



## **Highlights**

- The Faulk Central Library will once again be an official SXSW venue by hosting Central Concerts, Thursday, March 19 through Saturday, March 21.
- The Milwood Branch closed February 1, for remodeling. The pocket library will open March 16.
- The AHC opened its newest exhibit, "Divided City: Civil War & Reconstruction in Austin." on January 14. The exhibit runs through June 21, 2015.
- The 1st Annual Music Fest, presented by the Culture and Diversity Committee, starts March 7 at Twin Oaks and ends March 28 at Carver.
- Work began on the top floor (sixth level) of the New Central Library.

## **Facilities Services**

**New Central Library Project:** During February, the work of the Austin Central Library and Related Improvements Project continued to move along smartly. Despite the intense, construction-related traffic between the adjoining sites of the New Central Library and the Seaholm Redevelopment projects, the paving of West Avenue, including the intersection at Second Street, is now underway. The former power plant site marked a milestone in its redevelopment on February 9th, as its first tenant, Athenahealth - a health care technology company – began moving into the thoroughly renovated facility. In other nearby developments, construction has started on the North and East sections of the art wall that will screen the Seaholm Substation, and the concrete portion of the Shoal Creek bridge has been successfully placed. At the New Central Library site, concrete placement continues on the topmost floors of the building while the tons of the structural steel required for the project are anticipated to be delivered shortly, along with the two, large emergency generators specified to provide backup power for future facility operations. Ductwork and CMU (concrete masonry unit) walls are being installed within the building and the atrium stairs at the lower levels are likewise being constructed at the present as are the topping slabs. On February 2nd, an Austin Central Library "Skin Phase" Partnering Meeting was held at the offices of the Construction Manager at Risk, Hensel Phelps. The partnering session brought together diverse representatives of the City of Austin's New Central Library Project to kick off the new "Skin Phase" of construction, identify and address key issues that may occur and to identify potential issue solutions. On February 6th, the New Central Library Skin Commissioning Kickoff Meeting was conducted by the project's commissioning authority, Sebesta, at the Twin Oaks Branch Library, for the many contractors involved in installing the "skin" of the New Central Library building. Building envelope systems to be commissioned include: air barrier systems, vertical waterproofing and water management systems, roofing and horizontal weatherproofing systems, thermal insulation, diffuse vapor retarders, exterior wall veneer systems and glazing and fenestration systems. On February 12th, the Austin City Council authorized award of Amendment No.

3 to an Austin Public Library contract with Overdrive, Inc. to increase the contract amount of downloadable library materials, by \$1,500,000 for a revised total amount not to exceed \$3,984,000. Funding in the amount of \$200,000 was provided by the New Central Library Capital Budget, as the contract will allow for the growth of the virtual library collection needed for the opening of the New Central Library. At the request of the Austin Fire Department, a meeting will be held on February 19th at the Hensel Phelps construction trailer so that the inspection timeline and any fire inspection and/or building inspection concerns can be addressed with all involved participants in the New Central Library project. Finally, the New Central Library project has been granted an exception for the South by Southwest Moratorium on construction work in the right-of-way (ROW) from March 9th through the 22nd so that deliveries can be made, although keeping adjacent sidewalks accessible to pedestrians at all times will be required. 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:** The Milwood Branch Library closed to the public on February 1st so that staff could prepare the building to be renovated, and to convert the meeting room into a "pocket library" by March 16 offering abbreviated library services to the community while remodel and repair construction is underway in the rest of the building. The most challenging task at the moment is the orderly boxing of the entire collection of library materials so that it can be moved to the Zaragoza Warehouse for safekeeping, far away from the dust and debris created by construction activities. The next most difficult task will be disassembling the steel library shelving throughout the facility and then moving it, along with all other furniture, fixtures and equipment, to the Zaragoza Warehouse to be out of the way of floor finishes replacement and the relocation of interior walls at the Milwood Branch. 100% complete Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project plans will be reviewed by the Quality Standards Management Division (QSMD) of the Public Works Department within the week. A City of Austin Job Order Contract (AJOC) will then be negotiated and utilized as the construction delivery method for this renovation project as Job Order Contracting significantly reduces the time it takes to purchase construction services. As implemented by Library Facilities Services, Job Order Contracting also reduces the cost and increases the quality of construction. The thoroughly renewed Milwood Branch will reopen in December. Service hours for the pocket library will be:

- Monday through Thursday: 1PM - 7PM
- Friday: 1PM - 6PM

- Saturday: 10AM - 5PM
- Sunday: Closed

Services include:

- Children's Collection
- Reserve and Pick up of Holds/Reserved Materials
- Copier
- Exterior Book Return open 24/7
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**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** Due to clarification needed for the scope of work along with a few other administrative issues, the design kick-off phase for this project remains in progress at the moment. In a professional service agreement or construction contract, the scope of work (SOW) must, of necessity, be an accurate, detailed and concise description of the work to be performed by the consultants or contractors as well as the owner. Issues presently being determined by the stakeholders include but are not limited to purchase responsibility for the RFID intelligent book return, solving recently discovered electrical distribution problems, locating the new Bookstore Model circulation desk, revising a short term parking provision for Delivery Services, weatherproofing of the external book return chute, floor finishes, and door placement in the new book drop room. After reviewing these additional services criteria, the consultants will advise the Library Department if the terms of their proposal should be modified.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** To better protect the community from the impact of flood, erosion and water pollution, the Watershed Protection Department (WSPD) has determined it necessary to construct a manhole for access to the storm water conveyance pipe in the property the Library Department will purchase for the parking lot expansion property. A request for this construction has been submitted to the WSPD Field Operations Division, and a construction schedule confirmation for late February or early March is anticipated. Once the manhole is constructed, WSPD will dispatch a Watershed Engineering crew to route a television camera through the pipe in order to see if repairs and/or cleaning is required to prevent future flooding problems.

**Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:** The design phase for the project has now been established, and a design document will be created describing the plan to implement the civil and structural engineering corrections necessary at this Library site. This phase represents the "how" phase of the project. Delivery of the 100% complete design document is expected on or around June 18th. A subsequent Submittal for Site Plan Correction will require a six weeks process and following its approval, the negotiations for award of a Job Order Contract (JOC) to perform the work could be underway as early as July 30th. At this time, the construction phase of this project is tentatively scheduled to begin on January 30th.

**Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project:** Stanley Consultants, the engineers for this important life/safety improvement project, are currently completing an updated and extensive Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the work at hand. Using narrative and

drawings, the PER will provide the necessary explanation to understand the basic deficiencies of the existing fire sprinkler system at the Zaragoza Warehouse, analyze retrofit alternatives, propose a specific equipment replacement plan based upon the most reasonable engineering solution, and present the estimated total cost to construct the preferred alternative.

**Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project:** Hatch +Ulland Owen Architects have finalized their proposal to perform the design and construction management work required by this important renovation project. The proposal is now being reviewed by the Contract Management Department (CMD) in its role of administering the procurement and management of professional and construction service contracts for capital improvements for the City of Austin. Once the service agreement with the architects has been fully executed, public outreach efforts will be initiated to engage the Oak Hill community in the planning process for the upcoming remodel of their branch library.

**Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project:** At the request of the Library Department, an architect assignment was given to Limbacher & Godfrey by the Contract Management Department for the Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project. A tour of the Austin History Center was conducted for the architect on February 2nd, and a meeting to review the formal scope of the project has now been scheduled for February 18th. At this time, the Library Department is also determining the feasibility of applying for a Texas Preservation Trust Fund grant to help fund the restoration of the fresco on the building's North entrance loggia ceiling.

**Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project:** The Library Department has initiated an engineering investigation to determine the causes for the recent settling of the structure of the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library. Corrective construction is expected to follow the conclusion of the engineering study in order to redress the shrinkage or displacement of the foundation support and provide new underpinning (substructure support), as necessary, to return the facility's load capacity to its design parameters.

**Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility Improvement Project:** The Library Department is in the process of retaining the services of an architectural firm for the ramp/stairs and front porch remediation at the Little Walnut Creek Branch Library. An evaluation of the ramp, stairs and entrance landing relative to 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) will be performed. Design and construction documents will then be provided for a new non-skid surface to replace the existing tile along with an added guard rail to separate the landing from planter beds. A code related handrail design and replacement is expected, and other repair or code update items which may be found during the evaluation process will be considered for inclusion in the project.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming & Outreach**

- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin represented the AHC at 2 outreach events in January. She had a booth at the 2015 MLK Community Festival at Huston-Tillotson on January 19, with over 300 people visiting her booth. She also represented the AHC at the #IAMBLACKAUSTIN event at City Hall on January 27.
- On January 3, the AHC hosted a program arranged by the Austin History Center Association. This was a "New Councilmember Roundtable" discussion with 5 of the former living mayors, then current mayor Lee Leffingwell, incoming mayor Steve Adler, and 8 of the 10 incoming council members. The former mayors comprise the newly formed Advisory Committee to the AHCA, and this program was an opportunity for them to share their experiences and wisdom serving the city with the new council, and for the new councilmembers to ask them questions. As part of the program, AHC Manager spoke briefly about the New Central Library and the AHC Expansion project.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 6 collections, the Texas Music Museum Records, the Austin (Tex.). Boards and Commissions. Austin Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities Records, the Austin (Tex.). Economic Development Department. Sister and Friendship Cities Program Records, the "Neighborhoods: Looking at Austin in 1986" Exhibition Collection, the Michael Lyon United Bank Tower Photographs Collection, and the Austin (Tex.). Boards and Commissions. Impact Fee Advisory Committee Records, and placed EAD encoded finding aids for the collections 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).

### **Exhibits**

- On January 14, the AHC opened its newest exhibit, "Divided City: Civil War & Reconstruction in Austin." Over 80 people attended the opening. The AHC again partnered with the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts to create a special menu of foods from the time period. A week after the opening a group of 7 from the Westminster Manor retirement community visited the exhibit and received a guided tour from Exhibit Coordinator Steve Schwolert. AHC manager Mike Miller gave another tour of the exhibit to 20 members of the UT LAMP program on January 24. The exhibit runs through June 21, 2015.

### **Publications**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a news story about the KKK on KXAN, a documentary film about Edward Burleson, the Texas State Historical Association's Touchstone, displays at 2 Wells Fargo branches and a Bass Pro Shops store, and for KUT's "Wayback Wednesday" blog.

## **Central Library Services**

### **Staff**

Reference librarians, Betsy Blanche and Jennifer Connor, have been personally thanked by the local Armenia church for helping to the Holy Armenian Cross stolen from an Armenian Church in Baghdad. A customer came in asking for help identifying the language and translating an inscription on an image he had on his phone. They realized they weren't able to help so they sent him to the Linguistics

librarian at UT. The Armenian Diocese of America, based in New York, wants to do a major publicity campaign about the recovery. The Armenian Primate of Iraq will be coming in July and will return it to the Armenian Church in Baghdad.

### **Programs/Outreach**

- Sunday, February 15, the first iPhoneographers of Austin (#ioatx) program met in the 2nd floor computer lab at the Faulk Central Library.
- Sunday, February 8, Lara Latimer, PhD, a Personal Wellness Advocate, presented sustainable ways to achieve your health goals.

### **Ongoing Classes**

- Computer and Job Searching Lab
- ¡Qué me cuentas!
- Practiquemos Español
- Introduction to Microsoft Excel
- Night Crafters
- Facebook and Twitter
- Crafternoon
- Tech Toy Time: Ready Device, Activate!

### **Upcoming Programs**

- Wednesday, March 4, 6-7:30 PM, Cathy Harris, self-publisher and business coach, will lead a publishing workshop, "How to Publish your Book," The workshop will assist attendees with navigating the writing and publication process.
- Saturday, March 14, 3-4:30 PM. Kelvin Chin will present a program, "Overcoming the Fear of Death." Mr. Chin, a Life After Life Expert, focuses on death and after life issues after spending this lifetime teaching meditation and providing legal consulting and mediation services.
- Foreign Film Affairs film series takes off on Sundays at 3 PM: March 22; "Love on the Run, L'amour en fuite" (PG); April 26 is "The Hundred Foot Journey" (PG); May 24 "Baran" (PG) 2001; and June 21 "Behind the Sun" (PG-13).

This is the second year the Faulk Central Library will host Central Concerts. SXSW is happy to again consider us an official venue.

Concerts at the Faulk Central Library include:

- Thursday, March 19, 2 – 3 PM Performer: Convict Hill <http://www.reverbnation.com/convicthill>
- Friday, March 20, 2 – 3 PM Performer: Lacy Rose
- Saturday, March 21, 2 – 3 PM Performer: Ricky Stein
- Sunday, March 22, 2 PM Ivy and the Wicker Suitcase is back for a second APL performance. They have added two cranky scrolls to the show they performed in October, so there will be more art and more vocalists.

## **Branch Services**

- The Windsor Park Book Club had 13 readers at the meeting on January 13 discussing A Confederacy of Dunces by John Kennedy Toole and had 26 viewers on January 6 at screening of our Community Cinema selection "A Path Appears." On the January 21, they hosted Dave Ekstrom, a collector who presented a coin and jewelry evaluation program.
- Manchaca Road also had adult program on Coin Collecting on January 17. There were 15 attendees who listened to a presentation on coins and then were able to stay and have their personal collections valued.
- At North Village, staff held their first Tech Toy Time,

on Friday afternoon, January 23, with 10 adults in attendance.

- Little Walnut's citizenship classes began another session on January 13. The branch is partnering with Univision to promote the classes to the Latino community.

## Youth Services

In February, Youth Services is partnering with the Dougherty Arts School as they present "Kid Sheriff and the Terrible Toads" at various branches.

Youth Services' Literature Live continues its run of Chicken Little at branch locations from January 26th until April 30th. This is a less-than-traditional puppet show production of Keith Graves' wonderful book, "Chicken Big!"

## Recycled Reads

January revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$19,000. This figure includes the almost \$6,000 in materials sold at the RAVE and at the Austin Booksellers' Association Book, Paper and Photo Show. Over 5,000 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 260 people, and over 950 people attended events.

More than twenty volunteers on average, donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 32 pallets of discarded materials. Staff received 20 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing almost 59,000 items at the bookstore. Over 22 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 81,000 items were processed.

## Volunteer Services

January 2014 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	197
January - Volunteer hours	1398.58
Volunteer Value*	\$22.55
	<b>\$ 31,537.98</b>

## January Policy Violations

57	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
21	Disturbing others using the Library
15	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
12	Disorderly conduct
10	Using obscene language
9	Sleeping in the Library
9	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
8	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
6	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
5	Unintended use of restrooms
4	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
4	Destruction of Library property
3	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library

3	Entering unauthorized areas
3	Violating Internet Policy
3	Soliciting and panhandling
3	Strong Odor
2	Leaving personal belongings unattended
2	Smoking in the Library
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
1	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
1	Voyeurism and peeping
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
<b>186</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Locations # of Incidents

ACE	6
ATB	4
ALW	3
ARZ	3
ATO	3
ASR	2
AHC	1
ACB	1
APH	1
ARR	1
ASJ	1
AWP	1

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

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