

## From the President

Dear Friends,

As fall approaches, we celebrate another hugely successful Summer with



SAPL. Providing a cool environment while enriching our minds and souls demonstrates how vital libraries are to the community.

The summer heat didn't slow many of the Friends' branches and their book sales. Our patrons welcomed these sales, enthusiastically helping the branches raise needed funds. It's thrilling to see so much activity from the branches as we take another step in returning to our routines.

The branches aren't the only ones seeing dollar signs ... the BookCellar revenues keep moving upward as we near the first anniversary of our re-opening. Make sure to check out the BookCellar section on the Friends website

([www.friendsofsapl.org/bookcellar-used-book-store.html](http://www.friendsofsapl.org/bookcellar-used-book-store.html)) for upcoming sales and specials. Also, the BookCellar is looking for book lovers to volunteer.

The end of summer also means the city will be adopting the 2023 budget for the library system. Currently the proposed budget is very favorable, but contacting your councilperson will help ensure that funding does not decrease.

Stay cool and keep reading!  
Happy reading!

*John Costello*

## MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

Barbara Morrow, FOSAPL Treasurer, and Nancy Gandara, FOSAPL VP

It's Back-to-School time! Come to a cla\$\$ to learn new tricks for raising and spending money for your Friends group. ALL branch Friends officers and "Book Nook"/book sale coordinators are requested to attend one of the sessions from 10–noon that will be held at the **Central Library on Saturday, Sept. 17**, and **Parman Branch on Saturday, Sept. 24**. To ensure that your questions are addressed, send those questions to [fosapltreas@gmail.com](mailto:fosapltreas@gmail.com) today.

Note that these are in-person classes, and to make sure there are enough hand-outs (and cookies!) for all attendees, you are asked to RSVP by using one of the following links:

- Central Library, Sept. 17 <https://fosaplmoney9172022.brownpapertickets.com/>
- Parman Branch, Sept. 24 <https://fosaplmoney9242022.brownpapertickets.com/>

Don't forget to bring your #2 pencil — and yes, there might be a quiz!

## Help Us Help the Library

FOSAPL is looking for engaged, energetic board members!

- 2-year term
- Meet every other month
- Help FOSAPL move forward!

If interested, contact **Beth Graham**, [elg23456@gmail.com](mailto:elg23456@gmail.com), (210) 788-6230.

## Arts & Letters Awards

### Call for Nominations

Honor and celebrate a San Antonio artist, writer, or performer by submitting a nomination at: <https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-arts--letters-awards-form> by September 12, 2022.

**Artistic Merit:** an individual who is the most compelling artist working in their discipline and has a diverse portfolio of accomplishments.

**Arts Education:** an individual who is a dedicated arts educator and showcases transformational leadership in arts education and active within the community.

**Public Leadership in the Arts:** a public official or previously elected official showcasing strong advocacy efforts in support for the arts community.

**Young Artist (Rising Star):** an individual under the age of 21 who is an emerging voice in the arts community and trailblazer within their artistry.

**Legacy:** an individual who has an extensive artistic portfolio in their field and whose work has had a lasting impression on the San Antonio arts community.

## From the Library Director



Greetings Friends,  
As the summer comes to an end and we shift back to fall schedules, I first want to remind you of the many resources San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) offers for students. With a Library card, you have access to online collections, homework help, FAFSA assistance, databases, and more. Visit [mysapl.org/backtoschool](https://mysapl.org/backtoschool) to learn more for yourself or the students in your life. I'm also excited to share highlights of what San Antonio Public Library (SAPL) has planned for these upcoming months.

September 15 through October 15 marks Hispanic Heritage Month each year. During this observance, SAPL will host a selection of specialized events and programs to celebrate the cultural heritage of Hispanic and Latino communities. For details on events and programs that are part of Hispanic Heritage Month at SAPL, visit [guides.mysapl.org/HHM](https://guides.mysapl.org/HHM).

September is also recognized as National Library Card Signup Month. Throughout the month, SAPL will encourage San Antonio-area residents to sign up for a Library card if they haven't yet. If they already have a library card, residents are encouraged to invite their friends and family who don't yet have a SAPL card to get signed up as well. For more information on signing up for a library card, visit [mysapl.org/cardsignup](https://mysapl.org/cardsignup).

Next, I'm pleased to announce the much-anticipated completion of the Encino Library Playground and Adult Fitness Area this fall. Encino Branch Library will host a ribbon cutting ceremony on Wednesday, September 28, at 10:30 a.m. The new ADA-accessible playground aims to welcome children of all ages and ability levels through age-appropriate, accessible equipment. The project also includes an adult exercise area, walking path, shade structures, and a food forest to be completed once the weather is a little cooler.

I'm excited to share with you that the San Antonio Public Library Foundation's annual Catrina Ball will return to Central Library on October 22. To find out more about the Foundation's annual event and how to donate or purchase tickets, visit [saplf.org/event/6th-annual-catrina-ball/](https://saplf.org/event/6th-annual-catrina-ball/).

Finally, I want to thank each of you for your ongoing dedication. Your consistent support of the Library helps us enrich the lives of more and more San Antonians each year. I wish you a pleasant fall season and hope to see you at the library soon.

Respectfully,  
**Ramiro S. Salazar**

## National Library Card Signup Month!

Libraries provide us with opportunities to discover and access a world of endless possibilities! Your library card is not just a rectangular piece of plastic. It empowers you to experience new stories, access helpful information, and unlock valuable resources. Interested in helping us reach new users during National Library Card Signup month? Visit this link and share with anyone interested [mysapl.org/cardsignup/](https://mysapl.org/cardsignup/)

## Meet Our New Membership Secretary, Corie Taylor!

Married since 1993 to **Terry Taylor** in Salt Lake City, UT. We have 4 children, who are in college (ages 18, 20, 22 and 24) –also 3 dogs, 3 cats and many foster baby kittens.



I was a retail manager before having children. In 2000, I started an online fabric shop that I maintained out of my house(s) for the next 10 years.

I started fostering puppies and mama + baby puppies in 2017, when one of my girls started raising Guide Dog for the Blind puppies. We made the switch to fostering kittens and over the following years have had hundreds of kittens pass through our door.

I work at the Parman Library, which my daughter calls my "passion job" since we've always loved utilizing the library and reading. Literacy and community involvement are important to me, and I am the Secretary for the Friends of the Parman Branch.

I am excited to take on the FOSAPL Membership Secretary duties and look forward to communicating with our branch groups and members. You can reach me at [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com).

## Looking for Photos from Your Friends Activities?

Visit [friendsofsapl.org](https://friendsofsapl.org) for photos and the latest announcements.



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.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### SAPLINGS

Managing Editor .....Alana Woods

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

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Minutes

Sunday, July 17, 2022 • Igo Library • 2 p.m.

**Call to Order:** President **John Costello** called the meeting to order.

**Roll Call:** **Karin Pedersen**, Secretary, announced that a quorum was present. Board members in attendance were **Ann Springer**, **Barbara Chavez**, **Betty Walters**, **Don and Julia Castellano-Hoyt**, **Jill Zimmerman**, **Kathy Bee**, **Linda Cheatum**, **Eddie Patino**, **Pat Mendiola**, **Paula Allen**, **Sandra Wilkinson**, **Tony Moore**, and **Josie Martinez**.

**Approval of Minutes of May 22, 2022:** as printed in the July/Aug 2022 issue of *SAPLings* was moved by **Beth Graham** and seconded by **Betty Walters**, with unanimous approval by the board.

**President's Report:** **John Costello** noted that the libraries had been very busy with Summer Reading programs, which were frequently augmented by branch Friends group funds. The proposed budget for FY2022-23 is very positive for the Library, but he urged Friends Board members to contact their councilpersons in support of it. The President also called for volunteers to serve on the committee to propose the FOSAPL budget for 2023, and **Eddie Patino** and **Linda Cheatum** volunteered. He announced that **Corie Taylor** had agreed to serve as Membership Secretary, and he thanked **Barbara Morrow** for having served as Interim for the past several months.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Barbara Morrow** presented the Treasurer's Report and Branch Balances Report. As of June 30, 2022, the Branch Designated Funds were \$142,679.80 and the Net Assets available for FOSAPL

(for operating and Library Support to SAPL) were \$113,349.51.

## Liaison Reports

**Board of Trustees:** **Josie Martinez** and **Marcie Ince** reported that the priorities for next year's budget request include an increase of \$1 million in the materials budget and funding for outreach to underserved areas. The next Board of Trustees' meeting will be on July 24.

**San Antonio Public Library Foundation:** In the absence of a representative, **John Costello** announced that the Catrina Ball will be held in person on Oct. 22 at the Central Library.

**Library Administration:** **Jessica Zurita** noted that work on next year's City budget is ongoing and that funds have been identified to engage a consultant who will benchmark attributes of FOSAPL versus comparable cities' Friends groups. **John Costello** and **Nancy Gandara** will be actively involved in the project.

**BookCellar:** **Pearl Banks** announced that despite construction on Soledad Street, both revenues and donations of materials (including from the estate of Henry B. Gonzalez) have been positive. There are currently 20 regular volunteers, seven of whom started recently. **Linda Cheatum** noted that revenue for June exceeded \$7,200, and a recent donation of 140 boxes of materials included three thousand compact discs.

**Online Sales:** **Ilhiana Poor** noted that YTD revenue from online sales exceeded \$10,500. Increased efforts to photograph items for sale are expected to

improve sales and reduce returns of items.

## New Business

**Authorization of the members of the Nominating Committee for 2023:** Nominated to serve on the Nominating Committee for Officers and Board Members were: **Liz Alves**, **Pat Mendiola**, **Delia Trimble**, **Terry Ybanez**, and **Beth Graham (chair)**. **Katie Ferrier** moved to accept the slate of nominees, and **Betty Walters** seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

**Authorization of the members of the Arts & Letters Committee for 2023:** Nominated to serve on the Arts & Letters Committee were: **Beth Graham**, **Emerson Stuckart**, **Anne Hohenberger**, **Beth Lowell**, **Marcie Anguiano**, and **Kim Cauthon (chair)**. **Nancy Gandara** moved to accept the slate of nominees, and **Eddie Patino** seconded the motion, which passed without opposition.

**Authorization of the reactivation of the Friends of the Cortez Branch, with Bylaws of the group to be considered on Sept. 18, 2022:** **Nancy Gandara** made the motion to approve, and **Eddie Patino** seconded her motion. In discussion, **Vicente Escobedo**, President of the Cortez Friends, noted that the 12 current members of the group had elected officers and would review the bylaws that had been used by the prior group. All members of the FOSAPL board were in favor of the motion as presented.

## Announcements

Training sessions for branch group officers will be held in

September and will include use of a QR code with the Square to allow for non-cash sales from book carts. Questions and suggestions of issues to be covered may be sent to **Barbara Morrow** and **Nancy Gandara**.

**John Costello** expressed appreciation for the meeting refreshments provided by the Friends of the Igo Branch.

## Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was proposed by **Pat Mendiola**, seconded by **Beth Graham**, and unanimously approved.

## 2022 FOSAPL Board Meetings

All meetings start at 2 p.m.

When held in person, meetings will be in the meeting rooms of the branches noted below.

September 18	Parman
November 20	Forest Hills
January 29, 2023	Central Library

## BookCellar Volunteer Appreciation

**Ilhiana Poor**, Online Vendor Manager

A huge thank you to all our lovely volunteers this month! Because of our volunteers, we were able to list a much larger number of books on the Amazon storefront.

Our diligent volunteers help by sorting the items for the Amazon store and identifying prices. After prices are confirmed against Amazon, we list the item in the online store.

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## Brook Hollow

We are very happy with the results of our Back-to-School mini sale July 23—\$970! We held the sale in the main part of the library, as the meeting room with no air conditioning couldn't be used. It was a perfect place for a mini sale.

Sixteen of our members, including two new members, helped with the sale. Those of us who worked during the lunch hour enjoyed sharing a pizza lunch with staff members.

We have cancelled plans for a big sale in the near future as we don't know when the air conditioning will be fixed. We will still have a quarterly meeting in either late August or early September. The date and place still need to be decided.

*Pat Bjornson*

## Encino

Encino Library's Assistant Manager **Ann Laird** reports that the Encino library has had a great Summer! More than 570 children registered for the Summer with SAPL program. Encino also welcomed new Children's Librarian **Caitlin Leonard** at the end of June. Ms. Caiti jumped right in and did Storytime on the patio for the month of July. In July, Friends of Encino also supported Tweens Create programming, and Summer Sing-Along movies! Tweens had lots of fun making shrinky dinks and color changing slime, and the snacks the Friends provided for the movies were much appreciated.

Teens have been very active at Encino this Summer. We

have had more than 20 teen volunteers who have been creating some of their own programming, such as making wish bottles, learning coding in Python, and even rearranging the furniture in the Teen room to their liking! The teens are also thankful to the Friends for purchasing a utility cart and microwave for them. Now teens can enjoy some warm snacks, such as ramen. Friends also purchased more button making supplies for the Teens, which is a popular activity.

Adults at Encino have also been busy this Summer. Friends of Encino supported the Retro Crafts series. In July, adults and teens made shrinky dink necklaces and keychains and lava lamp lip gloss. Friends also supplied materials for adults to make "Summer Soothers" – after-sun gel, a soothing face mist, and anti-itch balm.

The playground being built at Encino has been making more progress. Concrete and the soft play surface were installed recently. Encino families are looking forward to getting to play out on the new playground. The playground Grand Opening is slated for Sep. 28.

In August, librarians had a programming break to plan lots of great programming for the Fall! Children's services has lots of new programming planned including Lego time, storytime and baby time, STEM and art programming, and even programs held on Encino's new playground.

Friends of Encino and Encino staff would like to thank **Carla Pomager** for all her support and service to the Friends over the years. Carla recently stepped down as the Friends of Encino Library President as she will be moving out of state to be closer to family. We wish her the best!

*Barbara Morrow*

## Guerra

Preparations for our upcoming book sale Sep. 30 and Oct. 1 are underway. We're adding new books, paperbacks, CDs, and the usual fare. The hours will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. and Saturday from 10-4 p.m. We hope to see our old as well as new patrons there! We have not had a book sale in two years due to the pandemic, but we have lots to choose from and depended on our book cart to keep us going. That has been a big help, thanks in part to the tax people who come in and the Bexar County polling attendants. They like having a book cart handy outside the door where they work.

Guerra Branch Manager **Monica Bustillo** would like you to meet new Teen Library **Bek Corley** and Children's Librarian **Linda Lopez**.

Come one, come all, we are anxious to see you all!

*Anna Cleve*

## Igo

No new news to report, but there are photos in the website slide show from our book sale and petting zoo July 30.

*Al Rakus*

## Landa

Earlier this summer, the Friends of Landa Library added an option for customers to pay electronically at our Bookcart by scanning a QR code linked to our Square account. Square is a service that lets us take credit card payments at our book sales and now at our cart! As fewer people carry cash, tools like Square are helpful and convenient for customers. Landa Friends Treasurer **Stephen Barnes** will be participating in a FOSAPL financial processes training this fall to walk through how to set up a QR code for book cart sales.

Landa will be holding another book sale in the late fall or early December. Stay tuned for details!

*Mary Kay Bailey*

## Las Palmas

Kudos to our Las Palmas Library staff for a successful Summer with SAPL Program for which we were happy to provide some support.

As we've done in previous years, we're asking Friends to promote all Library resources through their respective networks. One program that's especially relevant as schools get underway for the 2022-23 academic year is the free online tutoring program at [mysapl.org/homeworkhelp](https://mysapl.org/homeworkhelp).

The date for the closing of the Las Palmas Library for renovation has not been announced yet, so Friends will continue to coordinate with staff for support of possible Halloween and/or Día de Los Muertos events.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

## McCreless

McCreless Friends held the first full book sale in our newly renovated library August 13, with setup the day before and breakdown the day after. Volunteers included **Mary Alberti, Julia and Rob Briggs, Marisa DeBow, Lucy Duncan, Mary Gallagher, Paula Massengale, Bernadette Navarro, Marilyn Nowlin, and Jill Zimmerman**. In addition to these members, an official library volunteer named **Christiana** helped with set-up on Friday. I wish I had asked her last name! Many thanks to all our volunteers!

The Friends were able to refresh the Dungeons & Dragons game supplies as requested by the Teen Librarian as well as a request for a portable speaker at the request of the

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## Branch Leaves, from p 4.

Children's Librarian. The successful book sale allows us to fill additional requests to support the library programming and staff.

Election of new officers will be held at the December meeting. Candidates for the position of President and Treasurer for 2023 are being sought. Please consider stepping up your involvement in the group and let **Jill Zimmerman, Bernadette Navarro, or Mary Alberti** know of your interest in being nominated for President or Treasurer.

*Jill Zimmerman*

## Memorial

The Memorial Amigos met via Zoom on July 10. Members were updated on the status of the Memorial Library renovation.

Memorial Amigos member **Linda Arronge** recently stopped by the temporary location of the Memorial Library and learned the following:

Due to the continued closure of the Memorial Branch Library for its renovation, branch staff recently moved to a space provided by the National Archive Marianist Province of the United States (NAMPUS) on the campus of St. Mary's University. Until the branch reopens, Librarians **Chrissy Deffendall** and **Fred- dy Hudson** are providing curbside pickup service for patrons who have requested to have items sent to Memorial as well as providing telephone reference services. During their first six weeks at NAMPUS, from June 21 through July 29, they answered the phone more than 370 times and checked out items for more than 150 patrons. While they were pleased to provide service to Memorial's patrons from the Library on the Go

vehicle in the branch parking lot from April 2021 through June 2022, Chrissy and Freddy are extremely grateful to the staff at NAMPUS for their hospitality.

*Diane Duesterhoeft*

## Parman

Summer Reading at Parman ended with a Wizard Festival on July 30. Friends of Parman Library were on site with an information table, raffle, and lollipop game to get the word out about our mission. We were happy to support our library and community families with such a fun-filled event before school starts.

Our next general meeting will be on Tuesday, Sep. 27, at 6 p.m., and our Fall Book Sale is scheduled for Nov. 12, from 10-5.

*Corie Taylor*

## Semmes

Semmes Library's Plant Swaps are gaining momentum and, even in the heat of the summer, have become very popular! The next Swap will be Sunday morning, September 4 from 10-12. We, Friends, are providing snacks and water for

this event that has expanded to include a Kids Craft Corner. It is a great opportunity for Green Thumb networking, and Friends may even have a gardening book corner!

Our Book Cart is small but mighty and doing a robust business. We thank all of our donors for the great titles that have such a good attraction. We have not yet set the date for our next book sale but anticipate one in November. Stay tuned and watch the online *SAPLings* calendar for the new date.

Chill!

*Christie Smith*

## Tobin

Tobin Friends donations have enabled the library to buy various items to be used in upcoming Fall programs. A sensory bin and activity boards for younger children, and soccer balls and footballs for Middle School students and teens, along with craft items.

Summer Reading at Tobin was very successful, partly due to the huge Summer Reading Kick-Off back in June that Tobin Friends funded extensively. 565 kids signed up! When Tobin Library was run-

ning low on free books to give away, Tobin Friends volunteers **Pat DePasquale** and **Karen Sebesta** provided Kids and Teen books in very good condition for kids and teens that signed up the second half of July. Thanks to both of them for their hard work and for helping promote reading at Tobin Library!

*Alethea Bugg*

## BookCellar, from p 3.

With the cooperation of our team, we were able to list more than 200 items this past month.

Pricing an item appropriately is important so we stay competitive. Items that are heavier cost more to ship so the volunteers take the weight into consideration. When prices do not align or have too many offers (other sellers listing the same item) these are forwarded to the physical store to sell to the local public.

I would like to extend a personal thank you to **Michael Daniels**, who I affectionately call "Bike-Mike" as he rides to the BookCellar every day on his bike. Mike has been very important to the online store this month by taking pictures, sorting items, and clearing out spaces of books that have been on the shelves for months.

Mike also is great out on the floor shelving books and setting up displays. When asked why he chooses to volunteer his time at the BookCellar, he said, "I heard the BookCellar was in need of volunteers, and I enjoy helping the Library in any way I can." Mike has since retired from his days as a public school librarian but retains and shares all his knowledge to aid the BookCellar.

Thank you, Mike! We appreciate you.

## Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Sept 4 Semmes Plant Swap, 10–12
- Sept 12 Deadline to submit nominations for the Arts & Letters Award,  
<https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-arts--letters-awards-form>
- Sept 17 Money, Money, Money!, Central Library, <https://fosaplmoney9172022.brownpapertickets.com/>
- Sept 18 FOSAPL Board meeting, Parman, 2 p.m.**
- Sept 24 Money, Money, Money!, Parman, <https://fosaplmoney9242022.brownpapertickets.com/>
- Sept 27 Parman Friends meeting, 6.
- Sept 28 Encino Library Playground and Adult Fitness Area ribbon cutting ceremony, 10:30
- Sept 29 Brook Hollow Staff Appreciation/Get to Know You dinner
- Sept 30–Oct 1 Guerra Book Sale, new books, paperbacks, CDs; Friday, 4–6, Saturday, 10–4
- Oct 1 Encino Friends Book Sale, 10–4
- Oct 22 San Antonio Public Library Foundation's annual Catrina Ball, Central Library. More info  
[saplf.org/event/6th-annual-catrina-ball/](http://saplf.org/event/6th-annual-catrina-ball/)
- Nov 12 Parman Fall Book Sale, 10–5.
- Nov 20 FOSAPL Board meeting, Forest Hills, 2 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.

Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
210-207-9030

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

Encino Library  
2515 East Evans Road  
210-207-9250

Guerra Library  
7978 Military Drive West, 78227  
210-207-9070

Forest Hills Library  
5245 Ingram Rd., 78228  
210-207-9230

Parman Library at Stone Oak  
20735 Wilderness Oak  
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