

Austin Public Library Commission

Director's Report

April 28, 2008

Highlighted Events

Library's Budget Presentation to City Council is scheduled for May 21, 2008 at 9:00a.m.

Monster Book Sale:

Monster Book Sale Scheduled for May 17 from 10 am to 6pm and May 18, from 12 noon to 5pm. Proceeds to benefit the Austin Public Library. At 2209 West Anderson Lane in the North Star Home Center. Thousands of books, videos, CDs, DVDs, records and computer software will be available for sale. Most items sell for \$1 to \$2 and benefit the needs of the Library system.

APL Grants:

The Texas Book Festival has awarded the Austin Public Library technology/literacy/book grants of \$15,000. The grants will be used to fund fiction and non-fiction materials to 3 branches; Ruiz, Terrazas and University Hill Branches, and the Faulk Central Library, as well as, laptop computers to the Ruiz Branch.

Film Screening

Sneak Preview of the Documentary *Writ Writer* by Susanne Mason. Scheduled for Nationally Television Broadcast on PBS-Independent Lens in June. On Thursday, May 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. the Ruiz Branch of the Austin Public Library, 1600 Grove Blvd. will host filmmaker Susanne Mason. She will screen her documentary WRIT WRITER.

FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION

New Central Library Project: On March 27, 2008, the Austin City Council approved on consent of the design team selection process proposed by staff for the New Central Library Project. Since the schedule established for that design team selection process calls for the Request For Qualifications to be released in April, 2008 to interested consultants, City of Austin staff from the departments of Contract and Land Management, Public Works and the Library have been working diligently this month on finalizing those documents. The Library Department is in the process of completing the master list of over a hundred consultants who have expressed an interest in the New Central Library Project over the last several years in order that they can be advised when the Request For Qualifications is issued. John Gillum, Library Facilities Planning Manager, has served as the Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for the New Central Library Project since the 2006 General Obligation Bond Election, but with the issuance of the Request For Qualifications, Cindy Jordan, Public Works Project Manager, will assume the duties of SPOC for the project until the design team is chosen by City Council in November of 2008.

Manchaca Road Branch Library Project: At 10:00 AM on Saturday, March 29, 2008, the Manchaca Road Branch Library reopened to provide library services to the surrounding neighborhoods after being closed to allow extensive renovation work to be carried out on the thirty-four year old facility. On that beautiful Spring day, the crowd of Library customers in attendance for the event enjoyed the Open House celebration, including live music by the Austin Jazz Workshop as well as a wide array of refreshments, and expressed great satisfaction with the improvements made to their community library. The new Wired For Youth Center drew particular praise from citizens as did the new decor of the building in general. Needless to say, the traditional puppet show presentation of "Why Cowboys Sing in Texas" provided proved to be a major success among attendees of all ages.

North Village Branch Library Replacement Project:

Construction of the new North Village Branch Library at 2505 Steck Avenue continues to progress well at this point in time, with a number of trades actively engaged at the site. On April 7th, the specified bituminous waterproofing solution was sprayed on the ICF walls, and on April 14th, the installation of the roof was initiated now that the steel framing and deck has been installed at the building entry form. A final inspection has been requested by the contractor for the biofiltration pond, and work on the rainwater collection cistern is expected to be completed within the month. Other ongoing work includes installation of the exterior studs, forming of the footings and planter to be followed shortly by the appropriate placement of cement. The steel erector continues to carry out punch list work, but is expected to call for his final inspection in the near future. City staff along with consultant architects and engineers have reviewed and accepted the architectural concrete column sample provided by the contractor, although improvements to the concrete column reinforcing will need to be made. The Library Department remains confident that the North Village Branch Library will be ready to open to the public in January of 2009, as per the established project schedule.

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project: Site work at the Twin Oaks Branch Library is moving forward at a very impressive clip presently. The rough grading of the retention pond has been completed, and the installation of the necessary site utilities are in the process of being finished. All underground electrical, plumbing and pest control elements have been completed within the forming for the new foundation, and on Wednesday, April 16, the pouring of the entire concrete slab for the building was successfully accomplished. With the assistance of the Watershed Protection Department, a television camera was run through the existing storm sewer on the site, allowing the portions of the underground pipe requiring repairs to be identified. The contractor's structural submittals are now being reviewed by the consultant architects and engineers so that erection of steel on the slab can be initiated shortly. The Library Department continues to anticipate opening the new Twin Oaks Branch Library to the public by the end of August, 2009, as per the established project schedule.

Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project:

On April 4, 2008, the Budget Office of the Financial Services Department confirmed that the necessary appropriation would be forthcoming to fund the construction phase of the Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project. The highlights of the present project schedule are as follow:

- May 5, 2008 ~ 100% Complete Construction Documents Submitted by Consultant
- May 26, 2008 ~ Project Advertised for Bids
- June 19, 2008 ~ Bids Due to City of Austin
- July 31, 2008 ~ Council Approval to Negotiate and Execute Contract
- Sept. 15, 2008 ~ Notice To Proceed Issued to Contractor
- Dec. 8, 2008 ~ All Materials Available and Stored at Contractor's Site
- Dec. 8, 2008 ~ Start Demolition and New Work at Faulk Central Library
- Jan. 12, 2009 ~ Substantial Completion
- Jan. 26, 2009 ~ Completion of Punch List
- Feb. 9, 2009 ~ Final Acceptance

With City Management and Council approval, the Faulk Central Library will be closed to the public between December 8, 2008 and January 12, 2009 in order that the structural modifications and improvement of finishes entailed by this project may be safely carried through to completion. A contingency plan is being developed which will allow customers to acquire Central Library reference services at the Austin History Center while the first floor of the Faulk Central Library is undergoing these necessary accessibility and public safety renovations.

Cesar Chavez Commemorative Art Project: As of April 30, 2008, the contract between the City of Austin and the selected artist team of Laura Garanzuay and Connie Arismendi was executed for the commission of the Cesar Chavez Memorial public art project. On May 9, 2008, a meeting has been scheduled at the Terrazas Branch Library, the planned site for this artwork, in order that the artists and City staff may determine a project schedule, assess available City resources for the project, and establish clear project scope and responsibilities during the installation phase of the project.

New Monster Book Store Project: On April 18, 2008, the Library Department returned schematic design documents for the new Monster Book Store to the consultant architect with comments and corrections. Likewise transmitted to the consultant architect at that time were the mechanical and electrical plans for the project generated by the professional engineer under commissioning contract to the Library Department. A design review meeting has now been scheduled for April 25, 2008 with the consultant architect, commissioning engineer, and involved City staff. The construction manager for the landlord is expected to be in attendance as well to propose adding some alternates to the plans of interest to her client. At this meeting, the project schedule will be discussed at length to determine if the renovation of the lease space can reasonably be anticipated for completion prior to the end of June, 2008, as originally planned.

Cepeda Music Garden Project: The Library Facilities Planning Manager is presently reviewing the draft Architect's Services Agreement provided to the Library Foundation by Cotera and Reed Architects for the design of the Cepeda Music Garden Project. Upon completion of his review, the draft agreement

will be returned to the Library Foundation and Cotera And Reed Architects with comments and recommendations. A meeting with all parties will be scheduled shortly thereafter to finalize the contract, allowing design efforts to move forward on the project. To facilitate the design process, the Library Facilities Services has provided Cotera and Reed Architects with the as-built drawings, property survey and the geo-technical report for the Cepeda Branch Library/Zaragoza Warehouse campus.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- The AHC participated in an international scavenger hunt and online game, called "The Lost Ring." This is a multiplayer, online collaborative game where participants are given clues to find pieces of a lost diary (called artifacts in the game). The AHC was home to one clue/artifact during the South by Southwest Festival. More information about the game and its progress can be found online at: www.thelostring.com. The game is scheduled to be completed by the beginning of the 2008 Summer Olympics in Beijing.
- Hosted "Behind These Walls Tour," sponsored by the AHCA. Tours were held on March 11 and April 8. Upcoming tour dates are: May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, and September 9. Tours begin at 5:45 pm.
- "Portrait of a Marriage" – Act II of the Pease Family in Austin series of events was held at the Austin Women's Club on March 26. Approximately 100 people came to listen to State Senator Kirk Watson and Catherine Robb read letters written by Governor E. M. Pease and his wife Lucadia Pease.

Collections

- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung continued adding to the R. C. Wong papers and Joe Lung collection. She acquired over 100 archival items from the Wong family and 10 items from the Lung.
- 1400 images from the Neal Douglass Photograph Collection have been scanned by the University of North Texas for inclusion in the Portal to Texas History website. These images were scanned through a mini-grant the AHC received from the Portal. AHC staff and volunteers are cataloging the images weekly and adding these records to the approximately 800 images already hosted on the Portal website. The images area available at: <http://texashistory.unt.edu/browse/collection/NDPC/>

Exhibits

- Images from the AHC will be included in an exhibit at the opening of the new school building at Laguna Gloria on April 19.

Photos used in Publications

- "At the Death House Door," a documentary film, made its debut at the SXSW Film Festival. This film included a number of pictures from the AHC collections.
- The Texas Land Title Association used images for its upcoming centennial magazine of the association. Also, a new book, University of Texas Longhorns: Yesterday and Today (Publications International, forthcoming), used images from the AHC.

Upcoming Events

- April 29: The AHC will present and author talk and book signing. Irwin Tang, author of *Asian Texans*, will talk about his book and sign copies. The event will be in the Reception Room and starts at 6:30 pm.

Central Library Services

Central Library Services' business librarian, Carlos Pin, developed a new bookmark listing different types of resources we have regarding Small Business at the John Henry Faulk Central Library. It is organized in a very practical manner with resources listed under headings such as: Identify Your Target Market, Write Your Business Plan, Find Financing, etc.

Central Library Services purchased a new community brochures display rack. We can now separate community brochures from Library brochures. It is located on the 2nd floor near the stairs. This should reduce confusion of these types of materials.

Central Library Services' Managing Librarian, Carolyn Rogers, presented a thorough talk on library services to the UT System through their Lunch and Learn program. Carolyn received many compliments as she provided the right mixture of the basics and more advanced topics so that all attendees would be engaged.

Youth Services Division:

A look at last month, from Austin Public Library Youth Services:

Alison O'Reilly, Teen Librarian at Southeast Community Branch, was selected as winner of the Echo Youth Service Award, recognizing her creative, dedicated service to the young people she serves, at the Annual Staff Appreciation luncheon. Congratulations Alison!

Anita Rizley, Youth Program Coordinator, sits at the helm of the Austin Public Library Book Cart Drill Team, the Bibliofiles, who took FIRST PLACE at the Book Cart Drill Team competition at the Texas Library Association meeting in Dallas. Team Members include Program Specialists Ambray Gonzales, Devo Carpenter, Ellen Scott, and Karen Carlson (the group's choreographer), Children's Librarians Elizabeth Murphy (props and costumes), Stephanie Shipman and Suzanne Sanders, Teen Librarians Jenn Freeman, Jenn Hartley and Rachel Wilson, Noa Baron from the Circulation Services area, and Sandra Ferreira from the Pleasant Hill Branch staff. Congratulations all!

Brazos Price, Teen Librarian at Windsor Park, has been working on evolving read-ins and read-alouds with the young people who flock to his Wired for Youth Center. He's particularly excited about recent success with poetry, especially with some of the boys he sees, and is hoping that the growing program might morph into an open mic or other public poetry sharing experience.

Celia Holm, Children's Librarian at Spicewood Springs, has long had piles of children coming to the branch's programs for our youngest customers. Programs for the busy teens of the community are a harder sell, but Celia is encouraged by a slowly growing group of folks coming to participate in her teen book club. She co-hosts the book-club with Michelle Beebower, Teen Librarian at University Hills, and together they were able to convince a few girls who came to a gaming tournament to return for the book discussion group! It's always gratifying to see the

results of dedication and patience.

Debbie Keith, Children's Librarian at Old Quarry Branch, has been substituting as storytime across the system of late, sharing her particularly musical offerings with groups of preschoolers around the city. Debbie has also started featuring non-fiction titles among the books she displays during her programs, and finds that they are particularly popular among the families in attendance.

Teen Coordinator Heath Rezabek recently submitted a comprehensive grant proposal to the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation. If funded, the grant would take the Wired for Youth program one huge evolutionary step toward the future, moving away from hard-wired connectivity to wireless, mobile interaction. In preliminary meetings with Foundation representatives, his hard work has been very well received, and we are hopeful...

Children's Librarian Heather Valdez has traditionally had hordes of Children's Literature students observing her programs at Howson and North Village. A Children's Lit class at UT (taught by Little Walnut Creek Assistant Branch Head Amanda Williams) requires that all 400 students observe and describe a public library literature program for children, and we often saw all of them at a few branches in the days before the paper was due. A few observers don't hurt anything, but when you have as many as 40, the children in attendance begin to feel like they are in a fish bowl, and the beneficial dynamic at the heart of a good storytime is compromised. But thanks to some negotiations with Amanda, we are limiting the numbers of students who can observe any given program, and encouraging them to go to a variety of branches, as early in the term as they can. And it's working! Heather has noticed a marked improvement, and is most encouraged.

Joanna Nigrelli, Teen Librarian at Terrazas, has completely overhauled the youth area. Using circulation reports, she weeded the collection, and has shifted the different collection components to highlight some of the new additions (browseable non-fiction for teens) and creating many opportunities for showcasing and displaying individual titles. Kudos Joanna!

Josefina Rodriguez Gibbs, Children's Librarian at Cepeda, has been hard at work translating lots and lots of copy in preparation for the Summer Reading Program. The Youth Services Division is committed to making all print materials English and Spanish bilingual, to provide the best access we can to the program for the whole community. Josefina has stepped up to the plate to make sure that those materials are available, accurate, and timely.

Nancy Tays is the Children's Librarian at Central chiefly responsible for selecting books and media for young children. Recently she has been working on a huge project to identify for recataloging lots of titles in series written by multiple authors. Because call numbers for fiction are derived from the author's last name, when a series is written by different authors, the individual titles in that series don't sit next to each other on the shelf, where customers would like to find them. Nancy is working with the cataloging department to recatalog many of them, using the series title as the call number (instead of the author's last name), to collocate the titles.

Sally Miculek, Children's Librarian at Little Walnut Creek, is the Weeding Coordinator on the Youth Services Collection Team. As such, she coordinates system-wide weeding efforts, often with the use of a SWASC (Situation With A Scary Collection) Team. Responding to a request for assistance from one of the

Youth Services Librarians, Sally gathers a group of people who all head out to the branch early in the morning and work together to systematically and quickly purge the collection of outdated and tattered material. The program is working like a charm, and branches around the system are requesting SWASC service.

Youth Services Manager Thom Barthelmess has been hard at work preparing a training session on analytic and synthetic evaluation of picture book illustration to be done with the Children's Librarians at the Houston Public Library in May. He'll do it for the Youth Services staff (as well as some folks from branches and from our finance department) here at Austin Public at the end of April, too.

Volunteer Services:

A total of 121 volunteers donated their time to APL in the month of January. The value of the hours of service was \$24,246.

Central Library Services

Manager of Central Library Services toured the new Budget Analyst, Kelli Marshall, around the John Henry Faulk Central Library. Kelli is new to the City and wanted to find out more about Library operations. This should be beneficial to the Library as she saw some of the budgetary needs of the system.

Branch Services

Here are the highlights from Branch Services
Little Walnut Branch Library reopened February 23 at 10:00 a.m. after being closed since March 5, 2007. Manchaca Branch reopens March 29th at 10:00 a.m. All branch locations are once again open. North Village and Twin Oaks new buildings are proceeding apace.

The leased facilities will remain open until the new facilities are complete and ready for occupation.

The Mayor's Book Club wraps up April 25th.
The third branch program will be presented at the newly reopened Manchaca Branch Library on April 23 at 7:00 p.m. The book discussion will be led by UT Assistant Professor of Anthropology, Jemima Pierre. Professor Pierre is an affiliate of the Center for African and African American Studies and a specialist in the African Diaspora.

APL Employee Appreciation 2008

Thanks to the Library Commission for choosing the Award Winners.

Under Project of the Year branch nominees included Trees and Trails Project and Dedication at Oak Hill Branch and the Twin Oaks and ACCS Weeding Inventory. Gloria Canlapan, Administrative Associate at Spicewood, was awarded the Teodoro "Pancho" Villa Customer Service Award. Under Leadership there were many branch names nominated - Irma Flores-Manges (AOK), Kent Middleton (AMR), Sandy Pence (ASE), Jane Sheaffer (ALW) and Eric Travis (AWP). For Team of the Year Hampton Branch at Oak Hill's 10th Birthday Party, the Spicewood Springs Branch Team and the Yarborough Branch Winter Holiday Party were nominated. JoAnn Pena in Branch Services was nominated as the Support Services Staff Member of the Year. Cynthia Charles, Branch Manager at Carver, won the Community Service Award and Katrina Townsend, Administrative Assistant at University Hills won the Brenda Branch Public Service Award and Diane Palan, Library Services Assistant Manager won the Distinguished Service Award.

All of the nominees are winners and the Best of the Best. We appreciate the Library Commission for helping us honor our staff.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

April

- April 28: 7:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled
- April 28: 6:30 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Cinemagiic: All-Star Family Film Festival: Brother Bear (G)
- April 29: 6:30 p.m., Austin History Center Program: "Asian Texans - Our Histories Our Lives." A presentation by the author Irwin Tang "Asian Texans"
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- April 30: 10:30 a.m., Old Quarry Branch, Why Cowboys Sing in Texas!: Literature LIVE!
- April 30: 3:30 p.m., Little Walnut Creek Branch, Wonder Wagon, A theme based after school program for kids ages 5 and over, including books, games, movies, and hands on activities.

May

- May 1: 4:00 p.m., Central Library/Practiquemos Espanol, This is an informal program to give individuals a comfortable and non-threatening place to practice speaking Spanish.
- May 1: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Hampton Branch: Breathing Life into Words Series continues with Thom the Poet Participants must know some Spanish in order to benefit.
- May 2: 10:30 a.m., AOQ - Talk Time - Asian Focus
- May 2: 4:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Anime Club: Prince of Tennis. For ages 12 and over May 3 -- Hampton Branch at Oak Hill presents All-Star Family Film Festival ; 7p.m.Space Jam (PG).
- May 3: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch at Oak Hill presents All-Star Family Film Festiva, Space Jam (PG).
- May 5: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch Presents Comic Book Day '08!
- May 5: 7:00 p.m., North Village Branch Library, FACT Science Fiction/Fantasy Reading Group. Discussing speculative fiction in Austin since 1994. Monday May 5 "Bridge of Birds" by Barry Hughart.
- May 6: April 1: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Beginning Poetry Workshop
- May 6: 7:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch Library, Southeast Talk Time, Talk Time is a fun and informal program to give individuals a comfortable place to practice speaking English.
- May 8: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Science Fiction Reader's Book Club
- May 8: 7:00p.m. Ruiz Branch, Screening of documentary Writ Writer with filmmaker Susanne Mason.
- May 9: 10:30 a.m., Old Quarry TalkTime. An informal English conversation practice for those who wish to improve their English skills!
- May 10: 2:00 p.m., Howson Documentary Series - Tintin and
- May 13: 7:00 p.m., Milwood Adventure Travel Series: Czech Republic
- May 13: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is ALICE IN WONDERLAND.
- May 13: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Book Club. The Windsor Park Book Club will be discussing The Black Swan by Nassim Nicholas Taleb.

- May 15: 5:30 p.m., Riverside Drive Branch WFY Center, TAG (Teen Advisory Group)
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- May 16: 10:30 a.m., Old Quarry TalkTime. An informal English conversation practice for those who wish to improve their English skills!
- May 19: 6:30 p.m., AHC – Booktalk and signing: Dorothy Blodgett, Terrell Blodgett and David L. Scott – *The Land, The Law, and the Lord: The Life of Pat Neff*
- May 19: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled
- May 20: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club, *Twist at the Endy* by Steven Saylor
- May 22: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Science Fiction Reader's Book Club
- May 22: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Mystery Book Club, title(s) to be announced
- May 22: 5:30 p.m., St. John Branch WFY Center, TAG (Teen Advisory Group)
- May 23: 10:30 a.m., Old Quarry TalkTime. An informal English conversation practice for those who wish to improve their English skills!
- May 29: 5:30 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch WFY Center, TAG (Teen Advisory Group)
- May 30: 10:30 a.m., Old Quarry TalkTime. An informal English conversation practice for those who wish to improve their English skills!

June

- June 1: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, presents "Breathing Life into Words." June 2: 7:00 p.m., North Village Branch Library-BOOK CLUB, FACT Science Fiction/Fantasy Reading Group, Discussing speculative fiction in Austin since 1994. Monday June 2 "Mainspring" by Jay Lake.
- June 3: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Beginning Poetry Workshop
- June 10: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is J.D. Salinger's *THE CATCHER IN THE RYE*.
- June 10: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Book Club. The Windsor Park Book Club will be discussing *A Thousand Pleasant Suns* by Khaled Hosseini.
- June 12: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Science Fiction Reader's Book Club
- June 17: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club, *Liars Club* by Mary Karr
- June 23: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled
- June 26: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Mystery Book Club, title(s) to be announced
- June 26: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Science Fiction Reader's Book Club

July

- July 7: 7:00 p.m., North Village Branch Library-Book Club, FACT Science Fiction/Fantasy Reading Group, Discussing speculative fiction in Austin since 1994. Monday July 7 "The Yiddish Policemen's Union" by M
- July 8: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is Sinclair Lewis' *MAIN STREET*.
- July 14: 6:30 p.m., Austin History Center Program: "Historic Hotels of Texas: A Traveler's Guide" with author Liz Carmack. Liz Carmack will be conducting a presentation featuring the historic Driskill and Stephen F. Austin hotels in Austin, and how she came to write the book "Historic Hotels of Texas: A

Traveler's Guide". A book signing will follow.

- July 15: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club, *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See
- July 20: 6:00 p.m., Austin History Center Exhibit: "History By Hand: Selections from Papers of Governor E.M. and Lucadia Pease"
- July 24: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Mystery Book Club, title(s) to be announced
- July 28: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled

August

- August 4: North Village lease space library closes to relocate to new facility
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- August 19: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club, *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen
- August 28: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Mystery Book Club, title(s) to be announced

September

September 9: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is Albert Camus' *THE STRANGER*.

October

October 14: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is Wilkie Collins' *THE MOONSTONE*.

November

November 24: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled

2009

- January, 2009: Grand Opening of new North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Avenue (tentative)
- July 2009: Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch, 1806 S. 5th Street (tentative)

Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries



