



## News from the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library

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### *From the President*



Dear Friends,

It is August, and it is hot, hot, HOT. Also hot is the issue of the Library Budget. Each year the Library has to present a Budget to the City of San Antonio. Each year the City has to have a balanced budget. So the game begins. Every department thinks they need more money. The library has always served the people well. People come to seek books, use the computers, check out a DVD or just to come in from the heat or the cold. We hope that council can be convinced that the Library gives back to the community many times over. We the FRIENDS are a great part of the success. You have answered the call. You responded by email or by attending one of the Budget Hearing meetings. The week of August 12 starts another round of hearings. This round becomes more difficult. The cuts could be deep. Our Director Ramiro Salazar has asked that we again advocate for the Library by emailing your councilperson and attending the meetings. Jean Brady, Library Board President, at the July 21 meeting presented ways that we can advocate for the Library. If we stand together for a cause we believe in, good things can happen.

The summer reading programs are almost over for 2013. Much has been learned. Many great books have been read. The librarians have responded with great enthusiasm, diverse ideas, patience and endurance. Thanks to all the great book sales and hard work of the Friends, the branches were able to provide the programs with the needed supplies and, of course, treats for the participants. It was a grand summer for all!

We have much to look forward to in the fall of 2013. The Arts & Letters will announce the winners. Every year we seem to have such a wonderful time at the presentation. This award ceremony will be on Sunday, October 20, at Central Library.

We will help at the KaBoom! playground at Carver Library on Saturday, September 28. They will need people to help serve breakfast, lunch, and snacks. Also people can help put the equipment together. The company will have people to help supervise the project. Please come out and play!

The Texas Book Festival in Austin will be held on Saturday, October 26-27, 2013. It benefits Texas Libraries and Literacy. They will have more than 250 authors. The website is [Texas-bookFestival.org](http://Texas-bookFestival.org). With so many authors to choose from, it will be a difficult decision. It is free and open to the public. Parking is always fun.

The BookCellar will be having the Tent Sale Thursday-Sunday, October 3-6. On Monday, October 7, branches can come pick up books for their branch sales.

See you at Carver Library on Sunday, September 15.

*Linda Arronge*

### **BOOKCELLAR TENT SALE**

#### **Friends' Preview Sale**

Thursday, October 3, 4-7 p.m.

#### **Sale to Public:**

Friday-Saturday, October 4-5, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Sunday, October 6, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

#### **Free Books for Branch Sales**

Monday, October 7, 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.

**BookCellar, Central Library Basement  
600 Soledad**

*See page 9 for more details.*

### You are invited to the *2013 Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony*

All are invited to celebrate with us as we honor  
three outstanding San Antonio artists

*Sunday, October 20  
2:00 p.m.*

*Gallery of the Central Library*

600 Soledad

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### **Budget Cuts for FY 2014 Threaten Library Services**

**Nancy Gandara**

If you are a resident and taxpayer of the City of San Antonio, you might think that there is “good news” in the budget for FY 2014 that has been proposed by the City Manager:

- The budget is “balanced,” despite a projection in the 5-Year Financial Forecast that was presented in May 2013 that foretold lower revenues than expenditures
- No property tax increase (a City Council stated priority)

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# Friends of the San Antonio Public Library Board Meeting

Sunday, July 21, 2013

Submitted by *Andrea Mason and Nancy Gandara*

The Friends of the San Antonio Public Library met on Sunday, July 21, at the Brook Hollow Branch Library. The meeting was called to order by the President, **Linda Arronge**, and the Branch Manager, **Charity Gallardo**, welcomed the Friends' Board to the branch. President Arronge introduced **Andrea Mason**, who had been asked to take notes of the meeting as the Secretary, **Pat Peak**, was out of town. Roll call was read, and Board Members present were: **Linda Arronge, Robert Mason, Beverly Duran, Nancy Gandara, Walter Ague, Pat Bjornson, Arline Braswell, Shirley Coleman, Antoinette Franklin, Jackie Fremming, Bruce Gill, Delores Huber, Yolanda Kirkpatrick, Aaron Konstam, Pat Konstam, Larry Purkey, Elizabeth Purkey, Ronnie Retzloff, Robbie Rupert, and Ann Springer**. The President declared that a quorum was present and thanked the staff and Friends of the Brook Hollow Branch for the refreshments that they had provided.

**Approval of Minutes of May 19, 2013:** **Jackie Fremming** moved to accept the minutes as printed in the June/July 2013 *SAPLings*. **Ronnie Retzloff** seconded, and the minutes were approved as printed.

**President's Report:** **Linda Arronge** noted that the Summer Reading Program includes an opportunity for adults to participate by reading books and urged the members of the FOSAPL Board to sign up and to let **Alana Woods** know the titles of the books read (so that they may be mentioned in *SAPLings*). Linda mentioned

that the new playground on the grounds of the Carver Branch is being designed by KaBoom! and said that they included the ideas of children who drew pictures of their "wish lists."

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer, **Beverly Duran**, provided copies of the Report. Year-to-date income for FOSAPL as of June 30, 2013, was \$42,084.63. Net assets for FOSAPL use was \$81,944.09. Beverly noted that several branch Friends' groups were having very lucrative "Book Nook" sales. The report will be filed for audit. In response to a question from **Nancy Gandara** about a new entry for Las Palmas under the Branch and Support Group Funds, **Linda Arronge** said that Las Palmas held a book sale and is developing a Friends' group; Linda also said that Bylaws of that group will be brought to the FOSAPL Board for approval at the Sept. 15 Board meeting.

Treasurer Duran noted that the current balance of the available funds (\$821) showed a decrease for Bazan, because the Branch Manager had requested several items be purchased for the branch and those purchases (totaling \$879) were authorized by Friends' SAPL Liaison **Jessica Ramos, Linda Arronge, and Beverly Duran**. None of the former officers of the Friends of Bazan have been active for some time, and none of them have renewed their membership for the current year. There was discussion about the procedure that should be used in such cases, and the consensus was that all spending requests (in the absence of group officers) must be brought

to the FOSAPL Board for approval.

**Library Board of Trustees Report:** **Jean Brady**, Board President, gave a PowerPoint presentation on "How to be an Advocate" for the Library so that the Friends could help acquire additional funding for next year's budget, since reductions in service hours or branch closures are possible. She said that information about community budget hearings will be sent out when the dates are available.

**Library Administration Report:** Library Director, **Ramiro Salazar**, thanked the Friends for their support and gave a progress report about the two new branch libraries that were authorized by the 2012 Bond Election. He also spoke about a newly designed area of the Central Library, called "Connect," for digital activities and classes. Lastly, he mentioned that both the Guerra and Johnston branches will be closed during August for renovation.

## Committee Reports:

**Membership:** **Christi Smith**, Membership Secretary reported that there are currently 896 Friends members.

**Arts and Letters:** **Bob Mason** talked about the need for nominations for the Arts & Letters Award, which are due by Aug. 2. The presentation of Awards is scheduled for October 20, 2013, at the Central Library.

**Media Website Committee:** **Nancy Gandara** passed out slips with the website address, and encouraged Board members to review the site while it

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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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| Linda Arronge.....  | President            |
| Robert Mason.....   | Vice President       |
| Patricia Peak.....  | Secretary            |
| Beverly Duran.....  | Treasurer            |
| Nancy Gandara       | Immediate Past Pres  |
| Christie Smith..... | Membership Secretary |

## BOARD MEMBERS

### 2012-2014 Term:

Walter Ague • Denise Barlow • Pat Bjornson • Arline Braswell • Antoinette Franklin • Delores Huber • Yolanda Kirkpatrick • Robert Mason • Patricia Peak • Robbi Rupert • Jill Zimmerman

### 2013-2015 Term:

Shirley Coleman • Bruce Gill • Beth Graham • Jackie Fremming • Aaron Konstam Pat Konstam • Elizabeth Purkey • Karen Matson • Pat Mendiola • Larry Purkey • Ronnie Retzloff • Ann Springer • Virginia Wong

## SAPLINGS

Managing Editor.....Alana Woods

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

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 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 • Bruce Gill • Pat Mendiola • Alana Woods  
Linda Arronge ..... *Ex Officio*  
Linda Nairn..... *Distribution*

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is still in a "draft" form. Comments and suggestions should be sent to **Alana Woods**, who is our Web-master.

**BookCellar:** **Tom Nemeth** reported that the BookCellar income was approximately \$44,406, year-to-date. Over a period of ten days, the recent sale of juvenile inventory (which utilized the patio area) raised \$4,126.

### New Business:

**Antoinette Franklin** elaborated on the Carver Branch Library playground and adult exercise equipment project, which will need approximately 100 volunteers for site preparation and building, from Sept. 26–28. Volunteers interested in participating should contact **Linda Arronge**.

Announcements of branch book sales, new officers and recent purchases were made by various members.

**Next Meeting:** The next meeting of the Board of the San Antonio Friends of the library will be Sept. 15, 2013, at 2:00 p.m. at the Carver Branch, and the Arts & Letters Awards will be made on Oct. 20.

The President adjourned the meeting at 3:53 p.m.



### Brook Hollow

The Brook Hollow staff has been busy both with summer programming and enjoying their new equipment provided by the Friends.

Although it has taken almost a year to get some of the items purchased and installed/delivered, all concerned agree it was worth the wait. Specific items provided by the Friends include two new computers, receipt printers, RFID pads, book carts, office supplies, and teen program provisions.

An additional approximately \$9,000 was approved at a special Board meeting in July for more equipment identified as needed by the staff.

Our next book sale is scheduled for September 21 from 10-5. Since this will be the only sale this year due to earlier remodeling of the building, we anticipate having a huge inventory of books and materials available. This is a great opportunity for teachers and students to stock up on for the new school year.

The next Board meeting will be on Monday, September 23, at 7:00 in the meeting room. Nominations for all offices for the next two year term will be accepted and voted on at this meeting.

*Bruce Gill*

### Carver

**September 7, 2013, Butterfly Presentation**—The Friends of the Carver Library will host the second Butterfly Presentation from 4-6 at the library, 3350 E. Commerce St. **Ms. Iraserma Cavazos** is a local raiser of these beautiful creatures. She provides an informative video about de-

veloping the best environment and how to care for the butterflies. She explains the migration process along with the effects of the loss of their natural habitat on their population. Questions and answers will follow.

**September 21, 2013—Are you a writer?** Would you like to have a place and time to write? Please come and write to your heart's content. A write-in is sponsored by the Carver Library and the Friends of the Carver for this purpose. This activity will give you time and comfortable space to write. **Antoinette Franklin** will be the writing leader and will provide writing prompts to help spark new writing ideas. Bring your pen, pencil, paper, or laptop and write. This is in conjunction with the celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month. We will begin at 11:00 and finish at 1:30. Hope you have happy writing moments. Be inspired.

**September 21, 2013—Hispanic Heritage Month** will be commemorated at the Carver Library hosted by the Friends of the Carver Library with a reading of local writers' works. These poets/writers include **Iraserma Cavazos, Denia Alvarado, George Bussey, and Antoinette V. Franklin**. This event will be held at the library, and we are asking for those interested to bring a covered dish. We are hoping for writings about food to reflect the culture but any writing will be accepted.

**September 28, 2013, KaBoom!**—Carver Library will receive a playground for children and adult exercise equipment. The prep days are September 26 and 27, and the build date is September 28. All are invited to come and share the adventure. We are seeking volunteers to assist in the building of the equipment. There will be professional builders, but we can use more help from the community. **KaBOOM!**, a 501c3 company, has donated the funds for the

playground, and everyone is excited about getting an area for children to play and an area for the adults to exercise. The adult equipment will be built at a later time. Breakfast and lunch will be provided on September 28. We would love for you to come and help make a memory for the children. Please contact **Ronnie Delgado** or **D.L. Grant** at the Carver for sign up information 210-225-7801.

*Antoinette V. Franklin*

### Forest Hills

#### *Cuidando con Respeto*

Entendiendo la Demencia en la Comunidad Latina

#### *Caring with Respect*

Understanding Dementia in the Latino Community

#### **Friday, Sept 6, 11 - 1:30**

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

This free workshop, especially for Spanish-speaking caregivers, will help you better understand Alzheimer's Disease and equip you with practical ideas for preventing and managing problems with behavior associated with the disease. (Another program, all in English, will be offered in Jan. 2014).

If you are in need of respite care to attend the program, please call the Alamo Service Connection by August 14. For respite care and more information, call 210-477-3275.

Assistance is limited to the first 12 people to register.

- 11:15–11:30—Novela (video in Spanish)
- 11:30–11:45—**Dr. S. Liliana Oakes** of UTHSCSA speaks (in Spanish)
- 11:45–12:15—Plática/discussion (in Spanish)
- 12:15–12:30—Película/video (in Spanish)
- 12:30–12:45—**Dr. S. Liliana Oakes** of UTHSCSA speaks (in Spanish)

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- 12:45–1:30 —Plática/discussion (in Spanish) and light lunch

**Dr. S. Liliana Oakes** is the Geriatrics Fellowship Director at UTHSCSA and the GRECC inter-professional Geriatrics Fellowship Director and a GEC staff physician.

Partners include UTHSCSA, AACOG, Alamo Area Agency on Aging, Geriatric Research, Education and Clinical Center (GRECC), Alzheimer's Association, Buena Vida Nursing & Rehabilitation, **Yvonne M.**

**Lozano, PhD**, Gerontology Program Chair for Ashford University, **Dr. Melissa A. Talamantes**, Graduate Psychologist, South Texas Veterans Health Care System and **Sylvia Y. Recio**, Physical Therapy Assistant. Information from the event partners will be available in Spanish and English.

Lunch will be provided by the Christus Santa Rosa Health System, Buena Vida Nursing & Rehabilitation, Vitas Hospice, Odyssey Hospice, and the Friends of Forest Hills Branch Library.

*Sandra Griffin*

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## Guerra

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Guerra will hold a book sale on October 4, 4 to 6 pm, and October 5, 10 to 4 pm.

*Delores Huber*

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## Igo

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Wow, where has the year gone? Time passes by quickly when you're having fun!

It's that time of the year again when the summer reading programs are ending and school is about to start.

At Igo Library, the tots summer programming has ended, and we are about to start the Fall programs.

**Nancy Rodriguez** heads up the programming for the tots, and they are anxious to get started. At last count, we had more than 60 children participating in the programs.

With the advent of school starting and the fall approaching, the teens will kick off their new program: (ITD) Igo Teens Digilab. For more information, contact **Barbara Kiatkowski** at the Igo Branch Library.

Some dates to mark on your calendar:

- 9-5–4th and final memoir writing workshop
- 9-7–Friends of Igo Library meeting
- 9-28–“The Chemistry of Art at the Alamo” given by **Dr. Michelle Bushey** of Trinity University and **Pam Ross**, Alamo Conservator (2:00–3:15)
- 10-3–Set up for semi-annual book sale
- 10-4–Finish setting up for book sale
- 10-5–BOOK SALE
- 10-6–BOOK SALE and tear down
- 10-7–Finish tear down and put back remaining books
- 10-12–Friends of Igo Library Meeting (10:30–?)
- 11-7–Elderberries Regular Monthly Meeting (2:00)
- 11-9–Friends of Igo Library Meeting (10:30–?)
- 11-21–Elderberries Annual Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon (2:00–?)

*Tom Hill*

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## Maverick

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The Maverick Friends began our August meeting with a moment of silence for **Claudia Kohler**. A charter member of Maverick Friends, Claudia always knew where to get whatever our group wanted or needed. She held offices—vice president and

secretary—for several years in our local group, as well as serving as membership secretary and on many committees for FOSAPL. We miss her.

Claudia's husband, **Joe Kohler**, and daughter, **Susannah Messersmith**, attended our August meeting and presented our group with a gift card for a half-hour massage in Claudia's honor. We plan to raffle the gift card at a future book sale.

The Summer Reading Program kept our library bustling all summer. Children's Librarian **Amy Roberts** makes sure it runs smoothly with plenty of activities to keep the children entertained and reading. Maverick Friends supported the program with funding for the SummerFest party and providing the materials to build a puppet stage that saw use on a couple of dates.

Teen Librarian, **Audrey McPherson**, continues to expand her group. The Friends are pleased to provide financial support that allows Audrey to buy the refreshments and supplies she needs for her successful program.

Write yourself a note, tie a string on your finger—do whatever it takes—to remember our Book Sale from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22. We hope to see lots of Friends.

Maverick Friends meet at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. If you're in our area on the first Tuesday, we'd love to see you at our meeting. Friends are always welcome at Maverick!

*Sue Ratcliff*

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## McCreless

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Guess what! The twentieth anniversary of the McCreless Friends Group is coming up.

A birthday bash is being planned. The final date will be announced on the Facebook page of the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library. So keep an eye out for the date and time and please join us!

Thanks to our successful book sale, the Friends group was able to order \$1,000 worth of DVD supports for the branch. **Cammie Brantley**, Manager, McCreless Branch Library, says the supports make a great difference in the neatness of the collections. You cannot check out what you cannot find, right? The Friends Group was happy to help with this. We are ready to find out what is next on Cammie's wish list for the library! Our next meeting is scheduled for September 30 at 6:00 PM in the McCreless Branch meeting room. Be sure to join us to get the details on the twenty year celebration.

*Jill Zimmerman*

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## Memorial

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Memorial Friends (Amigos) had reason to shout with their recent book sale on August 3 and 4, raising a record \$1,000 plus! Popcorn was free, and many horror and fantasy bargains were to be had. Shoppers came early to beat the heat, and there seemed to be a steady flow of customers all day. We also think the two new “Book Sale” banners, 2' x 14', in yellow and black, brought a lot of people in off busy Culebra Road. The Memorial Amigos are willing to loan these banners out to other Friends groups for their upcoming sales. Call **Tom Nemeth** at 210-797-8446.

Our thanks to Forest Hills Branch for the loan of the

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popcorn machine, and special thanks go out to our dedicated Friends volunteers:

**Diane Duesterhoeft, Andrew Jimenez, Angel McNeal, Virginia Gill, Jimmy Jimenez, Anna Cleve,** and our President **Tom Nemeth.** We are happy we can honor the requests brought to us by Memorial's Librarian Jimenez, who helped us so much both days of our sale.

*Anna Cleve*

## Parman

Transformation Station was a new idea this summer where kids and adults completed small projects in the library and earned a button for each project. They pinned the buttons to a Parman lanyard and got a stamp in their "passport." By the end of the course, they had eight buttons on their lanyard and a completed passport. The projects were:

- Rain-sticks—a cylindrical instrument was made
- Dramatic play - a puppet was made and used in a puppet theater
- X-ray—x-rays were on display and they identified the animal
- Wind power—a pinwheel was created
- Art literacy—a cut-out of either a Van Gogh, Mondrian, or Modigliani work was selected, colored, cut out, and added to a group mural
- Navigation—maps and coordinates were given to find a hidden treasure on the nature trail
- Amazing race, library edition 0151 clues were given for a library scavenger hunt

- Recycling—they could create from recycled materials

Over 110 buttons are issued each week, and hundreds of kids and adults have completed the course. Parman Friends purchased the lanyards, button machine, button materials, and project materials.

Another new idea this summer is the community garden. One of the staff members created raised beds with lumber and soil purchased by Parman Friends. Participants in the Teens, Tweens, Family Time and Discovery programs planted vegetables and flowers in the gardens. The teens sprouted seeds and then transplanted them to the garden. Tomatoes, corn, green beans, and peppers were produced and were used in the teen cooking program. Next year we plan to plant more vegetables including pumpkins to be used for the Spooky Walk in October.

A fun twist was added to the children's summer reading program this year. When a child completed the program, their name was announced over the PA system to celebrate the occasion. The children loved it. Some would ask that their name be announced on a special day when a parent or friend was with them in the library. Many kids heard the names being announced and wanted to know how to get their name announced, which led to more enrollment in the reading program. While this activity did not require financial support, we supported them by enjoying a wonderful idea and celebrating when we were in the library.

*Karen Fritzen*

## Getting to Know Your Friends— Yolanda Kirkpatrick

*Forest Hills Friend*

*Stephanie Serrata*

When I saw **Yolanda Kirkpatrick** she was elegantly dressed in white slacks and a blue/green floral blouse. She was the epitome of summer. We sat down and immediately fell into conversation that was personal and free flowing, and we discussed everything from various government entities to San Antonio's bright future.

Yolanda was born and raised in San Antonio. She grew up near Brackenridge Park and has a deep love and appreciation for our city and its rich and colorful history. As a child, Yolanda worked in the family store and there began her interest in business and accounting. Helping her family run their business not only gave her a strong business sense, it also cultivated her love for helping people anytime she saw a need. After graduating from Jefferson High School in 1955, Yolanda pursued her interest in numbers and finance and enrolled in banking school, which subsequently led to her first job at Frost Bank where she worked for 4 years. She loved the Frost Bank because "They treat you like family." Subsequent accounting training then led her to a long and rewarding career at the Internal Revenue Service, where she diligently worked her way up the ladder to become an IRS agent. Yolanda retired from the IRS after serving 20 years.

After discussing her childhood and job history, we then turned our attention to how she became involved with the library. She told me that she's always been interested in research, but that it was not until her husband (Larry), began working for the library that she became an active volunteer and advocate of the library system. Yolanda then explained that she became involved with the Forest Hills Branch and that she and Larry helped in starting the Friends group at that branch. Yolanda and her husband are still members of the Forest Hills Branch, led by the dedicated **Dr. Johnnie Spraggins.**

Upon delving deeper into her involvement with the library, Yolanda told me she has always found history and genealogy exciting and challenging and that she researches various places and people for friends and family as a hobby. She then stated that she is also a member of the Couriers Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas (San Antonio) and has recently been appointed to the group's library committee. In 2012 Yolanda submitted an historical essay to the DRT and won the Mamie Wynne Cox award for research. Yolanda also told me that she and Larry belong to Los Bexarenos Genealogical and Historical Society and have been active members for almost 25 years. Yolanda has been elected director of this organization 3 different times during her membership.

I found Yolanda's love and pride for our city both refreshing and endearing. She wanted me to understand about all of the unrelenting hard work it takes to make this city run smoothly and efficiently. She also wanted me to stress the deep appreciation and admiration she has for all of the people who make our city and its library system both important and powerful.

Yolanda, thanks again for your time and insight. My conversation with you awoke my interest in the inner workings of our local government. Kudos to you for all of your hard work.

Until next time...

From the Library Director

## The Library's Back-to-School Help



With a new school year upon us, the San Antonio Public Library reminds parents of the many services available at their local library that will help their children ease back into the daily school routine.

With 25 branches and the Central Library downtown, parents, children, and teens can take advantage of numerous programs that will

make returning to school productive and enjoyable. The following are some of the programs offered:

### Early Childhood Literacy

For the young child who is just getting started in his or her education, the Library hosts programs like Little Read Wagon, Play & Learn, and Every Child Ready to Read that are designed to encourage the development of cognitive, language and social skills.

### Homework Help

The Library offers parents and students free access to live homework help via [Tutor.com](http://Tutor.com). Whether in a branch or at home on a personal computer, children and teens can be tutored by trained and licensed educators who are accessible using a chat box. With help in almost every subject available at a student's fingertips, live homework help provided by the San Antonio Public Library can be the best tool that a parent can.

**BookFlix** is a new online literacy resource for children in Pre-K–3rd grade that pairs classic video storybooks from Weston Woods with related nonfiction eBooks from Scholastic to build a love of reading and learning. BookFlix reinforces early reading skills and introduces children to a world of knowledge and exploration.

**TrueFlix** is an online resource that combines award-winning True Books content with reading supports and a deep and diverse collection of related videos, images, Web links, and text. TrueFlix is based on the True Books print series published by Children's Press, an imprint of Scholastic Library Publishing.

### Digital Resources

Information is available faster than ever before, and the need to connect remotely via Wi-Fi to online resources has never been greater. The Library has addressed this need with faster and stronger Wi-Fi available at every branch and especially at our new technology space at Central Library. Our easy-to-use online digital educational resources are available to all cardholders and our online catalog makes checking out books, eBooks, or media easier than ever before.

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## The 2013 Arts & Letters Awards Recipients

Robert Mason

The Arts & Letters Committee has selected the recipients of the A&L Awards for 2013. We invite all our FOSAPL membership, as well as the general public, to celebrate with us as we honor these outstanding San Antonio artists at the Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony to be held in the Gallery of the Central Library on Sunday, October 20, at 2:00 p.m. This year's recipients are:

- **John Coleman**—a San Antonio folk artist
- **Susan Oaks**—a San Antonio fiber artist
- **Andrew Thornton**—a San Antonio actor

**John Coleman** is a native of the small rural town of Saluda, SC. Coleman came to San Antonio in 1963 after leaving the Army. He did not begin painting when he first arrived but was encouraged by his wife, whom he married in 1965, to pick up his hobby again. In 1978, he graduated from St. Philip's College with an associate degree in art, but mostly he was self-taught. In 1984, he co-founded the San Antonio Ethnic Arts Society. The society helps local artists and supports them in their community. John has exhibited his work throughout the greater San Antonio area. His work has also been in the Smithsonian American Art Museum, several books, *The Harmon and Harriet Kelly Collection of African American Art* and *Something All Our Own: The Grant Hill Collection of African American Art*. Fans of his work also include former San Antonio Mayor Lila Cockrell, who owns one of his paintings.

**Susan Oaks** is a graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and has been a working artist since 1973. She has been teaching at the Southwest School of the Arts since 1982 and teaches Arts San Antonio at the San Antonio Museum of Art. She has been a teacher of art at all levels from pre-kindergarten to senior citizens. Susan's work has been shown nationally from New York to Los Angeles, as well as in many galleries in San Antonio. She recently had an exhibit at the Carver Cultural Art Center, which ran from June 1 to June 30, 2013. Susan's unique fiber art form in the medium of "coiling" is a unique and tedious process that results in a truly transformative work of art.

**Andrew Thornton** is an actor, director, and teacher who grew up in San Antonio. He graduated from the University of North Carolina School of the Arts as a Drama major and performed at the Moscow Art Theatre as Treplev in *The Seagull*. After spending almost a year in Moscow, Andy moved back to the States and lived in such diverse places as Austin, Boerne, New York, Delaware, and California. Upon returning to Texas in 2003, Andy worked at Churchill High School, taking many students to National Forensics League speech tournaments and gaining honors in UIL One-Act Play competitions. In 2008, he decided to leave the public school system and strike out on his own as an actor and director in San Antonio. Since then he has acted in numerous productions, including *Pillowman* and *Take Me Out* at San Pedro Playhouse; *Lincolnesque*, *True West*, *The Goat or Who Is Sylvia?*, and *The Reason of the Insane Ones at AtticRep*; *Rabbit Hole* at *Summer Rep*; *The Glass Menagerie*, *Waiting for Godot*, and *Hedda Gabler* at the Classic Theatre of San Antonio; *Ugly People* at the Overtime Theater; and as the Stieren Guest Artist, playing Junius Booth in *Booth* at Trinity University. He has also directed several shows: *Barbra's Wedding* and *Sight Unseen* for Convergent Theatre Company; *The Good Samaritan*, *The Hard Bargain*, and *All Good Things* for the Overtime Theater; and, *Uncle Vanya* and *Much Ado About Nothing* for the Classic Theatre of San Antonio. He has received six Globe Awards from the Alamo Theatre Arts Council.

## Maverick SummerFest

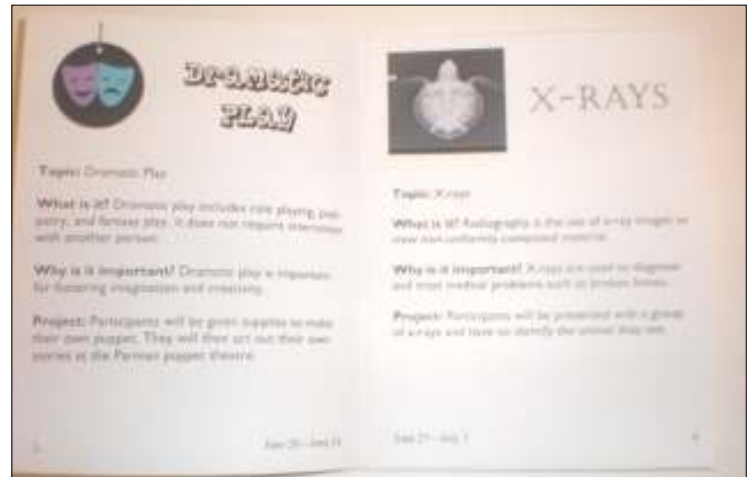
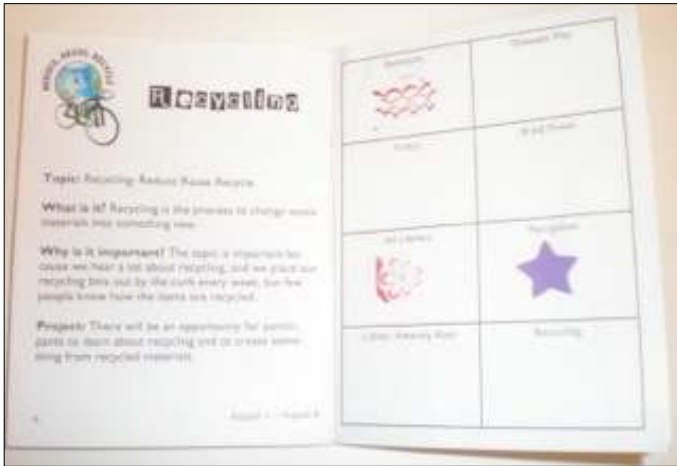
Maverick Friends supported Summer Reading Program with funding for the SummerFest party and providing the materials to build a puppet stage that saw use on a couple of dates.



## Parman Summer Activities

Transformation Station was a new idea this summer where kids and adults completed small projects in the library and earned a button for each project. They pinned the buttons to a Parman lanyard and got a stamp in their "passport." By the end of the course, they had eight buttons on their lanyard and a completed passport.

Another new idea this summer is the community garden. One of the staff members created raised beds with lumber and soil purchased by Parman Friends. Participants in the Teens, Tweens, Family Time and Discovery programs planted vegetables and flowers in the gardens.





## Library Director, from p 6.

**Children and teen after-school programs** are available at all 25 branches and the Central Library throughout the year. Join a book club, learn to play the guitar, take a yoga class or learn how to knit and crochet. Also, some of our branches have outdoor exercise equipment where you can workout while parents visit the library. More information about these programs is available at [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org).

**Visit Connect at Central**, a new 12,800 square foot digital experience that boasts 114 new public computers, as well as 15 laptops and 20 Google Nexus 7 tablets available for checkout within the library. Try out the newest technology at our “technology test drive” component with iPads and a variety of tablets that support digital literacy, educate about emerging technologies and showcase the Library’s digital collection of 36,000 items available for download and checkout.

The San Antonio Public Library continues to evolve to provide effective state-of-the-art services for the community. Visit any of our 26 locations to experience what the San Antonio Public Library has to offer.

To learn more, visit [mysapl.org](http://mysapl.org) or call 210-207-2500.

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## Remembering Our Friends

Nancy Gandara

**Claudia Kohler** had been an active member of the Igo Friends and Maverick Friends, FOSAPL Board member and Membership Secretary, and author of many *SAPL-ings* “Getting to Know Your Friends” columns before a recurrence of cancer took her life on July 21, 2013. She and her husband, Joe, lived many different places (Alaska to Hawaii, Europe to Mexico) and Claudia embraced a variety of interests (e.g. piloting small planes, ham radio operation, snorkeling). She raised a family while achieving a college degree, and held careers in microbiology, human resources administration, and as a child support case worker. In addition to her service to the Friends of the SAPL, Claudia shared her love of reading by tutoring as an Oasis volunteer.

**Jean Flynn**, a founding member of the Writer Friends and a winner of the Arts & Letters Award in 1984, died on July 7, 2013, as a result of injuries suffered in a car crash. Jean, a former teacher and school librarian, wrote many books for children “because she couldn’t find many books that were inspirational for young women,” according to her husband of 60 years, novelist **Robert Flynn**. She wrote *Texas Women Who Dared to be First*, *Henry B. Gonzalez: Rebel With a Cause*, and books about Lady Bird Johnson, Annie Oakley and Stephen F. Austin.

Contributions to the Friends of the San Antonio Public Library may be made as Memorials by using the form on p. 10 of the newsletter.

## 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  
210-227-9519**



**F**riends of the Library’s biggest single fundraiser of the year, the annual Tent Sale of Books, will be held the first weekend of October. It will open to Friends members with a preview sale on Thursday, Oct. 3, from 4-7 p.m. at the BookCellar and adjoining patio in the Central Library basement at 600 Soledad. FOSAPL memberships will be available to those who want to join that evening.

The three-day sale to the public will be held Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4 and 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 6, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. One hour of free parking will be available with a validated ticket in the Central Library parking garage. Please tell your friends and neighbors about this opportunity to choose from thousands of books for children, teens, and adults, along with music CDs and audio books on CD. Most items will be priced at 25¢ to \$1. A successful sale will bring in thousands of dollars for system-wide library programs.

The Monday following the sale, Oct. 7, is Free Book Day

for branches and other nonprofits. Representatives can choose books from sales leftovers on the patio between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and take them away at no charge. Books inside the store, including children’s books, will not be included in the giveaway.

In addition to the three sale days, volunteers will be needed on Wednesday and Thursday, Oct. 2 and 3, to help set up and on Tuesday, Oct. 8, to help pack up leftovers. If you can donate some time, call the BookCellar at 210-227-9519.

The store will be closed to customers on Thursday, Oct. 3, to prepare for the sale.

Biographies are on special sale this month. Buy one adult or juvenile biography and get a second of equal price free. The store has a large selection of nice juvenile biographies, newly displayed in a visible, accessible location. Adults sometimes enjoy biographies written for young readers because they are easy to read, have large print and tell good stories about historic people. And during September, they cost 50¢ for two.

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## Budget Cuts, from p 6.

- Public Safety staffing (Police and Fire) levels are maintained
  - Funding for streets, sidewalks, and drainage is increased
  - Funding for Economic Development and Senior Centers is increased
- However, the Proposed Budget also includes reductions to the Library’s budget of approximately \$1.3 million. If approved by the City Council on Sept. 12, the cuts will mean:
- Elimination of the Bookmobile service (\$294,000)
  - Reduction of staff positions and “restructuring” of the Texana Room (\$145,000)
  - Reduction of Branch service hours by 8 at each location (\$816,000)
  - Elimination of in-person fees/fines payments at 10 locations
  - A reduction-in-force by 35 positions, some of which are currently filled.

Members of the Friends are urged to contact your Councilperson, attend one of the Citywide hearings (Aug. 28 and Sept. 4), and utilize the Budget Input Box at <http://www.sanantonio.gov/budget> to send an electronic comment in support of better funding for the Library Department.

~ ~ **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.

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

**Friends Membership Application**

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ UNLISTED  DO NOT PUBLISH

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I'll read the newsletter electronically OR \_\_\_\_ Send newsletter to me via US mail

**I WOULD LIKE TO ASSIST WITH:**

- |  |  |
|--|--|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> BOOKSALES</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> COMMITTEES (Budget, Arts &amp; Letters, etc.)</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> FOSAPL Board of Directors</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> HOSPITALITY</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> PUBLICITY &amp; COMMUNICATION</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> STAFF APPRECIATION EVENTS</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> POLITICAL ADVOCACY</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> VOLUNTEERING IN THE BOOKCELLAR<br/>                     (Volunteers receive a discount on their purchases when working a full 4 hour shift.)</li> </ul> |
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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  |

**FOSAPL membership year is Jan 1 - Dec 31.**

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).

**STATUS/PAYMENT:**

- NEW MEMBER
- RENEWAL
- BRANCH GROUP: \_\_\_\_\_
- ADDITIONAL DONATION: \_\_\_\_\_

**Donations are always welcome! Please Specify**  
SAPL \_\_\_\_\_

FOSAPL \_\_\_\_\_  
Branch Library \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL ENCLOSED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Note: Your Contribution is Tax Deductible

**PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:**  
**Friends of the San Antonio Public Library**

# Treasurer's Report

June 30, 2013  
Submitted by **Beverly Duran**

## INCOME AND EXPENSE DETAILS

| FOSAPL INCOME   | BUDGET           | FOSAPL<br>YTD    | FOSAPL<br>MAY-JUNE |
|---|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| BookCellar sales  | 70,000.00        | 37,367.31        | 12,475.93          |
| BookCellar sales tax withheld                             |                  | (2,796.98)       | (933.99)           |
| Donations and memorials                                   | 2,000.00         | 2,115.53         | 340.00             |
| Interest  | 300.00           | 188.77           | 65.65              |
| Membership  | 8,000.00         | 5,210.00         | 920.00             |
| <b>FOSAPL INCOME</b>                                      | <b>80,300.00</b> | <b>42,084.63</b> | <b>12,867.59</b>   |
|   |                  |                  |                    |
| BUDGET EXPENSES   | BUDGET           | YTD              | MAY-JUNE           |
| Accounting  | 1,200.00         | 280.00           |                    |
| Arts and Letters program                                  | 700.00           |                  |                    |
| Bank charges  | 100.00           | 17.50            | 11.50              |
| FOSAPL Board expenses (refreshments/6 mtgs)               | 300.00           | 24.75            |                    |
| FOSAPL Insurance  | 1,000.00         | 695.00           |                    |
| Friends recognition                                       | 100.00           |                  |                    |
| Fundraising program                                       | 400.00           |                  |                    |
| Membership recruitment                                    | 1,200.00         | 470.15           | 278.04             |
| Newsletter prep/editing & printing                        | 3,650.00         | 1,548.58         | 252.74             |
| Office supplies   | 200.00           | 101.19           | 56.19              |
| Parking   | 400.00           |                  |                    |
| Postage (bulk mail, post office box, postage)             | 1,000.00         | 684.57           | 565.61             |
| President's expenses                                      | 200.00           | 209.29           |                    |
| Seed money for new groups                                 | 100.00           |                  |                    |
| Website maintenance (reg., monthly fee, wm)               | 1,000.00         |                  |                    |
| <b>FOSAPL Budget Expense Total</b>                        | <b>11,550.00</b> | <b>4,031.03</b>  | <b>1,164.08</b>    |
| BookCellar Expenses                                       |                  |                  |                    |
| Advertising   | 800.00           |                  |                    |
| Book sale(s) expenses/office supplies                     | 1,000.00         | 473.43           | 66.34              |
| Commodities for resale                                    | 2,400.00         | 782.49           | 418.26             |
| Equipment and maintenance                                 | 500.00           |                  |                    |
| BookCellar insurance                                      | 1,100.00         | 1,046.00         | -                  |
| Printing and copying                                      | 400.00           |                  |                    |
| Recruitment of volunteer workers                          | -                |                  |                    |
| Salary and benefits                                       | 8,000.00         | 4,039.68         | 1,069.90           |
| Twenty Year Anniversary Celebration                       | —                |                  |                    |
| Volunteer appreciation                                    | 1,250.00         | 37.06            | 37.06              |
| <b>Book Cellar Budget Expense Total</b>                   | <b>15,450.00</b> | <b>6,378.66</b>  | <b>1,591.56</b>    |
| Library Support   |                  |                  |                    |
| Public programming & staff development                    | 35,000.00        | 17,500.00        | 17,500.00          |
| Donations from FOSAPL members                             | no budget amt    | 487.50           | 140.00             |
| Memorial gifts for FOSAPL Life members                    | no budget amt    | 300.00           |                    |
| <b>TOTAL BUDGET EXPENSES</b>                              | <b>62,000.00</b> | <b>28,697.19</b> | <b>20,395.64</b>   |
|   |                  |                  |                    |
| FOSAPL BRANCH & SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME                     |                  | MAY-JUNE         | YTD                |
| Donations   |                  | 4,294.61         | 6,131.09           |
| Income from book sales, Book Nook/Cart sales, fundraisers |                  | 17,117.85        | 37,555.31          |
| Memberships   |                  | 315.00           | 1,660.00           |
| <b>BRANCH &amp; SUPPORT GROUPS INCOME</b>                 |                  | <b>21,727.46</b> | <b>45,346.40</b>   |
| Branch Friends group operating expenses                   |                  | 3,079.75         | 5,092.65           |
| Branch group purchases for Library Branch/department      |                  | 16,932.62        | 39,545.19          |

## Branch & Special Interest Group Funds

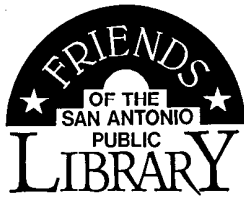
| Bank Accounts                          |                   |
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| Compass Money Market *****8659         |                   |
| BookCellar deposits                    | 137,503.59        |
| Compass Money Market Gold ***-***4644  | 30,029.92         |
| Compass Checking ***-***8736           | 9,264.82          |
| <b>Total Assets</b>                    | <b>176,798.33</b> |
| Branch Designated Funds (-)            | (90,082.47)       |
| Branch Designated Funds, unclaimed (-) | (5.71)            |
| Checks outstanding (-)                 | (4,766.06)        |
| <b>Net Assets for FOSAPL Use</b>       | <b>81,944.09</b>  |

## Branch and Support Group Funds Balance of April 30, 2013

|                          |                  |
|--------------------------|------------------|
| Bazan                    | 821.34           |
| Brook Hollow             | 15,883.12        |
| Carver                   | 2,785.18         |
| Central                  | 1,001.73         |
| Cody                     | 5,597.96         |
| Collins Garden           | 1,130.29         |
| Cortez                   | 1,447.45         |
| Forest Hills             | 1,295.26         |
| Great Northwest          | 2,958.40         |
| Guerra                   | 4,151.53         |
| Igo                      | 8,743.79         |
| Johnston                 | 4,587.79         |
| Landa                    | 999.92           |
| Las Palmas               | 225.90           |
| Maverick                 | 6,631.31         |
| McCreless                | 1,463.83         |
| Memorial                 | 3,397.20         |
| Mission                  | 1,867.36         |
| Parman                   | 2,042.27         |
| Semmes                   | 4,786.04         |
| Texana/Genealogy         | 4,872.69         |
| Thousand Oaks            | 2,514.99         |
| Tobin at Oakwell         | 5,928.16         |
| Westfall                 | 4,948.96         |
| <b>Total group funds</b> | <b>90,082.47</b> |

## 2013 Arts & Letters Awards Ceremony

*Sunday, October 20*  
*2:00 p.m.*  
*Gallery of the*  
*Central Library*  
600 Soledad



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San Antonio, Texas 78246

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## CALENDAR OF BOOK SALES AND SPECIAL EVENTS

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

- Sept. 10      Maverick Friends Meeting, 7 p.m.
- Sept. 15      FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Carver**
- Sept. 21      Brook Hollow Book Sale, 10–5
- Sept. 21–22   Maverick Friends Book Sale, 10–4.
- Sept. 23      Brook Hollow Friends meeting, 7 p.m.
- Oct. 3        BookCellar Tent Sale FOSAPL members preview, 4–7
- Oct. 4–5      Guerra Book Sale, Friday, 4–6, Saturday, 10–4
- Oct. 4–5      Semmes Book Sale, Preview, Friday, 11–12; Public sale, Saturday, starting at 10
- Oct. 4–6      BookCellar Tent Sale, Friday and Saturday, 9–4; Sunday 11–4
- Oct. 7        Free Book Day for branches and nonprofits, BookCellar, 11–3
- Oct. 20      Arts & Letters Award Ceremony, Gallery of the Central Library, 2 p.m.**
- Nov. 15–16   Tobin Library at Oakwell Book Sale, Preview, Friday, 4–6; Public sale, Saturday, 10–4
- Nov. 17      FOSAPL Board Meeting, 2 p.m., Cody**

Brook Hollow Library  
530 Heimer Road, 78232  
210-496-6315

Carver Library  
3350 E. Commerce St, 78220  
210-225-7801

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

Cody Library  
11441 Vance Jackson, 78230  
210-696-6396

Maverick Library  
8700 Mystic Park, 78254  
210-680-9346

Semmes Library  
15060 Judson Rd., 78247  
210-650-9540

Tobin Library at Oakwell  
4134 Harry Wurzbach Rd, 78209  
210-828-2569

**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.