



## **Highlights**

- The Mayor's Book Club will host a Community Conversation at the Austin History Center on Friday, September 26, 11:30 - 1 PM. The panel will explore the impact of the UT Tower shootings.
- The Mayor's Book Club headline event and reading will combine with the Geek the Library campaign on Saturday, September 27. The reading will be 2 - 3:30 PM and participants can have their picture taken at the Geek Photo Booth from 1:30 - 4:30 PM.
- The 2014 Texas Teen Book Festival is Saturday, October 18, 8:30 - 5:30 PM at St. Edward's University.
- The 2014 Texas Book Festival is October 25 -26.
- October 7, 6:30 PM, AHC Author program with Carole Sikes, author of *Hudson Bend and the Birth of Lake Travis*.
- The Milwood Branch will close November 10 to begin renovations. After boxing and moving the collection, branch staff will work at alternate locations.

## **Facilities Services**

**New Central Library Project:** Construction of the New Central Library continues to progress well this month. Ongoing activities at the site include constructing vertical formwork, rebar (reinforcing bar) installation, deck (flooring in a building) placement, and the clearing of trees, bushes and undergrowth and the grubbing of roots and stumps at the west bridge abutment. The exact size and capacity of the photovoltaic roof array remains a matter of discussion at this time between Austin Energy, the New Central Library design team and the Construction Manager at Risk. Also under review at this time are the mock-up architectural columns as well as the aluminum finish and glazing (fixed glass) for the curtain wall system (the exterior closure or skin of the building). Mock-ups are to-scale models of a construction system or assembly and are commonly used for masonry and exposed concrete construction projects. 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
- ~ August 2014 ~ Complete Building Permit received
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

**Eighth Street Reconstruction Project:** The Eighth Street Reconstruction Project, now nearing completion, was designed many years ago before the project came under the purview of the Great Street Program of the Urban Design Division in the Planning, Development and Review Department (PDRD). Therefore, a fairly simple concrete sidewalk was built without the pavers and other design elements typically found in Great Streets projects that contribute to a much higher quality streetscape.

Looking about for ways to bring increased interest to the Eighth Street corridor, the Urban Design Division/PDRD partnered with the Library Department to install beautiful new landscaping in the Faulk Central Library planter beds facing Eighth Street. Funding for this improvement was provided by the Great Streets Program, and the Public Works Department coordinated with their street construction contractor to add installation of the new plantings to their scope of work. Maintenance of these planter beds for the next two years will be part of the contractor's responsibilities, after which the Library Department will resume its maintenance responsibilities for the Eighth Street planter beds.

**Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:** On September 10th, the project's consultant architects submitted Design Development drawings and documents to the Library Department and the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Division for review and comments, as is required by the City of Austin whenever pending construction plans are approximately 60% complete. Samples taken of existing building materials at the Milwood Branch Library tested positive for the presence of lead beyond the accepted threshold level by OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration) standards, necessitating that the Milwood Branch Library close to the public on Saturday, August 30th, to allow select demolition and further testing to be conducted. The results of this second test established that standard demolition practices can be planned for the Milwood Branch Library Renovation project without the need for special containment protocols. Although there are no known accessibility issues with the existing facility, the Library Department has decided to seek a thorough and complete review of existing conditions at the entire facility, including site conditions, to avoid any negative ramifications in the future. The Milwood Branch Library will remain open until after the upcoming November 2nd local election in order that the facility may serve as a convenient polling place for area residents. However, on November 10th, the Milwood Branch Library will need to close to the public so that the collection may be boxed and moved out of the path of construction, along with existing furniture, fixtures and equipment now in the way of the exciting renovation planned for the interiors of this branch library.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** A Professional Engineering Report (PER) for this project has been received from the consultant engineer/architect team and reviewed by staff. PER are considered a lasting record of an engineer's effort on behalf of his client, and are required to identify potential project problems, outline a series of objectives in redressing those problems, and include strong recommendations for permanent solutions to the problems. Comments and corrections for the PER have been received from staff reviewers, and the project manager is expecting to roll up the department's response to the PER and return same to the consultants by September 19th.

This will allow the consultants to modify the document and issue a Final PER by September 30th. The Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project will utilize the Design/Bid/Build (DBB) project delivery method, also known as a Design/Tender or Hard Bid approach. DBB is the traditional method of project delivery involving the selection and award of a professional design services followed by a separate bid process for construction services once the design documents are complete.

### **The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:**

The City of Austin Contract Management Division approved the Quality Control Plan (QCP) submitted by the civil engineering consultants for the University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project (AUHLEP). With the successful completion of this review and approval process, the consultant civil engineers will initiate the field work portion of their professional services agreement. Civil engineers were hired for the University Hills project because they specialize in the design of public works, including roads, bridges, dams, bridges and other structures such as parking lots, as well as water distribution, drainage and sanitary sewer systems. Field work is considered any work performed at a job site, and the civil engineers' work at the site at this time is to have a geotechnical report performed. A geotechnical report is a tool used to communicate the site's condition and design and construction recommendations to all members of the design team and construction personnel. The objective of the site investigations generated by the geotechnical report is to provide specific information on subsurface soil, rock and water conditions. Interpretation of the site investigation information by a geotechnical engineer will result in design and construction recommendations presented in the geotechnical report. The civil engineers will also insure that a survey of the future site of the AUHLEP is conducted to determine the boundaries, area and elevations of the parcel.

### **Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:**

In anticipation of this infrastructural renewal project being funded in the Library's Fiscal Year (FY) 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program budget, Library Facilities Services selected an engineering consultant firm to assist with the work at hand. A structural engineer has been chosen to analyze, design, plan and research the problematic structural components and structural systems at the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library in order to ensure the safety and comfort of users. Structural engineering is usually considered a specialty discipline within civil engineering. This project has also been approved by the Contract Management and Law departments to be carried out as a Job Order Contract (JOC) project. JOC is a way for organizations, like the City of Austin, to get numerous, commonly encountered construction projects done quickly and easily through multi-year contracts. With an emphasis on partnering and teamwork, JOC provides the methodology to execute a wide variety of fixed-price orders for renovation, rehabilitation and repair work for facilities and infrastructures. JOC contractors are selected based on qualifications and performance at a best value or low price, allowing dependable and quality "on call"

construction services to be performed within budget and time constraints.

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

This 2012 Bond Program Project is scheduled to be fully funded in the upcoming FY 2014-2015 Capital Improvement Program budget for the Library Department. To expedite project development, Library Facilities Services has selected a full service mechanical, electrical and plumbing engineering firm, with a fire protection consulting engineer, to lead the design-decision making, accurate documentation, performance and cost-estimating, construction planning and management required for optimal operation of the resulting facility improvement. A preliminary on-site visit was held with the engineers on September 9th, and a follow up meeting at the site has been scheduled for September 17th.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming and Outreach**

- The AHC had a successful event on August 9, screening the KLRU documentary "Austin Revealed: Civil Rights Stories." After the screening, the 55 attendees asked questions of a panel made up of the filmmakers, KLRU, and Tommy Wyatt, publisher of the *Villager* newspaper and one of the people interviewed for the documentary.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 4 collections, A Barton Creek Portfolio Photo Collection, Water Works Photograph Collection, the Travis Central Appraisal District Records, and The Austin Light Records, and the finding aids were placed online. Also, additions to the Harry Groll Newton Papers and the Performing Arts Collection were processed and the finding aids updated. 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).

### **Exhibits**

- Work is well underway for the next two exhibits at the Center. In December, the City will be celebrating its Terquasquicentennial, or 175th birthday, and the AHC will have an exhibit about the founding of the capital city in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery. The exhibit will open in late September. The next exhibit in the lobby and hallway will be about Austin during the Civil War and Reconstruction and is scheduled for early December. This exhibit is timed to close with the end of the National Civil War Sesquicentennial (2011-2015).

### **Publications**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book about the history of the Headliners Club of Austin, "Skullduggery, Secrets and Murders" to be published by Texas Tech UP, books about Loyola High School and the Texas General Land Office Commissioners, TV broadcasts/shows on KXAN (news story about ACC) and the Longhorn Network (Alcalde show), and for exhibits and displays at the Susannah Dickinson Museum and Travis County History Day.

### **Upcoming Events**

- October 7, 6:30 PM, AHC Author program with Carole Sikes, author of *Hudson Bend and the Birth of Lake Travis*.
- October 19, 2-6 PM, Spider House Ballroom. The AHC is co-sponsoring, along with other area archival

repositories, the first annual Austin Archives Bazaar. This is a community event meant to help local residents connect with and learn about Austin area archival repositories. More information online at: <http://www.austinarchivesbazaar.org/>

## Central Library Services

### Programming

- Staff coordinated the performance of the Intergalactic Nemesis on Sunday, August 24.
- On Friday, September 5, Central hosted a performance of guitarist and music teacher Michael Nigro. He performed a classical guitar concert celebrating Latin American music and composers.
- APL's new Zine Collection was launched August 25th. The staff processed a massive donation of 50 zines from Firewood Books in time for the launch.
- Classes conducted in August included Facebook, Twitter, Bibliocommons/Workflows, computer lab, Tech Toy Time and ebook workshop for Region I staff.
- Austin's ILL requested 92 items and received 58 for Austin customers. ILL received 1,789 requests and shipped 107 items to other libraries.
- Starting September 29, the Faulk Central Library will present a new program, Night Crafters, an adult craft night for ages 17 & up. It will be held on the last Monday of the month from 6-7:30 PM.

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- The Faulk Central Library will host a Headline Event and Reading for the finale of the 2014 Mayor's Book Club. The event will be held Saturday, September 27 from 2-3:30 PM. Elizabeth Crook will read from her book, Monday, Monday and answer questions. Book sales & signing to follow.

### Grants

Adaptive equipment was purchased from a grant funded by the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library services through a Grant from the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

- Open Book stand-alone software and Pearl Camera from Freedom Scientific for readers needing OCR scanning and read out service. The plan is to investigate replacement of the Kurzweil reader with this newer technology.
- Large 24" screen monitors for viewing with 2 existing computer stations; replacing two smaller computer monitors.
- 3 Large Type MAGic keyboards which will work with the already installed MAGic software one keyboard is intended to be available "on request" for temporary placement in any of the public access computers as needed. Two will be for installation at the 2 computers in the adaptive equipment area.
- BigTrack Track Ball to assist customers with difficulty using the regular mouse. This track ball is intended to be available "on request" for temporary placement where needed.

## Branch Services

Representatives from all branches attended the August 26th Community Connections Meeting to share ideas for utilizing the high-speed Google Fiber connections that are expected to come to each branch in the coming few years.

Milwood was given an official closing date for its renovation project – November 10th. Milwood management and Region 1 management have already planned out alternate locations for staff during the closed period.

All the temporary Administrative Associates hired for the RFID tagging project started this month, they are moving fast; two branches have been completely tagged in 3 weeks.

## Collection and Cataloging

The Collection & Cataloging Services area has almost completed its physical reconfiguration. The group now can process materials through the new workflow process more expeditiously. The new meeting room has already hosted training sessions as well as committee and division meetings. The incoming delivery and work area still needs to be completed, but the target date is the end of October.

ACCS librarian selectors have continued their outreach to the community. Staff attended Nerd Nite, Bat Fest and AttackonCon, a mini anime/manga convention.

## Recycled Reads

August revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$16,700 and over 5,200 people visited the store. Donated materials were received from over 320 people, and over 240 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 28 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 47 pallets of materials representing almost 58,500 items at the bookstore. Over 25.5 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

Staff worked with the Legal Department and filed the paperwork for State Trademark of Recycled Reads name and logo.

## Volunteer Services

August 2014 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	186
August - Volunteer hours	1683.55
Volunteer Value*	\$22.55
	<b>\$ 37,964.05</b>

## August Policy Violations

38	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
19	Sleeping in the Library
17	Disturbing others using the Library
17	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
10	Disorderly conduct
7	Using obscene language
6	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
5	Violating Internet Policy
5	Physically attack or threaten to attack another

- person
- 4 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 3 Entering unauthorized area
- 3 Bringing animals into the Library
- 3 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 3 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
- 3 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 2 Fighting
- 2 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 2 Destruction of Library property
- 2 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 2 Unintended use of restrooms
- 1 Smoking in the Library
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling
- 1 Appropriate clothing is required

**156 Total**

**Locations # of Incidents**

- ACE 32
- ARZ 22
- ATB 20
- ALW 16
- ASR 10
- AMR 6
- AMI 6
- ASJ 6
- ASE 5
- AUH 5
- AWK 5
- AYB 5
- AOK 4
- APH 4
- AHC 3
- ANV 3
- ATO 3
- ACB 2
- ACP 2
- AOQ 2
- AWP 2
- AHO 1
- ARR 1

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

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