

Austin Public Library Commission

Director's Report

June 23, 2008

Highlighted Events

June 18: Foundation/COA Trust agreement on Council Agenda. Council passed the trust agreement between the COA and the Library Foundation at the June meeting.

Budget Schedule:

July 23: Proposed budget presented to City Council
August 7, 21, and 28: Budget presentations and Public Hearings

September 8-10: Budget Readings

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Summer closing:

Monday, July 7, Yarborough Branch
Friday, July 18, Hampton Branch at Oak Hill
Thursday, August 21, Milwood Branch

Summer Reading Program Begins

The library's annual summer reading program will begin for both youth and adults on **June 9** and will continue through the end of August. This year there will be something for everyone, in addition to books, the library will be hosting special events and programs. Check the website for the complete schedule, www.cityofaustin.org/library or pick up a copy of the BRIDGE, the youth program guide.

Inaugural Adult Programming Newsletter

The Adult programming committee and the Marketing Communications Division developed a quarterly newsletter that will promote the services and programs available to our adult customers. The newsletter will be available in print on May 29, just in time for the summer programs.

FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION

New Central Library Project: On June 20, 2008, twenty-two (22) Statements of Qualifications were received by the City of Austin from design teams interested in being considered for the New Central Library consultant contract. The consultant solicitation process for this project is effectively concluded at this point in time, and between now and the

end of August, 2008, selected City staff will review and evaluate the Statements of Qualifications received. The New Central Library Project schedule calls for the three top-graded design teams to make presentations to Council in October, 2008, with Council award of the design team contract to follow shortly thereafter in December, 2008. The twenty-two design teams submitting Statements of Qualifications for the New Central Library Project are:
Meyer, Scherer & Rockcastle, Ltd.
The Hillier Group Architecture, New Jersey, Inc.
Moshe Safdie and Associates, Inc.
Michael Graves & Associates
BNIM Architects
Robert A.M. Stern Architects, LLP
Rex/Rhode
Lake/Flato Architects
HKS, Inc./LTL Architects - JV
KGA Architecture
Cooper, Robertson & Partners/CasaBella Architects - JV
Mark Scogin Merrill Elam Architects
The Lawrence Group Architects of Austin, Inc.
Oma & Amo Architecture PC
Bercy Chen Studio L.P./Cunningham Architects
Page Southerland Page/Patkua Architects
Overland Partners/Miro Rivera Architects - JV
Gwathmey Siegal & Associate Architects, LLC
Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc.
Barnes Gromatzky Kosarek Architects, Inc.
Hammond Beeby Rupert Ainge, Inc.
Pelli Clarke Pelli Architects

North Village Branch Library Replacement Project:

The new North Village Branch Library construction site is an exceedingly busy place at the moment, with a veritable small army of subcontractors in residence and vying for space to perform the work of their particular trade on the emerging building. Roofers, masons, plasterers, electricians, plumbers, door and window installers, framers, steel workers, mechanical installers and other tradesmen are all very much in evidence at the location these days which is causing the building to take shape seemingly right before our eyes. In the next several weeks, it is anticipated that the roof and metal paneled walls, the rock walls and the stucco walls will all be substantially completed, along with the installation of doors and windows. The interior framing is now approaching completion and the installation of drywall is consequently anticipated to start shortly. Also expected in the very near future will be the erection of the entrance canopy and installation of the parking lot pole lights. With the present bustle of ongoing construction activities at the North Village Branch Library site, it is easy for the project management team to be confident that the

scheduled opening date of January 24, 2009 for the new facility can and will be met.

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project:

Construction activities are about to pick up speed at the site of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library, as well, for the the entire shipment of structural steel needed for the building is expected to be delivered within days. With the erection of the structural steel looming in the near future, the contractors are presently focused on finishing such site work as the underground utilities, underground electrical and plumbing work, the pouring of sidewalks, curbs and gutters, installing the rain tank, forming the water retention pond, and attending to the necessary asphalt paving. At this time, the Library Department fully expects the project to be finished in plenty of time for the scheduled opening of the new library on August 8, 2009.

Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project:

The Library's review of the construction documents for this important renovation project was completed on May 2, 2008 and the review comments were addressed by the consultants on May 10, 2008. Therefore, the final documents are currently being prepared for bid advertisement, hopefully by July 7, 2008. A pre-bid meeting is being planned for interested contractors at the Faulk Central Library site on July 16, 2008, and bids will be due to the City of Austin by 10:30 AM on Thursday, July 24, 2008. The bids received will be opened and read at 2:30 PM the same day. After the bids are reviewed by the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources for ordinance compliance, Council approval to award contract to the responsive, low bidder will be sought on Thursday, September 4, 2008. Notice To Proceed is anticipated to be issued to the selected contractor by October 15, 2008. The contractor will be given until December 8, 2008 to submit shop drawings for architect's approval and to order all tempered glass, doors, frames and other materials. When all necessary materials are determined to be available and stored at the contractor's warehouse, demolition and installation will start at the Faulk Central Library, with substantial completion of construction anticipated by January 19, 2009. For reasons of public safety, the Faulk Central Library will be closed to customers during the construction phase of this project.

New Library Bookstore Project: The construction plans and specifications for this lease space renovation project have reached the 50% complete phase. Discussions regarding the probable estimate of construction cost are ongoing at the moment between the property owner's construction manager, Library Facilities Services staff and the consultant architects and engineers. It is hoped that the present divergent opinions regarding the construction estimate will soon be rectified, allowing 100% complete construction documents to be generated for bid proposals to perform the necessary remodel work. In the meantime, purchase procedures have been initiated to acquire the shelving and other furniture that will be needed to finish

out the lease space at the 5335 Burnet Road site once renovation construction activities have been successfully concluded. As soon as a bid date can be agreed upon with the owner's representative, the Library Department will project and publicize the schedule for completion of construction and opening the facility for business.

Cepeda Music Garden Project: On Friday, June 20, 2008, the Library Facilities Planning Manager, the principal architect for Cotera + Reed Architects, and a representative from the Austin Public Library Foundation met and successfully resolved the last remaining details regarding the design contract for the Cepeda Music Garden Project. As a result, the consultant contract is anticipated to be finalized shortly, and design efforts for the Cepeda Music Garden Project will soon begin in earnest.

Cesar Chavez Commemorative Art Project: On Friday 13, 2008, the selected artist team met with staff members from the Art In Public Places Program and the Library Department to present their latest design concepts for the commissioned work of art. The artists proposed to use the location of the exterior, information kiosk at the Terrazas Branch Library to site their art piece, while modifying and incorporating existing elements of the kiosk into their design. Since the installation of the information kiosk was a collaborative effort between the Library Department and the surrounding neighborhood, the artists have been asked to bring their proposal before the appropriate neighborhood association in order to secure their approval as well. In the meantime, the Library Department is reviewing the lighting requirements now proposed for the art project.

Austin History Center

Staffing

- The AHC is sad to announce the retirement of Ruth Baker. Ruth has worked at the AHC as a processing archivist for over 18 years, organizing and making available archival collections, including her "swan song" project to finish processing the McCallum Papers (see "Collections" below). Ruth also had an important role in reviewing City records for archival review and helping the AHC establish its role in the city's overall Records Management program. Ruth was a highly valued and respected member of the AHC team and she will be missed. Her final day at the AHC was June 19.
- John Schooley, an administrative assistant at the Little Walnut branch, has been promoted to an Administrative Senior position at the AHC starting June 23.

Programming & Outreach

- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung represented the Austin History Center at the Asia Fest festival held on May 3. Esther presented a program on Asian American history during the festival. She also had a

small booth exhibit on Asian Americans in Austin.

- Mexican American Neighborhood Liaison Gloria Espitia represented the AHC at the Mexican American Cultural Center's Cinco de Mayo festivities held on May 4. Gloria had a small booth exhibit on the AHC as well as created an AHC word-scramble puzzle for the children's activity table at the event.

- Manager Mike Miller presented a talk, "A Tour Through 19th Century Austin," to a group at the Querencia Senior Living Center on May 22.

- The Austin History Center will be featured in an episode of Downtown this fall on KLRU, the show's 4th season. This show, produced by the Downtown Austin Alliance, Action Figure Productions, and KLRU, "features unique stories of the people and places that make 'DOWNTOWN: As Austin As it Gets'™ Each episode includes 3 10-minute feature pieces, and the AHC will be the subject of one of these features. The show will highlight the services of the AHC, the building, and what makes the AHC unique. The show will include interviews with Manager Mike Miller, Neighborhood Liaisons Karen Riles, Gloria Espitia, and Esther Chung, and Curator of Archives Susan Rittereiser. Community members, researchers, donors, and AHC volunteers have also been interviewed for the show. Stay tuned for information about air dates.

Collections

- Processing Archivist Ruth Baker completed the processing of the Jane McCallum Papers (AR.E.004), one of the "premiere" collections of the AHC. McCallum was a leader in the Texas and national suffrage movements as well as being active in Austin and state politics. This collection, over 100 boxes covering more than 50 linear feet, took over two years to process. The completed finding aid is available online through Texas Archival Resources Online (TARO): <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/aushc/00024/ahc-00024.html>

- The AHC completed work on National Film Preservation Foundation grant project to restore the 1943 Chamber of Commerce film, Austin: The Friendly City. Triage Motion Picture Services completed the work on restoring the film and returned all the restored elements, including the extremely damaged audio track, as well as a digitized copy of the movie. The film shows Austin and all it had to offer in 1943 as seen through the eyes of a family of four moving into town. Stay tuned for an announcement of a public screening.

- The AHC received a favorable review on its Texas State Library & Archives Commission TexTreasures grant application to digitize the Jones Glass Plate Negative Collection. This collection contains over 400 glass plate negatives depicting scenes and people in Austin, 1880-1920, and this project will allow the AHC to make these images accessible to researchers, and the project should start this fall.

Photos used in Publications

- Images from the AHC collection have been used recently in exhibits at the Houston Railroad Museum, the Maryland

National Capital Park, and for an exhibit and catalog on Elijah Myers at the Michigan State Capital. Also, the July issue of Landscape Construction will publish 2 AHC images, and the famous tornado over the Capitol image will be published in the 3rd edition of Natural Hazards: Earth's Processes as Hazards, Disasters & Catastrophes (Pearson, 2009).

Central Library Services

Central Library Services now has a zine collection that will be located on the 2nd floor of the John Henry Faulk Central Library. Zines are generally inexpensively produced, self-published, underground publications.

A San Jose State graduate student recently wrote in her blog "The Makings of a Great Blog" that the Austin Public Library's Blog written by six Central Library Services' reference librarians is an example of a great blog for various reasons. Posted comments by others also recognized the Library's blog as a good one. To view the blog and posted comments go to <http://sociallibraries.com/libr246-13/node/642>

Library Grants and Records Management

The Austin Public Library received notification that the National Endowment for the Humanities has selected two library locations in which to place 40 high quality prints of great masterpieces of American Art. These prints are accompanied by curriculum aides, a teacher resource guide, and other helpful materials published online for everyone to draw upon to deepen their appreciation of America's rich and diverse cultural heritage. Curriculum guides for teachers are found at <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov> and are available for use now. The prints will be installed in the Faulk Central Library and the Spicewood Springs Branch Library in the fall. This program which is widely promoted by the American Library Association, provides Austin area teachers and homeschoolers with the opportunity to examine American history in a fresh and engaging way – through high-quality reproductions of great American Art. The Austin Public Library believes that all of its visitors will enjoy this opportunity.

Media Relations

A total of 13 media releases were initiated by the library resulting in a value of almost \$11,000 for the month of May. Several articles and mentions appeared in the Spanish print media; Ahora Si, Arriba, and El Mundo as a result of the library's new Public Information Specialist, Kanya Lyons.

NEW Van wrap

The marketing/communications division produced a NEW van wrap for APL's delivery van that promotes the "ASK A LIBRARIAN" service.

BRANCH SERVICES BUZZ!

Stay up to date with the BRANCH SERVICES BUZZ!, the very latest on the Branches, the inside scoop for reading, programs, playing and living in Austin.— I hope you find inspiration for your summer plans at the Austin Public Library. Of course, check out www.cityofaustin.org/library for a complete rundown of events, news and more. We'll see you at the Library!

What's New at the Branches?

- A lot to read starting with the 2nd Annual Adult Reading Program that runs from June 9 through August 31. We have scores of Book Clubs such as Carver's Oprah Soul Searchers Book Club; Oak Hill's A World Lit: The Flame of Literature Book Club; Howson's Science Fiction Book Club; North Village's FACT – Science Fiction/Fantasy Book Club; and Pleasant Hill's Mystery Book Club; and Book Clubs at Little Walnut, Milwood, Old Quarry, Spicewood Springs, University Hills, and Windsor. Please check out www.cityofaustin.org/library for more information on Book Clubs at the Austin Public Library.

- It's hot outside, but the programs inside are so COOL, it's almost like being in Colorado!

Try the Spicewood Springs Library European Movie Night Series – Life Under Communist Rule. The first movie, The Firemen's Ball from Czechoslovakia 1967, was an overwhelming success with 46 people in attendance. The next movie is The Lives of Others from Germany 2006 on July 2nd at 6:00 p.m. and the last, No Man's Land, from Bosnia-Herzegovina 2001 is scheduled for August 6th at 6 p.m.

Join the Southeast Austin Community Branch in celebrating 8 Weeks of Oscars this summer.

The Cepeda Branch celebrates 10 Years of Service to the East Austin Community.

Celebrate Juneteenth: Honoring Our Legacy at the Carver Branch on June 19.

Save Money Grow Greener at the Windsor Park Branch, Sat., June 28 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The 2nd Annual Austin African American Book Festival on June 28 features noted authors Sam Greenlee and Francis Ray.

The Presentation by Kim Lehman "The Bee Lady" " on Saturday, June 14 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Oak Hill was a rousing success with the audience learning about pollination, bee behavior, honey production, and plants that attract bees.

Customers stopped to tell me how wonderful the program was at Milwood on June 10, 2008. Steven Saylor discussed his book, The Triumph of Caesar: A novel of Ancient Rome. This is the newest in his series of historical mysteries set in the ancient Rome of Cicero and Caesar and featuring Gordianus the Finder. A book signing will followed the program.

You may have missed the program, but don't miss the book!

- Art in the Branches might not be what you think—discover the many exhibits at the Branch Libraries. Ask Steve Reich about the new Art in Public Places in the works for

Terrazas. Ask Nancy Toombs about the NEH Picturing America Grant that Spicewood received. She is very excited about this project! Picturing America is a new initiative from the National Endowment for the Humanities. The program uses art as a catalyst for the study of America. For more information and the art that is part of the grant, check <http://picturingamerica.neh.gov/>

•Awards and Recognition

Talk Time at Old Quarry - Pat Campbell, Managing Librarian at Old Quarry, was honored at the 2008 Doss Elementary School Partners in Education Awards Assembly, Friday, May 30th, as the "Rookie" Partner of the Year for the Old Quarry Talk Time. She partnered with a longtime friend/Old Quarry patron and Barbara Yanaga, PTA President of Doss, to create a very successful Talk Time. Average attendance is about 20 per week. She received a beautiful Award shaped more or less like a book. Pat says it started like this: "I have a friend / longtime AOQ patron who is extremely involved in the activities at Doss. This elementary school has MANY Korean students... and parents who are trying to be part of their kids' school lives....most of these parents have limited English skills. Jill (my friend) and I were talking one day last Fall when I told her of my idea to start a Talk Time and she told me Doss has wanted to do the same thing but had no space to do it. Voila ! AOQ's Talk Time was born! Jill knew of people at Doss, including the PTA President, who wanted to facilitate / help in the endeavor. All these people have lots of experience with "foreigners" (Jill has her own business and deals almost exclusively with internationals) and make great facilitators. AOQ's Talk Time draws mostly Asians and all seem to have a heck of a good time, based on the laughter, noise level, and tremendous participation. There have been (and maybe still are) participants from South America, India, Europe, Iran, Turkey, and Russia as well. Talk Time here will take a rest during the summer, but will reconvene on September 12."

•Texas Book Festival Grants

Grants from the 2007 Texas Book Festival (TBF) have been awarded to the Austin Public Library. \$15,000 will be used to fund fiction and nonfiction materials for the Ruiz, Terrazas, and University Hill Branches and the Faulk Central Library, as well as laptop computers for the Ruiz Branch. Stephanie Neely, Branch Manager at Ruiz, said the Ruiz grant would purchase materials of special interest to the SafePlace clients who frequent the branch. At least 40% of the titles we purchase will be in Spanish.

- Congratulations to Elva Garza for her appointment to the Newberry Awards Committee.

- Branch Managers, Elva Garza and Anita Fudell, attended Book Expo America in Los Angeles in early June. Book Expo America (BEA) is the largest annual book trade fair in the United States.

- Branches received training from APD's Gang Intervention Detectives at a recent Branch Managers' meeting.

- Meeting Room Signup for groups wanting to book branch

meeting rooms for the year has changed. Rooms will be booked by the Calendar Year with standing reservations taken in December. Reservation will run from January 2009 – December 2009.

•Kent Middleton, Manchaca Branch Manager, retires from APL after 33 years. His last day at APL is Independence Day – July 4, 2008. Branch Manager's gave him an Independence Celebration after a recent Branch Managers' Meeting. Retirees, Lexie Graham and Jerry Williams also attended to wish him well.

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Thanks for Reading with me! If you have questions about Branch Services, please feel free to give me a call at 974-7459, Karen Baker

Volunteer Service Hours for May

Number of Volunteers: 168
APR - Volunteer hours : 1766

Volunteer Value: \$34,445
Hourly value is calculated at \$19.51

Youth Services Division:

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

Alison O'Reilly, Teen Librarian at Southeast Community Branch, has submitted two short plays that reflect recent happenings with young people in her branch:

Afternoon of Games
A comedy in one scene.

Setting: Meeting room at the Southeast Branch. Fifteen kids are seated playing board games. Tony, who is ten, writes Miss Alison's name on the board, thus signing her up for a spot in the Connect Four Tournament.:

Tony: You're a "Miss." That means you're single.
Miss Alison: That's right.
Tony: Hmmm....that's bad.
Miss Alison: Why?
Tony: That means you don't have a date.
Miss Alison: Single doesn't mean I don't have a date. It means I'm not married.
Tony: Oh. (pause) So you're divorced?
Miss Alison: What? No! I've never been married!
(15 kids turn to look.)
Miss Alison: Uno, anyone?

Cinemagic
A drama in one scene

Setting: The Southeast Branch meeting room. The Golden Compass is showing. There is one family and Miss Alison in the room. Three siblings – Jonathan, the big brother, Naomi, the middle sister, and Jazmine, the baby sister – enter.

Naomi: What movie is this?
Miss Alison: The Golden Compass
Naomi: Oh! Wow! (sits down with Jazmine)
Jonathan (shouting): Naomi! Nooooo! Mom said we can't watch that!
Naomi: Come on, Jon, just a few minutes?
Jazmine: Yeah! Just a few minutes!!
Miss Alison: (whispering) Please lower your voices...
Jonathan: (still shouting) I'm telling Mom! She said we can't watch that, Naomi!
Naomi: What's the big deal? I want to see it...
Miss Alison: (still whispering) Please stop shouting!
Jonathan: (even louder) This is the movie where they don't believe in God!

<silence>

Miss Alison: Maybe you should go.
Naomi: Okay, Miss. (The three siblings exit.)

Program Specialist Ambray Gonzalez spent much of the last month creating the materials for the shadow-puppet portion of the Summer Reading Program special puppet show. This summer's show, a hybrid of a few types of traditional puppetry, is quite magical, and proving to be a big hit!

Brazos Price, Teen Librarian at Windsor Park, has worked for over a year at growing a read-aloud program in his Wired for Youth Center. He has this story to tell about how that plan is going:
I had 25 youth come to one of my read-alouds this month. I read picture books with them and then we broke up into smaller groups to read together. One great thing that happened was one older boy began reading with a younger boy. That instant was totally the dream that I've had for this particular program becoming a reality. A mother peeked her head in and saw about 15 people reading quietly while others watched the story. She also was paying attention to the story and clapped at the end. It was an amazing experience and one of those days that you remember for a long time.

Celia Holm, Children's Librarian at Spicewood Springs, Josefina Rodriguez Gibbs, Children's Librarian at Milwood, and Michelle Beebower, Teen Librarian at University Hills, collaborate on a Mother/Daughter book club that they run in all three branches. The idea is beginning to catch on. Not only is the program attracting its own attendees, but folks are beginning to look to the library as a place where

older children and teens can gather to think and talk about books, giving legs to other book-discussion-style programs going on across the system!

Debbie Keith, Children's Librarian at Old Quarry Branch, worked with a customer to navigate access to the new Tumblebooks interactive picture book database, using a TexShare card, from home. As much as we'd like access to all of our databases to be simple and seamless, proprietary issues often mean that that isn't so. Thanks to Debbie's assistance, the customer was so happy that she completed a "How Are We Doing?" card celebrating the Tumblebooks service.

One of the homespun Summer Reading Programs this year is an Optical Illusions celebration that includes a fascinating illusion, made of a few cardboard boxes. The trick appears to turn one's head around on one's shoulders, 360 degrees. Elizabeth Murphy, Children's Librarian at the Yarborough Branch, and Sally Miculek, Children's Librarian at Little Walnut Creek, took this illusion with them to every class at Reilly elementary, to promote the Summer Reading Program. When 7-year-old Mary brought her grown-up into Yarborough the next day, she announced: "That's the one who turned her head around and around!"

Teen Coordinator Heath Rezabek has this to say about his Summer Reading Program promotional visits to Pease Elementary:

My visit to Pease Elementary was a wonderful experience, as ever. I was able to connect with kids from K through 6th grades, reading excerpts to each of them at their levels, and connecting the joy of books with the fun of the Summer Reading Program. Ms Slocum, the Pease librarian, later said that the kids were asking her for the books I'd discussed and read from, and the 6th grade teacher reinforced a request to have me come back for such readings and discussions when I could. He was impressed and excited about the way I held the attention of the group. (I read from the first book in the *Midnighters* series, by Scott Westerfeld.)

Children's Librarian Heather Valdez was excited to attend the Gaming Tournament preparation training put on by the Teen Librarians. This summer every branch is offering one or two special programs just for teens, and the Youth Services Staff has really shown terrific teamwork, coming together to cross-prepare and cross-train!

Joanna Nigrelli, Teen Librarian at Terrazas, has undertaken a Pajama Storytime once a month this summer, and is receiving rave reviews. While she expected a tranquil, soothing experience, she has discovered that it's really "just storytime, but in our PJs." The neighborhood families have expressed gratitude for an evening event, and are looking forward to more.

Patti Cook, Teen Librarian at Manchaca Road, is also responsible for ordering all of the Teen Fiction and Non-

Fiction, and Graphic Novels for the system. In the midst of getting ready for Summer Reading (no small task), she has also been spending her chunk of the materials budget, to get everything spent before ordering stops for the year.

Rachel Wilson, Teen Librarian at Ruiz, has this happy story to tell about one of her assistants:

My teen volunteer from last summer came to the branch last week; I have seen her a few times over the school year, but she usually comes in later in the evening. She asked if she could volunteer again this summer and mentioned how much fun she had doing it last summer. Yay!

Stephanie Shipman, Children's Librarian at Pleasant Hill and Twin Oaks Branches, hosted a SWASC (Situation With A Scary Collection) Team meeting at Pleasant Hill, where about ten members of the Youth Services team descended and, in the course of 5 hours, withdrew 27 boxes worth of outdated, shabby, and otherwise unfit nonfiction titles from the shelves. The SWASC Team approach is proving to be a terrific way to come together and make a big difference in a collection with a quick turnaround!

Most people intuitively understand the value of storytime to the preschoolers who attend; they build language skills, attention spans, and happy library memories. But there's a real benefit to parents, too, as illustrated by this story from Suzanne Sanders, Children's Librarian at the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill:

A mom told me, "Thank you for your storytimes. Listening to you has made me a better reader with my son – I have been much more imaginative in the way we read together."

Youth Services Manager Thom Barthelmess has been working on hiring another Supervisor for the Youth Services Division team. Once he hires a Children's Coordinator, the Youth Services Division will be balanced, with three distinct teams, focusing on Children's, Teen, and Outreach services, each with a Coordinator at the helm. The job is currently posted, and interviews will likely happen after the American Library Association conference in Anaheim at the end of June.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

June

- o June 23: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled
- o June 23: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Blaze Sports," with Kimberly Messer
- o June 23: 7:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library's Meet the Author, Melody Moezzi, author of "War on Error" will be talking about her book.
- o June 23: 5:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
- o June 23: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 8 and up, Gaming Practice
- o June 24: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading

- Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o June 24: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Creek, Summer Reading Program, "Sports and Toy Science"
 - o June 24: 2:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program, Storyteller, Bernadette Nason
 - o June 24: 2:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
 - o June 24: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o June 24: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Underwear Fair"
 - o June 24: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o June 25: 3:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix (PG-13)
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, From Books To Movies, For Ages 8-17, Nancy Drew: The Mystery in Hollywood Hills (PG)
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo.
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Chill Summer Flicks"
 - o June 25: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o June 25: 3:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
 - o June 26: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Mystery Book Club, title(s) to be announced
 - o June 26: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Science Fiction Reader's Book Club
 - o June 26: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o June 26: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o June 26: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Chill Summer Ficks"
 - o June 26: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o June 26: 2:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Underwear Fair"
 - o June 26: 4:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
 - o June 27: 3:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Summer Reading Program for teens ages 12 and over, Click Lit on Wheels
 - o June 28: 2:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Summer Reading Program, Storyteller, Bernadette Nason
 - o June 30: 2:00 p.m., North Village Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Duct Tape Creations"
 - o June 30: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
 - o June 30: 6:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
- July**
- o July 1: 6:00 p.m., Hampton Branch @ Oak Hill, "Game Night Cinema," Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, The Last Starfighter (PG)
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Let the Games Begin"
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 1: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Underwear Fair"
 - o July 2: Spicewood Springs Branch, European Movie Night
 - o July 2: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Let the Games Begin"
 - o July 2: 2:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Sports and Toy Science"
 - o July 2: 2:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 2: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Chill Summer Flicks"
 - o July 2: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o July 2: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Duct Tape Creations"
 - o July 3: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 3: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
 - o July 3: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 3: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Storyteller, Bernadette Nason
 - o July 3: 2:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o July 5: 2:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o 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 Michael Chabon.
 - o July 7: 7:00 p.m., Central Library, Downtown Book Club, We will be discussing Edwidge Danticast's Brother, I'm Dying
 - o July 7: 2:00 p.m., North Village Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 7: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Trixie Bond
 - o July 8: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is Sinclair Lewis' MAIN STREET
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Chill Summer Flicks"
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program, Storyteller, Bernadette Nason
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, "Magic" with Trixie Bond
 - o July 8: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"

- o July 8: 6:00 a.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program for teens ages 12 and over, Click Lit on Wheels
- o July 9: 6:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, National Treasure (PG)
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal universe Rock Band
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Summer Reading Program for teens ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
- o July 9: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 8 and up, Free Play! Board games, card games, and other games too.
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, Friday Night Lights (PG-13)
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Let the Games Begin"
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Duct Tape Creations"
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
- o July 10: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading Program for teens ages 12 and over, Game Tournament
- o July 10: 6:00 p.m., Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, Summer Reading Program for teens ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
- o July 11: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Daddy Day Camp (PG)
- o July 11: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, CINEMAGIC, "Disney Classics" CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Pete's Dragon (G)
- o July 11: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
- o July 12: 2:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Trixie Bond
- o 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.
- o July 14: 6:30 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, The Neverending Story (PG)
- o July 14: 2:00 p.m., North Village Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Sports and Toy Science"
- o July 14: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
- o July 14: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
- o July 14: 6:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Duct Tape Creations"
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
- o July 15: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, "Optical Illusions"
- o July 15: 6:00 p.m., Hampton Branch @ Oak Hill, "Game Night Cinema," Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Jumanji (PG)
- o July 15: 6:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
- o July 15: 6:30 p.m., Howson Branch, CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Bridge to Terabithia (PG)
- o July 15: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club, Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, From Books to Movies, For ages 8-17, Holes (PG)
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, The Golden Compass (PG-13)
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Underwear Fair"
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents "Puppet Pandemonium"
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Duct Tape Creations"
- o July 16: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
- o July 17: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Sour Grapes" presented by Summer Musical for Children.
- o July 17: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Let the Games Begin"
- o July 17: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
- o July 17: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
- o July 17: 2:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
- o July 17: 4:00 p.m., Oak Spring Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
- o July 17: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
- o July 18: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, CINEMAGIC, "Disney Classics" Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Bedknobs and Broomsticks (G)
- o July 18: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
- o July 18: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament

- o July 19: 2:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Summer Reading Program, "Olympic Games"
 - o July 20: 6:00 p.m., Austin History Center Exhibit: "History By Hand: Selections from Papers of Governor E.M. and Lucadia Pease"
 - o July 21: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, Friday Night Lights (PG-13)
 - o July 21: 2:00 p.m., North Village Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 21: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 21: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Let the Games Begin"
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Underwear Fair"
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
 - o July 22: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, The Golden Compass (PG-13)
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Summer Reading Program, Storyteller, Bernadette Nason
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Chill Summer Flicks"
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 23: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
 - o July 24: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Mystery Book Club, title(s) to be announced
 - o July 24: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band.
 - o July 24: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o July 24: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program, "High Flying Games"
 - o July 24: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
 - o July 24: 2:00 p.m., Yarbrough Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Chill Summer Flicks"
 - o July 24: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Creek Branch, Summer Reading for teens ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
 - o July 25: 2:00 p.m., Yarbrough Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and older, Gaming Tournament
 - o July 26: 2:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal universe Rock Band
 - o July 28: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled
 - o July 28: 2:00 p.m., North Village Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Whodunnit?"
 - o July 28: 2:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., Little Walnut Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Blaze Sports," with Kimberly Messer
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Let the Games Begin"
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Olympic Games"
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 29: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Duct Tape Creations"
 - o July 30: 3:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, Friday Night Lights (PG-13)
 - o July 30: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 30: 2:00 p.m., Howson Branch, "Underwear Fair"
 - o July 30: 2:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o July 30: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
 - o July 30: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Summer Reading Program, Capital of Texas Zoo Show
 - o July 30: 2:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Sports and Toy Science"
 - o July 30: 6:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Chick Lit on Wheels
 - o July 31: 2:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Summer Reading Program, "Magic," with Sensei Strange
 - o July 31: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Summer Reading Program "Optical Illusions"
 - o July 31: 2:00 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Summer Reading Program, Storyteller, Bernadette Nason
 - o July 31: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, Summer Reading Program, Super Pal Universe Rock Band
 - o July 31: 2:00 p.m., Yarbrough Branch, Summer Reading Program, Literature Live presents, "Puppet Pandemonium"
- August**
- o August 1: 2:00 p.m., North Village Branch, Summer Reading Program for ages 12 and over, Gaming Tournament
 - o August 4: North Village lease space library closes to relocate to new facility
 - o August 4: 7:00 p.m., Central Library, Downtown Book Club, We will be discussing Per Patterson's Out Stealing Horses
 - o August 5: Hampton Branch @ Oak Hill, "Game Night Cinema," Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Zathura (PG)
 - o August 6: 6:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, European Movie Night
 - o August 9: 1:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Ages 8 and up, Re-Roll: D&D Game On! Attendees have a chance to get one of our D&D kits, with miniatures and dice.
 - o August 11: 6:30 p.m., Southeast Austin Community Branch, CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Uncle Buck (PG)
 - o August 12: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club. This month's selection for discussion is Edith Wharton's THE AGE OF INNOCENCE.
 - o August 13: 6:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided,

Grease (PG)

- o August 14: 2:00 p.m., St. John Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, The Golden Compass (PG-13)
- o August 19: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Book Club, Water for Elephants by Sara Gruen
- o August 19, 6:30 p.m., CINEMAGIC, Family Movies, Free Refreshments Provided, Princess Bride (PG)
- o August 20: 2:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, From Books To Movies, For ages 8-17, Friday Night Lights (PG-13)
- o 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.
oOctober 27: 7:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Library Commission Meeting Scheduled

November

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

December

oDecember 27: 12:00 p.m. Carver Branch Library Hosts Kwanzaa Celebration

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

