



Highlights

- The Austin Public Library, the City of Austin's Digital Inclusion Program and Google Fiber invite families to join us for Made With Code on Saturday, May 30 from 1 to 4 PM at the Pleasant Hill Branch, 211 E. William Cannon Dr. Made with Code is a Google initiative inviting Austin families to try coding projects in a visual and creative way. Specifically designed for beginners, the Made with Code projects include making animated figures and mixing music.

- Get the summer started off right as we launch the Youth Summer Reading Program at the Ruiz Branch, 1600 Grove Blvd., on Saturday, May 30 from 1 to 4 PM. This celebration will highlight the upcoming Summer Reading Program events and activities.

1 PM | Performance from Elizabeth Kahura. Ms. Kahura will take us on an African Safari followed by crafts and literacy activities.

3 PM | The Linder Eagle Choir / Mariachi Las Águilas de Linder will perform, so make sure to bring your dancing shoes!

- Neighborhood Bound: Austin's Mobile Libraries, is a traveling photography exhibit curated by the Austin History Center. It is on display through September at the Terrazas Branch, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St. The collection features photographs that reveal the Library's mid-century bookmobile fleet, which circulated books and a variety of unique material into the late-1970s.

- On May 29, 6:30 PM, the Austin History Center Association Annual Meeting will be held at the Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe St. Speaker: The Other Side of the Archives War with James Harkins, Texas General Land Office

- On June 16, 7 PM, the Austin History Center will host. In the Shadow of the Dome: Slave Life in Austin, Texas, a Presentation about the Travis County Slave Narratives.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Despite the heavy rainfall experienced this month in Central Texas, the construction of Austin's New Central Library is proceeding according to schedule. An additional crane was brought to the site at the beginning of the month in preparation to hoist and set the main roof truss. The site's tower crane, long set up in the atrium of the building, was taken down to make room for the truss to be installed. Due to the overhead load risks associated with lifting the large truss to the top of the building, a Safety Stand Down was issued, limiting work in the field by subcontractor crews during the erection of the truss. On May 22nd, a Topping Off Ceremony for the New Central Library Project is planned, as the topmost structural member will have been set by that time. In construction, Topping Off, sometimes Topping Out, is a builder's rite traditionally held when the last beam (or its equivalent) is placed atop a structure during its erection. The practice of "topping out" a new building can be traced to the ancient

Scandinavian religious rite of placing a tree atop a new building to appease the tree-dwelling spirits displaced during its construction. Typically, a tree or leafy branch is placed on the topmost iron beam, often with flags or streamers tied to it. After topping out, the roof and walls will be dried in, and the other remaining construction activities will be carried out, including interior finish-out and the installation of mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems. At this time, all of the low roof structural steel has been erected and most of the metal roof deck is in place over the occupied spaces. Other New Central Library developments include redesigning the Solar Photo-Voltaic (PV) system for the building in order to comply with the newly established downtown electrical network requirements of Austin Energy as the original design would not receive the necessary electrical permit. Finally, the electronic signage for the New Central Library parking garage will be changed to match the dynamic "Wayfinding" signage approved by Council last year for several City-owned parking garages in close proximity throughout downtown, including the Convention Center Parking Garage as well as the Seaholm Parking Garage next door to the New Central Library. This parking guidance system will consist of dynamic signs at each garage providing real-time parking availability information. This integrated parking guidance system will let visitors to the New Central Library know where additional parking is available when the library parking garage is full, thereby alleviating driver frustration and confusion. Along with a more efficient utilization of Citywide parking infrastructure, the parking guidance system will reduce traffic congestion and the greenhouse gasses associated with drivers circling while looking for parking. 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: 100% complete Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project plans have been reviewed by the Quality Standards Management Division (QSMD) of the Public Works Department. Further review by the consultant team's Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS), revealed that the building's restrooms must be modified to meet the new 2012 American Disability Act Guidelines (ADAAG) and cannot be grandfathered in under the 1994 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), as was originally intended. By way of background, "grandfathered in", as used in permitting terminology, refers to the "grandfather clause" which allows an exception to a new rule for an existing building. Consequently, a new professional architectural amendment has been negotiated between the Library Department and its consultant architects, and a Notice to Proceed with the necessary remodel of the restrooms was issued on May

1, 2015. The design team is now updating the drawings to detail the remodeling of the restrooms to meet permitting requirements. Additionally, the Austin Public Library and the City of Austin ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Office are collaborating with the Public Works Sidewalk Program to modify the exterior site of the Milwood Branch Library for improved access. This work is now scheduled to commence in June. Other site work, initiated on May 11th, includes the cleaning of the Water Quality Pond structure located beneath the library's parking lot. Work is likewise being coordinated with the Communications Technology Management (CTM) Department to upgrade CAT6 cabling inside the building. Category 6 network cable, commonly referred to as Cat 6, has become the standard for cabling infrastructure, superseding Cat 5 by featuring more stringent, high performance specifications for crosstalk and system noise. Due to the delay in permitting to pick up the ADA modifications, Facilities Services has chosen to utilize its in-house Delivery Services staff to transport all library materials from the building rather than sublet that portion of the work to a third-party vendor. Exercising this option will reserve more project funds to carry out the building renovation. The Austin Public Library is now preparing a Request for Council Approval (RCA) to purchase an automated self-service computer dispensing kiosk for the Milwood Branch, capable of securely distributing up to 30 laptops and tablets for customer use. Library Facilities Services is planning to sequence the additional ADA modifications to maintain the original schedule of reopening the Milwood Branch Library in December of this year.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: This project is currently progressing through the Design Development Phase. In Design Development, the schematic plans will be reviewed, revised and expanded to incorporate all the details and specifications required for construction. Project components will be looked at down to the smallest detail, including:

- roofing systems
- mechanical, electrical, plumbing systems
- lighting and technology designs
- interior and exterior building materials and finishes
- cabinetry and custom fabrications
- furniture and equipment selections and layouts

Issues may come to light during Design Development that affect constructability or are critical to satisfy the project program, and that may require changes to the project program or to the budget, or both. The consultant engineers and architects will also update the cost estimate provided during Schematic Design to reflect any changes made to the original design and will provide drafted to-scale drawings illustrating the project as it will look when constructed.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: Following Council's April 2nd approval to file eminent domain proceedings for approximately 22,147 square feet of undeveloped land adjacent to the University Hills Branch Library, the Office of Real Estate Services is moving forward with condemnation of the property so that the parking lot can be expanded by twenty-five (25) spaces. In other project developments,

it is anticipated that the consultant civil engineers will soon submit their proposal to complete design and construction documents for the parking lot expansion, while the Library Department has initiated commissioning of a work of art for the site through the Art In Public Places (AIPP) process. The funds for this artwork are derived from the 2% for public art portion of the City of Austin's contribution to the estimated construction budget. On June 1st, the City of Austin AIPP program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Development Department, and the Library Department will seek the approval of the Art in Public Places Panel for the University Hills Branch Library Art Prospectus prior to taking the matter to the Arts Commission for approval on June 15th. The referenced prospectus, sometimes called a concept note, is a preliminary document describing the major features and ideas behind the project. Organizations, such as the City of Austin, will often use a prospectus to help evaluate, test and refine concepts as well as to communicate about the project with review boards and prospective participants.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: Approximately 75% complete Design Development submittals have been received from the consultant engineers and are being forwarded for review to the Quality Management and Standards Division of the Public Works Department and the Contract Management Department. A community input meeting remains in the planning stages that will allow Facilities Services staff and their consultants the opportunity to present the project's purpose and parameters to area residents and gain their feedback. A dialogue will be initiated with the library's customers regarding the current hazardous conditions of failed retainer panels at the foundation, an exposed crawlspace with seepage of mud and water below the suspended foundation, and the site's severely buckled sidewalks. Also discussed will be the plans to replace and prevent future failure of the retainer panels, re-grade the ground adjacent to the building, install a new storm drainage system to divert water away from the foundation, and replace sidewalks where necessary. The meeting will not only provide information on the upcoming construction project, but will address its effect on the operation of the branch library during construction as well. This project is anticipated to progress soon into the Construction Document Phase, during which construction documents are compiled from design development documents. These will include all the drawings and specifications necessary to complete the project, and will serve as the basis for the bid documents and the construction contract.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: Following approval by Facilities Services for the consultants' Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), a Design Kick-off Meeting was held on site. Before the consultants can complete their Design and Construction Management proposal, they have requested information regarding the existing fire sprinkler system and that information is now being gathered from the Austin Fire Department as well as the firm currently providing fire sprinkler system maintenance, and from architects and engineers who were involved in past projects at the Zaragoza Warehouse, including the Library Department

Access Improvement Project.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project: The May 7th project presentation held at the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill was attended by a small but thoroughly engaged group of citizens who proved to be utterly passionate about their community library. The project's consultant architects were present to elicit ideas for modifications to the building's layout which might better meet the area's growing and changing needs in library services. The consultant architects will now proceed with the schematic design phase of the project, developing a plan of action regarding how the renovated building will look based on specific design requests and the project budget. Schematic design is the most important time architects spend meeting with customers, and the Library Department anticipates conducting a follow-up session with the community in order to keep customers abreast of the architect's work and direction. During this upcoming meeting, drawings will be presented that describe design ideas in relationship to budget. Prior to meeting again with the Oak Hill community, the Library Department intends to submit the Schematic Design package (30% complete design/construction documents) for review to the Quality Standards and Management Division of the Public Works Department.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project: The architect assignment for the Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project was given to Limbacher & Godfrey by the Contract Management Department, at the specific request of the Library Department. On February 2nd, Library Facilities Services determined that a preliminary architectural scope report should be performed before proceeding with the design of the project. Serving much the same function as a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), this 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. During initial meetings with the architect, the Library Department established 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 a preliminary scope report, and Notice to Proceed (NTP) with the work was issued on May 2nd 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 subsequent meeting has been conducted with representatives from the City of Austin Asbestos, Lead & Mold Group (ALMG) to request a proposal for the lead-based paint abatement required before refurbishment of the building's wrought iron balconies can proceed. A preliminary cost estimate for abatement has been received, but a more thorough

proposal from a rotation list abatement contractor still remains to be generated.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project: A new engineering firm has been assigned this project by the Contract Management Department (CMD) of the City of Austin. These engineers have met with Facilities Services personnel at the site and subsequently submitted their proposal to conduct a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the project. This proposal has been reviewed by Facilities Services and returned to the consultants with comments. The consultant engineers are now in the process of revising their PER proposal prior to resubmitting for review and approval.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility Improvement Project: The architect's drawings detailing the desired Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to the entrance of the Little Walnut Creek Branch were forwarded for review to the Quality Standards and Management Division of the Public Works Department. That group routed a Hazardous Materials consultant to sample the involved building elements for the presence of lead-based paint and determined that an abatement of the ramp's handrails and guardrails will be required. This additional cost to the project will necessitate that the work be performed as a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) rather than as a maintenance project funded by the operating budget of the Facilities Services Division. A Capital Improvement Program project entitled the Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project is now being created and is slated to receive an appropriation to allow the work to move forward.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On April 1, Processing Archivist Molly Hults presented a session on Genealogy Resources Available at the Austin History Center to a Lifetime Learning Institute class (22 students) and received a very nice thank you card signed by everyone in the class.
- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin and Mexican American Community Archivist Amanda Jasso represented the AHC at the City of Austin Youth Career Fest on April 7. They shared information about the AHC and careers in history and archives with several students. Over 1000 students attended the event.
- On April 21, Head of Public Services Nancy Toombs and African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin, along with staff from ACYS, gave an introduction to the AHC to a group of high school students from East Side College Prep.
- The AHC, through a grant from the AHCA, participated in the Lights Camera Help Reel Film Frenzy for a second year. The AHC was once again paired with Alpheus Media, who in the period of a week (April 17-21) produced a 9 minute short documentary about the AHC called "Save Austin's History." The short film is a quick tour of the behind the scenes areas and operations of the AHC. The AHCA will be using this film as part of their outreach and fundraising efforts. The film is available online at: <https://vimeo.com/125299236>. At the film contest held at the end of the week, the AHC's film was the judges' choice as Best Film.

- On April 23, AHC Manager Mike Miller gave 2 tours of the Divided City exhibit to 6th grade students from the Ann Richards School.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 2 collections, the Austin Ethnic Association Records and the Austin (Tex.). Public Works Department 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.
- The AHC recently acquired a donation from Martha Ward of approximately 100 letters between Martha Miner and Henry Faulk (parents of John Henry Faulk) from 1901-1902, before the couple was married

Exhibits

- The AHC created a small, traveling exhibit called Neighborhood Bound: Austin's Mobile Libraries, launching at the Terrazas branch on April 25. This exhibit, in partnership with the library's active transportation outreach team unbound:sin fronteras, is comprised of a dozen photographs that reveal the Library's mid-century bookmobile fleet, which circulated books and a variety of unique material into the late-1970s.

Publications

- The AHC published its first book (outside of Waterloo Press) on April 13. Austin's First Cookbook by AHC Manager Mike Miller. This book project grew out of the previous AHC exhibit, "How to Prepare a Possum: 19th Century Food in Austin." The book is a new edition of the first cookbook published in Austin, Our Home Cookbook, compiled by the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in 1891. The AHC held a book launch reception on April 14 with 50 people in attendance. The book is available from the AHCA and at retailers all over the city, and within the first 2 weeks more than 500 copies have been sold.
- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the new book Texas Women First: Leading Ladies of the Lone Star State, by Sherrie S. McLeRoy.

Upcoming Programs

- May 29, 6:30 PM, AHC. Austin History Center Association Annual Meeting.
- June 16, 7 PM, AHC. In the Shadow of the Dome: Slave Life in Austin, Texas. Presentation about the Travis County Slave Narratives.

Central Library Services

The Faulk Central Library will host several concerts in May and June. Through a partnership with The Austin Classical Guitar Society, the central library will host classical guitarists Sundays in May—May 3: Thomas Echols, May 10: Thales Smith & the UT Quartet, May 17: Nicolas Emilfork, and May 31: Eric Pearson & the Community Guitarists. The fun continues in June. Saturday, June 13 Jesse Sublett will discuss his new book, 1960s Austin Gangsters: Organized Crime that Rocked the Capital City, and play a few songs. Sunday, June 14 Bill Callahan will play a one-hour show.

In April the Faulk Central Library hosted a Penguin Random House Louis L'Amour program and assisted the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation with hosting of the New Fiction Confab. The Night Crafters program - Calligraphy was very popular

with 20 in attendance (4/27). Get your booklists ready, the Adult Summer Reading Program will start soon! Tina Weitz's photography exhibit, Pola-Vision, is up now on the second floor of the Faulk Central Library during this year's West Austin Studio Tour in May 2015. Ten large format Polaroid Time Zero print images shot with vintage SX70 cameras will be on display for the tour and continue to be on exhibit through June. Faulk Central Library is an official stop on the WEST tour.

Staff also attended the Texas Library Association (TLA) Conference Exhibits and Meg Holle performed at TLA in the Book Cart Drill Competition with APL's Bibliofiles. Reference Librarian, Raquel Merlo, received a TLA Diversity Grant and was able to attend the TLA conference.

Branch Services

Cepeda staff attended STEMFEST at Eastside Memorial High School, sharing information about APL services and programming with local students and families.

North Village had an enthusiastic crowd of youth show up on their patio on April 23 for the Spray Can Art program. This was a hands-on program, where the kids created their own art.

Staff from Little Walnut and Willie Mae Kirk attended an open house at Harmony School on Tuesday, April 14 from 5 to 7 pm. They visited with about 100 parents and their children and issued eight library cards.

To celebrate National Poetry Month the Culture and Diversity Committee presented "Poetry In Many Voices" at Terrazas. This was an excellent program with poetry readings from the staff and public.

Manchaca Road hosted several programs: one on Preserving Family Treasures, which didn't have a large turnout, but produced some positive customer feedback; the Maker Faire, which was planned and promoted by Jennifer Connor from Faulk, held at Manchaca Road on April 19; Talk Green to me held 2 programs back-to-back on April 26 with a total of 22 in attendance; and they had a new author Book Launch on April 28 with 5 in attendance.

Youth Services

The Youth Services librarians recently took over the entire Windsor Park Branch to create a memorable event all about everyone's favorite legendary characters such as Yoda, Athena, or Batman! Youth Services featured catapults and trebuchets to destroy castles, pearly beads to craft amazing art, superhero Minecraft to test their skills, legend-themed video games, necklace pendant crafts, and so much more. There was also a photo booth where you could dress up as your favorite legend and be immortalized. There was also an armory where you could learn to create epic balloon swords. And if you were feeling especially brave, you could have ventured into the Labyrinth Scavenger Hunt and tested your luck and skill. This hugely successful event had over 150 people attend!

In April, Youth Services hosted a Meet the Young Adult Authors event at the Pleasant Hill Branch. Gena

Showalter, Katie McGarry and Adi Alsaïd spoke about their work, writing processes and answered questions from the audience.

Recycled Reads

April revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,000. Almost 4,000 people visited the store. We received donations from approximately 110 people. Our more than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries, picked up 28 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. We received 17 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing approximately 45,000 items at the bookstore. We kept approximately 19 tons of materials out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeds from APL we processed over 61,000 items

Ruth Jiu, as chair of the Merchandise Committee, received legal and financial approval for selling purchased merchandise at Recycled Reads in anticipation of the Recycled Reads Boutique. Marketplace group. At the Texas Library Association Conference, Mindy Reed was the facilitator of the One Book One Conference with Suzanne Rindell, author of The Other Typist. Mindy gave an interview to Syracuse University on the Recycled Reads model and was also contacted by the Delafield Public Library on the same topic.

Volunteer Services

April 2015 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	224
April - Volunteer hours	1594.65
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 22.55
	\$35,659.36

Policy Violations

- 29 Disturbing others using the Library
- 26 Theft of Library, staff or customer property
- 22 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 16 Sleeping in the Library)
- 10 Disorderly conduct
- 10 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
- 9 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 7 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 7 Using obscene language
- 6 Unintended use of restrooms
- 6 Destruction of Library property
- 6 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 5 Violating Internet Policy
- 5 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 4 Strong odor
- 3 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
- 2 Bringing animals into the Library
- 2 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 2 Public lewdnessr
- 1 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children in the Library

- 1 Entering unauthorized areas
- 1 Indecent exposure
- 1 Smoking in the Library
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling
- 1 Appropriate clothing is required
- 1 Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
- 184 Total**

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	28
Terrazas	18
Ruiz	16
Little Walnut Creek	16
Southeast	16
Pleasant Hill	14
Twin Oaks	9
Carver	6
Austin History Center	5
Manchaca Road	4
North Village	4
Willie Mae Kirk	4
Yarborough	4
St. John	3
University Hills	3
Cepeda	2
Milwood	2
Windsor Park	2
Hampton at Oak Hill	1
Howson	1

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

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