



## Highlights

- The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation annual fundraiser, Illumine 2014, will be held Friday, November 7, 7-10 PM at the Hilton Austin Downtown.
- The Milwood Branch renovation has been postponed.

## Facilities Services

**New Central Library Project:** Construction is proceeding apace at the New Central Library site. Work to improve the banks of Shoal Creek adjacent to the New Central Library has started in earnest this month. The coffer dam which was damaged by rising waters last month is now being repaired, and steps have been taken to protect the work against any potential future flooding. The tub girders for the new bridge, that will span Shoal Creek at the extension of W. Second Street, have been delivered to the site from the manufacturer in Florida. Steel tub girders were chosen for this short span bridge because aesthetical preferences and constructability considerations precluded the use of other structure types. Tub girders, as closed-section structures, provide a more efficient cross section for resisting torsion than I-girders, resulting in an improved lateral distribution of live loads and the smooth, uninterrupted cross-section of tub girders offer a more pleasing appearance than I-girders. Bracing, web stiffeners, utilities and other structural and non-structural components can be hidden from view within the steel tub girder, contributing to the clean, uncluttered appearance desired for this prominent, urban bridge. Additionally, a tub girder bridge offers advantages over other superstructure types in terms of span range, stiffness, durability and ease of future maintenance. In other project developments, complete construction documents for the Art Wall that will screen the transformer site north of the New Central Library are now expected from the designers, NADAAA of Boston and New York, by the end of the month. Accomplished project milestones this month include completion of the Level One decks (the first floor of the building) and the issuance of the Complete Building Permit for the project. 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:** A meeting was held on October 6th for the CIP planning and financial staff from all City of Austin departments to kick-off the annual update to the Long Range CIP Strategic Plan (LRCSP). The Fiscal Year 2014-15 Plan was approved by the Planning Commission in March 2014. LRCSP presents a data-driven approach to citywide strategic capital planning. The deadline for departmental submissions is December 1st, and will include Comprehensive Infrastructure Assessment

(CIA) information needs.

**Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:** The renovation design plans were presented to the community served by the Milwood Branch Library on the evening of Wednesday, October 15th from 7:00 until 9:00. The well attended meeting proved to be informative for both Library customers and Library staff. The renovation design received a positive response from Milwood service area residents, who in turn offered many useful suggestions regarding the renovation plans, the project timeline and the provision of library services while the branch is closed for construction. Library Facilities Services staff members are committed to continuing this productive dialogue with the Milwood Branch customers and consequently have delayed the temporary closing of the facility, originally scheduled for November 10th, to allow for assessment of citizen input to the project as well as a follow up design review meeting with the public. The date for the design review meeting and the new date for the facility to close for renovations will be advertised as soon as they are established.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** Following the review and acceptance by Library Facilities Services staff of their Professional Engineering Report (PER) for the work at hand, Stanley Consultants are now preparing a proposal to conduct the remaining phases of the project as the consultant engineers for the Library Department. Inspections and testing have determined that the roof of the Pleasant Hill Branch Library, like the roofs of many buildings, contains asbestos. The asbestos containing materials comprising the roof of the Pleasant Hill Branch Library present no risk to the users of the building but will present a risk to the construction workers replacing the roof, as that is when the asbestos fibers might become dislodged and inhalable. As required by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), the Occupational Safety Health Administration (OSHA) and the City of Austin, the roof coverings of the Pleasant Hill Branch Library will be handled by an asbestos abatement contractor who is licensed and certified. Workers will be equipped with the proper safety gear and the part of the roof being deconstructed may be sealed off to prevent contamination of any other area. Advantageously, roofing materials have binders, such as pitch, tar and asphalt, which serve to hold the materials together and make it difficult for any asbestos fibers to be released. Moreover, asbestos-containing roofing materials are watered down and kept wet at all times during the removal process to prevent even minute particles from becoming airborne. After being extricated from the roof, asbestos-containing materials will be sealed in containers and disposed of in a waste storage facility designated to accept such materials.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** On October 16th, the project team met at the University Hills Branch Library site to discuss a number of items involved in the preliminary design of

the planned expanded parking lot. These items include Watershed Protection Department (WSPD) easement restrictions on the property, Americans with Disabilities (ADA) requirements for the grading of the new driveway entrance and handicapped parking spaces, impervious cover requirements impacting development and the possibility of using rain gardens as the water quality delivery method. A rain garden is a shallow, vegetated depression designed to absorb and filter rainwater runoff from impervious (hard-surfaced) areas like parking lots, driveways and sidewalks. Rain gardens should be positioned near the runoff sources to stop the runoff from reaching storm drains, and they are usually planted with deep-rooted and colorful native plants and grasses. They provide an attractive addition to a site's landscaping and improve the water quality in nearby bodies of water by cutting down on the amount of pollution reaching creeks and streams.

### **Southeast Austin Community Branch Library**

**Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:** P.E. Structural Consultants have submitted their proposal to serve as the professional engineers on this project, and that proposal is being reviewed by Library staff. Due to the somewhat limited scope of the project, no Preliminary Engineering Report will be required. After reviewing site conditions and existing plans, the civil engineering sub-consultant recommends adding an on-site drainage system since the existing swale (a shallow depression in a flat area of land used as a storm water drainage system) approach has obviously failed and the constrained areas at the driveway will be very difficult to redress by grading alone. Grading is the act of altering the ground surface to a desired contour by cutting, filling, levelling and smoothing. He also recommends taking the rain runoff from the roof directly to an underground drainage system rather than letting it be discharged at grade (the surface or level of the ground).

### **Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project:**

A proposal to conduct a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the project has been submitted for the project by Stanley Consultants, and subsequently reviewed and approved by Library staff. Under discussion at this time is a method by which a package (ductless) heating system could be added to the warehouse to keep temperatures above 40 degrees as is required for a total "wet" fire sprinkler system. Wet pipe sprinkler systems are installed more often than all other types of fire sprinkler system as they are the most simple and reliable, with their only operating components being automatic sprinkler heads and an automatic alarm check valve. An automatic water supply provides water under pressure to the system piping. More complex dry pipe systems are installed in spaces in which the ambient temperature may become cold enough to freeze the water in a wet pipe system, rendering the system inoperable. Since water is not present in the piping until the system operates, there is an inherent time delay in fire suppression which results in a larger fire prior to control, increasing property damage.

### **Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at**

**Oak Hill Project:** A 2012 Bond Program appropriation was received by the Library Department in current Fiscal Year 2014-15 to fund the Renovation of the Will Hampton

Branch Library at Oak Hill. Construction activities planned for the 8,580 square foot facility include minor demolition, roof replacement, improved electrical systems, upgraded HVAC controls, exterior and landscaping improvements, interior improvements and refurbishing of ceilings, walls, partitions along with replacement of equipment, floor finishes, plumbing fixtures, furniture, signage and a retrofit to insure Americans with Disabilities (ADA) compliance. On October 17th, Hatch + Ulland Owen architects, the design firm selected for the project, met with the project manager on site to review the scope of work for the renovation. Once all documents are finalized accepting their proposal to perform the work, a process of public outreach will be initiated to inform the community of the upcoming infrastructure renewal project at their branch library.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming and Outreach**

- On September 2, Media Archivist Nicole Davis spoke at a UT iSchool event for students about volunteer opportunities at the AHC with 25 students in attendance.
- On September 3, the AHC hosted its 2nd Annual "Beer Garden Social" at Scholz Garden. This year's event was in partnership with Esther's Follies and was titled "The Wit and Wisdom of Ann Richards." The program was a mostly whimsical but sometimes serious look at the life and career of Ann Richards. Over 300 people attended.
- The AHC participated in the annual Austin Museum Day event on Sunday, September 21. More than a hundred people came through the AHC to view the exhibits, more than double the usual Sunday visitor count.
- Curator of Archives, Susan Rittereiser, gave a presentation about the Charles Whitman archives at the AHC as part of the APLFF's "Community Conversations" program, one of the Mayor's Book club programs. Over forty attendees heard a great presentation about the Whitman collection and remembrances from three individuals who were witness to the tragedy.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, the Austin American Statesman Photo Morgue Collection, the Crowe Photography Collection, Plummer Papers, McCallum HS 60th Anniversary Events Team Records, and the Child Care Council (city board) 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](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).
- The AHC recently acquired the photo archive of David Grant, a local photographer and half of the Grant-Guerrero photo studio partnership. The AHC already had a small collection from Mr. Guerrero. Other interesting acquisitions include early records from the East Avenue/2nd Street Baptist Church, photographs and marketing materials from the Johnson/Long Dance Company, and papers from Freddie Dixon, Sr., about his involvement with the Wesley University Methodist Church and the Austin Area Urban League.

### **Exhibits**

- Work is underway for the next two exhibits at the AHC. In the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery will be "Austin 175: From Cabins to Skyscrapers," 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 various upcoming books, including *Cracking the Kennedy Case*, *Lone Star Politics: Tradition and Transformation in Texas*, *Statesmen and Mischief Makers*, *Juneteenth*, and a history of the Headliner's Club. Additionally, AHC resources were used in the new African American Cultural Heritage District app, an Austin American Statesman video story about the new 10-1 council, and a documentary video about "stand-ins" by the People's History of Texas for classroom use.

#### **Staff**

- The AHC hired two new, temporary staff positions. The AHC hired Roger Simon to fill the Archivist I – Pease Archivist position to process the Niles Graham Pease papers, the first and largest archival acquisition for the AHC. The position is a full time, 1-year grant funded position. The AHC also hired Sarah Sauri as a Reference Intern-Archivist I. This position, funded through a series of small donations, will assist AHC staff with helping customers in the Reading Room and answering mail and email inquiries. The position is funded for 9 months

#### **Grants**

- The AHC received, through the AHCA, a \$2500 grant from the Save Barton Creek Association. The money is to pay for the processing of the Shudde Fath Papers. Fath was one of the founders of SBCA and recently donated all of her records of the organization to the AHC. The money will help pay for the recently hired Reference Intern who will process these papers as part of their duties.

#### **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.

## **Central Library Services**

#### **Programming**

- The Faulk Central Library hosted the Mayor's Book Club finale Saturday, September 27. Elizabeth Crook, author of Monday Monday (the 2014 Mayor's Book Club selection) and KUT's Emily Donahue discussed the book and Crook's writing process followed by audience questions. Attendees also partook in the Library's Geek the Library photo booth.
- On Sunday, October 26, the Faulk Central Library will host a unique performance called Ivy and the Wicker Suitcase. The performance blends live music, large scrolls of picture book art, and a fantastic story. The artists call it an "epic surreal ear movie musical." The performance begins at 2 PM.
- On Wednesday, November 5, 6 -7:30 PM, the Faulk Central Library will host a *100 Years of Vintage Costume Jewelry* seminar. Presenters will discuss their specialties and answer audience questions.
- *Night Crafters'* inaugural program on Monday, September 29 was well attended with 19 adult crafters. This hands on class cross stitch taught by Jennifer Connor with assistance from Dean Smith had beginners, who had never threaded a needle, to experts. All said they couldn't

wait until the next class on Monday, October 27 at 6 PM

#### **Collection**

- Since May 2014 ACLS reviewed at least 25,000 items. RFID Tags have been added to a little over 50,000 items (34,000 nonfiction, 17,000 fiction and large print).
- ACLS is on track to have the collection weeded and tagged by May 2015.

#### **Displays**

- Displays in October included a book display for National Preparedness Month and a Banned Books display and bookmark.

#### **Publications**

- Blair Parsons wrote a National Book Award Longlist blog post. Meg Holle created LibAnswer, I have a TexShare card. Can I download your eBooks?, updated the OverDrive Toolkit with the new getting started guides and wrote the CitySource book review for Console Wars.
- Meg also Co-chaired the Knight News Challenge grant group, attending several meetings and writing significant parts of the grant proposal.
- Carolyn Rogers updated "What's Hot" and "APL Recommends."

#### **Social Media**

- Two of APL's social media platforms have gotten more attention with positive results. Four new Pinterest boards have been created, one of which features original content that links back to Bibliocommons reader's advisory lists created by our reference staff. Since Pinterest started getting more attention, our follower base has grown by 42%.
- APL's Facebook page features content that sheds light on the library's activities and collections and content that is educational and engaging to a broad Austin audience. Content is posted on a frequent basis, with weekly posts consisting of library tips ("Maximize Your Library"), historical images from the Austin History Center ("Throwback Thursday"), and images of the New Central Library ("Flash Forward Friday"). This lineup of weekly posts will change as time goes on, depending on the current projects and priorities of the library.

## **Branch Services**

Southeast managers attended the back to school night at Mendez Elementary school as well as participating in the Dove Springs Alliance meeting at Rodriguez Elementary school on September 5.

The Windsor Park Book Club had 11 readers at the meeting on the 9th discussing *The Astronaut's Wives Club* by Lily Koppel.

Little Walnut's Talk Time program continues to meet on Tuesdays from 1:30 to 2:30. Countries from around the world are represented in the classes which met five times with a total of 22 students.

Terrazas worked with Mobile Art, an art organization for senior citizens, to mount an art display in September, and held a well-attended reception. Plans were completed to have an exhibit of photos by local photographer, Marcela Andre, for November through January. This exhibit will be on the East Austin Studio Tour and will also be included in the catalog produced for that tour.

## Youth Services

The fall Literature Live! show, "Not So Scary Stories!" has been extremely well received. After every performance parents are thanking the library for providing such an empowering program that teaches children how to face their fears in a fun and playful way. This program embodies the goal of Youth Services librarians to provide a safe space for children to explore potentially scary topics.

The Storytime Connection early literacy training program, "Play Read Grow," is gaining community traction, and the Youth Services division is in the enviable position of having to turn down training requests due to the frequency of requests for this popular parent and teacher training. Parent trainings will be coming to 5 branch libraries in 2015; with at least one training per region per year being offered throughout the system, and the possibility of other trainings offered at offsite locations for organizations

## Recycled Reads

September revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$16,675 and over 5,000 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 200 people, and over 250 people attended events. The Vinyl Record Extravaganza attracted over 1,000 shoppers and brought in over \$4,000. Volunteers came in on September 19 and helped us take down book inventory and stock vinyl records throughout the store.

More than twenty volunteers on average, donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 33 pallets of discarded materials. Staff received 25 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 44 pallets of materials representing almost 58,500 items at the bookstore. Over 23.5 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

The Office of Innovation invited Mindy Reed, store manager, to participate in a two-day business model training workshop at the Tech-Ranch. Staff worked to complete the website page for the IMLS Spark grant launch and worked with Channel Austin to finalize the training modules, which premiered for the grant team on September 30. ALIS installed new phones with a new phone number 512-974-7460 for the store and individual lines for staff.

## Volunteer Services

September 2014 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	172
September - Volunteer hours	1605.40
Volunteer Value*	\$22.55
	<b>\$ 36,201.77</b>

## September Policy Violations

23	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
15	Disturbing others using the Library
13	Sleeping in the Library
9	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not

	Sexual)
6	Disorderly conduct
6	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
6	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
6	Unintended use of restrooms
4	Using obscene language
4	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
4	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
4	Strong Odor
4	Leaving personal belongings unattended
3	Violating Internet Policy
3	Destruction of Library property
2	Bringing animals into the Library
2	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
2	Indecent exposure
2	Public Lewdness
1	Fighting
1	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
1	Smoking in the Library
<b>121</b>	<b>Total</b>

## Locations # of Incidents

ACE	24
ARZ	15
ATB	9
ACB	6
AMR	6
ASR	6
AWK	6
AOQ	5
ASJ	5
ATO	5
ACP	4
ANV	4
ASE	4
AYB	4
APH	3
AWP	3
ALW	2
AMI	2
AHO	1
AUH	1

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

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