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1,2,3, Sí! Huge Publishing Success



The Library Foundation's longest running program – *Born to Read* – has been extremely successful, impacting 25,000+ newborns and their families each year by providing a literacy bag that includes: a Library card application; two

age-appropriate books, one of which is bilingual; and a map with Library branch addresses.

Approximately every two years the Library Foundation changes the titles in the *Born to Read* bags to ensure that families with more than one child receive a variety of books through the program. While looking for a new title we came across the Metropolitan Museum of Art's board book *My First ABC*. In the book, each letter of the alphabet is accompanied by a segment or detail of a painting from the museum's collection.

Over a year ago, in a discussion with the **San Antonio Museum of Art (SAMA)**, the committee came up with the idea of creating our community's own numbers, colors, animals and shapes book series using art works from SAMA as the images for the book. We all jumped on the idea, as it made perfect sense to introduce Bexar County newborns to basic concepts featuring works of art in SAMA's collection. Not only would we be striving to instill a love of reading in

our children, but we'd also foster a love of art by providing images of masterpieces that families can see for themselves. Additionally, by creating our own book we would have the freedom to make it bilingual. The vision included **Trinity University Press (TUP)** serving as the publisher for the collaborative.

The numbers/números board book, *1, 2, 3, Sí!* is experiencing such success in the publishing world that the collaborative has agreed to move the development time line forward and expand the series, for a total of four books. In the wake of the first installment's enthusiastic endorsements from experts in early childhood literacy, SAPLF received a generous dollar-for-dollar match grant from **Mrs. Jean Newman**, with a double-match grant beyond that amount, to be completed by the end of 2011. The big, huge news however is that the Foundation received word recently

that the **Semmes Foundation** will fund the remaining three books of the *1, 2, 3, Sí!* series for our *Born to Read* initiative and match the Newman grant!

The *Born to Read* program as a whole stresses the importance of early interaction between a child and their siblings, parents and grandparents as it enhances a child's future socialization skills, builds vocabulary and leads to success in school and in life. The benefits we predict will



Valerie and Ron Finch,
Edouard Foundation

result from the *Born to Read* initiative — increasing literacy and thereby generating jobs — will position our city as a leader in literacy awareness and likely serve as a national

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Viki Ash, Carol Black,
Glenda Alter, Barbara
Williams, and Gene Brady

from the President

Kaye Lenox



Dear Foundation Supporters:

I am always amazed when we begin to assemble our *Foundation Review* newsletter and assess all the exciting things the Library

Foundation Board and staff have accomplished in just a few short months. This volume is filled with new programs and projects that are just beginning and familiar efforts that are coming to fruition along with some great photos and stories from fantastic events we've had over the past months.

While the Library has been hard at work on its new Strategic Plan, the Library Foundation has recently completed the final year of its 2007-2011 Strategic Plan. Board members will be presented with a final review and report of the Foundation's accomplishments over the past five years at the November 16th Annual Board meeting at the Central Library. It has been a time of evaluation and reflection resulting in renewed energy and excitement as we prepare to set the course of the Library Foundation for the future.

We invite you to enjoy this newsletter, but more importantly we ask you to come along as the Library Foundation moves into a new era of transition and transformation. We thank you for your steadfast support and belief in our mission. *Stay tuned...*

You can be comfortable, but you might stay in the same place forever.

Ommy Strauch

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Lorrina Robinson with Angelo

Board to Read Baby Angelo, The Big Winner!

Proud new mom **Lorrina Robinson** poses with her "recent arrival" precious baby **Angelo** as she receives a \$250 gift certificate for baby products in his honor. The SAPLF's *Born to Read* initiative offers a chance to win gift certificates by mailing in a card enclosed in each bag handed out upon departure at participating local hospitals. Lorrina sent her card back to the Foundation and was the lucky winner of the drawing this year.

Angelo was born at **Christus Santa Rosa Hospital**, one of the most active in the program. Note that baby Angelo is enjoying his numbers/números board book, *1, 2, 3, Sí*. Lorrina says that she and Angelo's grandmother read to him every day. They know that all children are born wired for feelings and ready to learn. Babies begin to pick up cadence and language patterns immediately after birth.

Researchers have found that when mothers speak and read frequently to their infants, their children learn almost 300 more words by age two than babies whose mothers rarely speak to their children. By reading to newborns, parents stimulate "connections" in their babies' brains that will transform them to lifelong readers. The *Born to Read* initiative is designed to teach parents that they must start reading to their babies right away. Parents must lay the foundations for learning; the experiences they give their children shape them for life.





Carmen Galves with Southwest General Hospital and Lisa Swann, Born to Read Chair



Board member Ty Edwards with Born to Read Consultant Kathy Rboads

Kappa Gamma Alumnae Association, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Spigel, Mr. Thomas Stowe, Target, H-E-B, Mission Pharmacal, Kimberly-Clark, Dr. and Mrs. Karl Swann, USAA Federal Savings Bank, The USAA Foundation, and Lori and Mark Wright.

Born to Read supporters and Board members from SAMA, the Library Foundation and TUP gathered at a private reception and unveiling of the collaborative new children's book publication — *1, 2, 3, Sí!* on Wednesday, August 31, at the SAPLF Office. It was a grand day and the three partners felt like they were at a baby shower showing off the fruits of their "labor;" only it took more than nine months. Over 70 supporters gathered on the patio and in the conference room

model.

The Foundation and its partners are most grateful to all of our *Born to Read* sponsors including: Alamo Kiwanis Club Charities, Berridge Manufacturing, Ms. Kaley Ervin, The Edouard Foundation, Flynn Family Foundation, GlobalGiving Foundation, Hispano USA LLC, Julianna Hawn Holt and Peter M. Holt, NCS Pearson, The Nordan Trust, San Antonio Express-News, San Antonio Kappa



of the Foundation's office to toast and congratulate each other on the success of the children's book. Many thanks to **Bill and Judy Salomon** for providing the Beck Brut Rose champagne. Sponsors and various members from the three Boards mingling amongst the crowd included **Tom Semmes, Chico Newman, Bob Ganguzza, Valerie and Ron Finch, Alice Norman, Epitacio Resendez, Banks Smith, Michael Fischer, Sarah Harte, Carman Galvez, Shannon Murphy, Viki Perkins**, and many others.

The following Saturday, September 10, SAMA hosted a *1, 2, 3, Sí!* family day book launch with **Mayor Julián Castro**. Kids squealed with delight upon hearing the Mayor read to them from *1, 2, 3, Sí!* in the museum's Great Hall with his daughter, **Carina**, front and center. Other areas of the museum were crowded with supporters who received free admission when they showed their library card and the first 100 guests received a museum activity kit that reflected the art works featured in the book.

Part of the educational outreach component to the *1, 2, 3, Sí!* marketing plan was the creation of an "activities" promotional poster that was to be handed out not only at this event but other events that are happening around the city this fall. Created by **Proa Design** the poster folds down to the square, slightly smaller than the trim of the book. The back side of the poster has 12 additional square panels, each one having an activity (coloring, connect the dots, etc) tied to each of the art/numbers in the book. This take-home printed piece will keep the book and art alive even when the kids and adults are not visiting the museum.

Throughout the day, families and friends were invited to explore hands-on activities inspired by the works of the book *1, 2, 3, Sí!* including creating conchero puppets (#6), molding clay alligators (#8), and painting folk art masks (#10). Things were kept festive with the lively folk music provided by **Los Inocentes** throughout the event and needless to say the huge cake decorated with the book's cover was a real crowd pleaser both for the eye and the tummy. The most popular kid's activity took



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Left.
Sonya Median Williams with Marjory and Sam Newman

Right.
Sylvia Romo with Bob Ganguzza, Mission Pharmacal

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place in the museum's Hops House where local artists **Terry Ybañez** oversaw the painting of an oversized mural of images from the book that kids and adults colored during the day's activities. **Nicole McLeod** and **Viki Ash** have coordinated the installment of the mural in the Central Library's children's area on the 3rd Floor.

We invite you to visit the Central Library and view the mural during Central Library hours: Sundays from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.; and Friday and Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The book is available locally at The Twig Book Store, Barnes and Noble and the gift shop at SAMA.



Tom Payton and Barbara Ras with Trinity University Press



SAMA visitors painting the 1, 2, 3, Sí! mural



4 SAMA visitors participating in the 1, 2, 3, Sí! family art activities



Artist Terry Ybañez

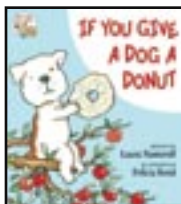


Mayor Julián Castro with his daughter Carina at 1, 2, 3, Sí! art activities hosted by the San Antonio Museum of Art

Upcoming Events

Bookfair Featuring Best-Selling Children's Book Author Laura Numeroff

Wednesday, November 2, 6:00 p.m.
Barnes & Noble La Cantera
15900 La Cantera Parkway



The Library Foundation will once again partner with Barnes & Noble to bring in best-selling children's book author **Laura Numeroff** who will read from and sign her latest book, *If You Give a Dog a Donut*. Numeroff is the author of many books for young readers including *The Chicken Sisters* and Laura Numeroff's *10-Step Guide To Living With Your Monster*. Numeroff is a native of Brooklyn, New York and grew up the youngest of three girls. As a child her favorite possessions were her microscope, a box of 64 crayons and her library card. She attended Pratt Institute, in Brooklyn where she took a class in writing and illustrating books for children her senior year. An assignment to write and illustrate a children's book led to a publishing contract with Macmillan buying her story about the tallest girl in the third grade.

... and a Library Card.

I am and have always been an avid reader. I was thrilled when they told me I could take home any six books! I would lie on my bed and read for hours. Then as soon as I finished the six books, I went back to the library for more. Two of my favorite books were *Stuart Little*, about a mouse in New York, and *Eloise*, about a little girl in New York. Now I love biographies, nonfiction, and stories dealing with travel.

If you make any purchases in the café, book department, music department or the NOOK counter — a percentage will go back to the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. *Can't attend the bookfair at Barnes & Noble? No problem, just visit BN.COM/bookfairs to support us online from 11/02/11 to 11/06/11 by entering Bookfair ID 10556926 at checkout.* Please call the store line prior to the event, for specific event information, the number is 210.558.2078.



SAPLF Great Books Seminars Fall 2011

Modeled after the great books educational program at St. John's College — Paul Martin of Martin Capital Advisors, LLP, a St. John's College graduate, brought us this concept and has led a number of seminars over the last couple of years. We are now scheduling the fall series for the second Tuesdays of November and December, 2011.

Moral Perspectives in Two Short Stories



• **Tuesday, November 8** ~ *Everything that Rises Must Converge*, Flannery O'Connor
Leader: Deborah Livingston

• **Tuesday, December 13** ~ *An Outpost of Progress*, Joseph Conrad
Leader: Gary Bell



For the Fall sessions the time frame is:

- 11:30 a.m. Arrival and lunch
- 12:00 noon Discussion begins
- 1:00 p.m. Adjournment

All sessions take place at the Library Foundation office – 625 Shook behind the Landa Library.

Cost: Individuals may sign up for both sessions at a cost of \$40 with a guaranteed seat at each session. Individual session cost is \$25 per person with payment due upon reservation (no refunds) and cost includes lunches.

For more information please email tracey.bennett@saplf.org, or call Tracey Bennett at the San Antonio Public Library Foundation Office at 210.225.4728, ext. 11.

Updates and Reviews



Parman Cabin Patio

Food Fandango at the Parman Cabin

Although Saturday, August 27, 2011, was recorded as one of the hottest days of the year (106 high), that's saying something when it's been over triple-digits for many months, Foundation supporters of South Texas character didn't have a problem venturing out to the idyllic Parman cabin for a night of "Mexican Foods That Texans Love." Texas' ranching families have long held festive fandangos for family and friends on ranch lands in every part of this great State, but there is an undeniable allure that beckons guests to the edge of the Hill Country (Cibolo Vista) where rustic sophistication is generously seasoned with true Texas hospitality.

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Bryan Parman, Tracey Bennett and John Bloodsworth



One-man band Matt Skinner and Parman Cabin Patio

One-man band **Matt Skinner** cranked up some classic country tunes to set a festive mood as guests **Judy** and **Bill Salomon**, **Randy** and **Diane Mathews**, **Amy Brown**, **Sandy Morander**, and **David Scotch** were greeted by **Dan Parman** and **Bryan Parman** as they arrived. The rustic cabin filled with unique family-found art treasures is dominated by an impressive two-story fireplace built with stones found on the property and a handsome cabinet that once belonged to the scandalous Dr. John Brinkley of Del Rio fame. With its manicured grounds and flowing brook next to a brick patio off the main house, where guests gather around a large round concrete Carlos Cortez table, the property exudes tasteful stylish simplicity while radiating comfort and warmth.

The authentic South Texas/Mexican menu prepared by **Chef Mariana Oliver**, a Mexico City Cordon Bleu Culinary School graduate, was paired with beer, various tequilas and homemade sangria. A native of Mexico City, Chef Oliver and her husband, **Jose Antonio**, have been operating **Marioli** restaurant in Stone Oak for five years. *Fandango* goes, **Nick** and **Licie Hollis**, **Carmen** and **Steve Goldberg**, **Linda** and **Jack Gunter**, **Bobbie** and **Stan McCormick**, **Becky** and **Steve Schmitt** were seen enjoying warm *tacos a la pastor* carved artfully off the rotisserie. Later guests enjoying a



Chef Mariana Oliver with Dan Parman

bountiful buffet, overseen by Chef Oliver, offering nopalito salad, beef and cheese chili rellenos, rice, borracho beans, topped off with *tres leches* for dessert along with Mar Azul Tequila shots in a variety of flavors just to seal the dining deal. The Foundation would like

to recognize Mariana, Jose and Mar Azul Tequila for their generous donation of the incredible foods and libations.



Tacos a la pastor



Publicity Ranch table setting

Move over Nate Burkus and Martha Stewart, **John Bloodsworth** with **Publicity Ranch** filled the set design bill with his eye for mixing contemporary chic with rural classics. Guests adored the relaxed ambiance where cozy tables were draped in indigo denim floor-length cloths overlaid with rich red tablecloths, beautifully set with deep green heavy pottery placed on galvanized metal chargers.

With the tables placed around an outdoor fireplace (yes dinner was outdoors) the arranged setting was complete with yellow cotton napkins that wrapped the hand-wrought iron flatware. John was also responsible for the centerpieces of summer succulents and native grasses nested in rustic tin containers.



Amy Brown with Sandy Morander, YMCA President

We knew it was a success when some of the guests, not quite ready to head back to the City, took up a collection to keep Matt, the one man band, playing into the warm summer night. We know it takes a village to accomplish good things; in this case it took a posse. The Foundation is most grateful to all those mentioned in this article and those who attended the event that space wouldn't allow us to list.

Photos courtesy of Mendy Escamilla



Licie and Nick Hollis



Judy Salomon, Diane Mathews, Carmen Goldberg, Soonalyn Jacob and Vicki Perkins



Bobbie and Stan McCormick



Summer Solstice Soirée at the Landa

A Basket of Midsummer Night's Dream

The Summer Solstice Soirée-Midsummer Night's Dream, scheduled on the longest day of the year (June 21), was initially envisioned as a whim... Library supporters told the Foundation about a scene they witnessed while on vacation in Paris. When exiting the Metro on the Champs-Élysées they came upon an elegant public dinner where everyone was dressed in white — suits, dresses, feather boas — seated at long tables draped in white along the boulevard. What they witnessed was an intimate, but very public picnic (Dîner en Blanc) that takes place annually during the early-summer.

Thousands of Parisians dressed in all white, gather at picturesque locations (this year Plaza at Notre Dame and in a courtyard at the Louvre) that are never advertised (those attending are invited) with picnic baskets in hand where they informally break bread, drinking champagne, catch up with old friends and meet new guests... all with the goal of being invited back next year.

Since the Library Foundation's Board of Trustees are incredibly innovative in finding new ways to connect people to the Library, expand our horizons and provide new ways to support the Library, Paris' white night idea evolved into the Foundation's inaugural *Summer Solstice Soirée*. Set in the picturesque Landa Library's garden, the perfect setting for a night of white, the always fabulous jazz crooner **Ken Slavin** was on hand, along with the equally magnificent co-chairs, **Andi Rodriguez** and **JoAnn Boone**, to host this unique *Solstice* with a Shakespearian twist. Guests were

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Co-Chairs Andi Rodriguez and JoAnn Boone



Ken Slavin Crooning in the Grotto

treated to **Magik Theatre** thespians portraying scenes from Shakespeare's play about the adventures of young lovers/ amateur actors who are manipulated by fairies.

Using a different layout than most events, one that welcomes single and couples alike, each table had four gourmet picnic baskets perched on top with designated areas for six people per basket. Guests mingled among the lovely live oaks that have graced the Landa Library for decades, swags of white netting swaying in the breeze, twinkle lights everywhere... It was a magical evening where prior to seating the **RK Group** passed hors d'oeuvres, open bars served wine, beer and poured **Cinco ~ The Five Star Vodka** during cocktail hour. **Aquarius Boutique** owner, Sara Jessop and her elegant models were strolling the grounds wearing unique clothes, jewelry and accessories found only in her contemporary shop located in Sunset Ridge.

When time to dine *Solstice* seekers moved to long rows of tables covered in white linens facing local artist Carlos Cortés' *faux bois* pavilion, designed in the art form known as *trabajo rústico*, where Mr. Slavin entertained the crowd (dancing after dinner).

And then there was the fine dining. Creative culinary Board Members and Library supporters were asked to sponsor a food basket by decorating the basket entirely in white and providing the "meal" for the basket, making sure there is enough to feed six guests. Sponsors either asked



Melissa and Kelton Morgan



Julia Scott, Alice Ball Strunk, Margaret Parker, and JoAnn Andera



Randy Peyton, Rosemary Kowalski, with Tina Kablig



Hollis' Basket with Arrangement



Seated: Becky Canavan, Beth Houser, Sarah Hager. Standing: Sarah Ojeda, Sara Jessop, Robin DeWees

noted restaurants to donate, or created their own menu. As you can see from the basket sponsor list below the response was tremendous and the food was delicious and really over the top — everyone wanted to have “the best” basket on the table.

Special thanks to **Silver Eagle Distributors** for providing a choice selection of beers from their extensive product lineup. Select wines were served as well as placed on tables during dinner thanks to SAPLF Board Member **Randy Mathews** and **Boudro’s on the Riverwalk**. In addition, many thanks to co-chairs, **JoAnn Boone** and **Andi Rodriguez**, and the committee: **Gerald Aves**, **Melissa Zarb-Cousin**, **Cecilia Garcia**, **Jill Giles**, **Miguel Huerta**, **Sarah Ash Jessop**, **Ken Slavin**, **Sonya Medina-Williams** and **Jessica Young**.

In-kind contributions courtesy of **Cecilia Garcia / Priority Group & Windows On Main**, **Gerald Aves**, **Miguel Huerta**, **Sara Ash Jessop / Aquarius Boutique**, **Cinco ~ The Five Star Vodka / Kim and Trey Azar**, **Giles Design**, **Magik Theatre**, **Julian Gold**, **the RK Group**, **Randy Mathews / Boudro’s on the Riverwalk**, **Baked Goodness / Jessica Young**, **Kate’s Frosting**, **Kate Frost Field**, **Ms. Chocolatier**, **On Main Off Main / Bill Davis** and **Oscar Camancho**, **JoAnn Boone** and to our venue partner, the **San Antonio Public Library / Landa Branch**.

Unlike the Paris party goers, those attending the *Solstice* did not have to bring their own baskets, tables, chairs, glasses, silver and linens. Special recognition goes to our basket sponsors provided by a dedicated group of Board members and friends including: **Alice Ball Strunk** and **John Berry** at **La Fonda Oak Hills**, **Barbara Shannon** and

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Andi Rodriguez (center) with friends



Landa Library Garden dinner guests



Paul Martin with Stephanie Krueger



Alison Schockner, Jack and Bette Vexler with Lesta Frank



Linda Gunter, Ty Edwards, and Alice Lynch

Bette Vexler, Becky Yarborough with Steve Straus, The Barn Door, Bohanan's Prime Steak & Seafood, Carol Lavender, Joan Baily Cole and Quarry Golf Club / Kyle Cole, Charlotte Samuel, Citrus at The Valencia, Claire English with Cynthia McMurry and Walton Gregory, Gloria Canseco with Becky Barrera, Guillermo Nicolas, Judy and Bill Salomon, Liece Hollis with Melissa Morgan and Elliot Hayne at SA Fresh, Logan and Gene Ames III, Margaret Lombardo Parker with Tong's Thai, McAllister Designs, Neiman Marcus, Mariposa, Page Barteau Catering, Rose Aleman at Ruth's Chris Steak House, and Sonya Medina-Williams and Gene Williams with Paloma Blanca and Silver Eagle Distributors.



The Landa Gardens at Twilight



Vivian Bathie with Liece Hollis



Collette Edwards, Shannon Murphy, Leslie Kuhn with Wendy Tomerlin



The Effervescent Maggie Flannery

The Library Foundation Welcomes Special Guest Speaker, Sheryl Sculley

2011 Board Builder Luncheon

Blanton, Montford, Meadows, Gaudiani and now Sculley. The Foundation was honored to add City Manager, **Sheryl Sculley** to our prestigious list of Board Builder luncheon guest speakers on May 18, 2011.

Titled, *The Future of SA & the Importance of Public/Private Partnerships*, Scully's talk was informal but informative giving SAPLF Board members the recognition they truly deserve while inspiring them to keep championing our library system. The Foundation is proud of its Board, individuals who have contributed volunteer hours that have triggered gifts and donations from other sources, both from the public and private sector.

San Antonio is the 7th largest city in the United States, with a corporate boundary of 467 square miles, serving a population of 1.35 million residents. As City Manager, Sculley is the Chief Executive Officer of the municipal corporation of 11,500 employees, an annual operating and capital budget of \$2.4 billion, and a city population of 1.3 million residents.

Nine years ago the “Board Builder” Luncheons were established with a grant from the **John and Florence Newman Foundation**. **John “Chico” Newman**, President of the Newman Foundation, believes strongly that well educated and involved boards are necessary for organizations to fulfill their missions. For your information, 100% of our members have contributed in one way or another to our efforts.

The Foundation is grateful to **Sheryl Sculley** for taking time out of her busy schedule to speak to SAPLF Board members and special guests. Acknowledgment also goes to **Licie and Nick Hollis** for their hospitably and willingness to open their beautiful Terrell Hills home to host the luncheon. As a gesture of the Foundation’s appreciation **Mike Molak** presented Mrs. Sculley with a sculpture created by San Antonio artist **Franco Mondini**. Special thanks to past Board member **Frank Burney**.

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Jean Cheever and Jean Brady



Mike Molak with Sheryl Sculley



Deborah Williamson and Mo Morehead



Alice Ball Strunk, Becky Yarborough, Franco Mondini, and Margaret Parker



Ramiro Salazar with Gene Ames III



Patricia Ruiz-Healy with Guillermo Nicolás



Sarah Doerr, Dennis Martinez, and Liece Hollis



Mike Molak, Kaye Lenox, and Steve Spalten



Hotel Valencia Riverwalk hosts *Book Smart*

Hotel Valencia Riverwalk served as the as the pilot location for *Book Smart* and once again partnered with the San Antonio Public Library. Kicking off its fourth season this summer, Houston-based **Valencia Group's** annual *Book Smart* promotion has resulted in the donation of hundreds of children's print and audio books to libraries, hospitals and non-profit groups in communities served by Hotel Valencia. This year over 200 books were collected for the Library and its annual Summer Reading program.

Robert Leyva, Director of Operations at the hotel, told us that **Warren Hanson**, the author for the book *The Sea of Sleep*, brought his own book, signed it and wrote an inspirational message in the book for the Library. He was very excited about the promotion and spoke at length to the staff about the value of reading to your children every day. He asked one of the Valencia's staff members to take the book home so she could read it to her daughter.

Launched in June, the program toasted the support of overnight guests who donated a new print or audio book — appropriate for kids up to middle school age — with a voucher or credit for a complimentary adult beverage, including wine, cocktail or beer. According to **Roy Kretschmer**, Executive Vice President of Operations for the Valencia Group, "It's been exciting to see *Book Smart* grow each year. We feel this is a fun and easy way to involve guests, thank our frequent visiors and promote literacy while supporting key community organizations."



Stone Oak Business Association Supports the Parman Library

This past May Stone Oak welcomed the Parman Library to its growing community. In recognizing of the importance of such a vital educational resource, the **Stone Oak Business Association (SOBA)** held a awareness campaign in support of the Library Foundation fundraising goals. To achieve their funding goal SOBA invited its members, families and friends to a special fundraising celebration, *Love Your Library*, on Wednesday, May 4, at the Holiday Inn North Hill Country.

With the leadership of Gina Groomer-Barbera many SOBA members, donated their services to help make *Love Your Library* a success. All proceeds from *Love Your Library* event were directed to the Parman Library fund. SOBA and the Library Foundation are grateful to the following members who donated to the success of the event: **Barefoot Wine, Blanca Aldaco / Aldaco's Mexican Cuisine, Crystal Galvan / Cool Café, Melissa Kim / Hoiliday Inn N. Hill Country, Leticia De LaFuente / Fresh Horizons Creative Catering, Katie Thompson / The Lion & Rose, JJ Rodriguez / One Stop Party Planners, Sonny Melendrez, Bree Vickers / Gigi's Cupcakes, and Patricia Wenckus/Auden's Kitchen.**

RIGHT. *Sonny Melendrez with Ronnie Barbera of KidsVille*



Executive Chef David Wirebaugh

BBQ U at Q on Riverwalk A Sizzling Success

PBS TV star (*Primal Grill* and *Barbecue University*) and author **Steven Raichlen** joined Library Foundation supporters downtown at the **Hyatt Regency** for a delectable *Literary Feast* at the newly redesigned **Q World Barbecue** restaurant. A true renaissance man, Raichlen was born in Japan, raised in Baltimore, educated at Reed College (with a degree in French literature), and was the recipient of a Thomas J. Watson Foundation Fellowship to study medieval cooking in Europe.

In the course of researching his latest book, the *New York Times* bestselling *Planet Barbecue*, Raichlen visited more than 50 countries on six continents, where he collected 309 of the tastiest, most tantalizing, easy-to-make, and guaranteed-to-wow recipes from every corner of the globe. This past April, Raichlen and Q restaurant Executive **Chef David Wirebaugh** served up a culinary journey featuring worldly delights, as foodies **Sandi and Fred Goldner, Alice Ball Stunk, Susan Straus, Pat and John Mozersky** sampled an amazing variety of flavors that marry food with culture.

Co-Chaired by long time Board member **Bill Salomon** and his wife **Judy Saloman**, the Foundation is grateful to the Hyatt team and Q, for hosting Mr. Raichlen and underwriting this contemporary culinary event. The BBQ / Beer pairing themed *Feast*, with **Ranger Creek Brewery**, began with a reception in the Q Bar, the first “sit down” bar in Hyatt Regency San Antonio’s history, where guests were served Cantonese BBQ ribs paired with Oatmeal Pale Ale, all the while checking the Spurs score on the big screen.

Chef Raichlen roamed the room mingling with Hyatt Regency General Manager, **Peter McMahon, Dennis Quinn and Joan Cheever, Scott Lane** with the Grand Hyatt, **Catherine and Mark Milbourn, Payton Martin** and his daughter **Margaret** who traveled from Houston to attend. Leaving the bar the group made their way into the Q restaurant with its sleek, modern lines and rich, earthy color scheme and dark walnut tables suggest formal dining; but the jelly jar style glasses and bargain basement style salt and pepper shakers let you know that this is a place to kick back, have some fun and enjoy some good eats. Chef Wirebaugh welcomed everyone and introduced Chef Steven Raichlen to the crowd. Raichlen’s easy manner and friendly personality immediately put the group at ease as he chatted entertainingly about the barbecue he’s eaten, the people he’s met, and the wild variety of cultures he’s encountered in his travels.

Executive Chef Wirebaugh, who has spent the majority of his life traveling, first on an aircraft carrier in Viet Nam and, for the past 30 years, with Hyatt properties all over the country,

was responsible for the kitchen that night as Mr. Raichlen was chatting it up with the Salomons’ and other VIP guests, **Randy and Diane Mathews, Tanji and Mike Patton, Soonalyn and Dan Jacob**, in the private dining room. **Mark McDavid** from Ranger Creek Brewery was also on hand to describe each beer that was served with the menu. If you weren’t a beer person, there was also plenty of wine being served that evening.

Raichlen made an appearance before each serving to talk the group through each course including the salad dish, grilled red romaine salad with broiled oyster and ginger soy jam (South Texas lager). The main entrée was a dish created by Chef Raichlen — spit roasted filet of beef with country salsa with tamarind salmon and yogurt marinated lamb tenderloins (*la bestia amiable*). Wait, there’s dessert... crazy good banana cheesecake with smoked banana jam served with a mesquite smoked porter. The carefully prepared menu was a hit with the group as was the beer pairings.

After the grill thrill everyone received a complimentary copy of Raichlen’s full-color book, *Planet Barbecue* and specially packaged jarred spices as a party favor. Most made their way back to the Q bar to watch the end of the Spurs game and chat about what an amazing culinary *Feast* they just experienced. The Foundation is grateful to the **Hyatt Regency, Mr. Raichlen, Chef Wirebaugh and his kitchen team, Ranger Creek Brewery, and all those in attendance for making the evening not only successful but fun.**



Bill Salomon, Kaye Lenox, Peter McMahon, and Steven Raichlen



*Welcomes Additions
Scenes from the
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*Mission Library
Opened April 20, 2011*

*Parman Library at Stone Oak
Opened May 7, 200*





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