

### **Highlights**

- The proposed budget will be presented to City Council on June 6.
- The 2014 Mayor's Book Club selection will be announced April 30.
- The Library's Employee Appreciation Awards Luncheon will be Friday, May 30, 11 AM at the Palmer Events Center
- The 2014 READ *Feed Your Mind* poster features local celebrity Paul Qui, the Chef/Proprietor of qui Restaurant, Founder of East Side King and Top Chef Season 9 Winner.
- The cast members from Tony-Award-winning War Horse will participate in a Brown Bag lunch on Wednesday, May 7 from 12 Noon to 1 PM at the Austin History Center.
- The Austin Chronicle Adult Spelling Bee will be Thursday, May 22 at Threadgill's.

### **Facilities Services**

**New Central Library Project:** The main focus of the New Central Library Project at this time is preparing for the placement of the mat foundation for the building, now scheduled for May 11th. Preparation for the foundation work includes placement of the mud slab, installation of waterproofing membrane, installation of the protection slab, and placement of the tower crane foundations. Deep well dewatering continues to be maintained and monitored at the site; a replacement piezometer has been ordered for the piezometer inadvertently caught in a well and broke. Piezometers are used to measure static liquid pressure and when enclosed in durable casings, are buried or pushed into the ground to measure groundwater at the point of installation. In work associated with the New Central Library Project, the Second Street Bridge abutment bridge piers and retaining wall piers were completed by April 7th. On April 17th, the Austin City Council approved on consent to authorize funding for the New Central Library Project Construction Manager at Risk Contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Company in the revised construction cost limitation amount of \$116,358,200 with a \$1,842,000 contingency, for a total not to exceed amount of \$118,200,200 for the construction of the New Central Library and Related Improvements Project including the 2nd Street bridge, utilities, and roadway improvements. The need for additional authorization was due to many contributing and significant factors which included audiovisual equipment, specialty built-in furniture, bicycle racks and upgraded elevators for the New Central Library, additional pre-construction services, cost variances between initial estimates and actual pricing, multiple unforeseen conditions, increase in construction costs to address code requirements, and inclusion of additional work related to communications conduits. While the total cost of this additional work is above the original construction cost limitation, it falls well within the overall budgets established for the New Central Library and the

2nd Street Extension Projects. The project schedule for the New Central Library remains as follows:

- ~ August 2013 ~ Site Development Permit received
- ~ August 2013 ~ Construction Begins
- ~ February 2014 ~ Garage Building Permit received
- ~ May 2014 ~ Complete Building Permit received
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

**Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:** The Library Department's Exterior Security Camera Project is being carried out as part of the Communications Technology Management Department's (CTM) larger Enterprise Security Access System (ESAS) Project. The ESAS Project is currently providing an integrated enterprise level security solution towards installing new services and replacing end of life and/or updating access control, video surveillance and alarm systems throughout the City of Austin. CTM has advised APL that sufficient spending authority has been released to their vendor, Schneider Electric, to perform the work required on the remaining nine (9) Library sites to receive exterior security cameras. Those nine (9) Library locations are the Spicewood Springs, Cepeda, Manchaca Road, Pleasant Hill, Howson, Milwood, Old Quarry, Yarborough, and Oak Hill branch libraries. Although the two newest branches, North Village and Twin Oaks, opened with security camera surveillance systems in place, APL has now replaced their digital video recorders (DVRs) with newer network video recorders (NVRs) in order to make their monitoring more compatible with the rest of the department's protective services operations. APL has previously received conditional approval from the Public Works Department (PWD) for the asbestos and lead-in-paint remediation work necessary prior to the installation of any equipment. However, APL and PWD has commissioned a testing lab and consultant to collect samples in order that a more definitive survey report might be generated regarding asbestos and/or lead containing materials found in the path of the Library Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project. Material samples were successfully taken between August 12th and August 16th at each of the nine branch library work sites. Following analysis of the samples, the Austin Public Library and the Quality and Standards Management Divisions (QSMD) Division of Public Works concluded that three of the nine branch library sites might well require hazardous materials remediation before the work of installing the security camera system can proceed. However, following further investigative activities conducted in February, it was determined that only the Old Quarry and Yarborough branches will require asbestos abatement. The Austin Public Library and the Public Works Department have now finalized a contract for both a remediation consultant and a remediation contractor so that this remediation process can take place, on February 19th; the necessary notification

was submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for approval prior to work commencing. The approval was granted, and remediation was started and completed on March 7th as scheduled. Work related to this project has now been completed at the Pleasant Hill, Spicewood Springs, Will Hampton at Oak Hill, Howson and Manachaca Road branch libraries. Now that asbestos containing materials have been cleared from the path of construction at the Old Quarry and Yarborough branches, the installation of security cameras needed at those sites is expected to be wrapped up by April 25th. The co-located Cepeda Branch and the Zaragoza Warehouse are the only Library facilities remaining to be outfitted with a full complement of security cameras and upgraded controls software. Final installation is anticipated by the end of April with testing to follow in early May.

**Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:** The project's Design Phase requires that the Library Facilities Services Division obtain the services of an architectural firm for the City of Austin's pre-approved rotation list of architectural consultants. The Library's request for an architect from this rotation list was granted by the Contract Management Department and the architectural firm of Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture met with the project manager and a detailed scope of work for the project was developed. Library Facilities Services' project manager, working in conjunction with the City's Interdepartmental Sustainability Working Group (ISWG) has determined that the Milwood Renovation Project does not meet the baseline criteria for Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification as it consists primarily of an interior remodel. As the project is not a LEED candidate per Municipal Building LEED Resolution 20071129-045, it will follow the LEED Commercial Interiors scorecard as the baseline template for the work involved. The Library Department and the consultant architects and their sub-consultants have now refined the scope of work for an accurate professional services agreement. A proposal of fees from the consultant architects has been reviewed and accepted by the Austin Public Library, and the Small Minority Business Resource Department is currently reviewing the consultants' Compliance Plan. A formal acceptance of the professional service agreement will be established through issuance of Notice To Proceed by the Contract Management Department. The Austin Public Library anticipates having an executed service agreement by the end of April, 2014.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** On April 3rd, Stanley Consultants, Inc., was assigned by the Contract Management Department to provide professional services as required to replace the existing roof, replace/upgrade the HVAC system and carry out interior renovations at the Pleasant Hill Branch Library. As the engineering prime firm, Stanley Consultants, Inc., and their key sub-consultants are now meeting with the project manager from the Library Facilities Services Division to discuss the services that are to be provided on this assignment in more detail.

**RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project:** By April 4th, Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) security gates and Self-check units were installed and related circulation desk modifications carried out at the Spicewood Springs

Branch Library. Library Facilities Services and Library Information Services staff are now coordinating with personnel at the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill in an effort to install RFID security gates and Self-check units, and making any associated modifications necessary, at that facility on April 24th. The Milwood Branch Library staff are continuing to tag their collection with RFID protection strips in anticipation of RFID security gates and Self-check units being provided at their location.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** The Austin Public Library has authorized the hiring of a surveyor team to survey and compose field notes for the property desired for this parking lot expansion project. The process to hire the Civil Engineer and associated sub-consultants needed to design and oversee the construction of the parking lot expansion has also been initiated.

**Terrazas Branch Library:** On April 17th, the Austin City Council approved on consent of a resolution directing the City Manager to conduct a parking occupancy study of the parking lot serving the Terrazas Branch Library and to make excess capacity available to the public at large or nearby businesses, and to work with the neighborhood on ways to use the property more efficiently in the long term, such as for affordable housing or other uses, while integrating parking for that library branch.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming and Outreach**

- On March 5, Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs gave a presentation to the 3rd grade class at Pease Elementary School.
- On March 12, Manager Mike Miller presented "Eyewitness to an Emerging Texas: Governor E.M. Pease" at the Summit at Westlake Hills Independent Living Center.
- On March 26, the AHC held the opening reception for the exhibit "Backwards in High Heels." Over 70 people attended the event. Travis County Clerk Amalia Rodriguez-Mendoza delivered the opening remarks, recounting her political career, inspirations, and obstacles. Chef Gregory Dishman from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts provided the refreshments, an assortment of foods based on recipes from the kitchens of governors Ma Ferguson and Ann Richards.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 6 collections, Austin, TX. Boards and Commissions. Boards and Commission Process Review Task Force Records, Grooms Addition Conservancy Records, Austin, TX. Boards and Commissions. Design Commission Records, Austin, TX. Boards and Commissions. Housing Authority Records, Austin, TX. Boards and Commissions. Parks and Recreation Board Records, and Austin, TX. Boards and Commissions. Water and Wastewater Commission and the finding aids were placed online. Also, additions to 2 collections were processed and the finding aids updated. EAD encoded finding aids for the collections are on the Internet at the TARO website at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).

### **Exhibits**

- The AHC opened a new photo exhibit in the David

Earl Holt Photo Gallery: "Latinas in the Shadow of the Live Music Capital of the World: Queremos Realizar Nuestra Musica Para Usted." The exhibit gives recognition to local Latina singers, musicians and other Latinas who are or have been part of the local music scene since the early twentieth century to the present but whose presence has not been totally documented or preserved in the annals of Austin's music history. The exhibit recognizes 25 local Latinas and will consist of photographs, biographies and other documents that showcase their presence in various genres of Austin's music scene. As part of the exhibit, a kiosk containing musical recordings by 14 of the women featured in the exhibit will be also be available in the Gallery. It opened April 8, 2014 and runs through September 11, 2014.

- The AHC, in partnership with the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at UT, will participate in a new exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. The exhibit, called "When Austin Got Weird," will feature early Austin music posters and document the growing Live Music culture in Austin in the late 1960s and early 1970s. It will coincide with the arrival of a large traveling exhibit, "1968," that opens at the Bullock in June. Several items from the AHC collections will be featured.

### **Publications**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book about the 90th anniversary of St. David's Hospital, the KLRU documentary Austin Revealed: Civil Rights Stories, an Austin American Statesman article about the Civil rights movement in Austin, an online story about Jackie Robinson's season as a basketball coach in Austin, and for public display at Art+Artisans and Southwest Strategies Group.

### **Upcoming Events**

- May 17, 2:00 PM, AHC: Meet the Author: Ricky Stein, author of Sonobeat Records: Pioneering the Austin Sound in the '60s.
- June 11, 6:30 PM, AHC: Panel discussion with Carole Keeton and Wilhelmina Delco about their lives and political careers, moderated by St. Edward's professor Paula Marks.
- July 19, 2:00 PM, AHC: Screening of the new documentary Austin Revealed: Civil Rights Stories and discussion with the filmmakers.
- September 3. 6:00 PM, Scholz Garden: Reprisal of the AHC's "Beer Garden Social." In partnership with Esther's Follies, the evening program will be a celebration of Ann Richards' career.

## **Youth Services**

The Youth Services Division hired a temporary Video Production Specialist to work with a team of library staff to create a series of educational PSAs on easy ways for parents to incorporate early literacy into every day. The videos will be posted to a new early-literacy focused portion of the library website in July of 2014.

Celia Holm, Youth Services Librarian II, participated in a roundtable sponsored by the Department of English and E3W at UT on the "intersection between children's literature, community engagement, and the politics of representation." Other panelists were Dr. Domino Perez, Department of English, UT, author of There Was a Woman:

La Llorona from Folklore to Popular Culture, Dr. Julia Mickenberg, Department of American Studies, UT, who is the author of Learning from The Left: Children's Literature, the Cold War, and Radical Politics in the United States (2006) and recently the co-editor of The Oxford Handbook of Children's Literature (2011). Dr. Mia Carter from the English Department was the moderator. Celia's part of the panel was to talk about how she works with the families that come into the branches. She spoke about helping them find the books they were interested in, how she goes about suggesting titles and why she chooses the books she suggests. Celia also brought examples of the many questions she gets through email, on the floor and at the programs she hosts. They also discussed the perpetual lack of diversity in children's and teen books in light of the articles in the New York Times from Walter Dean Myers and his son Christopher Myers.

Patti Cook, Managing Librarian in Youth Services, was selected to serve on the Texas Library Association's Children's Round Table 2x2 Reading List Committee. Patti will serve a two-year term.

## **Grants**

The Texas Book Festival awarded the George Washington Carver Branch Library with \$2500 to be used for collection enhancement at the April 2014 Texas Library Association conference. This funding will refresh the African American literature collection providing replacement copies for worn materials as well as fill gaps in the history and biography sections of the African American collection.

The Carver Branch Library is one of a few sites providing comprehensive resources on African-American history in the community. The collection contains books and archival media on topics concerning African-American history, music, biographies, and popular culture, as well as artifacts that were donated by a private donor, Sue Brandt McBee. Promotion of the Texas Book Festival grant award and additions to the collection is centered on three events. First is the announcement to the community using the annual Juneteenth community celebration as a marketing event for the award. Second, is the African American Book Festival which provides another June opportunity for the Library to promote and announce the award and, third is the ribbon cutting unveiling of the new books displayed in the Library. The display will acknowledge the Texas Book Festival. The theme envisioned is "George Washington Carver Branch Library Special Collections –Restoring and Rejuvenating the Special Collections." In addition to the book display created for the unveiling event, artifacts from the Sue Brandt McBee Collection of African-American Culture will be displayed, further highlighting the entire Special Collection. The goal is to promote the use of the materials and celebrate the Special Collection at the Carver Branch Library while acknowledging contributors. Advertising for the events will occur inside and outside the Library.

## **Recycled Reads**

March revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$15,100 and over 4,400 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 220 people, and almost 1000 people attended events.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 250 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 36 pallets of discarded materials. Staff received 20 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 44 pallets of materials representing almost 65,000 items at the bookstore. Over 20 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

ASR	5
AWP	5
AYB	5
AOK	4
AOQ	4
APH	4
ANV	3
ASE	2
ASJ	2
ATO	2
AWK	2
AHO	1
AMI	1

**Volunteer Services**

March 2014 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	183
March - Volunteer hours	1551.35
Volunteer Value*	\$22.14
	<b>\$ 34,165.69</b>

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit <http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

**March Policy Violations**

29	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
28	Disturbing others using the Library
20	Sleeping in the Library
12	Using obscene language
11	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
11	Disorderly conduct
7	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
7	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
7	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
6	Entering unauthorized area
6	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
5	Violating Internet Policy
5	Leaving personal belongings unattended
4	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
4	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
3	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
2	Fighting
2	Indecent exposure
2	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
2	Unintended use of restrooms
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Smoking in the Library
1	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
1	Soliciting and panhandling
1	Strong Odor
1	Destruction of Library property
1	Public Lewdness
<b>187</b>	<b>Total</b>

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**Locations # of Incidents**

ATB	30
ACE	28
ACP	10
ARZ	10
AUH	10
ALW	8
ACB	6
AMR	6