

From the President

Dear Friends,

It seems like 2023 just arrived, and now we're bidding it farewell. Even though it seems to have flown by, this past year was an extremely productive one for the Friends.



The year began with the consultancy that examined the relationship between the Library and the Friends. While this process of dissecting and scrutinizing both organizations was at times difficult and uncomfortable, a great deal was learned by and about both groups. The Board was pleased to have so many of the branch leaders participating in this project and sharing their various viewpoints and experiences. The final report from the consultants included numerous recommendations for our consideration, one of which was conducting a strategic planning session.

This past fall **Rose Mary Fry** with Degrees of Work conducted an intensive session with the Friends leadership to begin the process of crafting a mission statement for the Friends. The afternoon produced six different statements that the Executive Board has used to craft two proposed mission statements. At the Annual Meeting, the membership will choose one to be the official mission for the Friends.

Another result of these meetings will be the institution of more networking opportunities for the branch leadership. These gatherings will allow for the exchange of best practices between the branches on a variety of topics. The Board will still maintain the various leadership workshops as in the past.

While all these meetings were going on, the BookCellar continued to make great strides increasing their sales and serving the branches with their book sales. The online sales through Amazon are improving every month and provide an outlet for those unique and valuable books.

Thanks to each and every one of you for your dedication to improving our libraries. Here's to a bigger and better 2024 as we celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the Friends.

John Costello

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, January 27, 2024, 2 p.m.
Central Library Auditorium

- ★ Election of Secretary and directors
- ★ SAPL Administration report about the planned use of FOSAPL Donation to SAPL during 2024
- ★ Vote on the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library *Mission Statement*
- ★ Highlights of the year to come—the 60th year for the Friends!

Free validated parking in the garage adjacent to the Central Library (600 Soledad, 78205).

The FOSAPL Mission Statement

“Mission Statement” to be decided by Annual Meeting attendees on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024 (2:00)

Although the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library has had a “purpose statement” since its inception in 1964, and an “elevator speech” since 2018, the organization has not adopted a Mission Statement (as similar associations have done). Based on the comments (written and verbal) expressed by Friends during the past six months, the FOSAPL officers have proposed the following two statements. Attendees of the Annual Meeting (in person, no votes by proxy) will be asked to express their preference for one of these affirmations:

A. The mission of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is to support the San Antonio Public Library through advocacy and fundraising for library resources and programs serving diverse communities.

OR

B. The mission of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library is to support the San Antonio Public Library through fundraising, advocacy, and community involvement.

Santa didn't bring you any books or CD's?

It's a good thing they are on sale at the BookCellar!

January specials are art and tabletop books, health, diet, and exercise books — plus adult and children's books on CD.

In February, celebrate Black History Month with music, LPs, and books from the BookCellar!

Shop from 11 a.m.–4 p.m., Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, and park for free in the garage adjacent to the Central Library.

From the Library Director



Greetings,

I hope your new year is off to a great start. The beginning of a new year is the perfect time to be inquisitive, pick up a new hobby, or lose yourself between the pages of a great book. To support you in your quest for new knowledge this year, I am happy to share recent enhancements and developments to our collections.

In an ongoing effort to provide Library users with access to a broad selection of materials, the Library has added the following new online services: Kanopy, Craftsy, and All Access Comics.

Kanopy is a free streaming service that features movies, television series, content for children and families, as well as educational video courses on a variety of topics. SAPL has offered Kanopy since 2022, but our offerings were recently expanded to include a diverse selection of more than 31,000 titles. SAPL cardholders can now enjoy this vast new collection on a computer, mobile device, smart TV, or any other streaming device. You can begin browsing and register your free account at kanopy.com/mysapl.

Craftsy, a brand-new Library service, offers more than 1,400 in-depth instructional video classes, downloadable class materials, and access to articles, projects, and tips to help with all sorts of craft projects. Craftsy is available now and can be accessed online at extras.overdrive.com/sanantonio/craftsy or conveniently through the Libby library reading app. Craftsy users can register for access one week at a time, and access can be renewed as often as you would like.

Lastly, Library users will now have access to **Overdrive All Access Comics**, a collection of more than 4,100 always-available digital comics and graphic novels for all ages from Disney, Pixar, Marvel, and more. This collection is unique in that there are no holds required, and no limit to how many of these items can be checked out simultaneously by Library users. You will never need to wait for an item in the All Access Comics collection to become available. Learn more and begin browsing Overdrive All Access at sanantonio.overdrive.com/library/comics-graphic-novels or via Libby.

I hope that 2024 is full of information, imagination, and ideas inspired by what you find at your Library. I am confident these and other enhancements to our services will add value to your continued use and support of the San Antonio Public Library. I encourage you to take advantage of the many resources we provide and to tell your friends and family about all that the Library has to offer. Thank you for your continued support of San Antonio Public Library.

Happy New Year!

Respectfully,

Ramiro S. Salazar

Nominating Committee Report for January 2024

Submitted by **Liz Alves**,
Nominating Committee Chair

Election of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Officers and Board of Directors will be held at the **Annual Meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. in the Central Library Auditorium, 600 Soledad 78205.**

The floor will be open for additional nominations. You must have the prior approval of any additional person you wish to nominate. Memberships need to be in good standing for all board members and officers up for election and all members who wish to vote at the Annual meeting.

Standing for election to the Board for the 2024–2026 term are:

Paula Allen
Stephen Barnes
Kathy Bee
Katie Ferrier
Nias Harris
Barbara Ma'at
Mykenzie McAlister
Pat Mendiola
Napoleon "Eddie" Patino
Karin Pedersen
Theodora "Lolly" Salazar

Current board members in the middle of the 2023–2025 term are:

President, **John Costello**
Vice-President, **Nancy Gandara**
Treasurer, **Barbara Morrow**
Cammie Brantley
Monica Brite
Kim Cauthon
Barbara Chavez
Linda Cheatum
Beth Crabb
Laura Glueck
Ann Springer
Betty Walters

On behalf of the whole FOSAPL membership, the Nominating Committee would like to thank **Julia Castellano-Hoyt**, a Board member who has served the organization well for the past four years.

Respectfully submitted by members of the Nominating Committee: **Liz Alves, Chair; Kathy Bee; Kim Cauthon; and Katie Ferrier.**



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

John CostelloPresident
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Karin Pedersen Secretary
Barbara Morrow Treasurer
Beth Graham Immediate Past Pres

MEMBERSHIP

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BOARD MEMBERS

2022-2024

Paula Allen • Marcie Anguiano •
Kathy Bee • Julia Catellano-Hoyt •
Katie Ferrier • Pat Mendiola •
Napoleon (Eddie) Patino • Ann
Springer • Betty Walters

2023-2025

Cammie Brantley • Monica Brite •
Kim Cauthon • Barbara Chavez •
Linda Cheatum • Beth Crabb
(elected July 16) • Laura Glueck
(elected July 16)

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 19, 2023 | Landa Branch Library
Submitted by *Karin Pedersen*

Call to Order: John Costello, President, called the meeting to order at 2:08 pm.

Roll Call: Karin Pedersen, Secretary, noted a quorum was present.

Attendees: Judy Yaeger, Betty Walters, Katie Ferrier, Kim Cauthon, Norma Haro, Laura Glueck, Kathy Bee, Ann Springer, Beth Crabb, Helen McDaniel, Josie Martinez, Russell Oldmixon, Alethea Bugg, Patricia Mendiola, Liz Alves, Cammie Brantley, Tony and Deandra Bauml, Eddie Patino, Marcie Ince, Eiginio Rodriguez, Linda Cheatum, and Becky Benesh

Approval of Minutes of Board Meeting from July 16, 2023, as printed in *SAPLings* September/October 2023 issue. The motion was approved by Eddie Patino and seconded by Bettie Walters. All in attendance approved.

President's Report: Presented by John Costello. John gave thanks to all who attended the strategic planning meeting that was held Sept. 16, 2023. Suggested mission statements will be narrowed down to two. The final two will be previewed to the Board members before the annual meeting with the final Mission Statement being voted on at the Annual meeting to be held on January. 27, 2024.

Treasurer's Report: Presented by Barbara Morrow. The July/August report was reviewed. Kim Cauthon moved for approval; Linda Cheatum seconded.

The September/October report was also reviewed. Branch balance as of Aug. 31, 2023: \$172,539.83. FOSAPL balance \$116,753.80. Total balance \$289,293.63

Nancy Gandara moved for approval and Katie Ferrier seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.

Membership Report: Presented by Barbara Morrow. Current membership is 723 with 91 recently renewed/joined. FOSAPL needs a new Membership Secretary; Barbara has been acting in an interim capacity.

The first email reminder for membership renewal has been sent, will follow up with mailing envelopes, likely another email. Membership renewal can be completed by mail or online.

Liaison Reports

Board of Trustees: Presented by Josie Martinez. The Board of Trustees Nominating committee has met and completed their work.

The next Board of Trustees meeting will be held Dec. 6 at 4:30 p.m. at Central Library.

Library Administration: Presented by Jessica Zurita on behalf of Ramiro Salazar.

All SAPL locations will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday and Friday: Digital platforms are still available. "Craftsy" is a new online crafting resource. Guerra Branch will be reopening Dec. 4.

San Antonio Library Foundation: Presented by Liz Alves. The Catrina Ball was a huge success, and the "BookMark the Town" program will continue.

BookCellar and Online Sales: Presented by Linda Cheatum on behalf Pearl Banks. Most items are half off for the end of year sale. There are lots of Christmas items for all ages. Online sales are over \$1,000 a month. The Book-

Cellar is always happy to train new volunteers who are willing to commit to working for at least four hours per week.

Committee Reports

Arts & Letters Awards: John Costello on behalf of Emerson Stuckart, Chair. 2023 Winners: Diana Kersey, Artistic Merit; Joe Luna, Artistic Merit; Frank Villani, Legacy.

2023 Budget Committee: Presented by Nancy Gandara, Chair. Nancy gave thanks to the committee members for their work and dedication: Linda Cheatum, Laura Glueck, Helen McDaniel, Barbara Morrow.

Details, discussion and call for approval of the 2024 budget will be addressed as New Business.

2023 Nominating Committee: Presented by Liz Alves, Chair. Thank you to Kathy Bee, Katie Ferrier, and Kim Cauthon.

The committee met Nov. 2 and Nov. 19. Voting will take place Jan. 27, 2024, at the annual meeting.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Approval of 2024 Budget: Alethea Bugg so moved, and Becky Benesh seconded. Discussion included review of the line item amounts and how those estimates were calculated, recognition that the proposed budget was "balanced" (i.e., the anticipated revenue for 2024 was \$128,000, and anticipated expenditures are \$128,000 which includes \$35,000 as a donation available for SAPL). A form was distributed to Friends members that SAPL Administration will

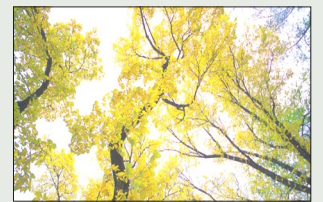
use to describe their planned use of the donation from FOSAPL. The proposed budget was approved without dissent.

Updated procedure for purchases using Friends groups funds—Discussion: At the direction of SAPL Administration, each branch manager updated their donation plan that requests Friends' group funds to purchase items, subscriptions, and gift cards to support branch programs. Branch Friends will be asked to consider approval of the updated branch spending plan requests (by email, Zoom, or in-person meetings) during December.

More purchases will be handled directly through the Library Department's Fiscal Office, in an effort to streamline the purchasing process and to minimize the work of the FOSAPL Treasurer and branch officers. Gift cards cannot be purchased by the Library's Fiscal Office, so Friends will continue to purchase those that a group has approved.

Adjournment

Eddie Patino moved to adjourn, and Laura Glueck seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 4:02 p.m.



Branch Leaves, Life Members, and additional news can be found on the [FOSAPL website \(friendsofsapl.org\)](https://www.friendsofsapl.org)

Have a Happy New Year: *renew your Friends' membership!*



Brook Hollow

Eighteen Brook Hollow Friends helped with our Dec. 2 book sale, which was a great success, bringing in over \$1,300. As almost all the books were adult fiction or children's books, we were pleased with the results. It was a good time for Christmas shopping!

We also supplied books for the Brook Hollow Giving Tree in December. The tree was so festive, adorned with children's books, which people could take to give to little ones they knew.

At our meeting Dec. 9, we elected officers for the next term: President **Pat Bjornson**, Vice-President **Sherry Brewer**, Secretary **Becky Benesh**, and Treasurer **Beth Crabb**. Beth explained the changes that have been made in how branch funds will be handled. We then approved a budget for the year.

Our next meeting will be Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024, in the Brook Hollow meeting room.

Pat Bjornson

Carver

The Carver Library celebrated "50 Years at the Commerce Street Location" October 28. The event was attended by SAPL Library Administration Staff, Commissioner **Tommy Calvert**, D2 Councilman **Jalen McKee-Rodriguez**, and State Representative **Barbara Gervin-Hawkins**. The Celebration featured a 50th Year Anniversary Medal, children's book giveaway, a rare book display by **Dr. Joseph & Mrs. Aaronetta Pierce**, art display by Artist **Glen Franklin**, African art display by **Nias & Beverly Harris**, a BookCellar presentation by Manager **Pearl**

Banks, and talks by Friends members **Shirley Coleman** and **William B. Johnson** who was one of the first employees.

Black Santa visited the Library on Dec. 9. There were books and goodies for the children and a picture with Santa.

The Friends Officers for 2024–2025 are President **Barbara Ma'at**, Vice-President **William B. Johnson**, Secretary **Maria Greene**, Assist. Secretary **Beverly Harris**, Treasurer **Kathy Bee**, Assistant Treasurer **Shirley Coleman**, Parliamentarians **Aundar Ma'at/Nias Harris**.

Kwanzaa Christmas was celebrated Dec. 27.

Kathy Bee

Encino

In the second half of 2023, the Friends of Encino sponsored amazing community-building events that were fun for the whole family. Encino kicked off the Summer with Big Time Bubbles that provides a bubble/foam party including fun dance music! This event brought in over 300 people. Summer activities also included a Wild Zoo Safari for the kids, weekly arts & crafts lessons for children and adults, and Teen Time snacks and fun!

In October, Friends also sponsored Fall Fest with a spooky animals petting zoo, crafts, and face painting. Holly Jolly Fest on Dec. 12 featured games, crafts, artificial "snow," and kids visited with miniature goats wearing pajamas!

Friends have been very supportive of adult activities at Encino as well. With the support of Friends at Encino adults have been able to participate in a bi-monthly crafting series called "Get Craftin'" where we have learned how to make and create mini terrariums, macrame hoop earrings, felted soap, mini terra cotta gingerbread men, bath gems, and more!

All of these super fun events bring people together at Encino, which in turn helps make

Encino an integral and trusted part of the community. We are looking to grow our Friends of Encino group in 2024. Please forward this to your friends in the area and get them involved, so we can keep bringing exciting and positive events like these to the patrons of Encino. Our new officers for 2024 are President **Laura Glueck**, Vice President **Barbara Morrow**, Secretary **Ann Laird**, Treasurer **Glenna Seyfer**.

Our next meeting is Sunday, Jan. 21, at 1 pm. Join us!

Laura S. Glueck

Landa

Another successful book sale brought more than \$4,200 to the Landa branch in early November. Thank you to amazing donors and everyone who came out to the sale! The funds we raise are supporting things like the imaginary play area in the children's library—most recently Landa staff transformed it from a puppet theater to a play coffee shop and bakery. With Friends resources, this area can be changed out throughout the year. We've been able to provide snacks for staff during all-day trainings and cover supplies for children's programming.

Mary Kay Bailey

McCreless

Looking back, the first year of the new Board went so well that President **Cammie Brantley**, Vice President **Mary Alberti**, Treasurer **Helen McDaniel**, and Secretary **Jill Zimmerman** look forward to continuing serving together in 2024. The next business meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2024, and, in October, the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) will be celebrating 60 years of supporting our library system.

The Keurig coffee maker that McCreless Friends funded for the library's Coffee & Crosswords program for seniors is appreciated by the participants. Helen McDaniel was

able to talk up the Friends group at the program. She discovered that many of the participants either didn't know anything about the Friends of the Library or thought it was part of the library system. Helen explained that they could join the group and support the library in a meaningful way. One of the participants expressed interest in joining the group. We did gain one new member from the recruitment table at the October book sale and now hopefully another new member from this event! Based on the feedback from Helen, Cammie created a new flyer explaining who the Friends are, what we do, and why joining helps support our branch library.

We had a very productive business meeting Dec. 4. In attendance were **Cammie Brantley**, **Lucy E. Duncan**, **Jill Zimmerman**, **Julia Briggs**, **Rob Briggs**, **Marilyn Nowlin**, and **Helen McDaniel**. **Helen McDaniel** reported that all the ordered items had been received and are being used. Book Nook income has ticked up from the usual \$30 a month. We had a very successful October book sale bringing in an additional \$600. Shout out to Vice President **Mary Alberti** for the idea and execution of the "eclipse gift bags" that were offered for a \$2 donation at a library eclipse event and again at the book sale. We sold out and patrons wanted more. We spent \$100 on bags, space related candies, stickers and bookmarks and made \$200 in donations. We now have \$3,412.98 reported by the FOSAPL Treasurer. The way that library purchases are made with Friends funding will change in 2024. The FY2024 Donation Plan was received by Cammie to be approved by the group and returned by Dec. 17. Some questions were raised by members and Cammie and Helen will pursue answers.

And, once again, we voted to purchase HEB gift cards for library staff in appreciation for

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all their efforts throughout the year. In November, **Vicky Villalobos** presented **Helen McDaniel** with a thank you card signed by the library staff to the members of the Friends of McCreless Library expressing appreciation for the gifts of time and money throughout the year supporting their efforts. We are pleased at the mutual appreciation the library staff and the Friends enjoy. Even though 2023 brought many changes to our branch library, it ended on a high note, and we are looking forward to 2024.

Jill Zimmerman

Potranco

Potranco has a new manager—**Timothy Johnson**! While he gets settled, here is a little recap of some events from the last year: we held a summer book sale, a graffiti artist helped create a unique mural for the branch, we hosted multiple art classes, and we hosted Conjunto Dancers! We wrapped up 2023 with a book sale Dec. 10, in conjunction with Potranco’s gift wrapping event! Please renew your membership and keep an eye out for what 2024 brings!

Karin Pedersen

Thousand Oaks

THO Friends had the most successful book sale in several years on Nov. 18. Our usual loyal group of six Friends members plus one husband, came to set up on Friday and spent the day on Saturday visiting with Thousand Oaks customers and Friends. In addition to books, we had puzzles, some donated Christmas cards and refreshments for our workers. As always, we were trying to drum up interest in new Friends members as our group has stayed pretty small but loyal for several years.

We plan to meet in December at our usual Christmas venue, La Hacienda on Nacogdoches, for lunch for a holiday celebration. We will have much to discuss regarding officers for our group in 2024 and the donation plan. As always, we offer our services to the Thousand Oaks Librarians for any programs or events that might need our help. We’re looking forward to the New Year.

Pat Peak

Three Received Arts & Letters Awards

Emerson Stuckart

Sunday November 12, 2023, saw the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library host their 51st annual Arts & Letters Awards.

While the afternoon was cold and rainy, the celebration was full of warmth, laughter, new friends, and most importantly, recognition of artistic and cultural contributions to our wonderful city.

This year, the committee was proud to present this prestigious award to three recipients. **Diana Kersey** and **Joe Luna** were recognized in the Artistic Merit category. Diana is a ceramicist, whose work can be found across town in locations such as the Pearl, Five Points, Brackenridge Park, and San Pedro Creek. Joe is a Picasso-inspired muralist, whose work can be commissioned for any occasion. **Frank Vilani** was recognized in the Legacy category. Frank has had an incredible career, dedicated to fostering arts and culture in San Antonio, most recently as director of Magik Theater.

We are so thankful to all those who came to celebrate and honor the 2023 winners. Special thanks to our selection committee and our sponsors!



Upper left: **John Costello** with **Diana Kersey**. Above: **John** with **Joe Luna**. Left: **John** with **Frank Villani**. More photos on friendsofsapl.org

Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

<i>In Memory of</i>	<i>by</i>
Ankine "Ann" Dadian	Hunters Creek Book Club, Karen Von Der Bruegge
Cathy Dean	Jean Brady
Rose Marie McElfresh	Crystal Darby
Sandra Wilkinson	Nancy Gandara, Betty Walters

<i>Donations by</i>
Denise Usher
Charlotte Wenger

<i>In Honor of</i>	<i>by</i>
Pearl Banks	Nancy Gandara
Samadhi Metta Bexar, Ph.D.	Nancy Gandara
Jean Brady	Nancy Gandara

FOSAPL Membership Secretary Needed

Start *your* New Year with a new job: Friends’ Membership Secretary! If you are attentive to details, experienced in use of an Excel spreadsheet/database, and would like to work cooperatively with the FOSAPL Treasurer, this could be the ideal volunteer job for you. Contact **Barbara Morrow** at fosaplmembership-chair@gmail.com for more information right away!

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 the Membership Secretary 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.

Juanita R & Adrian E Cantu
Mr. & Mrs. Ben Adams
Laura Albrecht Davis
Dr. Felix D. Almaraz, Jr.
Elizabeth Alves
Rosie M Anguiano
Linda Arronge
Blanche M Ashbrook
Margaret Aslakson
Ms. Jessie Bailey
Karen Baker
Mrs. Karen Balcom
Denise M. Barlow
Stephen Barnes
Adrienne P Becnel
Kathy Bee
Jean Brady
Judy H Branch
Katy Bravenec
Sylvia V Breland
Curtis Brown
Karen Brown
Lauren Brown
Alethea Bugg
Monica Garza Bustillo
Susannah Carroll
Kim & David Cauthon
Christine Chemell
Mrs. Edward V. Cheviot
Dr. Betty C. Child
Judy Comer
David Cooksey
Evelyn Cooper
Brian Cordeau
John Costello
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Rachel Cywinski
Dr. Jacqueline O. Dansby
Johnnie Davis
Ralph & Meg Domas
Craig and Pat Donegan
Deborah Douglas MD
Mark Drogin, MD
Diane Duesterhoeft
Lucy E Duncan
Jose & Beverly Duran
David G. Ennist
Anthony Eugenio
Sheila G. Figueroa
Elinor Froemsdorf
Alicia Zavala Galvan
Eric & Nancy Gandara
Sharon L Gaskill

Deliley Gatson
Juanita Gomez
Mr. & Mrs. Jack E. Gorman
Linda Graham
Richard W Graham
Maria S. Greene
Thomas L. Guido
Jo Ann Harris
Robert E Harris
Jack Hebdon
Carah Helwig
Barbara Higdon
Stacey Lynn Hill
J.C. Hollimon II
Laura Houck
Marcie Ince
Isabel Y. Jennings
Eileen Jones
Elizabeth Jones
Bob Kelso
Richard Kleberg III
Kija Korowicki
Daniel Kurokawa
Viki Kychakoff
Jade Lamb
Jonathan Lamb
Richard J. Lamb
Rochelle Lefton
David Liserio
Kathleen L Luby
Dr. Daniel E. Macias
Cary Marriott
Josie Martinez
Robert & Andrea Mason
Paula Massengale
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Mathews
Karen Matson
Caroline Matthews
Mrs. Mary Womack McAfee
Martha McCabe
Mr. & Mrs. John McCamish
Kathleen M. McCloskey
William D. McDavid
Melanie McLean
Susan Moczygemba-McKinsey
Marilyn Moll
John & Judy Mumma
Alicia G. Muniz
Caroline Murguia
Josephine P. Myler
Linda Nairn
John E. Newman, Jr.
John Nicholas
David Oppenheimer

Susan Oppenheimer
William A. Parker
Theresa Pena
Donna Perez
Carolyn Petersen
Michael Phillips
Elizabeth D. Podesta
Joy G. Price
Fonzie Quance-Fitch
Gail Raney
Sue Ratliff
Rudi R. Rodriguez
Jane Schaefer
Sam Schaefer
Dona Schenker
Pat Schieffer
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Glenna Seyfer
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Chrissie Warner
Nancy West
Lucie Jean Whitehead Bourne
Ed Wilson
Necia Wolff
Junette Kirkham Woller
Virginia Y. Wong
I-Tien Yeh
Sylvia Zamarripa
Jill Zimmerman
Betty D Zinn



BookCellar Update

Pearl Banks

It is time to look back on a good year for the Book-Cellar. Our greatest achievement has been the teamwork of the volunteers. Thirty-nine volunteers filled out our roster, including provost, professors, teachers, programmers, and military personnel.

Events, whether sponsored by the library or BookCellar, were gladly covered by our volunteers.

No one was assigned special duties, they just showed up and worked where needed.

Thanks to expert volunteers, we began utilizing social media with great results. We took our first steps softly not knowing what parameters we would need to work under, but our efforts have made a difference in sales as well as an increase in old and new customers. In November, we had 250 customers and half were new.

We find great joy in working with and alongside the branches. Almost weekly, we get requests for books, for sales or programs. We also support nonprofits and schools.

Our books come from the Central library and private donations. Sixty percent or more of our Amazon stock is from donated books.

We look forward to continued growth.

FOSAPL Secretary Position Open

Calling for an *Officer* and a Gentleman/woman! The position of Secretary for the 2024–2026 term is open, and *you* should stand for election to the office on Jan. 27, 2024. Duties include:

- Maintain the record of board meeting attendance and take Minutes of meetings
- Distribute meeting Agenda, Treasurer's Report and other supporting documents via email
- Participate in executive committee planning
- Participate on committees or social media posts, as desired

For additional information, contact **Karin Pedersen**, fosapsecretary@gmail.com or **John Costello** fosaplpresident@gmail.com or any other officer.

Encino Fall Activities



Left: Snake at Encino Fall Fest



Above: Creating gems



Right: Pumpkin painting (This one seemed to be very popular!)

Potranco



Potranco hosted multiple art classes, and Conjunto Dancers

Semmes



Long-time Semmes Friends Barb and Tom Suk helped decorate the library for the Christmas season. (Congratulations to Barb and Tom for celebrating their 57th anniversary on Dec. 26.)

Time to Renew Your "Friend"ship

Thank you to the Friends who have renewed their member-"friend"-ship!

If you have not renewed yet, please mail your renewal in an envelope with your payment or pay online via QR code or this link: [https:// form.jotform.com/ friendsofsapl/fosapl-membership](https://form.jotform.com/friendsofsapl/fosapl-membership) to renew using PayPal or your credit card.





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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES & SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Jan. 13 Maverick Friends, meeting room, 10.
- Jan. 20 Brook Hollow Friends meeting in the library meeting room, 11.
- Jan. 21 Encino Friends, meeting room, 1.
- Jan. 27 FOSAPL Annual Meeting, Central Library Auditorium, 2.**
- Feb. 24 5th Annual San Antonio African American Book Festival, Carver.
See Facebook@saaabookfest for more information.
- Mar. 11 McCreless Friends meeting, meeting room, 6.

Note: Each branch Friends group has a designated representative to the Board. However, these Board meetings are open to the general membership. All members are invited and encouraged to attend.

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210-207-9180
Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
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Encino Library
2515 East Evans Road
210-207-9250
Maverick Library
8700 Mystic Park, 78254
210-207-9060
McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
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