



From the President

Dear Friends,

Happy New Year!

I hope the past holiday season was filled with joy and happiness for you and your loved ones, and that you were able to spend time together.



It's amazing how fast the past year breezed by us, especially considering everything that the Friends accomplished. Facing an uncertain reopening date for the BookCellar, the Friends boldly ventured into the world of online sales setting up a store on Amazon last spring. Thanks to **Tom Bugg** for his creativity and knowledge in establishing this revenue stream for the Friends.

Summer saw lots of activity in the BookCellar in anticipation of reopening. **Linda Cheatum** and her cadre of amazing volunteers cleaned, organized, culled, and transformed the crammed area full of boxes into an inviting store. Summer also brought the addition of **Sue Hall** as the manager of the BookCellar, adding more excitement to our reopening plans. Under her leadership, the BookCellar had a fantastic reopening, which is getting us back on the path of prosperity.

The Arts & Letters Awards returned in the fall in person! Thanks to **Marcie Anguiano** and her amazing committee for an elevated awards program, dazzling everyone who attended.

As the year drew to a close, we had a successful renewal drive for membership and a successful challenge grant from a generous anonymous donor. Plus our members advocated for passage of the adoption of several bond issues to improve our library system.

These successes only happened with the support and involvement of you, our members. Thank you for your dedication during these uncertain times.

On a sad note for the Friends, we say goodbye to **Sue Hall** as she heads into full retirement. Her enthusiasm and knowledge profoundly impacted the BookCellar and all of us who worked with her. Thank you, Sue.

Here's to a brighter year!

John

FOSAPL BOOKCELLAR MANAGER

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) offers an opportunity for an experienced manager to work with a dedicated group of enthusiastic volunteers in the BookCellar, a used book store in the lower level of the Central Library (600 Soledad, San Antonio, TX) whose revenues benefit the San Antonio Public Library. For more information about the BookCellar, see <http://www.friendsofsapl.org/bookcellar-used-book-store.html>.

Duties of the Manager include:

- Leadership and coordination of approximately 15-30 volunteers, and a paid Online Sales Vendor
- Planning, marketing, and communication with customers and stakeholders

The position is budgeted for **\$15/hour, for 25 hours/week** (no benefits).

Work hours are approximately five hours per day for a five-day week, including at least two Saturdays per month. The successful applicant will have experience (12+ years) in education, social services, marketing, or volunteer management; proven leadership, creativity, and problem-solving skills; and expertise in the usual office technologies. Diplomacy, tact, patience, reliability, good oral and written communication skills, and emotional maturity are required.

Apply today! Submit a one-page résumé to the FOSAPL Secretary at fosaplsecretary@gmail.com.

ANNUAL MEETING Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m.

Central Library Auditorium

Election of officers and
board members

Free parking in the library garage

FOSAPL ONLINE SALES VENDOR

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library offer an opportunity for an experienced digital marketer to sell valuable items from the bookstore in the basement of the Central Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, TX, through an established Amazon.com account that benefits the San Antonio Public Library. See the store here <https://tinyurl.com/FOSAPLBookCellar>.

Duties of the Vendor include:

- Selection, appraisal, posting, preparing purchased titles for shipment, and shipping within 24 hours of sale
- Work under the direction of the BookCellar Manager, and cooperatively with BookCellar volunteers

This position is budgeted for **\$15/hour, 20 hours/week** (no benefits). Experience (2+ yrs) with digital marketing (Amazon preferred), ability to meet deadlines, appropriate technical expertise, and good oral and written communication skills are required. Operation of a personal online bookstore will be prohibited while employed in this position. For additional information, see <http://www.friendsofsapl.org/bookcellar-used-book-store.html>.

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From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,

Happy New Year! With the start of each year we welcome new beginnings, fresh challenges and endeavors, and the welcome presence of great hope for what lies ahead. With this spirit of looking forward in mind, I'm excited to share some of San Antonio Public

Library's (SAPL) plans for 2022.

SAPL continues to grow to meet the needs of our expanding San Antonio population. The library's importance in promoting inclusivity and equity for all is a key consideration that guides this strategic growth. We are dedicated to providing our residents of all abilities with equal opportunities to enjoy library resources. This is why I'm thrilled to announce the addition of a new ADA-accessible playground and adult workout area at Encino Branch Library. This new amenity, expected to be completed in the coming months, is a shining example of our charge to serve all residents. I hope you have an opportunity to visit Encino once this new feature officially opens to the public.

I'm also pleased to announce the upcoming reopening of the McCreless and Memorial Branch Libraries in the first half of this year. These two libraries are nearing completion on projects set in motion as part of the City of San Antonio's 2017–2022 Bond Program. The renovation projects include many significant improvements, which will enable these libraries and their staff to continue meeting and exceeding the needs of our community members. For more information on these and all other Bond projects, please visit guides.mysapl.org/bond2017.

As inclined as we are to keep our sights set on the exciting events of the future, it's also important to remember the past. Once again during the month of January, SAPL is honoring and remembering victims and survivors of the Holocaust with the 10th annual edition of *The Holocaust: Learn & Remember* from January 3–30. This year's theme, "Immigration and Refugees," will focus on the experience of individuals who escaped the persecution of the Holocaust by emigrating to other places throughout the world. I invite you to participate in the observance throughout this month and visit Westfall Branch Library (6111 Rosedale Court, 78201) to explore the exhibit, "Displaced Persons Camps: Rebuilding Culture and Community in the Aftermath of WWII." For more information on the exhibit and other related programs, visit mysapl.org/holocaust.

As we embark on this new year, I would like to thank each of you for your continued dedication to the San Antonio Public Library. The immense support you offer our organization is greatly appreciated, and your advocacy is extremely important to maintaining a world-class library system for our city's residents. May the coming year be filled with optimism and growth.

Respectfully,

Ramiro S. Salazar

Nominating Committee Report

Beth Graham

Election of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board of Directors will be held at the Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 23, at 2 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium, 600 Soledad 78205, 1st Floor. Three hours' free parking is available in the library parking garage with a validated ticket.

The floor will be open for additional nominations. You must have the prior approval of any additional person you wish to nominate.

Standing for election to the 2022–2024 term are:

Karin Pedersen, Secretary*

Paula Allen

Marcie Anguiano

Kathy Bee

Julia Castellano-Hoyt

Katie Ferrier

Teresa Kilmer

Pat Mendiola

Edward Moreno

Napoleon "Eddie" Patino

Current board members in the middle of the 2021–2023 term are:

John Costello, President

Nancy Gandara, Vice-President

Barbara Morrow, Treasurer

Beth Graham, Immediate Past President

Elena Brickman

Monica Brite

Don Castellano-Hoyt

Kim Cauthon

Barbara Chavez

Linda Cheatum

Tony Moore

Ann Springer

Betty Walters

The Nominating Committee would like to express deep appreciation to **Veronica Rouse**, who has completed three two-year terms on the board.

Respectfully submitted by members of the Nominating Committee **Monica Brite**, **Alethea Bugg**, **Sheila Figueroa**, **Eiginio Rodríguez**, and Chair **Beth Graham**.

*NOTE: **Karin Pedersen** was previously elected to fill the unfinished term of former Secretary **Liz Alves**, who moved out of town. That term has been completed and Karin is now eligible to stand for election for a full term.



The Friends, inaugurated March 23, 1964, pro-

mote 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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John CostelloPresident
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Barbara Morrow Treasurer
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BOARD MEMBERS

2020–2022 Term:

Marcie Anguiano • Julia Castellano-Hoyt • Barbara Chavez • Linda Janney • Pat Mendiola • Napoleon "Eddie" Patino • Veronica Rouse • Mandy Simpson • Ann Springer • Sandra Wilkinson • Sylvia Zamarripa

2021–2023 Term:

Elena Brickman • Monica Brite • Don Castellano-Hoyt • Kim Cauthon • Linda Cheatum • Tony Moore • Betty Walters • Julia Ybarra • 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 5, April 5, June 5, August 5, October 5, and December 5.

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!

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

Sunday, November 21, 2021 | Pan American Library
Submitted by **Eddie Patino**

Call to Order: **John Costello**, President of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library, called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

Roll Call: President Costello called the roll. The following members were present: **Elena Brickman, Monica Brite, Kim Cauthon, Barbara Chavez, John Costello, Nancy Gandara, Beth Graham, Barbara Morrow, Pat Mendiola, Napoleon "Eddie" Patino, Veronica Rouse,** and **Jill Zimmerman**. A quorum was declared.

In the absence of Secretary Pedersen, **Eddie Patino** took minutes.

Approval of the Minutes: President Costello asked if there were any corrections to the Minutes from the September Board meeting. **Eddie Patino** moved to approve the minutes with the following amendment to clarify the last paragraph under Old Business: "After discussion, it was noted the Friends groups must follow the appropriate fiscal procedures to avoid paying sales tax." **Veronica Rouse** seconded this motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved as amended.

President's Report: President Costello attended a Library Bond meeting, the Arts & Letters Awards, and the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Annual Meeting. President Costello urged board members to advocate for the proposed Library Bond projects. He also announced that the Friends groups for the following branches are inactive: Bazan, Collins Garden, and Texana. President Costello announced that the Annual Meeting for the Friends would be on January 23, 2022, at 2

p.m. in the auditorium of the Central Library.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer **Barbara Morrow** presented the report. Immediate Past President **Beth Graham** moved to accept the report and Vice President **Nancy Gandara** seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports Board of Trustees: **Jean Brady** represented the Library Board of Trustees and spoke about the proposed Library bond projects. Trustee Brady presented several talking points regarding Library advocacy and the need to start a dialog with your Council members, Trustee Brady stressed the importance of attending the Facilities Committee meetings in December to advocate for these projects.

One can also submit advocacy through the 311 system to a customer service representative, or through the City of San Antonio web page.

Library Administration: Assistant Library Director **Kathy Donellan** provided an update on the status of the Library's 2017 bond projects. McCreless branch is nearing completion and should be open mid-spring 2022, and Memorial branch is scheduled to reopen in late spring 2022. The designs for the Las Palmas branch are being finalized, and renovations will begin after Memorial reopens. As a result of the winter storm in February, Forest Hills was severely damaged and will require a complete renovation, which is expected to take up to a year. Construction will be starting on the first and third floors of Central Library immediately, with the Texana renovations to begin in late spring 2022. Another new program launched by SAPL is Digital Equity and

Inclusion, which loans out iPads to citizens over 60 years of age.

San Antonio Public Library Foundation: Executive Director **Amy Hone** was unable to attend, so President Costello reported on the success of the Foundation's Catrina Ball.

Reports

Arts and Letters Awards Committee comments were provided by committee members with a bottom line that it was well organized and very successful. Members were reminded that the 50th Arts and Letters Awards will occur in 2022.

Budget Committee 2022 report was provided by **Kim Cauthon** and Vice-President **Gandara**. Members of the committee also included Treasurer **Morrow** and **Glenna Seyfer** (Encino Branch Friends).

Nominating Committee status was provided by Immediate Past President **Graham**. Members of the committee also include **Alethea Bugg** (Tobin Branch Friends), **Monica Brite** (Carver Branch Friends), **Eiginio Rodriguez** (Memorial Branch Friends), and **Sheila Figueroa** (Landa Branch Friends).

Membership Committee: Report was presented by Secretary **Barnett**. Currently, there are 684 members, and 140 Life members. Renewal letters had been sent out and that there is a \$5,000 challenge grant for any additional gifts received before December 15, 2021.

BookCellar Report from Sue Hall was presented by Vice President **Gandara**. She provided an outstanding report with a PowerPoint set of graphs showing how many books were sold through Amazon and profits made. The

BookCellar's sales through October amounted to \$8,226. The November sales to date amounted to \$2,057. The BookCellar will have a holiday sale on the first two weekends in December.

New Business

Immediate Past President **Graham** moved to have the proposed 2022 budget adopted, and **Eddie Patino** seconded the motion. After discussion, the 2022 Budget was approved unanimously.

Monica Brite requested an additional item for discussion at our January 2022 meeting regarding support from the BookCellar for the San Antonio Little Library program. The request was approved.

Announcements

The next board meeting will be January 23, 2022, in the auditorium of the Central Library at 2:00 p.m.

Director **Patino** moved for adjournment and **Jill Zimmerman** seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

It's Time to Renew Your Membership

Danica Barnett,
Membership Chair

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2022! Send your renewal in an envelope with your payment or go online to <https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-membership> to renew using PayPal or your credit card.



Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow Branch Library is now able to accept book donations. We don't know when we'll be able to hold a book sale, but we're considering holding "Pop-Up" sales – we could set up one or two tables outside, at the entrance to the Library. We might host a sale consisting primarily of fiction (we have an abundance of fiction!), or a sale focused on children's books. We're tentatively planning to host our first "Pop-Up" sale on the Saturday, Feb. 12.

Branch Manager **Jeannette Davies** and her staff have made several wreaths on their own time, using craft materials Jeannette provided. The colorful wreaths are now on display at the branch. The Brook Hollow Friends are selling holiday wreaths at affordable prices at the library to benefit library programming. As was mentioned in the November-December *SAPLings*, Jeannette also hosts "Noon Time Helping," a cooking show that utilizes the virtual programming equipment purchased by the Friends several months ago. The show not only provides entertainment and demonstrations, but also promotes the Library's book selections; during the program, viewers are told the titles of books that are available at Brook Hollow. The episode that was based on Halloween included books that referenced hauntings, various superstitions, costumes, recipes related to Halloween, etc. Similarly, the episode based on Thanksgiving provided viewers with a list of books – cook-

books and books concerning the history and traditions of Thanksgiving, etc. In addition to serving as Brook Hollow's branch manager, Jeannette is an active member of the Texas Library Association Podcast Team that received nearly 1,400 views in 2021. Jeannette was also invited by SAPL Marketing to appear on KSAT's "SA Live" on Nov. 17, where she prepared her Loco Jalapeno Cranberry Sauce.

The Friends purchased various supplies for the Teen group, including an HEB gift card (to support in-person Teen programs and provide snacks), a Shrinky Dinks Art Kit, a Sewing Kit, and modeling clay. The teens have been using the Nintendo Switch game (purchased by the Friends several months ago).

The Brook Hollow Friends held their quarterly meeting and their bi-annual election of officers Dec. 4. Our officers are **Becky Benesh**, President; **Pat Bjornson**, Vice President; **Susan Feeley**, Secretary; and **Beth Crabb**, Treasurer. All officers were elected by acclamation.

Additionally, at the Dec. 4 meeting, the Friends agreed to purchase Target gift cards for the 15 staff members, including the custodian. The Friends also agreed to provide a "Holiday Lunch" for the staff by purchasing lunches from Jimmy John's Sandwiches.

The Brook Hollow Friends will hold their next meeting on Saturday, March 12, at 11.

Pat Finley

Carver

Carver Library is back to full operating hours, Sunday 10-6, Monday 12-8, Tuesday 12-8, Wednesday 10-6, Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-6, Saturday 10-6.

Do you need to print documents, but don't have a printer

at home? Use SAPL's Print Online Portal. You can upload your documents and pick up your prints at Carver Library. Visit the Print Online Portal by clicking the following link: <https://www.mysapl.org/Services/Additional-Services/Printing-Copying>.

Carver Library has events and programs for the whole family. Click the following link to view the Carver Calendar: <https://www.mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar/id/car>.

Visit Carver Library to take advantage of our LEARN Center, Children's & Teens Libraries. Did you know that Carver Library is home to the largest African-American Literature Collection? Come on over and check us out!

Encino

The Friends of the Encino Library plan to meet again in January to plan the Spring book sale.

The Friends provided coffee and snacks to the San Antonio Radio Club Tailgate in the Encino Library lower parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 4. In addition to the sales from the snacks, The San Antonio Radio Club donated \$130 to the Friends.

The Friends have supported many December programs including the "Crafts for Giving" and the Children's Winter Animals Play and Learn. In January, the library will use Encino Friends funding for a "Home-made Household Cleaners" class.

Carla Pomager

Igo

Welcome 2022. Happy New Year. We look forward to seeing you at the John Igo Library this year.

Our first meeting of 2022 will be held Saturday, Jan. 8: at 10:30 at the Igo library. We

would love to have you join us at our meetings.

Our first Book Sale of the year will be in February.

We hope to see you in 2022.

Al Rakus

Las Palmas

Regarding the proposed naming change for the Las Palmas Library: at their Oct. 27 meeting, the Public Library Board of Trustees voted to keep the name unchanged.

Library Director **Ramiro Salazar** reports that, because of unanticipated delays with the Memorial Library project, the start date for the Las Palmas Library renovation has slipped to May/June 2022. A public meeting will be held early next year to inform the community about the planned upgrades.

Election of officers for 2022-23 was held and results are: **Delia Ramirez Trimble**, President; **Linda Arronge**, Vice President; **Emerald Alaniz**, Secretary; and **Vicky Enciso**, Treasurer. Congratulations to the Friends officers. Note: this is Emerald's first term on our executive board.

Significantly, the Las Palmas Branch Library and Westside Strategic Area Development project has been included for consideration in the "Facilities" category of the City's 2022-27 bond program. While the already scheduled renovation will upgrade basic structural items such as restrooms, A/C and heating systems, and a courtyard cover, the improvements in the proposed Las Palmas/Westside area design (including Las Palmas Library, the only YWCA in the city, and Las Palmas Park) will highlight existing/potential resources, eliminate environmental barriers, and provide visitors easy access to a "connected" public space. Thanks to Friends who

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advocated on behalf of all the proposed library projects.

Our group provided supplies for some of the holiday events at the library that included activities for all ages. We also hosted a luncheon for staff and presented a gift for each (including teen volunteers).

Delia Ramirez Trimble

Maverick

Happy New Year! We hope that this finds you all safe and well as we head into 2022.

The Maverick Friends were so thankful to close out 2021 with a book donation that brought some of our members together. A local family kindly donated about 35 boxes of books to the library. We had many Friends turn out to help pack, transport, and store these until a future date when we'll sort them for a book sale. We're very grateful to all who support or donate to our library. Thank you!

We ended the year by continuing to meet virtually, so, if you're interested, come join us at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month via Zoom.

We look forward to the opportunities that this new year may bring us all.

Amanda Dickinson

McCreless

The McCreless Friends group is looking forward to 2022 so we can meet in person once again. The branch has been closed for a while for construction delays but is expected to reopen in early 2022.

When it does, the Friends will be there to celebrate with the staff and other library patrons. We hope to rejuvenate our small group through staffing a table at the reopening and providing some funding. Officer elections will be held

once we can meet face-to-face. Please renew your membership and get involved in supporting our branch.

Jill Zimmerman

Parman

Greetings from Parman Friends! We hope that everyone had a safe and festive holiday season and that all will continue to grow and flourish in the New Year.

The Parman Friends had their first book sale since 2019 on Nov 13, and it was very successful. Our Parman Library community was very happy to be able to browse the sale again! We are anticipating having our next sale in April. Thank you to all the volunteers that made the sale successful and especially **Anna, Carolyn, Corie** and **Ally!**

Our ongoing book sale continues to do well. We have added children's and young adult books to the shelves, and we have periodic cart sales on items that are seasonal or timely.

We continue to support Parman Library and have helped with items for the monthly story walk, the take-and-make crafts and Spooky Walk, and Winter Walk. We had a lovely catered lunch for the staff in December with gift cards for the staff. They work so incredibly hard at making the branch successful.

For the New Year, we will keep moving forward with plans to improve membership, we will continue to keep our ongoing book sales profitable, and we will work with the branch on meeting their New Years needs. We will have our first meeting of 2022 in March.

Leslie Cavill Burns

San Pedro

San Pedro Library Friends finally met again in September

2021. The group was able to see the work done to refresh the branch. Children's Librarian **Karen Braueler** met with the group and shared the staff's wish list, new lockers for the staff are really needed, and some new shelving for the children's non-fiction area tops the list. In November, the Friends met new Branch Manager **Nathan Laubner**. He was able to attend the meeting, and said he has sent the wish list request to Administration for approval. **Karen Brauler** also said that she has been able to offer some children's programming in the park. The Friends held elections in November. **Phillip Backhus** was elected President. The members want to say a big thank you to past president and charter member **Lori Gonzalez**. She has been a great supporter of the San Pedro Library!

By the way, please come by and see the park, as there have been extensive renovations there too! The library parking lot has been refinished (no parking meters, either.) There are new walking paths, including one that extends behind the library, and lots of trees. The Friends of the San Pedro Springs Park donated a direct copy of the original 1871 map of the park. The framed map is displayed in the entryway for visitors to see, and will remain a permanent fixture at the library.

Diane Backus

Semmes

Happy New Year to all – can't believe it is already January 2022! Hope you had a blessed and enjoyable holiday season.

The Friends of Semmes Public Library met on-line via email in November and approved the Semmes Library Donation Plan for FY22. The

plan included \$300 to fund teen programming at Semmes. At present, teen programming is the only type of in-person programming allowed. This donation facilitates the purchase of a wider variety of materials for arts and crafts used alongside the traditional video games and board games. This variety appeals to teens' ever-shifting interests. We are pleased the Friends can support our teens in this manner.

The Semmes Friends are fortunate to be able to participate in another innovative project at our branch as well. Under the direction of new Branch Manager **Jorge Chavez**, the Semmes branch recently added a vinyl record collection for patron use both in the library and for home checkout. Semmes branch joins Schaefer, Potranco, and Central Library as the only locations with a vinyl collection. After recently receiving a patron's donation of a large vintage collection of LP vinyl records, the Friends have committed to further support the new library vinyl collection with funds to purchase a second record stand to augment the continued expansion of the library vinyl collection.

Semmes Friends have scheduled our first book sale of 2022 for Jan. 28–29 at Semmes Library in the large meeting room. Preview for members only is Friday, Jan. 28, from 10–11:30. General public sale is Saturday, Jan. 29, from 10–4. Most books are only \$1 with premium books slightly higher. Still the best book bargains in town! The "Bag Sale" will be 3–4. The Semmes Friends are very fortunate to be the recipient of an enormous donation of books from a former book store owner/bibliophile. Book sale shoppers will be thrilled not only with the

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quantity but also the impressive and diverse selection in all genres. Mark your calendars and plan on buying lots of good reading items at bargain prices!

The Friends very much appreciate the staff who work to make the Semmes Library the best it can be to serve those in the community. To show our appreciation, the Friends of Semmes provided a Christmas gift card and Christmas snacks for each worker just before the December holiday.

The next Semmes Friends general membership meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 1 p.m. in the small meeting room at the library. Please consider becoming an active Semmes Friend and participate in our planning for the year. Hope to see you there.

Keep on reading!

Sandy Sherman

Thousand Oaks

Our THO Friends group, though small, has been actively planning for the future.

At our October meeting, we arranged to meet at the Library on Nov. 8 to reorganize the storage space where we have been storing books during the COVID shutdown. We sorted items into basic categories and determined we had enough selections for a winter book sale, which was held Dec. 11.

Friends shared in the Library Staff Christmas luncheon/party on Dec. 14, and we distributed gift cards to the staff members during the event. Friends member **Ginger Hobbs** and her husband provided the meat dish for the lunch.

Pat sent a brief Newsletter to the THO membership bringing them up to date on

November and December activities. We're looking forward to participating once again with the children's librarian when on-site programming for children is available.

We hope to schedule a holiday luncheon meeting of our own during the holidays also.

We send best wishes to all the Friends of SAPL for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Pat Peak

Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Friends of Tobin Library at Oakwell have helped purchase new die cuts for seasonal take-and-make crafts. These activities are very popular for all ages at Tobin Library. New genre signage has been ordered for some of the branch's collections like "DVDs" and "Large Print." This will enhance the visual location of materials and promote more browsing.

Tobin Library employees are being treated to a well-deserved recognition luncheon in December. Our Friends recognize and appreciate the hard work and many changes the team has adapted to so well over the last year.

Alethea Bugg

News from the BookCellar

Sue Hall

Greetings from the BookCellar! Our year ended with a fantastic book sale in December as our customers came to find treasures, bargains, and gifts during the annual Holiday Sale. The shoppers were very enthusiastic during this festive holiday time! During the warm weekends in December, we were able to continue offering our customers extra shopping space in the courtyard. What a great finish to our Fall reopening for the BookCellar!

Thank you to the branches for sending us so many gently used books to sell. This inventory is the fuel for our BookCellar success, and many of those books also made it to our Amazon store (take a peek at <https://tinyurl.com/FOSAPLBook-Cellar>). Our dedicated volunteers are always ready to process these books quickly so that they are available for the customers. We have also been blessed with many donations of very unique books from the community.

The Amazon store continues to grow each month, and this offers an opportunity to connect virtually with a larger audience. Additionally, it offers an added layer of income for the BookCellar profit.

Happy Reading!

The 3rd Annual San Antonio African American Book Festival

The Friends of Carver Library are proud to present the 3rd Annual San Antonio African American Book Festival. The event will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2022, at Carver Library/Second Baptist Community Center from Noon-4 p.m.

We will feature more than 40 local authors, children's activity and a guest speaker. We will also have several food trucks/vendors to choose from.

As an added bonus, The Children's Book Exhibit will be held on the same day from 10:30-11:30. Make sure you bring the kiddos by for a great program and a free book.

Make sure you follow us on Facebook @carverfriends to stay in the loop.

If your business or organization is interested in being an official sponsor, please email us at carverfriends@gmail.com or visit our website at <https://the-friends-of-carver-library.mailchimpsites.com/saaabf>.

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Life Members

Barbara Morrow

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

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

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Recap of Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony

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A fantastic 2021 Arts & Letters Awards ceremony was held November 6 at the Mission Branch Library. The event started with a wonderful outdoor mocktail reception sponsored by Southside Craft Soda and viewing exhibits for each of the honorees. The master of ceremonies was **Andrea Vocab Sanderson**, poet laureate of San Antonio. The honorees were **Margaret Mitchell**, theater arts designer and education; **Octavio Quintanilla**, former San Antonio poet laureate, and **Sabine Senft**, sculpture artist. Thank you to our other sponsors: H-E-B, the University of the Incarnate, Word, Carvajal Pharmacy, Kellum Family Medicine. and Mission Crafts Chandlery.

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Sunday, January 23, 2 p.m.

Central Library Auditorium