

Highlights

- AHCA's annual Angelina Eberly Luncheon will be on January 31, 2014, at noon, at the Driskill Hotel in the Mezzanine. "*When Austin, Texas became Austin... through the eyes of journalists*" featuring a panel discussion of reporters.
- "Backwards in High Heels: Getting Women Elected, 1842-1990," is the next exhibit for the Austin History Center and is scheduled to open February 25, 2014.
- Writing Circle/Circulo de Escritura is a new program at the Cepeda Branch. Adults are invited to come and write in their own language and to share their work during the last part of the session. Fourth Saturday of each month from 1:30-2:30, starting January 25.
- The Austin Public Library now has a subscription to NewsBank's America's News, where you can search and view articles from over 2,000 newspapers, including the *Austin American-Statesman*, the *Dallas Morning News*, and the *Houston Chronicle*. You can also access Acceda Noticias, which offers nearly 100 Spanish-language news sources in Spanish from the United States and around the world.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: During the first weeks of 2014, at the New Central Library construction site, mass excavation began in earnest. Three soldier beams (rolled steel sections) are being installed through an abandoned concrete tunnel recently found on the West side of the site; this action which will allow the retention system to be completed as per permits and without schedule impacts. Tieback installation operations have now begun along with the detailed planning for the building's foundations. Tiebacks are rods attached to a soil anchor to prevent lateral movement of formwork and retaining walls. The deep well dewatering pumps are almost all running continuously, but lowering the water table at the site has necessarily been a slow process in order to keep from polluting the adjacent creek. The Library Department has also been contacted by the Shoal Creek Conservancy to coordinate their lighting plans for the Shoal Creek Trail up to the West Sixth Street Bridge with the trail lighting the New Central Library and Second Street Bridge and Roadway Extension projects are proving for the trail along the lower Shoal Creek watershed. The Shoal Creek Conservancy supports lighting the trail as far north as the West Fifteenth Street Bridge. In another project development, the Art in Public Places Panel approved on January 6, 2014, the Final Design for the New Central Library Art Project by Christian Moeller, a world-class, innovative public artist whose works often incorporate robotic elements. The second Pre-proposal Conference for the New Central Library Café Request for Proposals process was conducted and well attended on January 10, 2014 in the Twin Oaks Branch Library Meeting Room. The New Central Library Café Request for Proposals was

first advertised on November 24th, with submittals from interested restaurateurs now due to the City of Austin by January 31st. 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
- ~ March 2014 ~ Building Permit received
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ Summer 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

Financial Year 2015 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Plan: The FY15 CIP Plan Kick-off was included with the overall budget kick-off that took place at the January 15th Financial Manager's Forum in City Hall Council Chambers. Departmental CIP Narrative Documents, Project Plan Pages and Bond Appropriation/Bond Sale Schedule Submittals will be due to the Budget Office by March 7, 2014. Between January and March, the departments will formulate their 5 Year CIP Plans by evaluating on-going projects, adding new projects as necessary, and coordinating their submissions with the Budget Office.

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 the Austin Public Library (APL) that sufficient enough 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 our two newest branches, North Village and Twin Oaks, opened with security camera surveillance systems in place, APL will be replacing 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. It was determined that four of the nine branch library sites will require hazardous materials remediation before the work of installing the security camera system can proceed.

APL is working with PWD in finalizing contract work scopes for both a remediation consultant and a remediation contractor so that this remediation project can be priced. Additionally, the remediation project will need to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ) for approval prior to work commencing. This required approval process is anticipated to take a minimum of ten (10) working days. Careful coordination of work efforts between the APL, CTM, PWD and Schneider Electric will be required to implement the remediation project at these three sites: Spicewood Springs, Old Quarry and Yarborough branch libraries. Following a revised master agreement between the City of Austin and Titus, the firm has revised their cabling proposals for the Library project to reflect the new negotiated costs. Shipments of security camera equipment have now been received and installation work is proceeding at the Library sites without asbestos containing material concerns.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:

The construction phase of this mechanical retrofit project is judged by the participants to be 98% complete at this point in time. The project manager, design engineers, commissioning agents and contractors are presently finalizing the punch list, a list of warranty items to monitor, and documenting any remaining project issues still needing to be addressed.

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: The project's Design Phase requires that the Library Facilities Services Division obtains the services of an architectural firm from 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 are now developing a detailed scope of work for the project. 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, will continue to refine the scope of work until an accurate professional services agreement can be established, hopefully by the end of the month.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: On January 19, 2014, the Library Facilities Services' project manager received the consultant architect's Fee Analysis Worksheet as well as the sub-consultant mechanical engineer's Letter Proposal, both based on the scope of work established for this project. If

the estimated Construction Cost and proposed fees prove acceptable to the project manager, the consultant architect will finalize the Civil and Cost Estimating Fees, based upon prior projects of a similar scale, and submit his proposal in the format established for City of Austin projects.

RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project: The Milwood Branch Library, the Spicewood Springs Branch Library and the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill will all need to be surveyed for the presence of any asbestos containing materials, sufficient electrical power and data capacity prior to the new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) scanning gates and Self-checkout equipment being installed. Branch staff continue to add RFID tags to all materials placed on hold and en route to the Twin Oaks Branch Library, North Village Branch Library or the Multimedia Center of the Faulk Central Library, as these locations have already been outfitted with RFID collection security/management systems. Moreover, all new collection items acquired by the Austin Public Library are now being RFID tagged prior to being routed to branches or Faulk Central. Staff at the Milwood, Spicewood Springs and Will Hampton branches have completed weeding their collections and are now starting to RFID tag those collections, beginning with the Spicewood Springs Branch. Library Information Systems staff have loaded laptop computers with the conversion station software and are providing those laptops as well as 3M 210 RFID scanning pads to these three branches as needed.

Austin History Center

Programming and Outreach

- On December 4, the AHC and AHCA hosted a "Meet the Author" program with Julian Read. Read was the former press advisor to Governor Tom Connally and was in the motorcade during JFK's fateful Texas visit. He spoke to an audience of 45 about his new memoirs apropos that day, including many stories of planning for the trip and Kennedy's scheduled visit to Austin.
- On December 7, the AHC held its final program in the "How to Prepare a Possum" exhibit program series, "Eat, Drink, Read – Austin." Authors of 4 Austin food books spoke about their books and Austin food history and culture. A reception followed for attendees to view the exhibit and visit with the authors.
- On December 10, the AHCA, in partnership with the H. J. Lutchter Stark Center at UT and the AHC, presented "An Evening with Austin Gold Legends Ben Crenshaw and Tom Kite" at the Stark Center. Over 130 people attended and were regaled with fun and humorous stories of Austin's golf history by two of its most noted golfers.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, Austin Area League of Women Voters Records, Allen McCree Papers, McCutcheon Family Papers, Dave Smith Papers, and the Texas Blind, Deaf and Orphan School Architectural Drawings, and placed Encoded Archival Description (EAD) finding aids for the collections on the Internet at the Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO) website. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html
- The AHC recently acquired a portrait of Walter E. Long, the first secretary-manager of the Austin Chamber

of Commerce. The AHC owns a substantial collection of Long materials (Walter Long Papers, AR.Q.002), and his grandson made the donation and reconnected the family with the AHC. Also, a local antique and ephemera dealer made a sizeable donation of Austin related material. The donation was a hodgepodge of items, including rare Austin stereoviews from the 1860s and 1870s and assorted other photographs, vintage music posters, and materials from the Hirshfeld family.

- Mexican American Community Archivist Gloria Espitia has conducted a number of oral history interviews and secured donations of photographs and other documents as part of her "In the Shadow of the Live Music Capital of the World" project. This project documenting the history of Latina musicians in Austin will culminate in an exhibit in the Holt Photo Gallery in April.

Exhibits

- "How to Prepare a Possum" officially closed on January 10. Work is well underway for the next exhibit, "Backwards in High Heels: Getting Women Elected, 1842-1990," which is scheduled to open on February 25, 2014.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in *The City in Texas*, an upcoming book from UT Press, an upcoming PBS documentary about Black photographers, a CBS news production for 48 Hours, exhibit displays at the Texas Law Center, Seton Hospital, and the Chancellorsville Visitors Center, and for publication in the online magazine *The Austinist*.

Upcoming Events

- April 8, 2014: New exhibit "Qeremos Cantarles una Cancion" (We Want to Sing a Song) opens in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery.
- April 13, 2014: Reception for Qeremos Cantarles una Cancion at the AHC and concert in Wooldridge Square Park.

Central Library Services

Programs

- Tech Toy Time - Knowing that many customers would receive new Tech Toys during the Holidays, ACLS proposed a Tech Toy Time on Sunday afternoons in January from 4-6:00 p.m. KXAN interviewed Meg Holle and Jennifer Connor about Tech Toy Time, and there was a blurb in the Austin-American Statesman. As a result, we had a great turnout of 9 participants in the computer lab for our first Tech Toy Time on Sunday, January 5 and 18 for the January 12 session.

Meg reported it was an even mix of devices among Android, iOS, and Kindles. Also about half of the people brought multiple devices. The biggest issue was password creation/retrieval—library PINs, Adobe IDs, Amazon accounts, Apple accounts etc. Many users were extreme novices, but most were upbeat and happy with the service. ACLS will eventually offer Book-a-Librarian service that will work very well for device setup.

Upcoming Events

- Funky Chicken Coop Tour - ACLS is partnering with the Funky Chicken Coop Tour in April. There will be a three branch, three week "Chicken in the Library program" in April with a finale at the Sunshine Community Garden as part of

the Funky Chicken Coop Tour.

- Financial Literacy Seminars- Three locations will have the multi-week series in April.

Service Changes and Improvements

- The media area now has improved camera views and a plexiglass barrier to prevent theft of materials.

Branch Services

The Windsor Park Book Club had 8 readers at the meeting on the 10th discussing *The Cat's Table* by Michael Ondaatje, and their Community Cinema screening of "The State of Arizona" on December 3rd had 30 viewers.

University Hills had an all-day movie marathon on December 23, with 112 customers attending for the films and enjoying the hot chocolate and popcorn that was served.

Carver had another successful Kwanzaa Family Program on December 30th, with 75 people attending the celebration of music, dance, and storytelling presented by Elizabeth Kahura and African Safari. Ms. Kahura commented to staff after the program about how satisfying it was to see a mix of past attendees and newer families to the area.

Pleasant Hill's Open House on the 14th went very well, with at least 150 people who attended and enjoyed refreshments, holiday music, and a craft for kids and visits with Santa.

Recycled Reads

December revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$16,000 and over 5,050 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 200 people, and over 800 people attended events. The Austin American Statesman donated 50 boxes of books.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 220 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 32 gaylords of discarded materials and Image Microsystems picked up 8 gaylords of discarded materials from the store and branches as they remove plastic cases from around AV material. Staff received 20 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 25 pallets of materials representing almost 63,000 items at the bookstore. Over 12 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

Staff participated in the "Big Weed" at the Central Library. As youth librarians weeded the collection, ARR staff determined on site which books could be sold and which should go straight to Goodwill. The books were boxed and labeled accordingly; this allowed staff to unpack the boxes at ARR and put the books directly on the shelves.

Staff joined the American Library Association (ALA) Sustainability Roundtable and participated in Austin Resource Recovery's Social Entrepreneur Opportunities in Reuse Webinar on December 11. Staff also met with Blythe Christopher of Re-Sourcery to see how Recycled Reads (and Austin Resource Recovery) might participate in the spring Upcycling Challenge, as

well as representatives of Goodwill to discuss ongoing operational specifics. ARR now has an online postage account with USPS.gov. This has allowed staff to streamline the process in Alibris online book sales.

AWK	6
ARZ	5
ACP	4
AMR	4
AOQ	4
AUH	4
AYB	4
AHO	2
ANV	2
ATO	2
AMI	1
AOS	1
ARR	1

Youth Services

Youth Services held the first of 5 scheduled Construction Zone programs, which use science and engineering, and teach children to build stuff while hearing a story. This series of programs is recommended for kids 5 to 10 years old. The January 15th program was called Straws and Connectors and had over 50 participants. The other programs, Recycled Robot Sculptures, Newspaper Forts, Lego Lab Architecture Studio and Marshmallow Bridges, are scheduled for the 3rd Wednesday of each month through May 21st.

Youth Services' Literature LIVE! is putting on another wonderful puppet show – Tiger Woman! This is the tale of a greedy old woman who will not share her food with a beggar, but when the old man turns out to be a wizard, he teaches her a lesson in generosity. The show runs from January 29 through April 23 at many locations.

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

Brenda Branch,
Director of Libraries



Volunteer Services

December 2013 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	154
December - Volunteer hours	1052.45
Volunteer Value*	\$22.14
	\$23,301

December Policy Violations

16	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
14	Sleeping in the Library
11	Disturbing others using the Library
10	Using obscene language
8	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
8	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
7	Disorderly conduct
5	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
5	Leaving personal belongings unattended
3	Violating Internet Policy
3	Bringing animals into the Library
3	Unintended use of restrooms
2	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
2	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
2	Strong Odor
2	Smoking in the Library
1	Entering unauthorized area
1	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
1	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
1	Appropriate clothing is required
105	Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	31
ATB	12
APH	8
ACB	7
ALW	6