



News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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This is the LAST ISSUE of SAPLings unless you have renewed your membership.

From the President



Dear Friends,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as President 2015–2017. I hope you'll join me by participating in the following initiatives:

- Start a "Next Generation" Membership Drive, focused on attracting students and young parents to become Friends of the Library. This will expand the membership to engage more people to volunteer for our projects, including book sales and advocacy at our church and PTA groups, City Council and County Commissioners Court. Friends groups could partner with the Teen groups in their branch libraries and with the parents who bring their children to story time. Wouldn't it be great if they became Friends of the Library, as well as users of the Library?
- Research into fundraising opportunities other than book sales. In this digital age, we can anticipate that we will have fewer used books to sell. Let's reach out across Texas to see how other Friends groups are planning for the future.
- Plan a Friends Development Day where we can learn from each other about volunteer recruitment, marketing and publicity techniques, and what other Friends groups are doing. I know that several of our Friends groups are using the Square and that many more would like an opportunity to learn about it. Every branch group wants to recruit more members and publicize their book sales. Let me know other ideas you may want the Friends Development Day to cover.

Part of my excitement of being elected President will be learning from others who have accomplished much in their own lives and who will join in the common objective of strengthening the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library.

And don't forget to attend the 3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival on Saturday, April 11, at the Central Library and its neighbor, the Southwest School of Art—I'll see you there!

In friendship,
Karen Matson

Central Library Celebrates 20th Anniversary!

Linda Cheatum

Central library will celebrate its 20th Anniversary on Saturday, May 9. The Library is planning a family-friendly event with come-and-go activities to be announced in March on the library's website.

In conjunction with the celebration, FOSAPL will staff a table to encourage patrons to join our organization. This is the perfect opportunity to explain how FOSAPL funds many of the activities library patrons enjoy all year.

Please join the effort to gain new members by sitting at our table for a two-hour shift and talking to patrons attending the event.

Drop Membership Secretary **Linda Cheatum** an email at L.Cheatum@satx.rr.com to let us know you will be helping to broaden our membership base or leave a message for Linda at (210-888-3002. We will confirm times with you as event activities are formalized.

Membership Renewal

It's time to renew your FOSAPL membership for 2015. You can use a mailing envelope from your local branch or copy the information from this link <http://www.awacommunications.com/FOSAPL/website/EnvelopeArt.pdf> and return with your check to: FOSAPL, P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246.

Help Raise \$1,000s for the Library! Help Yourself to Bargain Books! Volunteer at the BookCellar!

The BookCellar needs:

- Workers who know and/or love children's books.
- Workers who can lift boxes and pull dollies loaded with books.
- Workers who can sort and shelf books by alphabet or number.

- Choose a day and try it for a month.
- Four-hour shifts available 11–3 any day or 3–7 Thursdays.
- Park free in the Central Library garage.
- Buy books and media at 50% off.

FOSAPL depends on the BookCellar to fund its annual contribution to the Library System. Help share that responsibility. To volunteer or for more information, call BookCellar Committee Chair **Richard Morales** at (210) 639-8549 or the BookCellar at (210) 227-9519.

Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, January 25, 2015

Submitted by **Pat Peak**, Secretary

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, January 25, 2015, at the Central Library Auditorium. As Officers and Board members are elected at this meeting, all members eligible to vote were given a paper ballot for voting by a verification committee at the door.

President **Linda Arronge** called the meeting to order at 2:18 p.m. The roll call of members was read by the Secretary, and a quorum was declared with 18 FOSAPL Board members present.

Board members attending were: **Linda Arronge, Bob Mason, Beverly Duran, Pat Peak, Nancy Gandara, Elizabeth Bircher, Arline Braswell, Rita Corey, Jose Duran, Antoinette Franklin, Bruce Gill, Beverly Harris, Karen Matson, Mary McAfee, Pat Mendiola, Marshall Mundorff, Rowena Rodgers, and Ann Springer.**

Approval of Minutes: Nancy Gandara moved to approve the minutes as printed in the January-February, 2015 *SAPLings*. Jose Duran seconded the motion. The minutes were approved as printed.

President's Report: Linda Arronge reviewed the year 2014, first advising the members of the sudden demise on January 20, 2015, of long-time Board member, BookCellar volunteer, and leader **Aaron Konstam** and offered condolences to Aaron's wife, **Pat** on his passing. A memorial service for Aaron was held on January 24, 2015.

All in all, we had an interesting and successful year, having received a monetary donation from a local business leader with an additional amount to

follow when the estate is closed. Our annual donation to the Public Library allowed Director **Ramiro Salazar** to purchase electronic access kiosks that were placed in the Airport. Other kiosks and portal access to the library collection will be considered during the coming year.

Linda thanked Board Member **Marshall Mundorff** for building donation boxes for all library branches for their on-site book sales. She also thanked **Tom Nemeth** and **Jose Duran** for moving boxes of books from the BookCellar to branches requesting books for their own sales—a worthwhile and demanding project. Friends can take credit for so many projects, both in the Branches and in the Central Library that are paid for, not by the City but by the hard work and monetary support of the Friends. Linda also thanked all those who have helped her during her service as President.

Treasurer's Report: Beverly Duran provided a closing Income and Expense Report for 2014, as of December 31 with income of \$94,866.11. FOSAPL total assets, including investment funds, are \$188,720.55. Branch designated funds equal \$83,166.15. We gave more than \$66,000 to support San Antonio library projects.

Beverly will be looking for volunteers to serve on the Audit Committee coming up soon.

Library Board: Jean Brady, Library Board Liaison, spoke about the importance of the dedication of members to Board and Foundation projects by attending meetings and otherwise spreading the word about the importance

of libraries in our community. Negotiations are now on-going with the County regarding their contribution to the City's library service to out-of-city residents. Author **Donna Brazile** recently presented a well-attended Martin Luther King/Black History event at the Carver, which was funded by the Foundation and the Friends and supported in partnership with the Carver Community Cultural Center. The Foundation hopes to have more of these programs, which can be expensive but worthwhile.

The District 9 library building has now been turned over to San Antonio Public Library and will be open in May with a combination of both hard copy reading material and electronic technology available as residents indicated this is what they want. A new innovation of a drive-through window will be featured at this Encino Branch.

Library Administration: Ramiro Salazar, SAPL Director, presented a video and provided some of the details of his recent trip to Taiwan where he visited San Antonio's Sister City, Kaohsiung, Taiwan. Ramiro was the guest speaker at an international Book Conference of Library Directors organized by the Bureau of Cultural Affairs in Kaohsiung, and he discussed his impressions and ideas generated by the newly opened library building there as well as by the conference itself. The Library featured many artistic and architectural innovations. His presentation there touched on the future planning challenges facing libraries world wide regarding space, design, marketing, public art and, of course, the inclusion of digital

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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.

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Nancy Gandara Secretary
Beverly Duran..... Treasurer
Linda Arronge..... Immediate Past Pres
Linda CheatumMembership Secretary

BOARD MEMBERS

2014–2016 Term:

Arline Braswell • Rita Corey • Jose Duran • Antoinette Franklin • Beverly Harris • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Mary McAfee • Marshall Mundorff • Rowena Rodgers • Jill Zimmerman

2015–2017 Term:

Liz Alves • Elizabeth Bircher • Bev Golden • Beth Graham • Pat Konstam • Karen Matson • Pat Mendiola • Pat Peak • Ronnie Retzloff • Mark Robinson • Stephanie Serrata • Ann Springer • Delia Trimble

SAPLINGS

Managing Editor..... Alana Woods

Newsletter is published every two months and can also be seen at 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, or mailed to her at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Rd., San Antonio, TX 78238.

Article contributions for the newsletter are always welcome!

NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE

Lyn Belisle.....Chair
Nancy Gandara • Stephanie Serrata • Alana Woods
Karen Matson.....Ex Officio

innovations of all kinds. He was able to make contact with an artist who specializes in public art constructed of hard-backed books and discuss a visit by the artist to San Antonio for the SA Central Library's 20th Anniversary. Ramiro also talked about the necessity for partnerships locally with the City, the County, State, Friends groups, the Library Foundation and local entities such as the Library Portal we have with the Briscoe Museum of Western Art. Digital usage is up 38% on all varieties of mobile devices but the demand for print materials is still 6 times as much as digital, surveys show. Ramiro thanked the Friends for their contributions to San Antonio Public Library this year, which provided the Airport Digital Kiosks, Staff Recognition and Retirement programs, Children's Programming, and the continued development of our own community library portal projects.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership: Membership Secretary **Linda Cheatum** provided copies of current membership status.

One renewal notice has been mailed, total paid members YTD is 903, 162 are new members. There are still more than 400 renewals outstanding. It is suggested that members check your Branch for a sufficient supply of application/renewal forms. Second renewal notices will go out in March.

BookCellar: **Richard Morales** is the recently elected chairman of the BookCellar Committee. The recently installed donation box netted \$693 in 2014. The BookCellar plans a huge sale of adult books (buy one, get one free) and romance paperbacks (\$.05

each) and has many YA items available for the asking when needed by Branch libraries.

NEW BUSINESS:

Evelyn Bonavita, member of the Nominating Committee, provided members with the details for conducting the election of Officers and Board Members. Each member eligible to vote checked in with a Nominating Committee member prior to the meeting and was given an official ballot, which will be the only ballot accepted. The Committee members are: **Evelyn Bonavita, Richard Morales, Linda Cheatum, Bob Mason** and **Nancy Gandara**. The Nominating Committee proposed the following slate of Officers: President, **Karen Matson**, Vice-President, **Robert Mason**, Treasurer, **Beverly Duran**, Secretary, **Nancy Gandara**, Past President, **Linda Arronge**. The floor was opened to additional nominations for each of the positions. **Rowena Rodgers** nominated **Linda Arronge** for President. **Antoinette Franklin** seconded the nomination. **Anna Cleve** nominated **Beth Graham** for Secretary. **Judy Wilson** seconded the nomination. All nominees will be considered for election with a write-in space provided on the ballot. A simple majority is required to determine a winner for each contested position.

As there had been prior indication that the Presidency would be contested, both candidates had been asked to prepare a 2-minute presentation of their priorities, should they be elected. After both candidates made their presentations, all members present were asked to complete their ballots. **Linda Cheatum** and **Richard Morales** collected

and then counted the ballots while **Evelyn Bonavita** continued with the election of Board members.

The following Friends were nominated by the Nominating Committee to serve on the Board for the 2015–2017 term: **Liz Alves, Beverly Golden, Stephanie Serrata, and Christie Smith. Pat Konstam, Ronnie Retzloff, Pat Mendiola, Ann Springer, Elizabeth Bircher, Beth Graham** and **Pat Peak** have agreed to serve an additional term on the Board. **Mark Robinson** and **Delia Trimble** were nominated from the floor to serve on the Board. After the introduction of the members who are in the middle of their 2014–2016 term: (**Rowena Rodgers, Mary McAfee, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Jill Zimmerman, Antoinette Franklin, Arline Braswell, Rita Corey, Jose Duran, Beverly Harris, and Marshall Mundorff**), **Evelyn** asked for a motion to approve all candidates nominated for the Board. **Linda Arronge** so moved; **Jose Duran** seconded. The motion passed.

The election results were tabulated, and the results announced by **Evelyn** are as follows:

Officers for the 2015–2017 term are: **Karen Matson**, President; **Bob Mason**, Vice-President; **Beverly Duran**, Treasurer; **Nancy Gandara**, Secretary; and **Linda Arronge**, who will serve on the Executive Committee as Past President.

Linda Arronge presented the Friends plaque to **Patricia Peak** as retiring Secretary in appreciation for her service to the Board.

The meeting was adjourned with the notice that refreshments and parking validations are available.



Cody

The Friends of Cody Library has an abundance of donated books, and limited space for storage. The books are in all categories, usually divided into fiction and non-fiction. If your Friends group is interested in picking up boxes before your next sale please contact us. They are available on a "first come, first served" basis to the Friends of other SAPL libraries Please contact **Susan Bailey** at (210) 558-3614.

We'll make arrangements to be available for your pick up.

Susan Bailey

Igo

The Friends of the John Igo Branch Library (FIBBERS) are proud to be the primary support group for the library. Our successful "book and bake" sales, held several times annually, provide funds for many programs, activities, and events for children, tweens, teens, and adults, including the Seniors Group, the Elderberries.

In addition to the established Lego, Chess, and Genealogy clubs, a few new ones have been added for 2015—the Russian Culture Club, Options Trading club, and the AFI Top 100 Film club. Two new book clubs have recently also been started, the Romance Book Club (and Writers Group) and the Dare to Read Book Club for emergent adult readers.

Following are some of the interesting March programs at Igo:

•March 5, 2 p.m. – Dr. **Paul Ringenbach**, Lead Writer for

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the application for the San Antonio Spanish Missions to become the first Texas UNESCO World Heritage Site, will talk about the application process (underway for 8 years) and the current status.

- March 17, 2–4 – “Writing Your Family History,” presented by **Allene Mandy** for the Genealogy Club.
- March 23, 5:30–7:30 – The AFI Top 100 Film Club meeting will show and discuss “The Graduate.”
- March 25, 4:30–7 – Mayor **Ivy Taylor’s** Meet and Greet.

We invite you to visit the Igo Library and participate in these and other programs. Check out the Trumba Calendar for additional activities @ Igo.

The last SAPL staff recognition awards, awarded quarterly in 4 categories, honored two Igo staff members: **Ashlee Chavez** for Leadership and **Irene Scharf** for Community.

Jose Duran

Las Palmas

The Las Palmas Friends Book Cart will be a year old in April and has already proven to be a steady source of income for the Library. In the next few months, we will expand it into a Book Nook area with more space for an attractive display of books (for all age groups), magazines, and CDs.

The Teen Services Librarian **Marco De Leon** has coordinated an SAT practice test opportunity for area high school students. Our Friends group will provide snacks for the test takers as they complete their session.

The Library Manager **Tim Johnson** announced that the Las Palmas Library is hosting an Americorps Volunteer for

one year. Among other duties, she will be doing computer classes with the first two scheduled in March. She is also coordinating with Our Lady of the Lake University on some future projects.

The Library is planning a Spring Break event, Tech Week, that has a very timely activity, robotics, as its main focus. The Friends group is contacting area businesses for additional support of this endeavor.

Delia Ramirez Trimble

McCreless

The next book sale is scheduled for Saturday, March 7, and Sunday, March 8, from 10–5:45. As always, volunteers are being sought to help with set up on Friday and breakdown on Monday, and shifts during the sale. **Paula Massengale**, President, McCreless Friends, tried something a little different at the last book sale. She donated two new books that were raffled off. **Ruth Stewart**, a retired public health nurse, won one of the books. The other book went to a young library user who was thrilled with the win. After the sale, McCreless Friends donated books to two charitable groups.

Thanks to the efforts of many people, McCreless Friends have installed a help-yourself bookshelf so that used books can be purchased whenever the library is open. Past FOSAPL President **Linda Aronze** donated a money box for the self-service “book sale” cart. Secretary of McCreless Friends **Mary Gallagher** and her husband secured the money box to the shelf and got the sales going in mid-December. Mary reported that during January alone, more than \$50 was brought in through these sales. Thanks to **Paula Massengale**,

Tom Nemeth, and the library staff for refreshing the stock and keeping the library users interested in this latest group endeavor. And, of course, thank you to **Mary Gallagher** for collecting the monies and depositing them to the account.

Monies from these fund raising projects allow us to provide awesome support for the services and staff of our branch library. McCreless Branch Library Manager **Camie Brantley** was pleased with the purchase of two tables and a new CD/DVD disc cleaner in support of media lending services. In addition, HEB gift cards were funded to support teen and children’s programs.

A project spearheaded by **Cathy Dean** involved several Friends working on landscaping and planting flowers by the library entrance. A Monarch butterfly station project is being discussed as well. We look forward to having the grounds looking beautiful by Sunday, May 17, when McCreless Library hosts the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library (FOSAPL) Board meeting.

Jill Zimmerman

Tobin Library at Oakwell

The Friends of Tobin at Oakwell lost a good friend in the death of **Aaron Konstam**. We want to extend our condolences to his wife, **Pat Konstam**. Aaron was a Tobin Friends former president and a faithful friend of our library.

Our annual meeting was held February 21 and featured **Tom Poyner’s** Letterpress talk and demonstration.

“Symphony at SAPL,” a program to highlight classical music at San Antonio Libraries, featured **Amy Venticinque**, a violinist, on February 7.

SAPL Children’s Coordinator **Vicki Ash** arranged and hosted a very well attended program. More than 55 people came, from toddlers to some very symphony savvy senior citizens.

We welcome **Matthew Loaiza**, our new Teen Librarian, who has already increased Teen Programming.

Come-and-Go Crafts continue to be popular all day on Saturdays, highlighting topics and authors with a related craft theme.

Tobin and Semmes Libraries are partnering with San Antonio’s Northeast Service Center to participate in the spring Mayor’s Book Club. The discussion of *12 Years a Slave* will be held March 17 at the Senior Center.

Tobin will host the FOSAPL Board Meeting on March 15.

Our Tobin Friends are happy to continue to support the wonderful programs our Library Manager **Tracey Knouse** and her staff provide for our community.

Arline Braswell

Westfall

Westfall Friends held their annual meeting Saturday, Jan. 31, at the library. The meeting was held after a program by **Steve Zeserman**, a bassist with the San Antonio Symphony.

Friends members heard a report from Branch Manager **Sherrie Hardin** about last year’s mini-makeover. The boring beige was replaced by lilac, dark blue, electric green and a great purple accent wall in the children’s department. Part of the makeover included installation of a new universal circulation/reference desk. Friends purchased a spring-bottom book cart for use at the new desk. The cart means staff

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Getting to Know Your Friends Antoinette Franklin

Stephanie Serrata

I met **Antoinette Franklin** for an early dinner on a Sunday afternoon. As she introduced herself, she handed me a packet of papers that contained her C.V., and a list of her published works. It was the first time anyone had ever submitted their life in writing. I was delighted that she was confident enough in *my writing* to trust me with her important papers.

Antoinette was born and raised in San Antonio and is a proud mother to her daughter, Alexis. Antoinette graduated from St. Gerard's High School in 1972 and attended Incarnate Word College where she earned a B.A. in Psychology in 1978. She then earned two Master's degrees: the first in Management from Webster University in St. Louis, MO (1990), and the second in Adult Education from the University of the Incarnate Word (UIW) (1998). Antoinette is currently working on a Ph.D. in Organization Leadership at UIW. Antoinette stated that it's her "responsibility as a woman, as a parent, and as a member of society to take advantage of the opportunities of higher education, whether it be technical or special education or anything beyond that."

As we moved into our discussion on careers, I quickly understood what Antoinette meant by her fabulous quote. Antoinette stated that she worked for the federal government for 35 years. She was employed with Kelly Air Force Base for 18 years where she provided logistic support and served as an inventory management specialist who ordered and supplied aircraft parts for the C130, C138, C5, F5, and F15. She also wrote a procedural manual for procuring one-time-consumable items in 1992. I couldn't help but ask Antoinette what her experience had been in a field mainly dominated by men. She stated that it was not without great difficulty that she was able to attain seniority and job security in an environment where her expertise was sometimes questioned by Air Force officials. She stated she subsequently took a position at Lackland Air Force Base to teach English as a second language. Antoinette taught terminology courses in Navy electronics, fire support, map reading, and electronic



aircraft maintenance. She also taught an EOD course (explosive ordinance), which trained students in the nonexplosive parts of bombs so that those parts could be easily identified and manipulated without hesitation in the field.

After a fascinating discussion about her career with the federal government, we shifted our discussion to how Antoinette became involved with the library. She explained that in 2008, while teaching GED classes for the San Antonio Independent School District, she approached the Carver branch about teaching "Let the Words Fly," which was a creative writing class offered to the public in order to help people tap their artistic voice and fine tune important writing skills necessary for job applications or entrance exam essays. Wanting to maintain a pattern of excellence at Carver, Antoinette became the president of the Friends at her branch in 2009. Antoinette's administration can proudly boast the 2011 Talented Tenth, which made the Ph.D. dissertations of 16 African-American men available to the library to be used as resource materials for educational purposes/goals. In 2012, Carver did the same thing for 19 African-American women when their Ph.D. dissertations were also made available to the library as an educational resource. The

Carver friends can also take credit for producing *The Carver Literary Arts Anthology* (2010). This anthology contains several written pieces (published and unpublished) from various San Antonio writers. Antoinette became a member of the FOSAPL board in 2011.

When I had a few minutes to look at the packet Antoinette had given me, I noticed that she is quite the published author. In 2011, *Hot Women Needing a Man* and other stories were published by Publish America, and *The Storytelling Brief History* was published by the same company in 2014 and will be released soon. Antoinette explained that she enjoys writing poetry and short stories and being a creative workshop leader. Deciding to give her the test of a true writer, I asked her to describe for me (in 50 words or less) the message she wants to pass on to people. Here's her reply verbatim: "I want to pass on feelings of hope. I want to be an inspiration to others. Always follow your dreams. Finally, I'm thankful for everything I've been able to do." Kudos, my friend. You came in at 30 words. Antoinette, I'm thankful that you took time out of your incredibly busy schedule to sit and talk with me. I'm going to make it to your next writing class, and I can't wait for your newest publication. Your C.V. blew me away. Thanks again.

Until next time.....

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no longer have to bend and stoop as they check in returned items.

The budget for 2015 was adopted. Among the "wish list" items are a security mirror, LEGO blocks and a partition wall to separate the children's area from the men's restroom. The group also set aside funds to sponsor programs at the branch for children, teens and adults. Last year, the Friends paid for the Balloon Lady to create balloon sculptures for the children at a summer reading program.

Sherrie Hardin

From the Library Director

Women's History Month



Greetings,

March is Women's History Month and, since the early days of this country's existence, strong women have played a significant role in its development, its economic growth, and its

culture. As our branch locations and Central Library celebrate the contributions of women to society, we hope that you will consider visiting us for programs and events system-wide.

If you are an educator and are looking for a recommended reading list, look no further than our website to find out what our librarians suggest as informative resources: <http://guides.mysapl.org/womenshistory>. We also invite you to check the events calendar to find out how SAPL will celebrate: www.mysapl.org.

Additionally, as part of the San Antonio Public Library's commemoration, I am pleased to announce that we will host the second annual Texas Women of Influence program on March 10 at 6:30 in the evening at the Central Library. This year's theme is "Weaving the Stories of Women's Lives," and this important panel discussion will feature local women in positions of influence discussing the role of women in today's world. As of the deadline to print this newsletter, the panelists include: Assistant City Manager **Gloria Hurtado**; **Akiko Fujimoto**, associate conductor of the SA Symphony; **Rosie Castro**, community leader, and **Jackie Gorman**, executive director of SAGE. The program will be moderated by Texas Public Radio reporter, **Eileen Pace**.

The event is free and open to the public. We hope you'll make plans to join us.

Finally, while the contributions of women are immeasurable, we hope that by celebrating and honoring the contributions of the famous and the unsung women in history with all of you, the library is continuing to tell these important stories.

Ramiro S. Salazar

In Memoriam

Lyn Belisle

The Friends are saddened to learn of the passing of **Aaron Konstam**, who died suddenly from pneumonia on Tuesday, January 20, 2015. A brilliant professor, Aaron touched the lives of hundreds of young people during a 38-year career. Beginning at Brooklyn College, he taught computer science at Lindenwood Colleges in St. Charles, Mo., and Trinity University in San Antonio, retiring in 1999 as professor emeritus. Everywhere he taught, he sought to befriend and listen to students.

After his retirement, Aaron achieved his dream of running a used book store by serving 10 years as chair of the committee that operates the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library's store, the BookCellar. His dedication to the BookCellar, to the Library, and to learning and literacy was well known. Aaron was a consummate literacy advocate, and his influence within the Friends and at the BookCellar will be impossible to replace.

He is survived by his wife **Pat** (who continues their work at the BookCellar); their son **David** of Des Plaines, IL; brother **Marvin Konstam** and his wife **Varda** of Boston, MA; brother-in-law **Mike Smathers** and his wife **Judy** of Big Lick, TN; and four nieces and nephews. Memorial contributions may be made to The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library or Trinity University, San Antonio, Texas.



Arts and Letters



It is never too early to begin thinking of who you would like to nominate for a FOSAPL Arts

and Letters Award. If you know an artist, writer, thespian, and/or musician who excels at his or her artistic endeavor and has also made, or is making, a significant contribution to the community, please take the time to nominate that person.

This year, the Arts and Letters Committee will provide FOSAPL members with a standardized nomination form to be filled out and returned to the Committee. You can pick up an Arts and Letters Nomination Form at our regularly scheduled

board meetings or by contacting Bob Mason by phone or email. All nominations must be received by August 1, 2015. The date of the Awards Ceremony will be announced at a later date.



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Memorials and Donations

Sheila Figueroa

| In Memory of | by |
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| Aaron Konstam | Beverly A. Duran Judy Wilson Nancy Gandara Dr. Nina Ekstein |

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Jean Van Nest
Mary Allyn Watson
Jill Zimmerman

BookCellar News

Pat Konstam

The BookCellar
Central Library Basement
Open 11:00 a.m.–3 p.m. every day
plus 3–7 p.m. Thursdays
Telephone (210) 227-9519



The BookCellar Committee welcomes new FOSAPL President **Karen Matson** as an *ex-officio* member and looks forward to her contributions to its work. We thank outgoing President **Linda Arronge** for serving two years as an *ex-officio* member. We are feeling the loss of 13-year committee member and past chair **Aaron Konstam**, who died January 20, 2015.

The store began 2015 with a series of special “flash” sales announced in the store and on social media. Some are linked to seasonal themes while others offer marked-down prices, such as a 25-cent table. An on-going Teen Event has regular-priced young adult hardback books selling for 25 cents and paperbacks for 10 cents.

The buy-one-get-one special in March is regular-priced adult hard-

back fiction, including mysteries, science fiction, novels and large print. In April, the BOGO will be regular-priced adult soft-cover fiction.

Among other bargains, there’s always a collection of children’s books priced at 10 cents. A 2011 World Book Encyclopedia set costs \$10. The store has opera and choral sheet music, hundreds of books on CD, several shelves of classics for 50 cents to \$1, an expanded foreign language section, and a large selection of vintage books. Variety and surprise are what charms many customers.

Special sales helped bring total receipts for the year 2014 to \$83,291, slightly ahead of the 2013 total of \$82,316, a momentum the committee hopes to continue.



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FOSAPL Board Meeting Locations—2015

Sunday, 2 p.m.

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| March 15 | Tobin Library at Oakwell |
| May 17 | McCreless Library |
| July 19 | Pan American Library |
| Sept. 20 | Westfall Library |
| Nov. 15 | Encino Park Library |

Volunteer Information for the SA Book Festival

Stephanie Serrata

The third annual San Antonio Book Festival is scheduled for April 11, 2015. The event is presented by the Library Foundation and is always looking for volunteers to do a variety of jobs: author escorts, vendor check-in, greeters, etc. If you are interested, please visit the festival office website at information.saplf.org or saplf.org/festival.

This event is free and open to the public and will be held at the Central Library and the Southwest School of Art.

Library News

Library Launches Black History Month with Donna Brazile



(L to R) **Ramiro Salazar**, Director, San Antonio Public Library; **Donna Brazile**, author, professor and political strategist; and **Yvonne Blanchette**, Executive Director of the Carver Community Cultural Center

More than 500 attended the Library's official Black History Month launch at the Carver Community Cultural Center with special guest **Donna Brazile**.

Library Director **Ramiro S. Salazar** and Carver Director **Yvonne Blanchette** welcomed Ms. Brazile to the stage.

Ms. Brazile immediately had the audience engaged with her witty and smart delivery on important issues like voting rights, education, public policy and more.

A special thank you goes out to the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library for their generous support to the San Antonio Public Library in underwriting Ms. Brazile's appearance.

Watch the broadcast of the San Antonio Public Library's special guest, **Donna Brazile**, as she discussed a wide array of current topics live from the Carver Community Cultural Center right here in San Antonio. Just click the link below and you'll be re-directed to the NowCastSA page where you can watch for free: <http://nowcastsa.com/blogs/webcast-donna-brazile>.

Library Holiday Closures

- Easter, Sunday, April 5
- Fiesta San Jacinto, Friday, April 24
- Memorial Day, Monday, May 25
- Independence Day, Saturday, July 4

Community Invited to Attend Public Meetings to Discuss Naming of the new District 2 Library on US Hwy 87 East

The San Antonio Public Library invites the public to three upcoming public input opportunities for the naming of the District 2 Branch Library on US Hwy 87 East, near Fosters Meadow Road.

Currently, the San Antonio Public Library Board of Trustees is in the process of selecting an official name for the Library, and invites



the community to participate in the process by proposing names, in order to ensure that any name chosen is supported by the community served by the Library.

There will be three opportunities for public comment regarding the naming of the District 2 Branch Library:

- February 25, 2015 – Board Meeting (Central Library, 600 Soledad St.) – 4:30 p.m.
- March 21, 2015 – Naming Committee Meeting (Sinclair Elementary Cafeteria, 6126 Sinclair Rd.) – 10:30 a.m.
- March 25, 2015 – Board Meeting (Central Library, 600 Soledad St.) – 4:30 p.m.

At the April meeting of the Board of Trustees on April 22, 4:30 p.m. at Pruitt Branch Library at Roosevelt High School, the Naming Committee will present their recommendation for the final name of the District 2 Branch Library to the Board, and the Board will take action.

Suggestions may also be emailed to SanAntonioPublicLibrary@sanantonio.gov with the subject line "District 2 Branch Library," or mailed to San Antonio Public Library, C/O **Dale McNeill**, 600 Soledad, 78205.

Has your email address changed?

Please send your current address to lcheatum@satx.rr.com, so that you can receive the newsletter electronically—and save the Friends the cost of postage!



3rd Annual San Antonio Book Festival Saturday, April 11, 2015, 10 am–5 pm

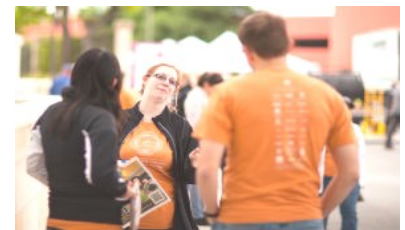
Celebrate all that is wonderful about the printed word!

The San Antonio Book Festival unites readers and writers in a celebration of ideas, books, libraries and literary culture. Presented by the Library Foundation, the Festival is a free, daylong event at the Central Library and Southwest School of Art that presents more than 75 acclaimed national and regional authors at engaging readings, panel discussions, book sales and signings.



Volunteer

We need your time and talent to make this festival a success. Enjoy the camaraderie of fellow book-lovers in jobs varying from escorting writers to checking-in vendors.



Donate

This new, major event needs your support. Donations at any level help produce exceptionally high-quality, high-performing programming that is free, making the literary world accessible to all of San Antonio.



Be an Exhibitor

Register for a booth to tantalize the literary shopper or to promote your local non-profit. The Festival's marketplace offers exhibitors a great opportunity to showcase products and/or services and to promote organizations to a large audience of book lovers.



Meet the Authors



Eli Reed



Frederick Williams



Michael Pitre



Martha Louise Hunter

~~ Honors, Memorials and Gifts Form ~~

Honor a loved one, family or friends with a remembrance for birthdays, anniversaries, other special occasions, or a "just because." Doing so can also be a wonderful, thoughtful and lasting way to honor the memory of relatives or friends. If you like, add a brief note about the recipient of your honors on the back of the form. No donation now? Save the form for future use.

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| <p align="center">I would like to make the following donation of</p> <p align="center">\$ _____</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> In honor of <input type="checkbox"/> A special event <small>Birthday, Anniversary Graduation, a Gift, etc.</small> <input type="checkbox"/> In memory of </p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> | <p align="center">Please send a Memorial Friends Acknowledgement to:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> |
| <p align="center">Please fill out the form, make your check payable to</p> <p align="center">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library and mail the form with check to:</p> <p align="center">Friends of the San Antonio Public Library ATTN: Honors, Memorials and Gifts P.O. Box 461523, San Antonio, TX 78246</p> | <p align="center">My name and address is:</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Address: _____</p> <p>City, State, ZIP: _____</p> <p>Telephone: _____</p> <p align="center"><i>~ All Donations Are Tax Deductible ~</i></p> |

Friends Membership Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____
TELEPHONE: _____ UNLISTED DO NOT PUBLISH
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> BOOKSALES <input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEES (Budget, Arts & Letters, etc.) <input type="checkbox"/> FOSAPL Board of Directors <input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALITY <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICITY & COMMUNICATION | <input type="checkbox"/> STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS <input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL ADVOCACY <input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR <small>(Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)</small> |
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MEMBERSHIP TYPE:

- | | |
|--|-------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Adult) | \$15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DUAL (Adult) | \$25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> INDIVIDUAL (Teen, Ages 13-18) | \$5 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> PATRON (Per Person) | \$50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CONTRIBUTING (Per Person) | \$100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> LIFE (Per Person) | \$250 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUSINESS | \$25 |

STATUS/PAYMENT:

- NEW MEMBER**
 RENEWAL
 BRANCH GROUP: _____
 ADDITIONAL DONATION: _____
 How would you like your additional donation applied? _____

The **BookCellar** is located in the basement of the Central Library and is open Friday - Wednesday from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Thursday from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM (when the Library is open).

TOTAL ENCLOSED: _____
 Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible
PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:
Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

Treasurer's Report

December 31, 2014
Submitted by Beverly Duran

INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

| FOSAPL INCOME | BUDGET | FOSAPL YTD | FOSAPL NOV-DEC |
|---|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| BookCellar sales | 80,000.00 | 82,175.92 | 13,609.45 |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld | | (6,059.97) | (1,029.67) |
| Donations and memorials | 2,500.00 | 8,157.71 | 7,015.81 |
| Interest | 500.00 | 456.45 | 67.75 |
| Membership | 7,000.00 | 10,136.00 | 4,475.00 |
| FOSAPL INCOME | 90,000.00 | 94,866.11 | 24,138.34 |
| | | | |
| BUDGET EXPENSES | BUDGET | YTD | NOV-DEC |
| Accounting | 1,300.00 | 1,210.00 | 930.00 |
| Arts and Letters program | 700.00 | 306.98 | 134.90 |
| Bank charges | 100.00 | 43.00 | 6.00 |
| FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs) | 300.00 | 153.76 | 39.94 |
| FOSAPL Insurance | 1,100.00 | 879.28 | |
| FOSAPL 50th Anniversary Committee | 1,200.00 | | |
| Friends recognition | 100.00 | | |
| Fundraising program | 400.00 | | |
| Membership recruitment | 1,200.00 | 817.00 | 522.00 |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing | 3,650.00 | 3,546.79 | 716.83 |
| Office supplies | 250.00 | 297.89 | 191.09 |
| Parking | 400.00 | | |
| PayPal Expenses | — | 17.53 | 12.21 |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage) | 1,500.00 | 1,395.42 | 399.26 |
| President's expenses | 200.00 | | |
| Seed money for new groups | 100.00 | 100.00 | |
| Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm) | 2,000.00 | 600.00 | 120.00 |
| FOSAPL Budget Expense Total | 14,500.00 | 9,367.65 | 3,072.23 |
| BookCellar Expenses | | | |
| Advertising | 750.00 | 504.00 | 504.00 |
| Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies | 1,140.00 | 1,198.69 | 662.26 |
| Commodities for resale | 2,400.00 | 1,864.87 | 160.25 |
| Equipment and maintenance | 300.00 | 399.42 | |
| BookCellar insurance | 1,100.00 | 1,028.00 | |
| Printing and copying | 450.00 | 32.85 | |
| Salary and benefits | 8,750.00 | 8,989.07 | 1,300.72 |
| Volunteer appreciation | 1,250.00 | 605.76 | 605.76 |
| Book Cellar Budget Expense Total | 16,140.00 | 14,622.66 | 3,232.99 |
| Library Support | | | |
| Public programming & staff development | 70,000.00 | 66,875.00 | 15,000.00 |
| Donations from FOSAPL members no budget amt | | 115.00 | 100.00 |
| Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members no budget amt | | 800.00 | 200.00 |
| TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES | 100,640.00 | 91,780.31 | 21,605.22 |
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| FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME | | YTD | NOV-DEC |
| Donations | | 7,476.78 | 3,535.42 |
| Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers | | 71,569.32 | 15,412.59 |
| Memberships | | 3,435.00 | 1,740.00 |
| BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME | | 82,481.10 | 20,688.01 |
| Branch Friends group operating expenses | | 2,757.16 | |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department | | 77,544.87 | 15,402.41 |

Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

| Bank Accounts | |
|--|-------------------|
| Compass Money Market *****8659 | |
| BookCellar deposits | 139,127.17 |
| Compass Money Market Gold *****4644 | 42,620.21 |
| Compass Checking *****8736 | 25,686.28 |
| Total Assets | 207,433.66 |
| Branch Designated Funds (-) | (86,262.73) |
| Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-) | — |
| Checks outstanding (-) | (3,226.71) |
| Net Assets for FOSAPL Use | 117,944.22 |

Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of December 31, 2014

| | |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Bazan | 861.34 |
| Brook Hollow | 8,751.66 |
| Carver | 2,952.62 |
| Central | 474.30 |
| Cody | 5,339.84 |
| Collins Garden | 2,756.07 |
| Cortez | 209.43 |
| Forest Hills | 470.50 |
| Great Northwest | 1,912.76 |
| Guerra | 4,168.42 |
| Igo | 12,895.95 |
| Johnston | 1,030.13 |
| Landa | 3,399.08 |
| Las Palmas | 849.33 |
| Maverick | 5,643.30 |
| McCreless | 1,325.50 |
| Memorial | 3,221.65 |
| Mission | 2,249.22 |
| Pan American | 1,083.23 |
| Parman | 3,576.66 |
| Semmes | 5,339.58 |
| Texana/Genealogy | 6,328.73 |
| Thousand Oaks | 4,180.67 |
| Tobin at Oakwell | 5,406.30 |
| Westfall | 1,836.46 |
| Total Group Friends | 86,262.73 |

Treasurer's Reports

To see Treasurer's Reports that were presented at each FOSAPL Board meeting during 2014, go to friendsofsapl.org/treasurers-reports.html.

Membership Renewal Time

It's time to renew our memberships for 2015. It's still just \$15, and \$5 of that goes to the branch of your choice. If you wish to join a second branch, it is just \$5 for each additional branch. Thanks for being a Friend.



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CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

March 7–8 McCreless Friends book sale

March 10 Central Library “Texas Women of Influence” Program, 6:30

March 15 FOSAPL Board meeting, Tobin Library at Oakwell, 2

March 25 Igo Branch, meet and greet Mayor **Ivy Taylor**, 4:30–7

April 11 The 3rd annual San Antonio Book Festival at Central Library and Southwest School of Art

May 9 Family Fun Day to celebrate the “Red Enchilada’s” 20th Anniversary

June 12–13 Parman book sale. All are welcome on all days.

June 12–13 Semmes book sale - Saturday, 10:00; Preview sale – Friday, 10-11:30.

Central Library
600 Soledad Street, 78205
210-207-2500
Igo Library
13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy, 78249
210-207-9080
McCreless Library
1023 Ada Street, 78223
210-207-9170
Parman Library at Stone Oak
20735 Wilderness Oak
210-207-2703
Semmes Library
15060 Judson Rd., 78247
210-207-9110
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.