

## *From the President*



Dear Friends,

Library users, volunteers, and life-long learners span all age groups and interests. How can you recruit the *next-generation* of Friends who share your commitment?

- Value fresh ideas and new technologies: consider selling books online to augment traditional book sales, advertise and market sales through social media, and make purchasing by credit card convenient and easy.
- Provide “résumé-worthy” opportunities and titles: don’t assume everyone knows what “Used Book Sale Coordinator” entails (write and post a job description), and follow up with a detailed note of appreciation for a job well done.
- Shake up the schedule: allow week-day workers to attend some evening/weekend meetings. Commit to timely electronic distribution of succinct but complete meeting minutes.
- Stay involved and keep learning: the more that *you* know about the programs, collections, media, and opportunities available through SAPL, the more persuasive you can be when asking someone else to contribute their valuable time to the Friends.

Some of those well-informed volunteers are members of the San Antonio Board of Trustees, each of whom have been appointed to this policy-making board by their City Council member and the Mayor. Recently, the Trustees took the opportunity to recognize “Exceptional Library Leaders and Advocates” who “demonstrate leadership and advocacy skills to move the mission of the San Antonio Public Library forward,” by the giving the annual “ELLA Awards.” In addition to “regular volunteers,” and active members of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation, Friends’ leaders **Elizabeth Alves** (charter member and president of the Friends of the Schaefer Branch) and I were honored to be given this award.

Recognition is always appreciated, and if you know a local artist, wordsmith, or musician who should be honored, don’t forget to nominate that person by August 1 for consideration of the Friends’ Arts & Letters Award—and mark your calendar to attend this always-unique ceremony on October 14.

Wishing you a summer full of good reads and making new Friends, wherever you are.

Cheers,

**Nancy Gandara**

## **Arts & Letters Awards Nominations**

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library are now accepting nominations for our annual Arts & Letters awards, recognizing San Antonians who have made outstanding contributions in the fields of the arts and literature, including the visual arts, dramatic arts, musical arts, and any genre of the written arts, including journalism.

Deadline for nominations is **Wednesday, August 1**, and nominations may be submitted online at <https://form.jotform.us/71348191184155> or by mail to Arts & Letters Awards, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, Texas 78246.

Nominees must have a significant body of work demonstrating continued excellence in their specific genres and continued commitment to the arts in San Antonio, and they must have demonstrated a commitment to the greater San Antonio community. Anyone may make a nomination.

The 2018 Arts & Letters Awards recipients will be honored at a ceremony at the **Central Library, 600 Soledad, San Antonio, Texas 78205, at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 14**. Go to <http://www.friendsofsapl.org/arts--letters-awards.html> for more information or to submit a nomination.



## **ELLA Awards**

**Nancy Gandara**, President of FOSAPL, and **Elizabeth Alves**, Schaefer Branch FOSAPL President, were individually honored with an ELLA award by the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees on June 8, 2018, at the Central Library.

The ELLA awards are for Exceptional Library Leaders and Advocates. They recognize individuals who demonstrate leadership and advocacy skills that support the mission of the San Antonio Public Library.



Vice Chair **Linda Nairn**, **Nancy Gandara**, and Chair of the Trustees **Paul Stahl**.



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# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, May 20, 2018 • Cody Branch Library

Submitted by **Kim Cauthon**, for **Beth Graham**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) met on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the Cody Branch Library. President **Nancy Gandara** called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. Vice President **Kim Cauthon** called the roll and announced there was a quorum.

Board members present were: **Nancy Gandara, Kim Cauthon, Linda Cheatum, Kathy Bee, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Beverly Duran, Jose Duran, Linda Janney, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Pat Konstam, Mary McAfee, Pat Peak, Rowena Rodgers, Veronica Rouse, Ann Springer, Delia Trimble, Cheryl Whelan, Sandra Wilkinson**, and **Sylvia Zamarripa**.

Guests and other Friends members in attendance included: **Roy Braswell** (Tobin), **Vicky Enciso** (Las Palmas), **Diana Sanchez** (Cody), Library Trustee **Juspreet Kaur**, Assistant Library Director for Support Services **Kathy Donellan**, and Library Executive Assistant **Jessica Zurita**.

**Approval of Minutes:** **Mary McAfee** moved that the minutes of the March 18, 2018, meeting be approved. **Cheryl Whelan** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition.

**President's Report:** **Nancy Gandara** welcomed Library Trustee **Juspreet Kaur** (District 8 representative) and listed meetings that she had attended during the previous two months.

**Nancy** reported that the "Membership Matters!" workshops had been well-received by attendees, and that those groups who had not been rep-

resented would each be given membership recruitment tips and training at their upcoming scheduled meetings.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer **Linda Cheatum** handed out the Request for Funds form and requested board assistance in ensuring that the branch presidents and treasurers use the correct form so that we may categorize how Friends' money is spent (i.e., operating expenses, staff appreciation, or purchases that benefit the public). The Treasurer's Reports for February 28 and April 30 were reviewed. The February 28 report had not been approved at the last board meeting because a quorum was not present. **Jose Duran** moved that the February 28 treasurer's report be approved. **Pat Peak** seconded, and the motion passed without opposition. **Cheryl Whelan** moved that the April 30 treasurer's report be approved and **Shirley Coleman** seconded. The motion passed without opposition.

## LIAISON REPORTS

### **Library Board of Trustees:**

Library Trustee **Juspreet Kaur** thanked everyone for their advocacy and work to raise funds for the library system. The Board of Trustees is embarking on a budget awareness campaign to educate library users, community members, and the City leaders on the important impact libraries have on the city. As part of this campaign, they are asking Library partners to share personal stories of how the San Antonio Public Library has changed their lives or the lives of people in the community. **Juspreet Kaur** shared her personal story as a mother with

small children attending the Cody branch story time. Those present were asked to fill out testimonial cards and address them to the Mayor or City Council members. The testimonials are to help communicate to the City Council concerning the value of libraries.

**Library Administration:** Assistant Library Director for Support Services **Kathy Donellan** presented pictures and discussed the Cody Branch Library enhancements. There will be two more "interior refreshments" this year at Pan American and Thousand Oaks Library Branches, and she invited everyone to attend the kick-off of the Mayor's Summer Reading Program. She thanked FOSAPL for ongoing support of the library.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Arts & Letters Committee:** **Kim Cauthon** stated that the Arts & Letters Ceremony will be Sunday, October 14, 2018, at 2 p.m. at the Central Library. She asked that everyone put this on the calendar. Nominations will be due by August 1, 2018. The committee is composed of Chair **Beth Graham, Kim Cauthon, Shirley Coleman, John Costello, Jose Duran, Bruce Gill, Nicola Tamlyn, and Cheryl Whelan**.

**BookCellar Committee:** Chair **Richard Morales** reported that the gross income as of May 15 was \$28,655. Sales on April 7 during the Book Festival were \$1,694, which is about four times the usual revenue for a Saturday.

**Membership Committee:** **Kim Cauthon** reported three "Membership Matters!" workshops were held on March 31

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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 10, April 10, June 10, August 10, October 10, and December 10.

Submittals should be a simple text or a Word file emailed to **Alana Woods**, [alana005@yahoo.com](mailto:alana005@yahoo.com), or mailed to her at 12106 Apricot Dr., San Antonio, TX 78247.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

## NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

**Lyn Belisle**.....Chair  
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**Nancy Gandara**.....*Ex Officio*

at Central library, April 6 at Mission library, and April 8 at Cody library. A total of 41 Friends attended. Thank you to the committee members **Linda Cheatum, Nancy Gandara, Beth Graham, Linda Janney, Pat Mendiola, and Delia Trimble** for all their hard work. The workshops included recruitment strategies, elevator speech, use of the Square, and use of social media. Pop-up banners with bookmarks and an acrylic membership envelope stand were given to each branch. The committee reviewed the evaluations from the workshops and is continuing to meet to plan a fall event. **Linda Cheatum** reported that funds spent for membership are \$3,385.09 to date.

There are currently 781 members. Please e-mail [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com) for membership information.

## OLD BUSINESS

*Consideration of the amended bylaws of the Friends of the Maverick Branch:* **Mary McAfee** made the motion and **Sandra Wilkinson** seconded it. **Nancy Gandara** reviewed the Maverick Branch bylaws that were originally approved May 21, 2006. In 2011, the branch added an amendment to create a fundraising chair, but this was not voted on by the FOSAPL board. Nancy read the amendment to Article 5 on the duties of offices that included adding the fundraising chair position and description of the duties. The Friends of the Maverick Branch bylaws were approved with all in favor and none opposed.

## NEW BUSINESS

*Consider acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the*

*Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and the San Antonio Public Library, as updated:* **Jose Duran** moved to accept the motion and **Pat Konstam** seconded. **Pat Konstam** asked for the changes to be stated. **Nancy Gandara** said that two additional lines were added: "The Library agrees to provide consulting, when resources are available, to the Friends through the provision of select or in-house marketing advice and services, with the approval of the Library Director" and "The Friends agree to assign a single point-of-contact to facilitate requests for consulting in the area of marketing." The updated MOU passed unanimously.

*Consider Recognizing "Inactive" Status of Friends of Pan American Branch Library:* **Mary McAfee** made the motion and **Cheryl Whelan** seconded the motion. The discussion started with **Jose Duran** asking the purpose of making the group inactive. **Nancy Gandara** replied that there are currently no active officers for the group, but this action will escrow current funds for that Friends branch, and allow the FOSAPL officers to solicit new officers for reactivation of the group. The motion passed without opposition.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Diana Sanchez** announced the May dates of the Cody Friends' book sale and invited Friends to pick up unsold books after the sale. **Jose Duran** announced the July dates of the Igo Friends' book sale, and noted that the popular Harry Potter event would be repeated on July 28.

## ADJOURNMENT

**Sandra Wilkinson** made the motion and **Rowena**

**Rodgers** seconded the motion to adjourn at 3:35 p.m. All were in favor, and the meeting adjourned.

Thank you to the **Friends of the Cody Branch** for providing the refreshments at the meeting.



## Brook Hollow

The Friends of Brook Hollow library met on June 2 to finalize plans for the annual staff appreciation dinner and to discuss the status of funding for various programs and supplies for Brook Hollow in the upcoming months.

The appreciation dinner was held June 19 at Alamo Café on 281, conveniently located near Brook Hollow Library. The Friends funded the evening's meals and provided desserts for the gathering of staff, Friends, and honored guests.

At the early June meeting of the Friends, the president of the group, **Pat Finley**, reported on workshops that she and several other members attended over the past few months. The workshops were held to provide Friends' groups throughout the library system with ideas and information about recruiting and retaining members of the Friends. The Brook Hollow contingent said they found the workshops interesting and helpful. Pat reported that as of our June meeting date, Brook Hollow has 57 Friends.

Branch manager **Heidi Novotny** reported that, with the funds supplied by the Friends, her staff was able to provide

several crafting and hobby programs recently that proved so popular that they will be offered again over the summer months. Also, the Friends provided funds to have **Spikey Mikey** return in July. His magic show is so well attended that two programs are scheduled for July 17! Heidi requested funding for a mobile book shelf for the teen area along with a few other items to improve the library, all of which we approved.

The annual book sale at Brook Hollow will be held on Saturday, September 15, from 10-4.

*Susan Feeley*

## Carver

Carver Friends have assisted in sponsoring several programs at Carver Library this spring and summer. Friends purchased books for children to read about African Americans' contributions to our society today. Also two local authors had their book signings at Carver.

There was a Writer Workshop at Carver Library this summer on June 23 and 30.

Our April book sale was successful. We are still looking for additional ways to increase participation from our community. The next book sale will be in October.

Carver Friends had a wonderful and enjoyable lunch at Tony G Restaurant, while having a good time discussing the special news of today—San Antonio is celebrating its 300th birthday this year.

Carver Friends' member **John A. Coleman** was selected as one of the 300 artists to paint a painting. Each artist was given a year to paint a painting that represents an event of significance. **John Coleman's** year is 1920. He selected the 19th amendment,

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which gave some women the ability to participate in elections. There were other women who could not vote. Do your research and you will find why.

The third annual Pan African Cultural Festival was well attended on May 5, at Carver Branch Library. A panel discussion celebrating the Pan African culture and unity in the African world community included African Americans in the United States as well. Individuals on the panel were **Kirsten Thompson** from Hatia, **Samuel Yamthe** from Cameroon, **Clement C. Sullivan** from Barbados, and **Nadine Wantwadi** from Congo. Chairman **Aunda Matt** gave his point of view about how African Americans are connected to Africa our "Mother Land." Everyone enjoyed the food, music, dancing, and clothing displayed by the vendors. We are looking forward to next year's festival.

Carver Friends thank the community for their support.  
*Shirley Coleman*

## Encino

Encino Friends President **Carla Pomager**, Secretary **Barbara Morrow**, and Friend **Ann Powell** joined the Encino Branch staff on May 9 for the Encino Library monthly staff meeting and potluck luncheon. Teen Librarian **Julia Pouliot** and Children's Librarian **Nicki Weaver** presented the upcoming summer reading programs and special events to Friends members and staff. **Barbara Morrow** and **Carla Pomager** offered assistance with materials for some of the Cosplay programs and the summer reading kickoff party.

The Encino Friends supported the Summer Reading Program Beach Party on June 9 by offering funds for the

branch to purchase consumables/refreshments for the party and materials to be used in some of the crafts and games, such as a new button maker for the branch, as well as an honorarium for folk musician **Kelli King** and her performance of a children's sing-along.

The End of Summer Harry Potter Party on Saturday, August 4, from 2-5, will celebrate 20 years of Harry Potter with muggles and wizards! It will be a magical party with crafts, snacks, photo ops, and a screening of "Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone."

The Friends also supported the Cosplay 101 series with an honorarium for presenter **Dezzy Diamond** and allocated funds for materials for the programs from June through August. These programs include:

**Sunday, July 8, 2-4—*Cosplay 101 Series: World of Wigcraft***—styling essentials from what tools are needed to techniques ranging from spiking, cutting, adding volume, and more! Bring your own wigs for styling tips and tricks! Stay around after for some demos

**Sunday, July 22, 2-4—*Cosplay 101 Series: Prop Making 101***—media and tools for fabrication, working with a budget, caring for your piece, making a foam ruler and gauntlet

**Sunday, August 5, 2-4—*Cosplay 101 Series: Photographers, Posing and You***—selecting your photographer, posing, contracts, and etiquette

Other supported Summer programs include:

**Tuesday, July 17, 3-4:30—*Teen Summer Cooking Series with Chef Justin from the San Antonio Food Bank***—teens get hands on with peeling, chopping, stirring, and finally tasting their very own creations! This week will feature

foods from India (ages 13 to 18 only).

**Tuesday, July 24, 3-4:30**—this week will feature foods from Asia (ages 13 to 18 only).

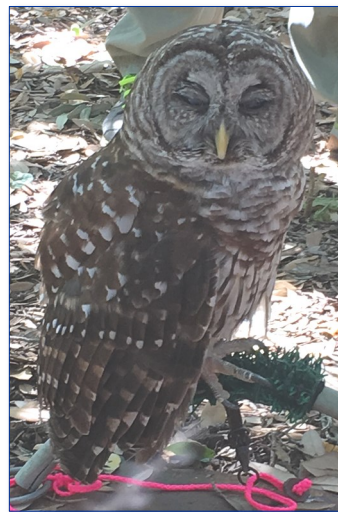
The next Friends of the Encino Library meeting will be Sunday, August 26, at 2. The next Book Sale is scheduled for Saturday, October 13, from 10-4:30.

*Carla Pomager*

## Igo

The summer months at Igo always bring a lot of fun and adventure for all participants. July has many functions going on including The Igo Stitchery, Writer's Block, Toddler Time, Lego Club, Teen Club, and Yoga. The Magik Theatre and Happy Tails Petting Zoo plan to visit the branch in July too. Check the calendar for dates and times.

The Friends of Igo library will be holding a book sale on July 28 and 29. In conjunction with the sale, there will be a Harry Potter's Birthday celebration. Fun and games will be held to entertain all ages. Owls and birds of prey will be on display on July 29 for all to enjoy. Come enjoy the fun and help support the Igo Friends in their efforts to collect funds to help support the Igo Library.



Igo Library will host SummerFest on Thursday, August 2, with games and activities for all children. The month will continue with other activities for adults, teens, children, and toddlers. Some of the ongoing events include Writer's Block, Mystery Book Club, Romance Readers Book Club, Story Time, Toddler Time, The Igo Stitchery, Yoga, PoeTree, and Baby Time. All of these events bring patrons to the library for fun and learning. Watch for special activities, as we get closer to the time to go back to school.

Have a happy and safe summer. Read a book, go to a park, enjoy a picnic, make some new memories, share your experiences with someone you don't know, and most importantly, spend some quality time with your family.

*Al Rakus*



## Las Palmas

The Superhero Summer Reading Program (SRP) Kick-Off Party was attended by more than 100, primarily children and Batman and Spiderman, much to the delight of the crowd. Our Friends assisted in publicizing this event and the special programs scheduled throughout the summer to schools and neighborhood

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associations in the area. They also provided funds for the cakes all enjoyed.

Friends reached out to the STEM program (the STEAM Center) at Our Lady of the Lake University (OLLU) and coordinated a meeting between Library staff and the center representatives. As a result, this August, Friends will fund an energy in motion program—Rubber-band Racers and Roller Coasters—presented by the OLLU STEAM Center.

We've been able to provide gift cards to Library staff, not only to support regular children's, teen's, and adult's programs but also the more recent movie time, a welcome addition to the summer schedule.

For the past two years, Library staff and Friends have participated in several National Night Out (NNO) events. The Las Palmas H-E-B has already invited us to their NNO on October 2. Friends will assist staff by also meeting our neighbors" and disseminating library information plus snacks.

*Delia Ramirez Trimble*

## Maverick

The summer is upon us, and there is no better way to beat the heat than spending some quality time at the library. Maverick's wonderful Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts**, worked hard planning our recent Summer Reading Program Kickoff celebration that happened on June 2. Friends **Kim Henage** and **Barbara Steinhauser**, along with staff members **Tomas White** and **Katy Camacho**, helped during the event that was attended by more than 100 people! The Friends provided refreshments and sponsored visits from balloon artists and face painters, which were big hits. In fact, the festivities ended up run-

ning over an hour just to ensure that all the kids in line would have an opportunity to get their balloon creations or faces painted. We were thrilled at the turnout and happy to help assist with such a fantastic event.

While we've kicked off the season, the party will continue with ongoing programs throughout the next few weeks. In addition to visits from Happy Tails exotic animals and Magik Theatre performers, the Friends will be sponsoring presentations by Dinosaur George and Spikey Mikey. Also, Teen Liaison **Mary Lou Bleichwehl** has eight weekly events scheduled for the tweens, ages 9–12, this summer that began June 7. The Friends are providing supplies for many of the activities.

In other news, Maverick, along with Great Northwest and Igo, will be sponsoring an Artful Aging program for four weeks each, that began in June. These events will consist of four lessons in sketching and drawing, four in watercolor, and four in acrylics. The Friends helped contribute to the cost of instructors' fees and are glad to help support creative services for our community.

With the upcoming holiday, we won't be meeting in July. However, if you're interested in getting involved with your library, please feel free to join us at our next meeting on August 7 at 7 p.m.

*Amanda Dickinson*

## McCreless

On Saturday, May 19, an enthusiastic group made their own individual *papel picado* at a workshop led by the very talented **Kris Hernandez** of the library staff; stop by and ask to see some of her customized work; it's amazing!

We expect to schedule a fall/holiday book sale at our June 25 meeting, so stay tuned.

Our special thanks to **Bonnie Simons** who makes regular contributions to Friends of McCreless Library in memory of her family members.

*Paula Massengale*

## Tobin Library at Oakwell

In May, the Tobin Library at Oakwell participated in the City Tricentennial celebration by holding a STEAM day. Patrons created origami butterflies and watched live butterflies come out of their cocoons.

Also in May, Tobin Library at Oakwell held a Senior Living Library. Veterans acted as "books" and could be checked out by patrons for a discussion. The books included a former Army nurse, a former Vietnam-era soldier who had been assigned to the Strategic Air Command, two retired Army colonels who happened to be women, and an ex-airman who spoke about **Katherine Stinson's** place in aviation history.

Summer reading at the Tobin Library at Oakwell started on June 1. Kids who read or listen to 8 books will receive a free book and a completion certificate. Teens get a prize draw entry for each book they read or program they attend and can win wireless headphones, Bluetooth speakers, or H-E-B gift cards. Adults who read 8 books or attend 8 programs get an entry into the grand prize drawing for experiences such as indoor skydiving, kayaking on the Mission Reach, or a San Antonio Segway Tour. Each winner will also get an instant camera to record their adventure. The Kick Off featured a magic show, face painting, paletas, games, and crafts, much of which was made possible by donations from the Tobin Friends.

Summerfest will be held on August 4. We will have entertainment, games, crafts, and snacks to wrap up summer programming.

The Tobin Friends group will hold their Fall Book Sale the weekend of September 28–30.

*Rhonda Woolhouse*



*Papel picado (above) and ladies making them at McCreless workshop.*



# Texana/Genealogy Department Welcomes Heather Ferguson

Jacob Sherman

In March, the Texana/Genealogy Department welcomed its new head, **Heather Ferguson**. Ms. Ferguson is a lifelong resident of San Antonio and is enthusiastically moving the department forward.

Her first memories about using a library come from elementary school. To her the library was an escape but not in the typical manner. "The school library was one of the few rooms in the building that was air conditioned. So that was a treat. It was the Eighties," Ferguson said.

She further added that she remembers obtaining a library card and using the Westfall Branch Library, which was the closest to her home.

Her education is rooted in San Antonio by being a Jefferson High School grad and earning a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from UTSA with a focus on printmaking. She also holds a Master of Science in Library and Information Science degree from Simmons College, where her emphasis was on archival management.

Ms. Ferguson comes to the department after having spent 15 years at the McNay Art Museum working her way up from Library Assistant to Library and Archives Public Services Coordinator to Archivist.

Also, at the McNay, she was involved with the 2008 renovation of the Stieren Center, which will be a plus for the implementation of the Central Library's sixth floor renovation. She stated, "I feel like I have a good foundation for what's to come and how to approach that. We [Texana/Genealogy Department] clearly are out of space. I can't wait to tackle the reorganization."

She further added, "The renovation project is always in the back of my mind. And how I should be preparing for that project. When we are looking at planning for the future, it is not only what we are occupying now, but we need to grow and acquire new collections." This renovation is currently in the planning phases.

She is similarly eager to face the challenges of moving

from a job where the focus was on the institutional history to more unique collections. "Something that is exciting for me is that there are a lot of hidden collections. We have some really awesome photo collections and vertical files. If you look at how much the vertical files are used, they are a valuable resource. The depth is just amazing. In the short time I have been here, I have noticed researchers benefiting from the content within them."

Genealogy materials are also the resources that Ms. Ferguson highlighted. "We are not just collecting Texas but all 50 states, which is something that we need to publicize better."

One of the ways to highlight the uniqueness of the collections is to make the finding aids available online.

To help guide Ms. Ferguson into her new role is the current Texana/Genealogy Department staff. There are currently five staff members. She was impressed with the knowledge and experience of her staff. "The least amount of time that some-

one has been here is 10 years, and the maximum is 23 years. They are very well experienced with what has been done in the past and patron needs."

She continued, "Texana staff each have niched specialties and excel in what they enjoy doing most. Among other talents, staff specialties include expert historical and genealogy researchers, resource training, programming, volunteer engagement, and community outreach, to name a few."

Her appreciation for the city will greatly assist with her own outreach efforts. The culture of San Antonio really stands out for Ms. Ferguson. As she emphasized, the city is not "just a cookie-cutter type of city. The history is unique."

This lifelong San Antonian's enthusiasm for her city and its history housed at the Texana/Genealogy Department will be a boon for the San Antonio Public Library. She is bound to leave her own indelible mark of distinction as the collections evolve.

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## Membership Frequently Asked Questions

Kim Cauthon, Membership Chair

**Question:** Did you know there are customizable Friends bookmarks on the Friends website?

**Answer:** There is a bookmark template on the Friends website! They are downloadable and fillable form bookmarks that can be personalized for each branch. Friends can use them for recruiting new members, as small tokens for new members, book sale promotions, etc. The bookmark lists five reasons to be a Friend: 1) enhance funding to the

Library for programs, staff development and equipment, 2) a newsletter that keeps the Friend informed about issues and events, invitations to author and artist receptions, etc. 3) it's an affordable way to give to and support an important cause, 4) 100% of your annual membership gift is used for library programs and services, and 5) a branch library friends group receives \$5 of each membership, and funds raised by that Friends group stay in that community.

The website for downloading the bookmarks is: [www.friendsofsapl.org/branch-friends-groups.html](http://www.friendsofsapl.org/branch-friends-groups.html).

**Question:** How much of my membership dues is given to my designated Branch Friends group?

**Answer:** Five dollars out of one individual membership is given to the designated Branch. If a Friend wants to join more than one branch, then the cost is \$5 per additional branch. For example, if a Friend joins through an individual membership of

\$15 and wants to join one branch, the cost is \$15. If a Friend joins through an individual membership of \$15 and wants to join two branches, the cost is \$20.

**Question:** Where can I get more membership envelopes?

**Answer:** The membership envelopes are stored at the BookCellar. Please call 210-227-9519 and ask the BookCellar to send the envelopes with the library delivery to your branch. Additionally,

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Friends can join on the website:

[www.friendsofsapl.org](http://www.friendsofsapl.org). If the BookCellar manager is not available, please ask to leave a message for her, requesting more envelopes.

**Question:** *As a branch officer, how can I get the most current membership roster for my branch?*

**Answer:** Please email the Membership Chair at [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com).

**Question:** *If I want to join an additional branch after I have joined the Friends and designated a branch, can I do so for an additional \$5?*

**Answer:** Yes, a Friend can join an additional branch at any time. The additional \$5 can be paid the same way as a membership: using the membership envelope, at the branch meeting, or online.

More questions??

Please email [fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com](mailto:fosaplmembershipchair@gmail.com).

Thank you for being a Friend!

## Las Palmas Activities



## Donations & Memorials

Sheila Figueroa

### Donations

Naomi Brewer      Yolanda Kirkpatrick  
Andrea Buckner    Dale McNeill

### In Memory of      by

Phyllis Beinhorn    Friends of the San Antonio Public Library  
Celeste Castillo    Alicia Fawcett  
Claudia Kohler     Mr. & Mrs. John Gaddis  
Donna Logan        Mr. & Mrs. John Gaddis

## BookCellar News

Sandra E. Wilkinson

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



I would like to quote my predecessor **Stephanie Serrata** who wrote in the Sept.-Oct. 2017 SAPLings: “BookCellar volunteer numbers are dropping quickly. We are looking for people to join the Book-Cellar family. If you love books, love to read, or want to assist us in promoting literacy, come take a short tour and learn about our mission. The BookCellar is always happy to answer questions about our organization. Your efforts do not go unnoticed.”

Thanks to Stephanie for her writing contributions to the SAPLings on behalf of all the volunteers at the BookCellar (BC). She wrote the column for almost two years. Thanks also for providing the connection to foster discussion about volunteering.

A note to teachers searching for an opportunity to volunteer during the summer: the BC is great because one can beat the Texas heat by being in the basement of the air-conditioned library. Sharing your volunteer time with like-minded individuals who love to read is a great way to meet new friends. Opportunities to purchase books at bargain-basement prices, is easy on a booklover’s pocket book. Lunching with other volunteers with whom books (and last night’s TV shows) can be discussed can be enjoyable. Any FOSAPL member with teenagers 16 years or older who are home for the summer might consider encouraging them to volunteer. Many professionals recognize the importance of volunteering. It always looks good to employers and being able to put volunteer experience on a college application or résumé is always a plus. Call BC Manager

**Andrea Mason** to discuss details. The BC staff welcomes all inquiries and looks forward to meeting you. Physical requirements are minimal. Come visit us for an afternoon to observe as well take advantage of our great prices! FOSAPL members—please email the newsletter to your friends who are not “FRIENDS,” so more individuals can learn what a great book store the BC is.

**June Sales:** The popular, specially selected collection of adult paperbacks priced at 2/25¢ will be on sale throughout the month of June. Regularly priced, adult non-fiction (100s, 300s, 500s, and 700s) will be priced at 50¢ each or 3/\$1.

Customers must purchase multiples of three to get the lower price.

**Annual Back-to-School Sale** is scheduled to start on Saturday, July 21, and run through Sunday, July 29. This sale will offer additional juvenile inventory on our patio. This sale is aimed especially at classroom teachers and home schoolers. There will be boxes and boxes of 10¢ materials to help teachers fill their classroom libraries. Regular-priced young adult hardbacks will be 25¢ each, and regular-priced young adult paperbacks will be 10¢ each.

Check our Facebook page or watch for customer emails detailing flash sales and other specials.

**Branch Book Sales Reminder:** Please refer to the March–April 2018 edition of SAPLings for guidelines requesting books for branch sales.

Have a great summer. Share a book with family, a friend, or give one away. Be safe.



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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- July 15** FOSAPL Board Meeting, Las Palmas Branch Library, 2.  
July 21–29 BookCellar Annual Back-to-School Sale  
July 28–29 Igo Book Sale.  
August 1 Last day to submit a nominee for Arts & Letters Award.  
August 2 SummerFest at Igo.  
August 4 SummerFest at Tobin Library at Oakwell  
August 7 Maverick Friends meeting, 7.  
August 26 Encino Friends meeting, 2.  
September 4 Maverick Friends meeting, 7.  
September 15 Brook Hollow Book Sale, Saturday, 10–4.  
September 22 Brook Hollow meeting, Saturday, 1.  
September 28–30 Tobin at Oakwell Friends Fall Book Sale; Friends Preview – Friday, 4–6;  
Public Sale, Saturday/Sunday, 10–4.  
October 13 Encino Book Sale, 10–4:30.  
October 13–14 Maverick Friends Fall Book Sale, 10–4.  
**October 14** Arts & Letters Awards, Central Library, 2.

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

Igo Library  
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249  
210-207-9080 (also TTY)

Las Palmas Library  
515 Castroville Road, 78237  
210-207-9200

Maverick Library  
8700 Mystic Park, 78254  
210-207-9060

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.