of Minutes: **Nancy Gandara** moved that the minutes of May 19, 2019, meeting be approved. **Jill Zimmerman** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

President's Report: **Beth Graham** presented a brief overview regarding various meetings and library events she attended. She also called for volunteers to serve on the 2020 Budget Committee and the 2020 Nominating Committee.

Treasurer's Report: **Linda Cheatum** presented the treasurer's report. **Mary McAfee** moved that the treasurer's report be approved. The

motion was seconded and the motion passed without opposition. Linda announced that in the future branch treasurers would be receiving W9 forms to be completed by contractors such as performers. She reminded attendees that deposits from book cart sales must be counted by two people.

LIAISON REPORTS

Library Board of Trustees: **Juspreet Kaur** thanked the Friends for their support during the city's budget process. She mentioned that the postcards submitted by the Friends had been delivered to the mayor and members of city council. She invited all interested Friends to attend Board of Trustees meeting on Wednesday, July 24.

Library Administration: Assistant Library Director for Public Service **Dale McNeill** informed the meeting that on Saturday, August 3, there would be an opportunity for public comment on a proposal to name the Schaefer Branch Library teen room after late Library Board Trustee **Gloria Malone**. He reminded everyone that the city's FY2020 budget process was underway and announced that meetings would be held to obtain public comment. He asked Friends members to stay in contact with their city council members to express support for the library. Dale said that the Library Board Facilities Committee had received an update on plans for renovations to the Central Library Texana/ Genealogy Department under the 2017 bond, and that the schematics would be presented to the full Library Board for approval.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: **Liz Alves** announced that plans were underway to divest the Book Festival from the Library Foundation, and that festival staff would be moving to their new office space in August 2019. The two groups will remain committed to one another's mission and goals and the library and Library Board will continue to support and volunteer at the Festival. All Friends members are invited to volunteer as well. Sponsorship letters have been sent out for the Catrina Ball. Individual tickets will be \$350. The Foundation is working with the Landa Friends to host a neighborhood market place with the Monte Vista Historical Association on December 5.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Arts and Letters Committee: **John Costello** announced that the committee had revised the criteria to broaden the judging scope for nominees. **Jose Durán** reminded anyone submitting a nomination to include as much information as possible about the candidate, to assist the committee members in making their selection. John advised that the committee would meet on August 10 to select the recipients. Everyone was asked to mark their calendars for the award ceremony on Sunday, November 3.

BookCellar Committee: **Sandra Wilkinson** reported on behalf of BookCellar Chair Cynthia Conley. The BookCellar's gross income through June 30 was \$45,648.26. Sandra noted congestion in the library parking garage continued to be an issue for BookCellar volunteers at the City garage. She noted that there is

currently a moratorium on accepting new volunteers until these difficulties can be resolved. Sandra announced that the Back-to-School Sale would be held on July 25–28 and August 1–4.

Membership Committee: Chair **Barbara Morrow** announced a membership increase of 14 new members and 18 renewals. She updated the meeting on the membership recruitment and retention workshop scheduled for Sunday, September 22, announcing that it would include a keynote speaker and breakout discussions covering topics such as fundraising, recruiting new members, and working with library staff. She reminded everyone that this would be a good opportunity to meet other branch members. Everyone was encouraged to mark their calendars for the meeting and to register online at FOSAPL's webpage.

Financial Review Committee: Chair **Beth Graham** announced that the committee, consisting of herself, Sandra Wilkinson, Betty Walters and Susan Durrett, had met on July 8, and that their report would be considered under Old Business.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider acceptance of the report of the 2018 Financial Review Committee: Chair **Beth Graham** announced that the committee had met on July 8 to review 2018 expenditures and found no discrepancies. She asked for a motion to approve the committee's report. The motion was made by **Sylvia Zamarippa**. **Shirley Coleman** seconded the motion, and it was approved without opposition. Beth thanked

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the members of the committee, **Sandra Wilkinson, Betty Walters** and **Susan Durrett**, for their service.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider approval of an amendment to the Bylaws of the Friends of Potranco Branch Library: **Beth Graham** asked for a motion to approve an amendment to the Bylaws of the Friends of Potranco Branch Library to change the number of meeting dates to at least twice a year. The motion was made by **Jill Zimmerman**. **Jose Duran** seconded the motion and it was approved without opposition. The amended Bylaws will be posted on the FOSAPL website.

Consider approval of a request from the Friends of the Texana/Genealogy Department to share shipping cost for a donation of books to the Genealogical Society of Paradise, California: **Beth Graham** advised that she had been asked by the Friends of the Texana/Genealogy Department if the citywide Friends would split the cost of shipping books to this organization, which lost its library in the California wildfires, at a cost to FOSAPL would be \$90. After a discussion, it was suggested that the request should be tabled until a representative of the Texana/Genealogy Friends could be present for further explanation. **Sylvia Zamarippa** made the motion; **Betty Walters** seconded, and the request was tabled until the September 15 meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reducing paper usage for FOSAPL board meetings: **Beth Graham** announced that, in an effort to reduce paper usage, at future board

meetings the agenda, treasurer's report and other information would be presented onscreen rather than in hard copies.

Request for stories and photos of branch Friends recruiting efforts: **Beth** asked Friends groups to send in photos showing group membership recruiting efforts.

Other branch groups announced upcoming activities such as voter registration training and book sales.

Beth extended a thank you to the Friends of the Tobin Branch Library at Oakwell for providing refreshments for the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Beth Graham asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. **Mary McAfee** made the motion; **Ann Springer** seconded, and it was approved without opposition. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Las Palmas Summer Activities

Snake charmers at Summer Reading Program event

Face painting at Summer Fest

Edgewood ISD Back-to-School Fair





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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

Sept. 3	Maverick Friends Meeting, 7.	Brook Hollow Library 530 Heimer Road, 78232 210-207-9030	McCreless Library 1023 Ada Street, 78223 210-207-9170
Sept. 8	Forest Hills Friends Meeting, 2.	Central Library 600 Soledad Street, 78205	Memorial Library 3222 Culebra, 78228 210-207-9140
Sept. 9	McCreless Friends meeting, 6.	210-207-2500	Pan American Library 1122 West Pyron Ave, 78221
Sept. 14	Igo Friends meeting, 10:30.	Encino Library 2515 East Evans Road 210-207-9250	210-207-9150
Sept. 14	Parman Friends meeting, 10:15.	Forest Hills Library 5245 Ingram Rd., 78228 210-207-9230	Parman Library at Stone Oak 20735 Wilderness Oak 210-207-2703
Sept. 15	Friends of the San Antonio Library Board meeting, Westfall, 2.	Igo Library 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249	Semmes Library 15060 Judson Rd., 78247 210-207-9110
Sept. 19	Thousand Oaks Friends meeting, 1.	210-207-9080 (also TTY)	Thousand Oaks Library 4618 Thousand Oaks, 78233
Sept. 21	Brook Hollow Friends used book sale, 10–4.	Landa Library 233 Bushnell, 78212 210-207-9090	210-207-9190
Sept. 21–22	Maverick Fall Book Sale, 10–4.	Las Palmas Library 515 Castrovilla Road, 78237	Tobin Library at Oakwell 4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209
Sept. 22	FOSAPL Membership Workshop, 1:30–4, Central Library Auditorium.	210-207-9200	210-207-9040
Sept. 27–28	Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale, Friends' Preview–Sept. 27, 4–6; Sale–Sept. 28.	Maverick Library 8700 Mystic Park, 78254 210-207-9060	Westfall Library 6111 Rosedale Court, 78201
Sept. 28	Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 1.		210-207-9220
Oct. 1	Las Palmas Friends celebrate National Night Out!		
Oct. 4–5	Landa Friends book sale, Friday, 4–5:30; Saturday, 10–3:30.		
Oct. 5	Pan Am Friends book sale.		
Oct. 12	Encino Friends book sale, 10–4.		
Oct. 12–13	Igo Friends' Fall book sale.		
Oct. 18–19	Semmes Friends of the Library used book sale, Friday, member preview, 10–11:30; Saturday, public sale, 10–1:30.		
Oct. 23	Semmes Friends meeting.		
Nov. 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.