



### **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.
- The Texas Book Festival awarded the George Washington Carver Branch an enhancement grant in the amount of \$2,500. The grant will be used to "Restore and Rejuvenate the African American Special Collections.
- The self-guided exhibit from UT's Benson Latin American Collection "Mapping Mexican History," is at the Faulk Central Library June 1, 2014-October 15, 2014.
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### **Facilities Services**

**New Central Library Project:** On June 2nd, Hensel Phelps began earthwork and demolition of the abandoned utility infrastructure along the West bank of Shoal Creek. This process will involve the removal of all vegetation except for the trees that the project is protecting. A focus of the redevelopment of the Seaholm District has been beautifying the banks of Shoal Creek and making improvements to the Green Belt adjacent to the New Central Library. In order to accomplish this task, the banks of Shoal Creek must be reinforced to manage the floodwaters by constructing MSE (mechanically stabilized earth) walls, removing the abandoned utility infrastructure from the former power plant and water treatment plant, and installing new landscaping, trees and other understory plant materials. At the New Central Library excavation, installation of waterproofing ahead of the construction of the basement walls, columns and shear walls is ongoing, with framing, reinforcing and placement of concrete to follow. In the Second Street construction area, chilled water utilities work is now in progress as is installation of the Austin Energy duct bank and communications conduits. The East abutment of the Second Street Bridge was successfully placed on the night of June 9th, with all related construction activities going well. The exploratory site work necessary to establish as-built conditions for the Seaholm Screen Wall has been completed and the contractor is waiting for further direction from the design team before proceeding. 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
- ~ June 2014 ~ Complete Building Permit received

- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

### **Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:**

Final acceptance by the Communications Technology Management and Library departments 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) remains in progress. The warranty period for Phase II will begin after final acceptance of the contractor's installation work. Phase III of the project will be initiated soon afterwards and will consist of software upgrades and the replacement of older equipment, such as DVRs and cameras approaching the end of their usefulness. Pricing for the replacement of these expired equipment items is now being sought from the contractor.

### **Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:**

The consultant architects for this project are currently engaged in compiling programming requirements for the upcoming renovation and reviewing the as-built drawings for the Milwood Branch Library. A building program is a written document presenting design objectives, constraints and project criteria including space requirements and relationships, flexibility and expandability, special equipment, and systems and site requirements. As-built drawings are record drawings made during construction which record the locations, sizes and nature of concealed items such as structural elements, accessories, valves, mechanical equipment and the like. These as-built drawings (with dimensions) form a permanent record for future reference. With preliminary design and programming activities now underway, a review of the proposed preliminary design for the Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project is anticipated in early July.

### **Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:**

At the Library Department's request, the selected engineering firm, Stanley Consultants, Inc., has revised their proposal to include a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the project. Preliminary Engineering Reports investigate engineering problems for which construction proposals will be made and seek to provide background information both on the problems and past attempts to address those problems, both successful and unsuccessful. The purpose of the report is to provide a general background of the problem to the design engineers charged with proposing a solution with a specified performance goal. Final negotiations to acquire the professional engineering services of Stanley Consultants for the Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project are now in progress. In a related project development, a building commissioning proposal for the project has been accepted

from Texas Energy Engineering Services, Inc. (TEESI) and the requisite contract for their services is now in negotiation. Building commissioning is a quality-focused process for verifying in construction that subsystems such as mechanical (HVAC), plumbing, electrical, fire/life safety, building envelopes, interior systems, lighting, wastewater, controls and building security achieve the project requirements as intended by the owner and as designed by the architects and engineers.

**RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project:** Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) security gates and Self-check units have now been installed and any required circulation desk modifications completed at the Spicewood Springs Branch Library, the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill., and the Milwood Branch Library. The Library Facilities Services and Library Information Services staff in coordination with the Milwood Branch library staff successfully installed RFID security gates and Self-check units, while making any circulation desk modifications necessary, at that facility on June 6th.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** A contractual agreement is now being negotiated to acquire the services of HVJ Associates, the civil engineering firm selected to design and oversee construction of the parking lot expansion at the University Hill Branch Library, along with the services of their sub-consultants, to perform the full scope of work necessary to complete this project for the Austin Public Library.

**Terrazas Branch Library:** On April 17th, the Austin City Council directed the City Manager to conduct a parking occupancy study of the parking lot serving the Terrazas Branch of the Austin Public Library (APL) and to make access capacity available to the public at large or nearby businesses, and to work with the neighborhood on ways to use the property more efficiently in the long term, such as for affordable housing or other uses, while integrating parking for that branch library. The APL performed a parking occupancy study at the Terrazas Branch Library from April 15th through June 4th. With the exception of the occasional evening meeting filling the fifty (50) space parking lot with the vehicles of Library customers, it was determined that the Terrazas Branch library utilizes less than half of its parking spaces on an average, hourly basis. In order to make the excess capacity available for the general public, the APL is in liaison with the Austin Transportation Department to have parking meters provided for roughly half of the parking spaces in the Terrazas Branch library parking lot. Within the next thirty (30) days, the APL will issue a Request for Information (RFI) to garner ideas for the long term redevelopment of the Terrazas Branch Library. Prioritizing the goal of achieving affordable housing on the site, this RFI will seek input from the East Cesar Chavez neighborhood, the affordable housing community and the development community among other stakeholders.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming and Outreach**

- The AHC hosted a program with a UT Service Learning course called "Exhibiting Austin" on May 13. This program

was the culmination of a semester long project with UT students who investigated ways to help the AHC fulfill its mission, particularly with preserving the history of under-documented segments of the community. Over 30 people heard presentations on a range of topics, and the students added oral histories and other materials to the AHC collections.

- On May 17, local writer Ricky Stein gave a presentation about the history of Sonobeat Records, one of Austin's earliest record labels.
- The AHC manager gave presentations at 2 different retirement communities: The Summit at Westlake Hills on May 14 and Westminster Manor on May 16.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 7 collections, the Wu Family Papers, the Odell and Jeanne Grant Photograph Album, the Austin Junior Forum Records, the Clifton Ladd Balcones Canyonlands Conservation Plan Papers, the Austin Convention and Visitors Bureau Records, the Austin (Tex.). Tax Department Records, and the Austin (Tex.). Boards and Commissions. Austin Technology and Telecommunications Commission Records, and the finding aids were placed online. Also, 4 other collections were updated with new additions and/or updates to the finding aids. 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).
- 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.

### **Exhibits**

- Media Archivist Nicole Davis created a companion web exhibit for the Backwards in High Heels exhibit. The online exhibit provides an overview and sampling of what can be seen onsite. The online exhibit is at: <http://library.austintexas.gov/ahc/backwards-high-heels-getting-women-elected-1842-1990-53352>.
- The Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County Traveling Exhibit was loaned for the month of May to Manor ISD for their Cinco de Mayo activities. The exhibit was set up by Audrey Fontenot, MISD Ombudsman at their Central Office.

### **Publications**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book on Texas women from UT Press, news stories on KXAN and TWCN, and articles in the Austin American-Statesman, Austin South Asian, and the Save Texas History newsletter from the Texas General Land Office.

### **Reference**

- It was an eclectic month for reference questions at the AHC. Staff worked with numerous documentary filmmakers on a range of topics from local music to Leslie, a local historian working on a journal article about the Pease lands for the Southwestern Historical Quarterly, and assisting visiting professors from Cincinnati, OH and Richmond, VA. Perhaps the most interesting reference encounter was working with the Statesman's Politifact reporter confirming a statement about how many Hispanics have served on the Austin City Council. It had been reported that only 4 had ever served, based on surveying the last names of all former council members. Processing Archivist Molly

Hults was able to confirm that a 5th had served – Robert Barnstone. He is often overlooked because he does not have a Hispanic surname (his mother was Hispanic).

### **AHCA**

- The AHCA held its annual meeting on Wednesday, May 14. A new board was voted in at the meeting, including new Board President Beth Fowler. AHCA board member Geoff Wool and AHC volunteer Roger Simon were honored with Volunteer of the Year awards. The evening's special guest was Mat Hames from Alpheus Media, the director who made the new Saving Austin's History short film about the AHC/AHCA.

### **Upcoming Event**

- The AHC, in partnership with the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at UT, will participate in a new exhibit at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. The exhibit, called "When Austin Got Weird," will feature early Austin music posters and document the growing Live Music culture in Austin in the late 1960s and early 1970s. The exhibit will be on the 3rd floor Rotunda and opens July 11, 2014. It is scheduled to coincide with the arrival of a large traveling exhibit, "1968," that opens at the Bullock in June. Several items from the AHC collections will be featured.
  - July 19, 2:00 pm, AHC: Author program with Carol O'Keefe Wilson, author of *In the Governor's Shadow: The True Story of Ma and Pa Ferguson*. This program is part of a series of programs featuring women that are part of the Backwards in High Heels exhibit.
  - 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*.
  - August 9, 2:00 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, 6:00pm, 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, 2:00 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 getting a zine (handmade, mini-magazine) collection. The Zine Roll Call is out asking for donations of zines plus we have a small budget to purchase zines. Donations can be dropped off at the 2nd floor reference desk or sent to Austin Public Library P.O. Box 2287 Austin, TX 78768-2287. Staff are requesting that people who want to contribute more than 5 zines contact us first.

The self-guided exhibit from UT's Benson Latin American Collection "Mapping Mexican History," is at the Faulk Central Library June 1, 2014-October 15, 2014. There will be two programs on the exhibit, the first on Sunday, July 13 featuring Julianne Gilland, the curator of this exhibit, and the second on Sunday, July 20 featuring Jose Montelongo, the Mexican Materials Librarian at UT.

APL's Interlibrary Loan Navigator configuration was changed so that our ILL requests only go to courier libraries. This means there should be very few items that need to be mailed by USPS.

Reference staff conducted Trademark research on "Recycled Reads" and researched other libraries unacceptable use/eviction/appeal policies for Administration.

## **Branch Services**

The Windsor Park Book Club had 8 readers at the meeting on the 8th discussing Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver. Their last Community Cinema selection for the spring season was "The New Black", which had 22 attendees for the finale.

On May 31st North Village celebrated its 5th Anniversary with an all-day celebration. North Village staff, with help from ACYS, presented activities all day long. Activities included chalk painting, stories and crafts, refreshments and birthday cake, a performance of Latin American music by the Jonas Alvarez Band, and a screening of The Hobbit. Over 305 people attended the celebration.

Staff from Willie Mae Kirk went to a job fair event at CHCP (College of Health Care Professionals) to promote their tech assistance and to hand out surveys. They talked to several students, who were excited about the APL's ability to help them with their resumes and job search.

## **Collection and Cataloging**

The Collection & Cataloging Services division received 996,000 RFID tags which will be distributed to all locations in June. The Weeding the Collection Policy and Procedures was approved by Management Team and implemented to assist staff in preparing for the RFID tagging of materials. The Weeding Policy will assist in the ongoing process of providing an up-to-date collection, materials of interest to the community and retaining items that are in the best physical condition.

Diana Miranda-Murillo, world languages selector, was interviewed on Telemundo with Frankling Leal. She spoke about Talk Time and Adult/Youth Summer Reading Programs in Spanish. Also, she is on AISD's weekly radio show "Educa Austin." She provides content for the section "Ventana a Otros Mundos" every week at which time she highlights a book that parents could use to help their children improve their reading skills or the quality of life of the families.

## **Recycled Reads**

May revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$18,350 and over 4,800 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 280 people, and almost Over 120 people attended events.

More than twenty volunteers on average, donate over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 36 gaylords of discarded materials. Staff

received 24 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 43 pallets of materials representing almost 62,000 items at the bookstore. Over 23 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

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Staff began working with the Legal Department to Trademark the Recycled Reads name. The store was selected as a mobile site tour for the 2014 National League of Cities Convention in November and to present a demo at SWSX Eco

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

**Volunteer Services**

May 2014 - STATISTICS  
 Number of Volunteers 166  
 May - Volunteer hours 1348.22  
 Volunteer Value\* \$22.55  
**\$ 30,402.36**

Brenda Branch,  
 Director of Libraries



**May Policy Violations**

- 24 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 20 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 20 Disturbing others using the Library
- 20 Sleeping in the Library
- 9 Disorderly conduct
- 7 Using obscene language
- 6 Unintended use of restrooms
- 5 Entering unauthorized area
- 5 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 5 Bringing animals into the Library
- 5 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 4 Violating Internet Policy
- 4 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 2 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
- 2 Strong Odor
- 1 Appropriate clothing is required
- 1 Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
- 1 Destruction of Library property
- 1 No hat policy
- 1 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 143 Total**

**Locations # of Incidents**

- ATB 23
- ACE 21
- ACP 12
- AMR 12
- ARZ 12
- APH 8
- AWP 7
- ASJ 6
- ALW 4
- AUH 4
- AWK 4
- AYB 4
- ACB 3
- ASE 3