



Highlights

- The newest exhibit in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery "Austin 175: From Cabins to Skyscrapers" is a look at the founding and 175 years of growth of the city as it celebrates its 175th birthday in December opened.
- Anything Goes Broadway in Austin cast members will participate in a brown bag lunch on December 11 at the AHC from noon-1 PM
- The Milwood Branch renovation has been postponed.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Concrete placements are now being carried out to create the third floor of the New Central Library. The concrete structure of the building is scheduled to be topped out (top out – to install the highest structural member) by January 19th and the building to be dried-in by mid-May. "Dried-in" means that the building shell will have been sufficiently completed to keep out wind, rain and the weather in general, thus ensuring that weather sensitive materials (like sheetrock) can be installed and interior work such as rough wiring can proceed without suffering weather damage from rain, wind or snow. Other ongoing construction activities at the site include tree protection work along Shoal Creek and the erection of 35 foot long tub girders to form the bridge over Shoal Creek. Meanwhile, the work on the art wall designed to screen the transformers is expected to start in less than 45 days. On November 6th, Lake|Flato Architects, Shepley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbot Architects, and the Austin Public Library presented the "Integrated Sustainable Design Process for Austin's New Central Library" to the 2014 Annual Convention of the Texas Society of Architects, held in Houston. The session focused on the integrated sustainable design process utilized in creating the 200,000 square foot "Library of the Future," which included the client, architects and key consultants setting aggressive sustainability goals and establishing a road-map for achievement even before a concept design for the building was created. These goals continued to have positive impact throughout the design and construction documentation phases of the project. The session was presented to a completely packed auditorium at the George R. Brown Convention Center and was very well received by the crowd of architects in attendance. 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

Long-Range CIP Strategic Plan: The Rolling Needs Assessment (RNA) submissions from all departments are due to the Capital Planning Office by December 1st. The RNA submittals require departments to review and refresh

the identification and organization of long-term capital needs - adding, deleting or changing items as appropriate. Departments are asked to determine the rough order of magnitude for annual funding needs/cost estimates for ongoing and strategic programs as well as any high profile projects. In short, the RNA is an opportunity to identify departments' long-term unfunded capital needs, which ideally constitute a carefully considered set of identified priority capital needs for the next ten-plus years. The purpose of the annual RNA is to assemble future capital needs from all departments into one location for long-range planning and coordination purposes, public transparency, and to readily identify projects for future funding opportunities as they arise.

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: The Library Department is committed to continuing a productive dialogue with Milwood Branch Library customers regarding this upcoming renovation project, and as a consequence, has delayed the temporary closing of the building, originally scheduled for Wednesday, November 10th, to allow for assessment of citizen input garnered during the October 10th design presentation. A follow-up design review meeting with the community will be held at the Milwood Branch on the evening of Wednesday, November 19th, from 6:30 until 8:30. The Library Department will share an updated timeline for the project and will discuss with attendees the possibility of maintaining an outlet for abbreviated library services in the area while renovation construction is in progress. The conclusions drawn during this second Milwood area community meeting will be posted on the Library Department's website. In other project developments, the 65% complete construction drawing sets submitted by the architectural consultant team of Stanley-Salaiz Joint Venture were reviewed by the Quality Standards Management Division (QSMD) of the Public Works Department and returned with comments on November 5th. These comments are currently being reviewed by the team and resulting revisions will be incorporated into the 95% complete construction documents prior to their submittal to QSMD. This QSMD review and comment process will then be repeated for the 100% complete construction drawings. Utilization of the City of Austin Job Order Contract (AJOC) is being considered as the construction delivery method for this limited scope project, as the AJOC bidding and negotiation process is typically much shorter than an open bid process. This strategy will allow for the shortest closure of the facility for renovation work as is possible.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: APL is currently awaiting a revised contract proposal from Stanley Consultants for the scope of work now entailed by the project. This revision became necessary when it was recently determined that the entire roof of the Pleasant Hill Branch Library will require asbestos abatement prior to any other construction activities commencing.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot

Expansion Project: On November 3rd, the Watershed Protection Department (WSPD) sent staff to determine the condition of the storm sewer pipe in the drainage easement running through the property identified for the expansion of the University Hills Library parking lot. There has been concern about the condition of this storm sewer since it has been in place throughout the length of the easement since 1969. However, WSPD was unable to access the storm sewer from either the inlet (the upstream surface connection where run-off water enters the drainage pipe) or the outlet (the point at which rainwater is released). WSPD may need to construct a manhole access point in order to assess the condition of the storm sewer, which will then be left in place for future inspection needs. A request for further study has been submitted, but the proposed manhole will not impact the layout of the parking lot expansion plans now in design.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library

Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: A draft project proposal has been received, reviewed and returned with comments by the Library Department to P.E. Structural Consultants (PES). APL is now awaiting the final project proposal to be submitted by PES for review and execution.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project:

APL reviewed and accepted the proposal from Stanley Consultants to conduct a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the project. The project's consultant engineers are now authorized to move forward and complete the PER for this important retrofit of life, safety equipment.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project:

On November 14th, Hatch +Ulland Owen Architects, the design firm selected for this project, will meet with the staff currently assigned to the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill to review the facility needs and desires of the personnel working at the site. Once this information is collected and studied, the architects will be able to finalize their proposal to perform the scope of work involved. A public outreach phase is anticipated in the near future to inform the community of the upcoming infrastructure renewal project planned for their branch library and to gain their input to the renovation process.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior

Improvements Project: In current Fiscal Year 2014-15, APL received an appropriation to initiate design on this 2012 Bond Program project. In anticipation of this funding, a request from APL was submitted on July 31, 2014, to the Contract Management Division (CMD) for the services of a rotation list consultant architect specializing in historical preservation. Rotation list contracts allow the City of Austin to consistently have a group of qualified consultants available to perform a specific type of recurring work, as well as expedite the selection of the consultants to meet the project needs of the various City departments. Unfortunately, the spending authority was exhausted for the professional services agreements under the 2014 architectural rotation list. Council authorization was required by CMD to negotiate and execute a 2015 rotation list for professional architects, and on October 16th, Council approved of this new rotation list. APL

has been informed by CMD that the formal process of executing contracts for the eight (8) architects selected for the 2015 rotation list will take approximately 45 days. An architect assignment for the Austin History Center project is anticipated during December, whereupon specific program requirements will be developed along with a contract proposal for review and approval by the Library Facilities Services project manager. The infrastructure upgrades planned for the Austin History Center include wheel chair lift retrofits, lead-based paint abatement, replacement of worn finishes, a select lighting retrofit and renovation of exteriors to redress structural and aesthetic concerns. The work of the project will, essentially, be comprised of miscellaneous improvements to the historic, three-storied building. Improvements are anticipated to include HVAC and electrical components, life safety systems, minor demolition, salvaging of existing materials, miscellaneous new construction, signage and retrofit for ADA compliance, minor exterior work including replacement of landscaping, interior construction, patching and equipment retrofits. Interior work will likely impact partitions, ceilings, wall and floor finishes, toilet accessories.

Austin History Center

Programming and Outreach

- On October 3, Media Archivist, Nicole Davis, led a tour of the Backwards in High Heels exhibit for a group of eight from the Westminster Manor Retirement Community.
- On October 4, AHC Manager, Mike Miller, gave a presentation and tour for a Public History class from St. Edward's University. 8 students came and learned about the Center's collections and how to conduct research.
- Local author Carole Sikes, gave a presentation about the history of Lake Travis to 55 individuals on October 7.
- The AHCA hosted an evening at the Headliner's Club on October 16, with approximately 50 people in attendance to hear a special concert by local musician Guy Forsythe and to learn more about the AHC and AHCA.
- The AHC, along with the Archivists of Central Texas, held the first annual Austin Archives Bazaar on October 19 at the Spider House ballroom. This was a multi-institutional event, with over 20 participating, to allow the general public to learn more about archives and all the incredible archival repositories in Central Texas. Over 400 people attended the event throughout the day.
- AHC Manager, Mike Miller, gave a presentation to 100 residents of Westminster Manor about the architectural and landmark history of Austin on October 23.
- The AHC co-sponsored the annual Travis County History Day event held at the Travis County building on October 24. Over 100 people attended this event. The theme this year was the 100th anniversary of the County Extension Service. Numerous AHC items were used in an exhibit about the history of the Extension Service.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 3 collections, the Noble-Haberlin Spanish-American War Photograph Collection, the Lawrence K. Smoot Photograph Collection, and the J. B. Colson Collection of Advanced Photojournalism Student Projects, 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.

Exhibits

- The newest exhibit in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery opened. "Austin 175: From Cabins to Skyscrapers" is a look at the founding and 175 years of growth of the city as it celebrates its 175th birthday in December. The next major exhibit, scheduled for a soft opening in December and a full opening in January, is "Divided City: Civil War, Slavery & Reconstruction in Austin." This exhibit explores the impact of the Civil War era on life in Austin.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in multiple new and upcoming books: *Government and Politics in the Lone Star State*, *More Fade Glory* (Texas A&M UP), *Environmental History Atlas* (Texas A&M UP), *Aunt Sally and Uncle Sam*, and an upcoming history of the Headliner's Club. Additionally, the AHC was used for news stories on KVUE about the Servant Girl Murders and severe weather in Austin, including a brief interview with Media Archivist Nicole Davis, a news story in the Austin Statesman about Richard Moya, and an exhibit at the Gallery Shoal Creek. Also, four recent books thanked the AHC and its staff for providing assistance: *Hudson Bend and the Birth of Lake Travis*, *Austin's Montopolis Neighborhood*, *Guy Town by Gaslight*, and *By All Accounts: General Stores and Community Life in Texas and Indian Territory*.

Staff

- The AHC added two new staff members in October. LaToya Devezin joined the AHC as the new African American Community Archivist. She came to the AHC from the New Orleans Public Library where she managed their African American special collections. Sarah Fitzgibbons, a native of Massachusetts, joined the AHC as a new Administrative Assistant. She had experience working in her college's archives while an undergraduate student.

Upcoming Events

- December 9, 6:30, AHC's Opening Reception for "Austin 175" exhibit and City of Austin's 175th Birthday Party in partnership with Mayor Lee Leffingwell's Office.
- AHCA's annual Angelina Eberly Luncheon will be on January 23, 2014, 11:30 AM, at the Driskill Hotel

Branch Services

University Hills had 13 people attend their book club this month, an increase from previous months. They also hosted a family combination science and Halloween program on October 17. The Monday evening story time sessions from 6-7, run by Youth Services, are attracting a following. The session includes a craft afterward.

The Windsor Park Book Club had 11 readers at the meeting on the 14th discussing *The Inheritance of Loss* by Karin Desai. Community Cinema resumed for the season on the 7th with film selection "Makers: Women in Comedy" and they had 12 viewers.

Collections and Cataloging

Collections and Cataloging Services hired two new librarians: John Vinke (cataloger) and Dale Kittendorf (media selector). The media selector position is new. John catalogs materials, but is back-up for support services. He is being trained to replace Debby Fruzia upon her possible

retirement in 2016. Dale's responsibilities go beyond ordering media. He is connecting with the film and music community by attending the Austin festivals, interacting with musicians and film personnel, and working with the COA Music Program.

Nancy Tays, youth selector, was requested to serve on Westbank Library's reconsideration committee concerning a specific youth title. Westbank's reconsideration policy requires an outside librarian to be on the panel.

Staff continues to partner with COA departments by ordering their book or media requests through the Library vendors.

Youth Services

KIPP Austin College Prep lost their library. Their dedicated school staff has taken up the challenge and have arranged with Youth Services for all 120 of their 5th graders to visit the library each month this school year. Staff at Central and Terrazas are working to accommodate these monthly visits. Half the group visits Terrazas Branch and half visits Central. This large visit involves coordination among branch staff, housekeeping, security, circulation, management and Youth Services staff.

On October 17, Youth Services carried out the fall special event for Connected Youth. This event had a Halloween theme, combined with elements of mad science and the paranormal. It was called "Caution! May Cause Madness" and was attended by over 200 young people and their parents. There at the University Hills branch, attendees enjoyed games and activities which included a spooky background photo booth, the chance to make your own experimental specimen vials, a monster mash action figure workshop, and a cryptic scavenger hunt.

Youth Services began posting photos on Facebook of staff with their favorite picture book for National Picture Book month. Customers are encouraged to play along with the tags #bookface and #aplyouthservices and #nationalpicturebookmonth!

Recycled Reads

October revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$11,100 and over 4,150 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 210 people, and over 130 people attended events.

More than twenty volunteers on average, donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 34 pallets of discarded materials. Staff received 24 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing almost 76,100 items at the bookstore. Over 15.5 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

Recycled Reads was recognized at City Hall for the Second Annual Reuse Day. Staff attended the October 6 & 7 SXSW Eco Conference at the Convention Center and spoke to almost 200 people about Recycled Reads. Store Manager, Mindy Reed, presented her paper "Green to Green: How a

Sustainable Model for Library Sales Generates More than Cash” at the Conference for Entrepreneurial Libraries at Wake Forest University on October 17 &18.

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Volunteer Services

October 2014 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers 190
 October - Volunteer hours 1642.17
 Volunteer Value* \$22.55
\$ 37,030.93

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

Brenda Branch,
 Director of Libraries

October Policy Violations

- 26 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 22 Disturbing others using the Library
- 20 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 12 Sleeping in the Library
- 12 Using obscene language
- 10 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 10 Disorderly conduct
- 8 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 6 Violating Internet Policy
- 5 Fighting
- 5 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 4 Unintended use of restrooms
- 4 Bringing animals into the Library
- 4 Destruction of Library property
- 3 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 3 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 3 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
- 2 Entering unauthorized areas
- 2 Smoking in the Library
- 2 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 1 Indecent exposure
- 1 Public Lewdness
- 1 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling
- 168 Total**



Locations # of Incidents

- ACE 31
- ATB 19
- ATO 12
- ACP 8
- ARZ 8
- ALW 7
- ASE 7
- ACB 5
- ANV 5
- APH 5
- AWK 5
- AWP 5
- AOQ 4
- ASR 4
- AHO 3
- ASJ 3
- AHC 2
- AMR 2