

## Highlights

- City of Austin Budget: September 8-9-10- three readings of the FY 2014-2015 budget.
- The Faulk Central Library will host the finale event of the 2014 Mayor's Book Club Saturday, September 27 2-3:30 PM. Author Elizabeth Crook will read from *Monday, Monday* and answer audience questions about the novel. In conjunction with the finale event, participants will have the opportunity to have a Geek the Library photograph taken (please remember to wear black.)
- September 3, 6 PM, Scholz Garten: the AHC will host a "Beer Garden Social." In partnership with Esther's Follies, the evening program will be a celebration of Ann Richards' career.
- Join the Austin Public Library, Texas Performing Arts at UT and the Humanities Institute at UT for Canine Soldiers, a presentation and discussion about military service dogs, on Thursday, September 4 from 6:30-8 PM at the Carver Branch.
- Join the Yarborough Branch on Tuesday, September 9, 6:30-7 PM *Hummingbirds of Central Texas*, to find out how to attract these beautiful birds to your garden and Wednesday, September 10, 6:30-7 PM, *Gardening for Birds*, to learn gardening strategies to attract birds.

## Facilities Services

**New Central Library Project:** Despite the oppressive heat this month, construction of the New Central Library continued apace. Formwork construction, installation of reinforcement steel and placement of concrete will soon be finished at the second level of the underground parking garage. Deck placement for the first floor of the building will start this month following completion of the second parking garage level. Discussions are taking place now between the contractor and the designers regarding the feasibility of using a seamless form for the columns on the levels above the parking garage in order to achieve a cleaner finish. At the Shoal Creek bridge, the contractor is continuing to place concrete for the west abutment, and the wing walls and back walls are nearing completion, which will allow site work to commence. A wing wall is a short section of wall set at an angle to a bridge abutment to serve as a retaining wall. At the moment, the main issue for the bridge construction portion of the project is the procurement and delivery of the tub girders, the principal steel beams that will be used to span the creek, and the possible impact on the schedule. The architects are continuing to work with their life/safety sub-consultant to modify the fire/smoke evacuation plans for the building. Once the Austin Fire Department accepts these revised plans, the full building construction permit will be issued. The project schedule for the New Central Library has been established as follows:

- ~ August 2013 ~ Site Development Permit received
- ~ August 2013 ~ Construction Begins

- ~ February 2014 ~ Garage Building Permit received
- ~ August 2014 ~ Complete Building Permit received
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

**Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:** The Communications Technology Management and Library Departments have approved final acceptance for Phase II of this project (the installation of exterior security camera systems at the Spicewood Springs, Cepeda, Manchaca Road, Pleasant Hill, Howson, Milwood, Old Quarry, Yarborough, and Oak Hill branch libraries). Closeout of Phase II will initiate the warranty period for the installed equipment and the contractor's installation work. Phase III of the project will begin shortly and consist of software upgrades, providing additional cameras, and replacing older equipment such as DVRs and obsolete cameras.

**Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:** The consultant architects have completed their compilation of programming requirements for this renovation project and an in-depth review of the as-built drawings for the facility. Schematic Design Documents have now been submitted by the consultant architects to the City of Austin for review, corrections and comments by the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Division and the Library Department. The consultants are now putting their efforts into the next phase of development for an architectural project, the Design Development Phase. Design Development is a transitional phase in which the design progresses from the Schematic to the Construction Document Phase. During the Design Development Phase, the architects prepare drawings and other presentation documents to crystallize the design concept and describe it in terms of architectural, electrical, mechanical and structural systems. A preliminary cost estimate of the construction was performed by a third party estimating firm during the Schematic Design Phase which indicates that the project is well within budget. As a consequence, the Library Department moved forward with an HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) controls upgrade at the Milwood Branch Library. Much of the controls retrofit work was carried out during August, and the punch list of contractual items remaining to be completed is anticipated to be received before the end of the month. Staff training for the new controls is scheduled to be provided in September. This HVAC controls upgrade is part of a Facilities Services master plan to combine all Library buildings into one comprehensive and compatible mechanical controls system, allowing for real-time tracking and troubleshooting of interior climate control issues throughout the department. The data gathered from the new "smart building" controls system is anticipated to yield equipment performance information and potential opportunities to realize greater energy efficiency cost savings. Some samples taken of existing building materials at the Milwood Branch Library have tested positive for the

presence of lead beyond the accepted threshold level by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards. This development will require that the Milwood Branch Library be closed to the public on Saturday, August 30, to allow select demolition and further testing to be conducted.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** Texas Energy Engineering Services, Inc. (TEESI) has been hired by the Library Department to provide building commissioning services for this project. Building commissioning (Cx) is the process of verifying in construction that all building subsystems such as mechanical (HVAC), plumbing, electrical, fire/life safety, building envelope, lighting and building security will achieve the owner's project requirements as intended by the building owner and as designed by the project engineers and architects. The draft Quality Control Plan for the project was received by the City of Austin from Stanley Consultants on August 19th, and the consultants' Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the project is scheduled for completion by August 26.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** The City of Austin Contract Management Division has received the Quality Control Plan (QCP) for this project from the consultant civil engineers. A Quality Control Plan is, essentially, a written description of the measures that will be taken during a design process to control variations within acceptable limits. This document describes procedures and guidelines for implementing quality control on the University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project. The purpose of the QCP is to facilitate the preparation of accurate and complete high quality drawings, calculations and related documents furnished under the consultants' scope of work by establishing and implementing procedures, responsibilities and relationships for all members of the Project Design Team. The consultants have responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of the contract documents, and it is the intention of the Library Department that they provide a professional product that is understandable, reliable and technically complete, in compliance with regulatory constraints and City of Austin standards.

## **Austin History Center** **Programming and Outreach**

- On July 1, Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs gave a presentation about the AHC to the Northwest Area Kiwanis Club, 20 members attended the event and the feedback was all positive. The club also made a \$50 donation to the Center.
- On Saturday, July 19, the AHC hosted a book talk and presentation with Carole Wilson, author of a new book about Governors Ma and Pa Ferguson. Wilson spoke to an audience of 25 about their troubled and controversial administrations, with a special emphasis on their role in the suffrage movement and supporting women in politics.
- On July 29, local author Richard Zelade gave a presentation about Austin's notorious Guytown, the area of southwest downtown that used to be home to Austin's saloons, gambling houses, and brothels. He entertained a crowd of 90 people with stories of the rise and fall of the

seedier side of Austin's history.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 1 collection, the Central East Austin Community Organization, Inc., Records, and 2 photograph collections, the Froman Glass Plate Negatives and the Haenel Family Photograph Collection, and the finding aids were placed online. Also, additions and updates to 6 other collections were completed. 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**

- Work is well underway for the next two exhibits at the Center. In December, the City will be celebrating its Terquasquicentennial, or 175th birthday, and the AHC will have an exhibit about the founding of the capital city in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery. The exhibit will open in late September. The next exhibit in the lobby and hallway will be about Austin during the Civil War and Reconstruction and is scheduled for early December. This exhibit is timed to close with the end of the National Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015).

### **Publications**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming books about Ben Thompson, *Paper Atlantis: Postcards, Mass Art and the American Scene* (UT Press), and *Head Shops and Whole Foods: Radical Retailers in the 1960s and Beyond* (Columbia University Press). The AHC also contributed to an article appearing in the *Alcalde Magazine*, a news story on KXAN about two police officers killed in the line of duty in the 1910s, an AIPP High Water Mark Public Art project, the South Central Waterfront report, and a website about the Servant Girl Murders.

### **Grants**

- The Texas State Library and Archives Commission awarded the AHC a \$20,000 Tex Treasures grant for a project to process the Niles Graham Pease Papers (AR.A.001). This grant, combined with a generous gift of \$35,000 from the AHCA, will allow the Center to hire a 1-year, full time project archivist to completely process and catalog the Pease Papers. Additionally, the project calls for selections from the collection to be digitized and made available online. The project is expected to be completed by September 1, 2015.

### **Upcoming Events**

- September 3, 6 PM, Scholz Garten: Reprisal of the AHC's "Beer Garten Social." In partnership with Esther's Follies, the evening program will be a celebration of Ann Richards' career.
- September 21, 2 PM, AHC. Author program with Debra Winegarten, author of *Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinetmaker, Philanthropist*. This is also Austin Museum Day.
- October 7, 6:30 PM, AHC Author program with Carole Sikes, author of *Hudson Bend and the Birth of Lake Travis*.
- October 19, 2-6 PM, Spider House Ballroom. The AHC is co-sponsoring, along with other area archival repositories, the first annual Austin Archives Bazaar

## **Central Library Services** **Reference/Programming**

- On August 25, the new Zines collection featuring local

Zines will be installed on the 2nd floor in the periodicals section. Zines [ZEENS]:are informal, independent, often homemade publications devoted to unconventional topics and creative self-expression.

- Beginning September 3, the Faulk Central Library will offer a job lab every Wednesday 3-4 PM. The Wednesday job lab is in addition to the current Tuesday and Thursday job labs. Librarians can assist with job searching, resume creation, and cover letter writing.
- Night Crafters, an adult craft program, will debut in September. It will be held in the Faulk Events Center on the 2nd floor the last Monday of the month from 6-7:30 PM
- In partnership with Texas Department of State Health Services, The Faulk Central Library—along with Carver, North Village, Ruiz, and City Hall—will host AIDS Memorial quilts on loan from the Names Project Foundation. The twelve foot by twelve foot quilt will be on display August 18-21 near the front entrance of the Faulk Central Library.
- Intergalactic Nemesis—a live action graphic novel—will perform a sneak peek of their show Sunday, August 24 at 3 PM The show is titled Intergalactic Nemesis: Twin Infinity and combines a traditional radio play with the performance of the live-action graphic novel. The performance provides the community with a free sneak peek before the show's Long Center performances in September.
- The Stacks project kiosk will travel to nine Austin Public Library locations before making its permanent home at the New Central Library. Currently at the Carver Branch it will move to the Faulk Central Library in November. The interactive kiosk housed at the Austin Public Library asks citizens to express thoughts, experiences, concerns or questions about our rapidly growing neighborhoods and city. The Stacks provides a platform through which the three founding entities: the Austin Office of Sustainability, the Austin Public Library and the UT Center for Sustainable Development, with their partners across Austin, can facilitate shared learning and democratic conversations across our rapidly growing city about how we want to grow. Funding comes from the Surdna Foundation and the National Endowment of the Arts.

## **Branch Services**

A special Geek the Library photo op was held at Twin Oaks on July 14th. Customers were able to get their pictures taken and tell the world what they geek.

Southeast's second "Friday Family Fun Movie Fest" was a wild success, and Youth Services staff helped Branch staff by passing out tickets so that they would not exceed the legal limits of our meeting rooms. Eighty-seven audience members enjoyed the animated movie, "Frozen," and free lemonade and popcorn on July 11.

The Windsor Park Book Club had 8 readers at the meeting on July 8 discussing The Great Gatsby by F Scott Fitzgerald.

## **Youth Services**

ACYS provided storytime training sessions on Monday, August 18. The training sessions were for Book Spring which did a massive day-long training for Child, Inc. The library presented four 45-minute sessions – two in the

morning between 8 AM and noon and two in the afternoon between noon and 4 PM. Each session included about 50 child care providers.

In July, ACYS presented a special teen program at Ruiz Branch called Warning: Loud noises: Rock Band Battle of the Bands program! Kids showed up solo to join a band, or came with their own band to play the video games Rock Band 1 and 2! This was a true music tournament—showmanship and style added to the game score, so costumes and theatrics were encouraged! The program was great success!

## **Grants**

### **Edge Implementation Reimbursement Program:**

APL acquired adaptive equipment through the Edge Implementation Reimbursement Program funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. The program has funded large type MAGIC keyboards for all locations and some BIGtrack trackballs which enable persons who have difficulty with fine motor skills to better use computers. At the Faulk Central Library, Open Book stand-alone software and a Pearl Camera will be installed to help people reading along with two 24" computer monitors.

This equipment furthers a portion of the Library's Edge Action Plan which outlines actions the Library will take to improve service to customers with disabilities. The Library recently concluded a focus group community assessment to gather feedback about ways the Library can assist customers with disabilities in learning about services and using services, programs, equipment and library resources.

**Mobile Solutions Subsidy:** Carver Branch and the Willie Mae Kirk Branch are receiving equipment that will further the ability of staff to train customers in how to use their mobile technology to use the resources of APL including databases, some which are provided through the TexShare program, and other virtual library resources provided in increasing numbers from the library. The Library offers many resources, but not all customers are familiar with how to download or access them with mobile devices they may already own or plan to purchase. The \$15,000 provided in this program allows the library to help customers learn how to access these resources. Both branches will receive tablet and laptop devices as well as equipment that will facilitate small group training.

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services through a grant to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

**Upcoming Grants for September 1, 2014:** Connect-4-Literacy And More has been funded for a second year. Working through CTLS, Inc., the APL and the Austin Independent School District will conduct the 2nd year of work to keep children reading throughout the year as well as encourage use of the public library resources, particularly over the summer months. Three branch libraries Twin Oaks, Carver, and Little Walnut Creek will work with Dawson, Becker, Blackshear, and Graham

elementary schools on this project. This project is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (2015).

The Tex Treasures grant will fund a temporary archivist to process the Pease- Graham- Niles Papers (AR.A.001). The collection dates from the 1830s to the 1930s, with the bulk of the collection dating from the 1850s to the 1880s.

This large collection measures approximately 140 linear feet, consisting primarily of letters and documents, but it also includes diaries, ledgers, photographs and photo albums, home movies, and published material including the holdings of the Pease library, which was part of the original donation to the Austin History Center from the families. This collection has national significance as well as statewide importance. The collection provides documentation describing westward migration through the writings of Pease and his wife Lucadia as they made their trips from Connecticut to Texas, southern history and politics, secession, the Civil War, and Reconstruction, particularly in Texas.

\$20,000 in funding will be provided to the Austin History Center from the Institute of Museum and Library Services through the Texas State Library and Archives Commission under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act (2015). The Austin History Center Association is providing up to \$35,000 toward this processing project.

### **Recycled Reads**

July revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$15,035 and over 4,375 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 232 people, and over 260 people attended events.

More than twenty volunteers on average, donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 38 pallets of discarded materials. Staff received 24 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 43 pallets of materials representing almost 59,000 items at the bookstore. Over 23 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

Staff continues to work with the Legal Department to Trademark the Recycled Reads name.

### **Volunteer Services**

July 2014 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	200
July - Volunteer hours	2342.47
Volunteer Value*	\$22.55
	<b>\$ 52,822.70</b>

### **July Policy Violations**

32	Disturbing others using the Library
29	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property

25	Sleeping in the Library
18	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
10	Disorderly conduct
9	Violating Internet Policy
8	Using obscene language
8	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
7	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
6	Destruction of Library property
6	Appropriate clothing is required
5	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
5	Entering unauthorized area
5	Violating Internet Policy
5	Bringing animals into the Library
5	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
4	Fighting
4	Leaving personal belongings unattended
3	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
3	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
3	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
3	Unintended use of restrooms
3	Appropriate clothing is required
1	Indecent exposure
1	Public Lewdness
4	Strong Odor
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
<b>198</b>	<b>Total</b>

### **Locations # of Incidents**

ACE	45
ATB	25
ARZ	18
ALW	13
ACP	12
APH	9
AMR	8
ASE	7
AWP	5
AOQ	4
ASR	4
ASJ	4
ATO	4
AWK	4
AYB	3
ACB	2
AOK	2
ANV	2
AUH	2
AHC	1
AHO	1

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

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