

## Highlights

- August 27 Budget/Tax Rate Public Hearing  
September 8-10 Budget/Tax Rate Adoption
- The 2015 Mayor's Book Club features John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Read the book and join us for programs in the Fall. Austin Opera will perform Carlisle Floyd's unique operatic adaptation of the novella in January of 2016.
- The 2015 Summer Reading Program runs through August 31; a listing of events can be found at <http://library.austintexas.gov/asrp>
- August 26, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center. Screening of *La Loma (Or the Place Sometimes Called Hungry Hill)*, followed by a panel discussion of the documentary.
- August 30, 3 PM, Faulk Central Library, *The Game Before the Money*, Author Jackson Michael discusses the NFL through the eyes of 40 legends from the 1930s to the 1970s.
- September 16, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center. Opening Reception for "Making the Grade: Austin's First Public Schools."
- It is now possible to pay fines online at <https://library.payments.austintexas.gov/pay/>

## Facilities Services

**New Central Library Project:** Ongoing construction activities at the New Central Library at this time include installation of the building's full complement of six elevators as well as application of the white membrane roof. White roofs, also known as cool roofs, are constructed of light-colored materials to reflect heat, unlike dark roofs such as those made of asphalt or tar, which absorb heat and drive up air-conditioning costs in order to offset the heat gain. Installing a reflective white roof on the New Central Library will save energy and money. Weekly interior coordination meetings are now occurring and are imperative to coordinate the installation of the many interior building systems and minimize negative schedule impacts. Photovoltaic array design documents have been forwarded to Austin Energy for their review, along with the consultant-created energy model for the New Central Library. The next two benchmarks for the project will be the startup of permanent power and achieving substantial dry-in for the building. A news release was issued on August 3rd to the effect that the City of Austin is seeking a tenant to operate a full-service cafe at the New Central Library, now scheduled to open in November, 2016. The café, which will have its own entrance on West 2nd Street and includes a large covered patio, is expected to serve breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. A catering kitchen is also provided to serve the many events anticipated for Austin's "library for the future." 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

- ~ October 2014 ~ Complete Building Permit received
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

**Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:** On June 12th, the project's design team submitted drawings detailing the recently required remodeling of the branch library's restrooms to meet 2012 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Accessibility Guidelines to the Quality Standards Management Division (QSMD) of the Public Works Department. The Library Department had originally intended to make these architectural modifications during the future expansion project planned for the facility, since floor slope modifications, relocation of plumbing fixtures and moving of walls are necessary to achieve compliance to the enhanced ADA guidelines. Comments were returned by QSMD on July 21st, and throughout the last half of July, the consultant architects worked hard to provide the responses that would ultimately be forwarded to Contract Management Department for review. CMD ruled initially that the construction delivery method for the project had to be the lengthy Invitation for Bid (IFB) process, but has since granted the Library Department use of a more expedient Job Order Contract (JOC) assignment for the renovation of the Milwood Branch Library facility. The Contractor is now in the process of visiting the site and reviewing the construction documents to gain a thorough understanding of the scope of the project prior to submitting his proposal to perform the work, while concurrently, issuance of building and appropriate trade permits are being sought by the consultant architects. The following project developments should be noted:

- Restorative work was initiated on May 11th for the concrete Water Quality Pond structure located beneath the Milwood Branch Library's parking lot, and
- Sidewalk improvements were completed on June 1st to fully satisfy ADA Accessibility guidelines for site access to the facility, and
- A retrofit of Voice/Data cabling is being carried out in partnership with the Communications Technology Management (CTM) Department at this time in order to upgrade to Category 6 network cable (CAT 6) which is the recognized standard for cabling infrastructure, featuring more stringent, high performance specifications for crosstalk and system noise, and
- Procurement procedures to acquire new furniture for the Milwood Branch Library were initiated this month so that the branch library will have a completely new inventory of various types of seating and tables.
- On June 23rd, the Austin City Council authorized the award, negotiation and execution of a 36-month contract with LAPTOPSANYTIME to provide a laptop and tablet distribution system for use at the Milwood Branch Library, including maintenance and support. During the renovation, the service model will be adapted to include providing customers with 30 additional laptop and tablet computing devices via an automated self-service dispensing kiosk. The self-service kiosk will allow for

circulation of multiple types of computers as well as the running of various operating systems (Windows, Chrome OS, OS X, and IOS) to meet a variety of customer needs.

Due to the remodel of the restrooms being mandated for the project, coupled with a longer QSMD review process, the reopening the Milwood Branch Library is now anticipated for February of 2016 rather than December of 2015, as originally hoped. The converted meeting room now serving the community as a "pocket library" at the Milwood Branch will not close at the end of this month as planned but will continue operations through the end of September. The Library Department is currently purchasing a bookmobile which will be used to provide interim library services to the Milwood area after the closing of the pocket library and prior to the reopening of the thoroughly renovated facility.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** As soon as the principal engineer returns from vacation, a meeting will need to be conducted between his consultant engineering firm, the Library Department, and the Quality Standards Management Division of the Public Works Department regarding some issues that have arisen concerning the Professional Engineering Report (PER) performed for this project. These issues will need to be resolved prior to the Design Phase of the project being allowed to proceed. In a related project development, the sub-consultant architects have produced a draft drawing for the new furniture, equipment and shelving layout for the building. This drawing is now being reviewed by the Library Department so that minor corrections can be made.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** The City of Austin's Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) continues to move forward with the land acquisition required to expand the University Hills Branch Library parking lot. The Library Department, in the meantime, has been in liaison with the Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Development Department to commission a work of art for the University Branch Library site through the Art In Public Places (AIPP) Program. Based on feedback gained during a series of community meetings conducted by AIPP staff and the APL project manager during the month of July, the goals for the artwork project were revised and an updated Prospectus was presented to the AIPP Panel on August 3rd. The AIPP Panel voted to approve the Prospectus, and the next step will be to present the Prospectus to the Arts Commission on August 17th. An informational meeting for artists interested in the project is currently being planned for September 16th.

**Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:** The construction documents for this project are very close to being 100% complete, and the consultant engineers are expected to submit these drawings and specifications to the Library Department for review by August 21st. The Library Department and its consultant engineers presented a Project Design Information Meeting to the community on July 30th to explain the nature of the repair work needing to be performed. On August 18th, the Dove Springs area neighborhoods held a meeting at the Southeast Austin

Community Branch to discuss how branch library programs might continue to be offered to the community while the facility is closed to allow construction activities to proceed safely. Representatives were in attendance from the Library Department, the Parks and Recreation Department and Austin Independent School District, and much brainstorming was conducted to see how interim library services might be provided at the nearby recreation center and schools while the branch library is unavailable. One of the most popular and promising prospects for providing temporary library services to the area was the Library Department's ongoing acquisition of a bookmobile to serve just this purpose while branches are being renovated. Other ideas discussed were providing a computer lab at an area school for community use and conducting youth library programming in rooms at the Dove Springs Recreation Center.

**Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project:** The Professional Engineering Report (PER) for the Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade has been approved by the Library Department and forwarded to the Quality Standards Management Division of the Public Works Department. However, the Contract Management Department (CMD) has determined that this project exceeds the limitations of the Job Order Contract (JOC) program, based on their emerging departmental philosophy that job order contracts should typically be used for well-defined, recurring or repetitive work where quick execution is essential and not for single projects. Therefore, the construction delivery method for the Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade project will be Invitation for Bid (IFB), oftentimes referred to as the Design/Bid/Build approach. The IFB project delivery method is thought of as the traditional method by most people in the construction industry, and many owner organizations, particularly in the public sector, continue to be oriented primarily to this method. The Library's professional project manager has met with the consultant engineers to initiate the repackaging of the project for the Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. Due to the mandated reclassification of this project from JOC to IFB, the consultant engineers will need to revise their design proposal and those revisions are now underway.

**Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project:** A Schematic Design Review Meeting was held for customers at the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill on July 21st. Having confirmed the project requirements with the Austin Public Library, the consultant architects presented their conceptual drawings in an informal manner to the attendees to illustrate the scale and relationship of the project's components. The schematic drawings were well received by the community and the consensus was to continue developing the conceptual approach presented for the renovation. The improvements planned include replacing the roof and skylights along with the facility's worn interior finishes, furniture, fixtures and equipment. The mechanical (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning), electrical and plumbing systems will also be modernized and otherwise upgraded. Architectural modifications are also anticipated to ensure that the building is in compliance with recently enhanced Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. The consultant architects are now

working to compile 30% complete design documents for review by the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department. Once approvals are received, the consultants will create 60% complete design drawings to be presented to the community for review and comments.

### **Austin History Center Interior and Exterior**

**Improvements Project:** The consultant assignment for the Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project was awarded to Limbacher & Godfrey Architects by the Contract Management Department, at the specific request of the Library Department. It was subsequently decided by Library Facilities Services that a preliminary architectural scope report should be performed prior to proceeding with design of the project. Serving much the same function as a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), the preliminary scope report will provide a description of building needs to be addressed, projections of future needs, and descriptions of alternative renovation solutions, including cost estimates for each alternative. In early meetings with the architects, Library Facilities Services spoke to its preference of utilizing open invitation for construction bidding as the construction delivery method for this particular project, with City of Austin prequalification restrictions. Prequalification is a method of determining bidder responsibility and expertise. As this project is a renovation of a historic building, prequalification is recommended to restrict the bidding to a group of bidders meeting predetermined responsibility and expertise standards in the area of historic preservation work. The Library Department has accepted the proposal from Limbacher & Godfrey Architects to perform the preliminary scope report, and Notice to Proceed (NTP) with the work was issued by the Contract Management Department (CMD). The preliminary scoping of work and documentation of as-built drawings is currently anticipated to take sixty (60) working days. A meeting to review this report was held on June 19th in order to prioritize the scope of work for this historic building. Additional research is now underway to establish the feasibility of reproducing certain historical detailing, primarily for the building's interiors. The City of Austin Asbestos, Lead & Mold Group (ALMG) is now seeking a proposal for the lead-based paint abatement necessary in order for the building's wrought iron balconies to be refurbished. A preliminary cost estimate for the abatement has been received, but the Library Department requires a comprehensive proposal from a rotation list abatement contractor before a completed scope of consultant architectural work can be confirmed.

### **Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs**

**Project:** The Library Department has approved the Professional Engineering Report (PER) proposal from the consultant engineers assigned to this project. Heavy equipment will be used at the site, beginning on August 26th, to perform the Soil Testing required for the Geotechnical Soils Investigative Report. The Soil Testing will take approximately three to four business days to complete and will be carried out in phases so that safe conditions for both Library customers and staff can be maintained during the process of utilizing heavy equipment on-site. The PER will provide the technical explanation needed to understand the existing building settling situation, analyze any corrective alternatives, and propose a specific action plan based upon the most

reasonable solution. The PER will also provide a cost summary for the preferred alternative, including an itemized estimate of the project administration and construction costs based on the anticipated period of construction. The PER should include adequate documentation, using technical supporting information (reports, studies, lab analyses, etc., as necessary), to describe how the project will be implemented and any special concerns regarding implementation, and provide a project schedule.

### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility**

**Improvement Project:** In order to acquire a Professional Engineering Report (PER), consultants from the Architectural Rotation List have been assigned to this project, which is intended to make Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements at the entrance of the Little Walnut Creek Branch Library. By way of background, Rotation List contracts allow the City of Austin to always have a group of qualified consultants available to perform a specific type of recurring work, as well as expedite the selection of the consultants to meet the project needs of the various City departments. An on-site meeting of the consultant architects, sub-consultant engineers and involved Library staff was held on August 13th to discuss the Scope of Work (SOW) and all other information required to create the requisite PER. The consultants are currently composing their proposal to the Library Department for their performance of all tasks necessary to research and compile the PER document.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming & Outreach**

- On July 17, AHC Manager Mike Miller gave a presentation, "Divided City: Austin During the Civil War," to the Texas Historical Foundation. 40 board members of the Foundation were present for the presentation.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 1 collection, the Austin (Tex.) City Council Emma Long Papers, and placed EAD encoded finding aid for the collection on the Internet at the TARO website. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).
- Among the recent donations to the AHC is a collection of scrapbooks from Jim Maloy, a long-time theater projectionist in Austin. The collection documents the history of Austin theaters from the 1970s to the 2000s as well as information about the Feature Film Service. The AHC also received a donation of photographs from the Ebenezer Baptist Church.

### **Publications**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming books about the Charles Whitman shootings and the history of Laguna Gloria, news stories in the Austin American-Statesman about high schools named after Confederate veterans and the history of printing presses, documentary films about ACTV and the new 10-1 council structure, and a KXAN news story about leaky pipes.

### **Upcoming Programs**

- August 26, 6:30 PM, AHC. Screening of *La Loma (Or the Place Sometimes Called Hungry Hill)*, followed by a panel discussion of the documentary.
- September 16, 6:30 PM, AHC. Opening Reception for "Making the Grade: Austin's First Public Schools."

- September 20, 2 PM, AHC. Presentation by Jesse Sublett about his new book, *1960s Austin Gangsters*. This is also Austin Museum Day.

### Central Library Services

The Faulk Central Library will host Jackson Michael, author of *The Game Before the Money: Voices of the Men Who Built the NFL*, Sunday, August 30 at 3:00 PM. Mr. Michael interviewed forty NFL legends, and his book tells the history of the league through their eyes and their stories. Experience football history through the eyes of 40 NFL legends from the 1930s-1970s, including 20 Super Bowl champions and 14 Pro Football Hall of Famers.

WRITE CLUB, the famed writing club of the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, moved downtown to the Faulk Central Library. Meetings are on the last Sunday of each month, from 2-4 PM on the 2nd floor. Meetings focus on brief writing exercises, with opportunities to share and discuss.

Faulk Central Library hosted the *Challenger* newspaper writing workshops called *Have Your Voice Heard* in July. The Challenger Street Newspaper expresses the thoughts and experiences of homeless people and their allies.

InterLibrary Loan received 2,247 requests in July, 116 were supplied and shipped. Circulation processed 506 applications, routed in 1,114 bins of materials and processed 288 drop shipped new items.

### Branch Services

The Windsor Park Book Club had 13 readers at the meeting on the 14th discussing *The Handmaid's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. On the 15th, there was a celebration for the 15 year anniversary of the current Windsor Park location. We had music by John Schooley & Walter Daniels, The Television Preachers; we had static displays by APD and AFD; Love-a-Bull brought some rescue dogs; and The Yellow Bike Project was here, too.

On July 30th, the Southeast Community Branch hosted its first community meeting regarding its oncoming Foundation/Sidewalks Repair Project. A small group of people representing community groups attended this meeting. The groups include: Southeast Combined Contact Team, Victory Tutorial Program, GO! Austin! VAMOS! Austin (GAVA), and a representative for District 2 Council Member Delia Garza. Also, their Smoothies program brought together about 22 community members. Aubrey Sanders did a wonderful job at making this program interactive, educational, and fun. Attendees had the opportunity to taste 3 different recipes. They also had the chance to experiment and create their own recipes!

North Village's Spanish tutor, Odila Leal-McBride reported in this month on the progress of our Practiquemos Espanol program. There are always new people coming and going, but she's been able to have a consistent attendance of 6-8 people. This has proven to be ideal for a conversation class.

As part of their in-service training, July 20th, the Not Your Ordinary School (NYOS) arranged for all the middle school

teachers to come to Little Walnut Creek for an introduction to the library. Also invited were the Austin Police Department's District Representatives for the 78758 and 78753 zip codes. The goal was to enlighten the teachers about the neighborhood resources that are available for the NYOS students who live in the area. The meeting was a big success.

Terrazas's special summer music program with the Los Texas Wranglers was well attended by approximately 150 people. They invited the East Town Lake Neighborhood Association, Texas Arte, Austin FreeNet, Outcry in the Barrio, Festival Beach Community Garden, and representatives from Travis County Voter Registration to have tables at the event. Light refreshments were served. The program was presented in the public area of the library (both in the adult and children's area). Customers were pleased with the program and the branch plans to have another Open House during the holidays.

### Recycled Reads

July revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$15,300. Over 4,100 people visited the store, including over 180 attending the 18 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 275 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 24 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 154 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing approximately 62,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 28 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 102,300 items were processed.

Staff met with Austin Resource Recovery and members of the reuse community to plan a series of Fix-it clinic events. Staff also followed up conversations with Thrift Books in Dallas to start a pilot program for books the store cannot sell or reuse.

### Volunteer Services

July 2015 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	266
July - Volunteer hours	2420.37
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.07*
	<b>\$55,837.94</b>

(\*rate change in May 2015 from \$22.55)

### Policy Violations

24	Disturbing others using the Library
23	Theft of Library, staff or customer property
22	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
12	Disorderly conduct
12	Using obscene language
11	Sleeping in the Library
10	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
5	Unintended use of restrooms

- 5 Bringing animals into the Library
- 4 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 4 Appropriate clothing is required
- 3 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 3 Destruction of Library property
- 3 Smoking in the Library
- 2 Soliciting and panhandling
- 2 Entering unauthorized areas
- 2 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 2 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 1 Violating Internet Policy
- 1 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children in the Library
- 1 Fighting
- 1 Strong odor
- 1 Indecent exposure
- 1 No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
- 1 Voyeurism and peeping

**156 Total**

**Locations # of Incidents**

Faulk Central	26	
Ruiz	22	
Terrazas	11	
Willie Mae Kirk	11	
Little Walnut	10	
Old Quarry	8	
Spicewood Springs	6	
Cepeda		5
Twin Oaks	5	
Windsor Park	5	
Carver	4	
Pleasant Hill	4	
University Hills	4	
St. John	3	
Yarborough	3	
Austin History Center	2	
Hampton at Oak Hill	2	
Manchaca Road	2	
Southeast	2	
Milwood	1	

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