

Highlights

- The Proposed Budget is presented to Council on July 31. Departmental presentations to Council are on August 13.
- The 2014 Adult Summer Reading Program runs through August 31. This year's prizes were donated by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation.
- July 29, 6:30 PM, AHC. Author program with Richard Zelade, author of *Guytown* by Gaslight: A History of Vice in Austin's First Ward.
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Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Work continues to progress well at the New Central Library site. Construction of the New Central Library basement columns and waterproofing remains ongoing, and the parking garage walls are currently being framed, allowing the associated vertical concrete work to proceed. The horizontal formwork and concrete placement for the first parking level deck is likewise nearing completion. The building frame will be the primary focus of construction activities for the next several months. Other subsurface street work in progress outside of the footprint of the New Central Library building includes the installation of chilled water lines, reclaimed water lines and other utilities along with such infrastructure as the Google Fiber conduit and Austin Energy, communications and traffic signal duct banks. Work on the Shoal Creek is also now underway, with the installation of a cofferdam being the first order of business. Cofferdams are watertight enclosures used for foundation construction in waterfront areas, permitting water to be pumped out of the cofferdam for free access to the work area. Discussions continue among the architects, engineers, contractors and City staff to refine the installation plans for the New Central Library emergency generators, rooftop solar panel array as well as the electrical vehicle charging stations in the parking garage. The responsible artist team is presently working on a re-design of the west and east walls of the Seaholm Substation Screen Wall to resolve subsurface utility conflicts with the wall's foundation and those design revisions are being presented to stakeholder boards, commissions and City Council for approval. 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

- ~ July 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. A preliminary cost estimate of the construction, performed by a third party estimating firm, has also been received as part of the Schematic Design package and is now being reviewed. In the meantime, the Library Department is moving forward with an HVAC (Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning) controls upgrade at the Milwood Branch Library, with the bulk of the retrofit anticipated to be carried through to completion during July and August. 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.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: The consultant engineer/architect team have reviewed the scope of the project and discussed the layout for mechanical equipment as well as code related issues for roof mounted equipment and the roof replacement. A preliminary, conceptual drawing of the roof mounted equipment and ductwork has been created along with the setup of cost estimating forms and modelling of existing building conditions. The consultants are investigating the use of a combination of roofing membrane with two inches of polyisocyanurate insulation at the roof combined with a spray-on insulation on the underside of the roof deck. The engineer/architect team is also investigating

building a separate structure in place of the existing mechanical yard to support the rooftop units. This approach would alleviate the structural shortcomings of placement on the main roof and also mitigate the problem of sound radiating down through the roof into occupied interior spaces. A separate roof structure would incorporate safety railing at the perimeter and material to shield the equipment visually. Preliminary code analysis indicates that the main building parapet may not need to be increased in height.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot

Expansion Project: On July 17th, a contractual agreement was executed to acquire the services of HVJ Associates, a civil engineering firm selected to design and oversee construction of the parking lot expansion at the University Hill Branch Library, including the services of sub-consultants as necessary to perform the full scope of work required by this site improvement project for the Austin Public Library. Notice to Proceed with design was likewise issued to HVJ Associates on July 17th.

Austin History Center

Programming and Outreach

- The AHC hosted a very successful event on June 11. The program, "Effecting Change," was a panel discussion with former Austin mayor Carole Keeton and former Texas State Representative Wilhelmina Delco, moderated by St. Edward's University professor Paula Marks. Over 80 people attended the event and were regaled with poignant and often humorous stories about their lives and careers in politics.
- On June 10th, Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs provided a tour for a graduate school seminar in American Studies called Public Scholarship. She talked to them about the AHC and its collections and services.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, the International Wine and Food Society Austin Chapter Scrapbooks, the Rhody & Webber Account Ledger, the Leonard Eck Papers, the Wolf and East Family Papers, and the Brenda Malik Video Collection, and the finding aids were placed online. 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.
- Among the more interesting donations to the collections was a donation from the Austin Friends of Folk Art comprised of annual notebooks and financial information documenting the activities of the organization from the late 1980s to present.
- AHC received two sizeable photo donations in June, acquiring the archives of former Austin photographer Dewey Mears and receiving a transfer of 12,000 digital images from Austin Energy. Mears was a professional photographer in Austin from 1945 to 2000, and he worked primarily on commercial projects and architectural photography. The collection is rich in architectural photographs documenting Austin's growth during this time period. The collection is quite sizeable – over 100 cubic feet of original negatives and prints – and it will take some time to process these images and make them available.

Exhibits

- "When Austin Got Weird" opened at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum on July 11. Although the slogan

"Keep Austin Weird" was not trademarked until 2000, it had its roots and was used in Austin long before. Using music posters from two Austin collections, the exhibit explores the poster artists and music venues that define Austin's counterculture in the 1960s and 70s. Twenty-nine posters have been selected from artists Jim Franklin, Gilbert Shelton, Robert Burns, Micael Priest and others to trace Austin's transformation from simply the political capital of Texas to a music capital of the world. This exhibit is a partnership between the AHC, the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History, and the Bullock Museum.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in stories published in the Austin American Statesman, the "Notes in Time" TV show on ATXN, and an upcoming book about the history of the LCRA.

Upcoming Events

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- August 9, 2 PM, AHC: Screening of the new documentary *Austin Revealed: Civil Rights Stories* and discussion with the filmmakers. The film features Wilhelmina Delco, one of the women in the Backwards in High Heels exhibit.
- September 3, 6 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.
- September 21, 2 PM, AHC. Author program with Debra Winegarten, author of *Oveta Culp Hobby: Colonel, Cabinetmaker, Philanthropist*. This is also Austin Museum Day.

Central Library Services

The Faulk Central Library is piloting a new hold label/sticker option, a bright yellow sticker with black lettering. The new sticker/hold label process streamlines processing procedures; staff will not need to write location on a slip of paper.

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Faulk Central Library now has Crafternoon every other Thursday from 2-4 PM at the Faulk Central Library. Crafternoon has paper crafts, easy sewing and fun projects for the whole family.

Reference librarians continue to hold Tech Toy Time sessions and are training Region I staff to conduct sessions in their local branches.

Central Library Services finalized details of the Book-a-Librarian service where customers may book time with a reference librarian. This service will launch in the Fall. Librarian, Meg Holle, created **How do I renew an OverDrive book? LibAnswer.**

Branch Services

Cepeda reports that they had a “great response” to their outreach at Eastside Memorial High and that they will receive a certificate from the school because of their involvement. Managing Librarian Irma Flores-Manges talked to the Art and Music teachers regarding showing the student’s art at the library throughout the year. She left flyers for APL/Cepeda programming at Resistencia Book Store and is planning to contact store management about cooperative programming opportunities.

Southeast Austin Community Branch began their Middle School Summer Film Fest, which provides an opportunity for Fulmore Middle School Magnet Program students to watch the required viewing movies during the summer. They presented “Lincoln,zz” on Friday, June 13th to 16 audience members.

Luz Catano of Terrazas continued her successful Practiquemos Espanol this month with five classes. Attendance for these classes varies from 2 to 7 people. There is a group, that is coming faithfully every week. They enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere where they can easily learn Spanish.

Youth Services

In July, Youth Services provided “Not for Human Consumption: Felt Food Workshop” at the Yarborough Branch. Folks came out to enjoy this successful program of making food figures out of felt. Also a program called “Batteries Not Included: Board Game Extravaganza” was held at the University Hills Branch. The kids played all kinds of board games and even pulled out the Yu-Gi-Oh! cards for the event.

Youth Services has created a template that can be used in conjunction with storytime to provide an informational resource for parents. It provides location information, the storytime theme, early literacy tips, as well as the books used in the storytime. There is a Spanish template as well!

Youth Services assisted in providing activities for youth while their parents were meeting with City of Austin representatives who were providing information to families affected by the Halloween Flood of 2013. Each session dealt with an aspect of the Halloween floods including buyout program and home repairs.

Recycled Reads

June revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$12,350 and over 4,600 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 220 people, and over 540 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 68,000 items at the bookstore. Over 24 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

Staff continues to work with the Legal Department to Trademark the Recycled Reads name. Staff is working with Donald Hardee of Austin Resource Recovery on the pick-up of media that cannot be sold.

Volunteer Services

June 2014 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	198
June - Volunteer hours	2099.45
Volunteer Value*	\$22.55
	\$ 47,342.60

June Policy Violations

27	Disturbing others using the Library
26	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
18	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
13	Sleeping in the Library
9	Disorderly conduct
9	Violating Internet Policy
8	Using obscene language
7	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
7	Destruction of Library property
6	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
5	Unintended use of restrooms
5	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
5	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
4	Strong Odor
3	Entering unauthorized area
3	Appropriate clothing is required
3	Leaving personal belongings unattended
2	Fighting
2	Smoking in the Library
2	Making bomb threats against Library property or from Library property
2	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
1	Soliciting and panhandling
1	Public Lewdness
1	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
1	Voyeurism and peeping
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
1	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
170	Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	27
ATB	24
ALW	15
ASR	12
AMR	8
ARZ	8
ASJ	8
AYB	8
AOK	7
APH	6

ACP 5
ACB 4
AHO 4
ANV 4
AOQ 4
AWK 4
AMI 3
AHC 2
ATO 2
AWP 1

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

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