

## From the President



Dear Friends,

I'm writing in February, the month of love, so first let me say: I love you! You do great work just because you love the library. Thanks to everyone: BookCellar volunteers and manager, Branch Friends officers and members, the citywide Friends Board, and the citywide officers. You help make library services possible.

However...this will be published in March: springtime, beginnings, growth! So let's think about ways to grow.

### How can you get more members?

- This year's elections will bring huge crowds to libraries (consistently in the top ten busiest voting locations.) People will be in line with nothing else to do – talk to your branch manager to see if you can set up a Friends sign-up table a few times during early voting and on election day for both the primaries and the general election. Busiest hours are usually around lunchtime and after work.
- Take advantage of library programs: ask your branch manager about setting up a Friends table at storytimes or during craft programs. Find out when the special presentations will be during Summer Reading and be there to sign up parents. There's also a Teen Summer Reading program, so those activities could be great opportunities to start a Teen Friends group.

### How can you sell more at your book sales?

- Send your dates and times to two essential volunteers: *SAPLings* editor and webmistress **Alana Woods**, [saplingseditor@gmail.com](mailto:saplingseditor@gmail.com), and Facebook coordinator **Karin Pederson**, [potranco.fosapl@gmail.com](mailto:potranco.fosapl@gmail.com). Remember that *SAPLings* will need two months' lead time, so set your dates early and get your info to the people who can help you publicize.
- Use media like NextDoor to promote your sales. (Lots of Friends groups are already doing this.) Send info about your sale to your neighborhood association newsletter and to hyperlocal publications like *Local* ([localcommunitynews.com](http://localcommunitynews.com)), *Welcome Home* ([welcomehomesa.com](http://welcomehomesa.com)) and the *Current* ([sacurrent.com](http://sacurrent.com)).

These are just a few suggestions – I'm sure you can come up with more (and better) ideas. Brainstorm with your group, then work the ideas you all like best.

Thank you for all you do!

**Beth Graham**

*The library is inhabited by spirits that come out of the pages at night. – Isabel Allende*

## FOSAPL Board Orientation Workshop

Kim Cauthon

March 8 at 1:30 pm., | Carver Branch Library

All FOSAPL Friends are invited to the FOSAPL Board of Directors' Orientation Workshop. The focus of the workshop is orienting the newly elected board members. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends or considering serving on the Board in the future, you are welcome to attend. The workshop will be approximately 2 hours. Please RSVP to **Kim Cauthon**, [kimabyrd@hotmail.com](mailto:kimabyrd@hotmail.com) or 602-690-4937.

## MONEY, MONEY, MONEY!

Nancy Gandara

We know you've got questions—come to a cla\$\$ for answers! ALL branch Friends group presidents, treasurers, "Book Nook" and book sale coordinators are requested to attend one of these sessions during March:

- Friday, 3/20/2020 1:30–3:30 Mission Branch
- Friday, 3/27/2020 1:30–3:30 Brook Hollow
- Saturday, 3/28/2020 10–12 Central
- Sunday, 3/29/2020 2–4 Great Northwest

To ensure that *your* questions and frustrations are addressed, send those questions to [fosapltreas@gmail.com](mailto:fosapltreas@gmail.com) today!

## Making New Friends and Keeping the Old

Barbara Morrow, Membership Chair

Welcome to the 52 new members of the Friends. This brings our total to 921 active members. Of these members, 371 have not yet renewed for 2020. Please renew your membership by visiting [friendsofsapl.org](http://friendsofsapl.org), using PayPal or credit card; or by mailing payment in a membership envelope. If you want to confirm your membership, please email [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com).

**Membership envelopes** are stored at the BookCellar. Call 210-227-9519 to ask for more envelopes to be sent to your branch.

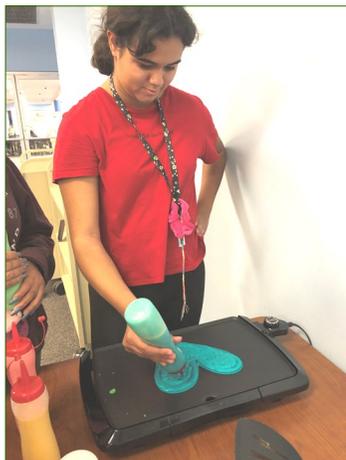
**Current membership rosters** can be provided to Friends' branch officers by emailing the membership chair at [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com).

**Questions** may be answered by emailing [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com).



## Brook Hollow

Brook Hollow Library remains a busy place thanks, in large part, to the creativity of the staff! In September, Branch Manager **Heidi Novotny** asked the Friends to purchase cooking supplies (including a blender, an electric griddle, and a spatula) for Teen programs. Under the guidance of Asst Branch Manager **Julia Pouliot**, the teens recently created “pancake



art” by coloring pancake batter (made in the blender), putting it in squeeze bottles, and creating pancakes that were works of art. The teens have also made homemade corn tortillas, smoothies, and “boba tea” (sometimes known as “bubble tea”) in the blender. The Friends purchased various craft supplies, a sewing kit, yarn, iron-on patches, acrylic paint, and “scratch art pads” for the teens. It sounds like Brook Hollow is nurturing future chefs, designers, and artists!

At the request of Library staff, the Friends also purchased blocks and building toys (including Magna Tiles, window blocks, alphabet blocks,

and various early literacy toys). Brook Hollow’s ever-changing Pretend & Play Market is currently a “Block Play Center.” In recognition of Black History Month, Story Time on Feb. 18 was “Move!” – an interactive story time celebrating Black History Month for children ages three to five years. There were stories, dancing, and use of a “parachute” purchased by the Friends. The Tweens have not been forgotten – **Heidi Novotny** asked the Friends to purchase outdoor supplies such as balls, tarps, and jump ropes to facilitate creative outdoor play activities. It wouldn’t surprise me if those items were used by all ages (including adults).

The Friends also agreed to purchase a wall-mounted “White Board” for the meeting room. This is an item that will prove useful for a variety of purposes including staff meetings.

Officer elections were to have been held in December 2019, but that meeting was postponed to January 2020. Several officers chose not to run for re-election; many thanks to **Sue Bowser** (who served as vice president), **Neal Bjornson** (who served as Treasurer), and **Veronica Rouse** (who served as secretary) for their years of service. As there were no other individuals who wished to serve, the following individuals were elected by acclamation and will serve until December 2021: **Pat Finley**, president; **Edna Ortiz**, vice president; **Beth Crabb**, treasurer; and **Susan Feeley**, secretary.

### Save the Dates

The Brook Hollow Friends will hold their next quarterly meeting on Saturday, Apr. 4, at 1:00 p.m.

The Brook Hollow Friends will host their annual staff appreciation dinner at the Alamo Cafe on Tuesday, Apr. 7. Additional information will be

shared with Staff and Friends later this month.

Brook Hollow will hold its annual used book sale on Saturday, Sept. 26.

*Pat Finley*

## Carver

The Friends of Carver Library proudly presented the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual San Antonio African American Book Festival on Feb. 8 at Carver Library. The day started off with the Black History for Children Book Exhibit, hosted by **Aundar Ma’at** (2019 Arts & Letters Award recipient).

The SAAABF ran from Noon until 4:30. Two presenting authors led discussions around their books – **Antoinette Franklin** (2019 Arts & Letters Award recipient) and Professor **Fred Williams** (2011 Arts & Letters Award recipient).

Twenty participating authors were introduced to the community with the opportunity to sell their literary works.

Carver Friends created the SAAABF as an annual Black History month event to showcase and discuss local African American literature. This inaugural event also commemorated Carver Library’s 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Carver Library started as a reading room then grew to the Carver Community Auditorium and Library. It was the only library in San Antonio that allowed Black people to check-out books. The Carver we know today was built in 1972 in its current location and has remained a staple to the African American community to this very day.

The Friends of Carver Library has a personal mission to preserve Carver’s history and work diligently in the present to plan accordingly for the future.

The Friends of Carver received a Mayoral Proclamation to formally recognize and document the SAAABF as a Black History month event.

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

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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### SAPLINGS

Managing Editor .....Alana Woods

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

Deadlines for submitting articles and photos are February 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!

## Branch Leaves, from p 2.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual SAAABF received media mentions from [SA Current](#), [Southside Reporter](#), [Visit San Antonio](#), and [San Antonio Magazine](#).

*“Since new developments are the products of a creative mind, we must therefore stimulate and encourage that type of mind in every way possible.”*—**G.W. Carver**

*Monica Brite*

### Encino

As a membership recruitment event, the Encino Friends will be hosting the Bexar County Master Gardeners on Mar. 7 from 11 to 1. Sir Oliver Smitty Smith will speak on “Plants That Thrive in San Antonio”. A light lunch will be provided. The Friends will present a slide show about the benefits of being a Friend of the Library.

On Saturday, Mar. 14 the Friends will host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Encino FOSAPL Spring Craft Fair and Used Book Sale/ from 10–4. A petting zoo sponsored by Frost Bank will be available from 11–1. The book sale includes books, videos, and audio books that have been donated to the library. For more information about the Friends of the Encino Library contact: [efosaplsecre-tary@gmail.com](mailto:efosaplsecre-tary@gmail.com) or follow on Facebook @Encino FOSAPL.

Friends supported two out of the three Tweens Create programs in January. Using the Hobby Lobby gift card gifted to the Encino Library from the Friends of the Library, the staff purchased mini flower pots and shrink film. The tweens decorated the flower pots with a “resist method” using stickers and permanent markers, and they had a great time creating Shrinky Dinks and watching them shrink in the toaster oven.

During February, the Friends of Encino supported several Valentine activities, including a craft at Storytime and a special craft program on Feb. 11.

In March, the Friends of the Encino Library will support our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual TruckFest event by providing funds for Kona Ice to appear and give free Snow Cones to the first 100 participants. The TruckFest is held in partnership with SAPD, SAFD, Acadian Ambulance, and NEISD.

During the month of April, Friends’ support will be used to help with an Easter/Spring craft program for children – and a mini succulent planter craft program for adults!

*Carla Pomager*

### Igo

The February book sale was a huge success. Your purchases at the book sale were greatly appreciated. Your continued support allows the Friends to contribute and/or purchase supplies for the many functions that go on at your neighborhood Igo Library.

Winter never really arrived in San Antonio, and, therefore, it feels a bit odd to be writing about spring. And yet spring is just over the horizon. The John Igo Branch Library has something for every age in March. There’s Guided Breathing and Meditation, the Igo Mystery Book Group, Dollars and Sense book club (focusing on economics and finance), Mottled Oysters (a book group based around the works of P.G. Wodehouse), the Igo Stitchery (for aficionados of knitting and crochet), the Afternoon Book Club, Ukulele Club, and Club de Lectura (our Spanish Book Club) all for adults. Teens can participate in Teen Movie Night, Teen Cooking Club, or the Whatev

favorite known as Teen Time. For kids we have Baby Time, Toddler Time, Story Time, and Tween Time. Check our events calendar for days and times.

<https://www.mysapl.org/Events-News/Events-Calendar>.

In April, Igo is tentatively scheduled for some improvements. Updates will be available as plans are confirmed. Please check with the branch for any questions.

*Al Rakus*

### Las Palmas

Friends of Las Palmas are coordinating with Library staff and will provide any requested supplies and snacks for the children during Spring Break, Mar. 9–13.

We’ll soon be saying farewell to Assistant Manager, **Rhonda Davila**, who’s retiring at the end of March after 20 years with the Library. Significantly, Rhonda has also served our country in the Air Force Reserves for 23 years, currently assigned to the 433rd Airlift Wing at Lackland AFB. After her retirement from the Library, she’ll be deployed, in an admin position, for six months to a Middle East location. The Las Palmas Friends has appreciated working with Rhonda, supporting her programs that are relevant and meaningful for the Las Palmas community. Thank you for your service, Rhonda.

In past years, our Friends group has enjoyed participating with library staff at a great area outreach opportunity, Fiesta de Los Niños at Port San Antonio. This year, it’s scheduled for Apr. 18, and we plan to again host a game for the children and assist with disseminating information on library programs and services. Everyone is invited to come out and enjoy this Fiesta event.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

### Mission

Mission Friends welcome **Marcia Anguiano** to our group. Marcie also became a



member of the FOSAPL Board at the January meeting. She has a background in non-profit development, fundraising, and special events. Marcie is an executive administrator at TJ Maxx San Antonio Distribution Center. Lastly, she is the daughter-in-law of the late **Roberto Anguiano**, organizer and president of the Mission Friends.

### Special Events and Meetings

February–March 2020, Mission Friends fundraiser, Selling Fiesta Medals.

Mar. 5, Mission Friends executive board meeting at 6:30 in the Roberto Anguiano meeting room.

Mar. 26, Mission Friends general meeting at 6:30 in the Roberto Anguiano meeting room.

Mission Friends continue selling the commemorative and attractive Fiesta Medal for 2020. The medal features a skyline of all the Missions with the inclusion of an outline of the south exposure of the Mission Library that is a symbolic example of Spanish architecture. Anyone can purchase a medal at the Mission

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## From the Library Director



Greetings, Friends!

We are very excited for the upcoming months as the Library prepares for a variety of major initiatives. As you may know, libraries serve as voter registration sites year round, as well as voting sites in most locations. We

look forward to serving in this capacity for two major elections this year – the Primary Election in March and the Presidential Election in November. The Library is continually striving to educate and inform our community about the importance of voting. We appreciate your help in spreading the word and encouraging others to register to vote at their local library location.

Also of importance, the Library is enthusiastic about its key role in the 2020 Census. We have hosted successful Census employee recruitments at several locations and continue to engage with the City of San Antonio Census Administrator and partners to ensure the Census process has our support. Additionally, our staff is trained and eager to assist community members in answering questions about the Census and helping to educate about its importance and benefits. This year's collection efforts will focus heavily on online efforts to collect data, and the Library will be providing computers and internet access to facilitate the collection process.

Finally, the Library has some great programs and events coming up this spring, such as Maker Faire SA on Mar. 21 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Central Library, as well as programs and events in celebration of Women's History Month. Additionally, the Library is once again partnering with the 8th Annual San Antonio Book Festival. This year's festival will take place on Apr. 4 at the Central Library and Southwest School of Art from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. This is truly an extraordinary event that includes nearly 100 author appearances, exhibits, events for kids, and more. Learn more at [saplf.org/festival](http://saplf.org/festival).

As always, thank you for your ongoing support so the Library can continue to offer meaningful experiences to our entire community.

*Respectfully,*  
**Ramiro S. Salazar**

## Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

### Donations By

Network for Good  
Aundar Ma'at

Anna Stephens  
Charlotte Wenger

### In Memory of

Jane Bowles  
Betty Kelso  
Anne Knight  
Graham Knight  
Ivy Durnell  
Shirley Mae Davis  
Margie Esparza  
Charles B. Donellan  
James Garrett  
Dr. Harold Rodinsky  
Josephine Hall  
Pat Konstam  
Mark Griffin  
Robert Anguiano

### By

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library  
Nancy Gandara  
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Kathy Donellan  
Ann Springer  
Carol Reposo  
Joni Short  
Sylvia Zamarripa  
Sylvia Griffin  
Cindy Taylor

### In Honor of

Delia Trimble

### By

Mike Trimble

## Branch Leaves, from p 3

Library check-out station for \$10.

*Sandra Wilkinson*

### Parman

Parman Friends had a very successful book sale in November. We also continue to have robust sales at our two Book-tiques. Our pricing is still an issue for discussion in our group. The time and effort put forth by members for these projects allow us to provide the library with supplies for their programs. Most recently we provided for the Multicultural Festival and Winter Walk in December, and also for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter. Come see the holiday decorations in front of the library for a photo. We are also contributing to the Tween Time STEAM and

Discovery programs for children and supplies for use of the 3D printer.

The Friends meet every other month. We are alternating Saturday and Tuesday nights to provide more opportunity for attendance. The next meeting will be held in April. Check the library calendar later for the exact date. New members are always welcome. You can join online at the FOSAPL website or the envelopes in the library.

*Diana Klodginski*

### Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Spring Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Tobin at Oakwell was held on Feb. 11. **Dale McNeill**, assistant director of the San Antonio Public Library, addressed the

membership about the state of the library system and discussed future improvements and changes.

On Mar. 27, the Friends of the Tobin will co-host a supernatural celebration, feting the 15 seasons of the television show *Supernatural*. **Lynn Zubernis, Ph.D.**, will discuss the show and sign her books. There will also be a pie bar, a rock-paper-scissors contest, a Supernatural Escape Room, a beanie toss, a custom Funko tutorial, live alpacas, and more!

The Tobin at Oakwell will host its spring book sale on Apr. 4, with a pre-view sale for members on Apr. 3. Donations are being accepted through Apr. 2.

*John Costello*

## Unconventional Project

Sandra Wilkinson

*"I know this project is unconventional, but with the way the world is now, we all need to be willing to go against the norm."* – Ruth Mini

I met Ruth about two months ago in the BookCellar as I was helping her carry 4–6 boxes of children books upstairs that she had purchased to the "turnaround" for pick-up. Her mom was waiting to transport the books for Ruth. After asking several questions about her book selections, I learned she plans to give away all the books. Wanting to know more, I asked and she agreed to come back to the Book-Cellar for an interview.

In 2017, Ruth set a goal to give away 10,000 books. To date, she has given away 8,000 books. She gets most of her books through donations, and she also purchases books as she gets monetary donations.

Her first big acquisition was from a private school that was closing. A friend of Ruth's at the school knew about her project. This friend asked her if she wanted the books from the school's library. Ruth said yes, not knowing, she was saying yes to 2,000 books. Ruth's very understanding and supportive mom lets her store the books in her garage until she can give all the books away. Ruth has also received a very large donation from another school who wished to make room for new books by donating 10,000 books to Ruth.

Ruth gives away her books by attending events that she knows children will attend. She supports her goal via many small book donations, as well as donations of money. The money pays for website fees.



Ruth is obviously a very busy person. She is currently completing a graduate degree in Library Science at Texas Woman's University. Ruth's undergraduate degree is in English. She attended the Texas A&M University at San Antonio. Ruth loves to write and considers herself an unpublished author. As an author, Ruth loves the way books make you feel, and what the reading experience does for people. Lastly, this busy author, student, and giver of books currently works part-time at Semmes Branch Library.

Thanks, Ruth

### 2020 Board Meetings

*All meetings start at 2:00*

Date	Library
March 22	Encino Branch Library
May 17	Brook Hollow Branch Library
July 19	Mission Branch Library
September 20	Tobin Branch Library
November 22	Pan American Branch Library
January 24, 2021	Central Library

## BookCellar News

Andrea Mason



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

During the month of March, we will feature our annual SPRING BREAK SALE. During this sale, additional juvenile materials will be placed on the patio to give children, parents, and teachers more inventory choices. Regularly priced easy readers will be 1/2 off or 25¢ each. We will have additional boxes of 10¢ books out on the patio. We will also offer a table of individually priced activity, games and craft books to keep the children busy over the break.

The Spring Break Sale will run from Saturday, Mar. 7, thru Sunday, Mar. 15. You'll have two weekends and all the days in between to shop!

Other March specials include regularly priced adult fiction hardbacks shelved in the fiction section and/or tagged as fiction. It will also include all regularly priced adult hardback mysteries, all regularly priced large-print fiction, all regularly priced large Sci-Fi paperbacks and hardbacks that are shelved together. These books will be 50% off or 50¢ each.

Spanish hardback fiction and classic hardback fiction will not be included.

Also on sale at 50¢ (50% off) will be regularly priced adult 600s (health, fitness, diets, pets, cookbooks, etc.) and regularly priced adult 700s (art, crafts, music, sports and games).

April features the Book Festival, Saturday, Apr. 4. The BookCellar will offer extended hours that day. We will open at 10 a.m. and close at 4 p.m.

April is Poetry Month . . . poetry will be featured in a special display and will be individually priced. All regularly priced 800s (which includes poetry) will be 50% off or 50¢ each. All art markups will be 50% off the lowest ticketed price. This sale includes reduced markups also!

All regularly priced 900s will be 50% off or 50¢ each.



[www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA](https://www.facebook.com/BookCellarSA)

# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Annual Meeting Minutes

Sunday, January 26, 2020 | Central Library  
Submitted by *Nancy Gandara, Acting Secretary*

The annual meeting of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library took place on Sunday, January 26, 2020, at the Central Library. President **Beth Graham** called the meeting to order at 2:07 p.m. Attendees were asked to introduce themselves and note their branch affiliations. Acting Secretary **Nancy Gandara** declared that a quorum of the current board was present.

**Approval of Minutes:** It was moved and seconded to accept the minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2019, as printed in the January-February 2020 issue of *SAPLings*, and the motion passed unanimously.

**President's Report:** **Beth Graham** highlighted some events and recent meetings and also reviewed Friends' accomplishments of the past year, including:

The Friends of Texana/ Genealogy funded digitization of 769 African-American funeral programs. Added to the 3,777 previously digitized, this brings the total of digitally available programs to 4,546. They also sent materials to the Paradise, California, Historical Society, which had their library destroyed in the 2019 fire.

Friends groups at the Potranco and Pan American branch libraries were reactivated. The Pan American revival was spearheaded by a group of teens who approached the branch manager about ways to help the library. Library administration reported that Pan American was third out of all branch libraries in attendance at teen activities and programs.

Branch Friends groups and the citywide Friends supported 50th-anniversary celebrations at the Las Palmas, Pan American and Tobin branches.

The *SAPLings* newsletter was revamped and enlarged to 12 pages.

Four local artists were honored at the 2019 Arts & Letters Awards – including the first-ever filmmaker – and the ceremony had the largest attendance in recent years, at approximately 80.

The membership committee presented a membership workshop on September 22, with 25 in attendance. Keynote speaker **Kristy Vandenberg**, Executive Director of the Ultimate Gift of Life Foundation, discussed recruiting and retaining active volunteers, and roundtable sessions covered topics such as organizing and promoting book sales, other routes to fundraising, and how to work with library staff. Library mascot Smarty also made an appearance.

In spite of a hard year with parking problems and other issues, the BookCellar outsold last year by more than \$5,000, netting \$80,514.72. They were also \$5,000 ahead of budget projections. Congratulations and thanks are in order for the BookCellar Committee and dedicated volunteers who keep the doors open.

Branch Friends groups donated \$44,494 to the San Antonio Public Library, which, with the \$50,000 donated by the citywide Friends, totaled \$94,494 to help the library.

Beth reported that Board Secretary **Liz Alves** had resigned because she would be moving to a new city. She not only expressed appreciation for Liz's service as secretary, but also lauded her support for the efforts that resulted in the construction of the Schaefer Branch Library, and for having been the founding member of the Friends of Schaefer, and for serving as the group's president since that time.

She also noted that, in addition to other volunteer opportunities, an orientation for both new board members and refresher sessions for branch group treasurers and presidents would be held in the coming months, and she asked that volunteers sign up to help plan those initiatives.

**Treasurer's Report:** **Linda Cheatum** presented the Treasurer's Report of Dec. 31, 2019. As of that date FOSAPL had total assets of \$252,739, of which \$129,761 was designated for branch groups. Linda noted that the approved budget had been overspent by approximately \$1,630, principally due to higher charges of accounting fees than had been anticipated; however, she also noted that revenue from the BookCellar had been considerably greater than anticipated. **Barbara Morrow** moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted, pending audit, and **Pat Peak** seconded the motion, which passed.

## Featured Speaker

Assistant Library Director for Support Services **Kathleen Donellan** made a presentation highlighting the many ways that the FOSAPL gift of \$50,000 had been utilized to support public and staff initiatives during 2019. Ms. Donellan previewed strategic planning research that will be done in 2020 that will assist SAPL, the Library Foundation, and the Friends in efficient use of available resources and positioning each respective organization for future growth.

## Liaison Reports

**Juspreet Kaur**, Board of Trustees Liaison to the Friends, expressed the Trustees' appreciation for the gifts and enthusiastic support of the Friends.

## Committee Reports

**BookCellar Committee:** Chair **Cynthia Conley** noted that revenue for January had been very good and that additional volunteers are always needed in the BookCellar.

**Nominating Committee:** In the absence of Chair **Linda Faulkner**, **Nancy Gandara** recognized fellow committee members **Monica Brite**, **Napoleon "Eddie" Patino**, and **Frank and Linda Faulkner** and said that the committee would conduct the election of new board members under New Business.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

**Karin Pedersen**, whose nomination was uncontested, was elected to the position of Secretary of the Board.

Other nominees that had been recommended by the Nominating Committee (as presented in the January-February 2020 issue of *SAPLings*) were elected by unanimous consent, and there were no nominations from the floor. (Those nominees were **Marcie Anguiano**, **Julia Castellano-Hoyt**, **Barbara Chavez**, **Linda Janney**, **Pat Mendiola**, **Napoleon "Eddie" Patino**, **Veronica Rouse**, **Mandy Simpson**, **Ann Springer**, **Sandra Wilkinson**, and **Sylvia Zamarippa**.)

## Adjournment

After expressing her appreciation for the refreshments that had been provided by the board officers, President **Graham** called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was made by **Sandra Wilkinson**, seconded by **Jill Zimmerman**, and the meeting was adjourned.

**Friends of the S.A. Public Library**  
**Treasurer's Report**  
 November through December 2019

	Nov - Dec 19	Jan - Dec 19	Annual Budget
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>			
<b>Income</b>			
BookCellar Donation Box	149.00	659.00	945.00
Donations and Memorials	6,423.00	7,090.50	6,200.00
Interest Income	202.16	1,233.88	1,200.00
Membership Income			
FOSAPL Membership	<u>3,675.00</u>	<u>9,976.00</u>	<u>10,800.00</u>
Total Membership Income	3,675.00	9,976.00	10,800.00
Other Types of Income			
Unclaimed Deposits - NonTaxable	914.99	2,736.01	
Sales Tax Discounts	13.80	59.96	
Other Types of Income - Other	<u>27.56</u>	<u>27.56</u>	
Total Other Types of Income	956.35	2,823.53	
Sales			
Book Sales - Non Taxable			
Unidentified Branch Deposits	-851.81	-2,086.65	
Book Sales - Non Taxable - Other	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.10</u>	
Total Book Sales - Non Taxable	-851.81	-2,086.55	
Book Sales Taxable			
BookCellar Gross Sales - Taxed	14,593.33	90,030.21	74,000.00
Sales Tax Withheld	<u>-1,203.95</u>	<u>-7,428.94</u>	
Total Book Sales Taxable	<u>13,389.38</u>	<u>82,601.27</u>	<u>74,000.00</u>
Total Sales	<u>12,537.57</u>	<u>80,514.72</u>	<u>74,000.00</u>
Total Income	23,943.08	102,297.63	93,145.00
<b>Expense</b>			
<b>BUDGET EXPENSES</b>			
Misc In & Out	35.88	35.88	
Arts and Letters Program	363.70	835.50	1,000.00
Bank Charges & Merchant Fees	31.51	177.24	275.00
Board Expenses FOSAPL	75.00	320.00	200.00
Branch Officers Workshop	0.00	769.53	600.00
Contract Services			
Accounting Fees	<u>2,650.00</u>	<u>11,457.50</u>	<u>7,500.00</u>
Total Contract Services	2,650.00	11,457.50	7,500.00
Insurance FOSAPL	0.00	1,483.28	1,200.00
Membership Recruitment	228.92	1,182.92	1,500.00
Miscellaneous Exp	105.00	455.00	
Newsletter Expense	1,301.00	4,026.31	3,900.00
Office Supplies	182.98	435.03	450.00
Postage	312.53	856.69	700.00
President's Expenses	0.00	25.00	150.00
Website Maintenance	<u>240.00</u>	<u>720.00</u>	<u>750.00</u>
Total BUDGET EXPENSES	5,526.52	22,779.88	18,225.00
<b>BOOKCELLAR EXPENSES</b>			
Advertising	0.00	0.00	150.00
BookCellar Insurance	0.00	651.50	1,000.00
Commodities for Resale	190.85	2,312.00	2,900.00
Equipment & Maintenance	0.00	0.00	600.00
Payroll Expenses			
Payroll Tax	192.80	1,243.56	1,239.00
Salaries	<u>2,520.00</u>	<u>16,253.46</u>	<u>16,131.00</u>
Total Payroll Expenses	2,712.80	17,497.02	17,370.00
Supplies	117.60	580.04	900.00
Volunteer Appreciation	<u>642.33</u>	<u>956.83</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total BOOKCELLAR EXPENSES	3,663.58	21,997.39	24,920.00
<b>LIBRARY SUPPORT</b>			
Public Programming & Staff Dev.	12,500.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Total LIBRARY SUPPORT	<u>12,500.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>	<u>50,000.00</u>
Total Expense	21,690.10	94,777.27	93,145.00

## Maker Faire SA

Maker Faire SA is coming to San Antonio Public Library on March 21, 2020, from 11 to 3! Maker Faire is a gathering of fascinating, curious people who enjoy learning and love sharing what they can do.

From engineers to artists to scientists to crafters, Maker Faire is a venue for these MAKERS to demonstrate their hobbies, experiments, and projects. It's the Greatest Show (& Tell) on Earth – a family-friendly showcase of invention creativity, and resourcefulness. Glimpse the future and get inspired!

## We're Improving Our Services!

The Library, in our constant attempt to make your library experience the best possible, will be implementing a new web service in April. This change will affect user experience beginning March 30 until the system is fully transitioned on April 23.

The Library's new system is regarded as one of the most progressive and dynamic systems on the market and will allow us to continue giving you a pleasant and up-to-date library experience. For more information, visit [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org).





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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- March 5 Mission Friends Executive Board meeting, 6:30.  
March 7 Encino Friends will host the Bexar County Master Gardeners, 11 to 1.  
March 7–15 BookCellar Spring Break Sale.  
**March 8 FOSAPL Board Orientation Workshop, Carver Branch Library, 1:30.**  
March 14 Encino Friends 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Spring Craft Fair and Used Book Sale, from 10–4;  
Petting Zoo, 11–1  
March 14–15 Maverick Spring Book Sale, 10–4  
March 21 Maker Faire SA, Central Library, 11 to 3.  
**March 22 Friends of the Library Board meeting, Encino Branch Library, 2 p.m.**  
March 26 Mission General Friends meeting, 6:30.  
March 27 Friends of the Tobin Library at Oakwell will co-host a supernatural celebration.  
April 3–4 Tobin Library at Oakwell Spring Book Sale. Preview, Apr. 3, Public Apr. 4.  
April 4 8th Annual San Antonio Book Festival, Central Library and Southwest School of Art,  
9 to 5. BookCellar open extended hours.  
April 4 Brook Hollow Friends quarterly meeting, 1:00 p.m.  
April 7 Brook Hollow Friends annual staff appreciation dinner, Alamo Café.  
April 11 Potranco Book Sale  
September 26 Brook Hollow annual used book sale, Sept. 26.

Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
210-207-9030  
Carver Library  
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220  
210-207-9180  
Central Library  
600 Soledad Street, 78205  
210-207-2500  
Encino Library  
2515 East Evans Road  
210-207-9250  
Maverick Library  
8700 Mystic Park, 78254  
210-207-9060  
Mission Library  
3134 Roosevelt Ave, 78214  
210-207-2704  
Potranco Library  
8765 State Hwy 151 Access Rd.,  
78245  
210-207-9280  
Tobin Library at Oakwell  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-207-9040

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.