

Austin Public Library Director's Report

November 2008

HIGHLIGHTS

New Central Library update:

On Oct. 23, 2008 the top three design teams presented to City Council and afterwards met members of the community. It was a very successful "Meet and Greet" session, hundreds of people came through City Hall to view the proposals and to talk with the design teams.

The event was co-sponsored by the Library Foundation and the Library Commission.

That same evening the Austin Public Library posted on the website an online comment form and solicited additional public comment. Over 400 online comments were submitted in addition to 30 written forms that have been submitted.

On November 20 the City Council will post on the Council agenda the new central library briefing by staff.

The three design teams being considered are:

Barnes Gromatzky Kosarek Architects and Taniguchi with Holzman Moss – JV
Page Southerland Page / Patkau Architects – JV
Lake/Flato Architects and Shepley Bulfinch Richardson & Abbott – JV

Ruiz Branch 40th Anniversary Celebration:

The Austin Public Library is celebrating its 40th Anniversary in the Montopolis community on Saturday, November 15 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ruiz Branch Library, 1600 Grove Blvd. Come share in this special occasion. As part of the celebration the library will recognize and thank Advanced Micro Devices (AMD) for their generous grant to upgrade the computer training lab. This grant was supported by the Austin Public Library Foundation.

Literature Live Presents the Nutcracker Puppet Show

The Nutcracker is a classic favorite, a charming tale of holiday adventure that follows a little girl's journey through a fantasy world of fairies, princes, toy soldiers and an army of mice. Enhanced by Tchaikovsky's much-loved score, Literature Live! brings the story to life with puppets. Clara journeys to the Land of Sweets with her Nutcracker Prince where she meets the Sugar Plum Fairy, dancing candy canes and many other colorful characters. In the end, Clara is left to wonder whether it was all a dream. The show is free and open to children ages 5 and older. For the complete schedule visit the library website www.cityofaustin.org/library or call 974-7302.

Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness In The Light Of Death: Register Now to Participate. The University Hills Branch received a grant to host a five-part reading and discussion series, takes place the fourth Thursday of the month beginning on January 22. Managing librarian, Frank Schmitzer is signing up 25 individuals to participate in the group. The series explores the themes of love and forgiveness in everyday life through classic and contemporary literature. Please call 929-0551 if you are interested in participating.

January 22 Paula by Isabel Allende

February 26 Disgrace by J.M.Coetzee

March 26 Jazz by Toni Morrison

April 23 The Death of Ivan Illych by Leo Tolstoy

May 28 The Dead by James Joyce

FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION

The remainder of the new Central Library project's proposed schedule is as follows:

December 2008 ~ Construction Manager at Risk Solicitation issued

March 2009 ~ Design Team consultant contract executed

April 2009 ~ Citizen/stakeholder input process conducted

May 2009 ~ Council award of Construction Manager at Risk contract

March 2011 ~ Design completed

December 2011 ~ Start of Construction

December 2013 ~ Construction completed

May 2014 ~ Grand Opening

North Village Branch Library Replacement Project: On August 21, 2008, Council authorized the award and execution of a contract through the Texas Local Government Purchasing Cooperative (Buyboard) with Worthington Contract Furniture, LP, for furniture, fixtures and equipment for the North Village Branch Library in an amount not to exceed \$76,571.49. However, construction progress on the new North Village Branch Library has been hampered by a number of problems encountered in the last two months. Working out a solution for the flashing and framing of windows in the thick and irregularly surfaced Durisol block walls has taken longer than originally anticipated. Difficulties also emerged with the installation of the subgrade prepared in the mechanical yards to support the previous paving system; it now appears that the design will need to be modified to allow for conventional concrete to be substituted in these areas. Delays have likewise occurred with getting a subcontractor to apply the ice and water shield correctly prior to the exterior metal wall panels being installed. Due to the multiple construction problems presently being encountered at the site, it is no longer believed that the original date of January 24, 2009 planned for opening the North Village Branch Library can be met. A tentative date of April 25, 2009 has now been targeted as the new date for opening the facility. The North Village Branch lease space library is now planned to close on December 1, 2008, which will

allow sufficient time for the collection to be boxed, moved and processed to interface with the new RFID security system to be installed at its permanent home.

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project:

Unfortunately, construction at the site of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library has also slowed considerably over the last two months as the general contractor was forced to terminate his steel erector sub-contractor for reasons of poor performance. Solicitation for a new steel erector has been completed, and the general contractor is now awaiting approval from the City to use the low, responsive bidder for these services. In other developments, the general contractor will submit an engineer's stamped, detailed drawings for proposed reinforcement of the concrete retaining wall at the North end of the parking lot, and grades are being shot at the request of the civil engineer at specific points along the the new South driveway's approach, curb, gutter and street. The civil engineer will then review the grade points and determine grade slope percentages in order that the concrete/asphalt difference at the new approach can be reconciled. At this time, it is hoped that the lack of construction progress over the last two months can be made up over the remainder of the contract period, thereby enabling the Library Department to open this new facility on August 8, 2009 as planned.

Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project: On August 4, 2008, the Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project was first advertised for bids, and on August 18, 2008, beginning at 10:30 AM, a mandatory vendor conference was conducted at the Faulk Central Library. On August 28, 2008, two (2) bids were received from interested contractors and those bids are presently undergoing technical review by the City of Austin. The project management team is confident that the remainder of the project schedule can be maintained:
Thursday, October 9, 2008 ~ Council Award of Contract
Monday, November 24, 2008 ~ Notice to Contractor to Order Materials

Monday, February 16, 2009 ~ Start Demolition/New Work at Faulk Central Library

Monday, March 30, 2009 ~ Substantial Completion Inspection
Recycled Reads Book Store Project: Difficulties have been encountered with getting the Recycled Reads Book Store Project successfully through the development review and permitting process. Much of the trouble has revolved around the need to revise the construction plans to satisfy the building inspector's directions for placement of delivery doors and ADA compliant emergency exits for the facility. Also, further time-consuming value engineering of the project has proved necessary in order to bring the cost of construction within the Library Department's budgetary reach. While most of the project problems confronting both the design team and the construction manager appear to be resolved at this point, it is not believed that the book store can be made completely ready to open before January 10, 2009, and that date has now been proposed as the target date for the grand opening of the facility.

Cepeda Music Garden Project: Good news has emerged from the project architect's meeting with the City of Austin Development Assistance Center. A new and costly site development request will not need to be sought as the Cepeda Branch Library has an existing Site Development Permit which is open until 2010 and covers the entire site, including the site of the Cepeda Music Garden. A correction to the existing site permit will need to be made, which will require the architect's civil engineer to make

clouded revisions to the drawings and submit them for approval to the City of Austin. Securing the City's approval should be a relatively quick process, taking from one to three weeks, and there will be a fee of perhaps \$300. In the meantime, the architect is routing a final draft of the contract for his services to the Austin Public Library Foundation, and when it is signed by all parties, design work on the project will start in earnest.

Cesar Chavez Commemorative Art Project: On August 21, 2008, additional appropriations in the amount of \$15,700 from the Holly Mitigation Fund were requested for this project by the Art In Public Places Program and were subsequently approved by Austin Energy. The additional funds are intended to assuage previously unanticipated costs affecting the Library's electric utilities on site. On September 8, 2008, the artists, Connie Arismendi and Laura Garanzuay, presented their developing design to the AIPP Panel for a mid-design review, and the Panel provided feedback for the artists to consider as they complete their design. It is now anticipated that the artists will submit their art design to the AIPP Panel for final review on October 6, 2008. The artists now intend to use all new materials in their re-design of the exterior kiosk to combine it with their art piece, so the existing kiosk will be disassembled and relocated by the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Association. If all continues to go well with their work, the artists anticipate installation of their sculpture to begin early in January, 2009.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On Monday, October 13, the AHC hosted author Maryann Miller. She gave a brief presentation about her writing career and the difficulties of being a working writer. She also read excerpts from her new novel, *One Small Victory* (Gale/Cengage, 2008).
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung had a booth at the Asia Food Fest, September 6-7. She was able to reach over 200 people at the event.
- On October 30, a segment featuring the Austin History Center will premiere on the KLRU show *Downtown* at 8:00 pm. According to Molly Alexander with the Downtown Austin Alliance, the producer of the show, the segment on the AHC is the longest segment in the show's history (it is in it's 4th season). The video will be a great marketing tool for the AHC and will be available online in Spring 2009.

Collections

- The AHC is attempting to purchase a large collection of letters and documents relating to Governor E. M. Pease. This collection consists of over 1300 items and is being offered to the AHC for \$200,000 (appraised value is \$250,000). The seller, a private individual, has agreed to give the AHC sole negotiating rights to the collection and to sell the papers to the AHC in installments. To date, the AHC has received a \$7500 grant from the Summerlee Foundation and a \$10,000 pledge, through the Austin History Association, from Dr. Roger Griffin. The AHC will make the first installment purchase in January.

Photos used in Publications

- AHC photos recently were purchased for use on the Texas Parks & Wildlife website, a brochure for the City's EGRSO office, a Humanities Texas poster about the Byrne-Reed House, and for exhibit at the French Legation Museum.

Exhibits

- "Austin Americana: The Neal Douglass Photography Collection"

continues at the AHC until January 18, 2009. Banners advertising the exhibit were recently installed on light poles at 9th & Guadalupe and 8th & Guadalupe.

Upcoming Events

- On Wednesday, October 29, at 6:30pm, the AHC will host a "Meet the Author Event" with author Terrell Blodgett, author of *The Land, the Law and the Lord: The Life of Pat Neff*.
- On Saturday, November 1, 2:00 – 4:00, the AHC will host, in partnership with the UT student chapter of the Society of American Archivists, its annual Archives Clinic. Archivists from around Central Texas will be on hand to help the public learn about how to preserve their personal archives. Experts in family papers, photographs, and home movies will be on hand to assist. This is a come and go event, and you can bring materials with you to show and discuss, or just bring your questions. This event is part of the National Archives Month (October) and is the culminating event of a series of programs for "Archives Week" in Austin.

Media Relations

A total of 24 media releases were initiated by the library in October resulting in a value of over \$7,500.

Web 2.0 Technology:

The marketing/communications division has initiated the implementation of several networking tools to help promote and publicize the Austin Public Library. Presently APL is connected on FaceBook, 2-systemwide Myspace pages, Twitter, 2 -blogs, and an email subscriber list. Over 2000 people (and growing) are connected to the library and receive information on an ongoing and regular basis.

Grants

Frontline/WORLD in coordination with the America Library Association has provided support funding for two upcoming October programs for the Library, *The Power of the Social Entrepreneur* and its follow-up session *Developing An Action Plan*. Partners in this programming include United Way Capital Area, KLRU-TV, Austin PBS, and a panel of local innovators including Nets and Ladders, PBS & J, RGK Foundation, Loaves and Fishes, and others. Tom Moran is project director for this series on social entrepreneurship.

Love and Forgiveness in the Light of Death, a book discussion series to take place in 2009, has been funded by the Fetzer Institute in cooperation with the American Library Association. This discussion series will be held at the University Hills Branch Library and will feature five titles: *Jazz* by Toni Morrison; *Disgrace* by J.M. Coetzee; *The Death of Ivan Illych* by Leo Tolstoy; *Paula* by Isabel Allende; and *The Dead* by James Joyce. Organizations that are supporting this effort include the Austin Area Interreligious Ministries, Friends of the Austin Public Library, University Hills Book Club, and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. KLRU-TV, Austin PBS will help publicize the program. Frank Schmitzer is the project director for this series of book discussions.

Images of Valor: U.S. Latinos and Latinas of World War II

is an exhibit made possible by a grant from Humanities Texas. Humanities Texas, formerly the Texas Council for the Humanities, is the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. On exhibit at the Terrazas Branch, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez through December 2008.

Central Library Services

On October 18th, Centrla Library hosted a mini-monster booksale. The booksale was a tremendous success and lots of materials were sold--over \$1300 was raised.

Branch Services:

The FY 2009 Budget went into effect October 1, 2008. As a result branches closed starting Thursday, October 2, 2008. With branches paired there is a branch open within a relatively short distance to the one that is closed. The pairing of branches for service and staff sharing is going smoothly.

Again here are the geographical pairings:

- Carver (closes Friday) and Oak Springs (closes Thursday) 2 miles apart
 - Cepeda (closes Friday) and Terrazas (closes Thursday) 1.8 miles apart
 - University Hills (closes Friday) and Windsor Park (closes Thursday) 2.1 miles apart
 - Little Walnut (closes Friday) and St John (closes Thursday) 3 miles apart
 - Milwood (closes Friday) and Spicewood (closes Thursday) 4.5 miles apart
 - Howson (closes Friday) and Old Quarry (closes Thursday) 4 miles apart
 - North Village (closes Friday) and Yarborough (closes Thursday) 3.1 miles apart
 - Manchaca (closes Friday) and Oak Hill (closes Thursday) 4 miles apart
 - Pleasant Hill (closes Friday) and Southeast (closes Thursday) 2.8 miles apart
 - Ruiz (closes Friday) and Twin Oaks (closes Thursday)

Closing branches one day per week will mean the elimination of 10.3 FTE's (13 branch positions). This will save \$419,007 which will be reallocated back into the Library Budget for increased security, maintenance and custodial services plus an additional \$100,000 in the Book Budget.

Another Budget change is the initial Star Card for Texas residents is free of charge as of October 1, 2008. The Non-Resident fee has been eliminated for all Texas residents. Out of State customers will need to pay a non-resident fee to obtain an Austin Public Library card.

The Texas Book Festival was held November 1-2, 2008 at the State Capitol. This past year University Hills and the Ruiz Branch Libraries received awards. Frank Schmitzer received A collection grant of \$2500 and Stephanie Neely a Technology

grant of \$5000 and a collection grant of \$2500.

- University Hills Library, Frank Schmitzer, received an award to purchase library materials in English about the Islamic culture and in Arabic. This grant was developed with input from members of the Islamic Center and Peace School in the University Hills service areas.
- Ruiz Library, Stephanie Neely, received two awards: one for the purchase of public use laptops and the second for English and Spanish materials on topics such as anger management, recovery from alcohol and drug abuse, codependency, and relationship issues.

Branch Libraries completed one on one branch visits from Black Belt Librarian, Warren Graham (security consultant) in September. Mr. Graham did a walk through of each branch and discussed concerns with branch managers. He later met with staff members at Windsor, Southeast Terrazas, Carver and Little Walnut and met with the Management Team for an overall review at the History Center.

New this month:

- Howson initiated plans to start a Talk Time program
- Manchaca introduced programming with fall 2008 film series.
- Manchaca librarians began communication with ACC librarians at South Austin campus.
- Interim Manchaca Branch Manager Worked with ACFS and Public Works Dept. to explore ways to reduce number of automobile accidents occurring at Branch entrance and/or exit. Trial period for limiting turns from exit will begin in early fall.
- Old Quarry will soon have new exterior signage that says – LIBRARY – in black aluminum letters 24" high to be installed on the overhang/canopy over front doors. The side patio will also receive trimming and new plantings.
- Branch and Central Staff volunteered to work various assignments at the Convention Center for the hurricane IKE storm and other locations. The employees were given assignments based on need ranging from registration to shelter manager to running errands. APL also put a library for the temporary guests. Many people came to branches to use computers to fill out FEMA paperwork and to check on the situation back home. The Library hosted a Hurricane Ike Volunteer Appreciation lunch to thank the Library's volunteers who helped with the evacuation centers. It was held Friday, October 10 12:30-2:00 p.m. at the Carver Branch.
- Cecile Hollyfield, a Ruiz neighborhood resident, is exhibiting an interesting collection of Bronze Age artifacts from a site in rural Wales.

Youth Services Division:

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

Josefina Rodriguez-Gibbs, Children's Services Librarian at the Milwood Branch, had a "modern-day" moment when giving a tour to a group of homeschool students. After working with them in the meeting room, and explaining the functionality of the online catalog, she offered to take them out into the branch to take the online catalog computers for a spin. "No need," said the teacher. They have their computers with them, and each student reached into her bag and pulled out a laptop. It is a different world...

Jenn Hartley, Teen Services Librarian at St. John, is having some

success using different programming approaches to bring our collections alive. She has a new anime club, wherein she shows Japanese anime movies. And the kids who come are discovering the relationship between these films, and the Manga graphic novels in the collection, all by themselves!

Suzanne Sanders, Children's Services Librarian at The Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, relates this story about the power of library service:

"I was helping a mom and son find a novel (required for school) when the mom and I began to chat about how important reading is for a child's development. She got a little quiet, then relayed a powerful story to me about her son's experience with reading. She said that her son, when he was diagnosed with dyslexia, read only history for a long while. She said that "reading history saved him". Just the way she said it gave me goosebumps. She wasn't referring to just saving grades, etc, but much more. She absolutely believes that reading history gave him a focus that saved him from (in her words) "getting in trouble and being so angry". She kept saying "we love the library" and "I don't know what I would have done without the library". This story ends happily - he discovered historical fiction!"

Celia Holm is the Children's Services Librarian at Spicewood Springs. She has been building a regular group of older children who come to hear longer stories read aloud. As with any new program, building a regular audience takes some time. But Celia is taking advantage of the still-smallish size of her group, selecting titles with detailed illustrations, and books with special relationships to one another, that can only be really appreciated by a group that size.

Teen Services Coordinator Heath Rezabek moves apace getting ready for the rollout of check-outable laptops, all part of the large grant awarded to the Wired for Youth project, now to be called Connected Youth. Recent progress includes decisions about equipment upgrades, selection of a project logo, an expanded and detailed timeline, and planning for a Teen Library Card branded with Connected Youth.

Brazos Price is the Teen Services Librarian at the Windsor Park Branch. He recently completed copy for a new flyer for teens that explains consequences to behavior infractions. Having sought input from other Teen Services Librarians, Security staff, and staff at the branch, he crafted language that reinforces the importance of appropriate behavior without compromising every young person's welcome in our branches.

Last month a group of Youth Services Librarians traveled to San Antonio to attend a Storytelling Workshop by Margaret Read MacDonald, the nation's foremost authority on Folklore and Storytelling. Storytelling is an art distinct from the regular storytimes we do, as it involves telling stories as performance, as opposed to reading stories in a book-sharing format. Though both approaches are valuable, and have a particular place in a public library setting, storytelling is becoming something of a lost art, and is, understandably, a discipline that requires training and practice. Stephanie Shipman has had some recent success putting the skills she learned to good use, and just this month told "The Old Woman and Her Pig" to a group of 95 first graders plus teachers and parents who had come to the branch for a tour and Storytime. Says Stephanie "It was wonderful! The kids participated in the singing; some parents even joined in. They really enjoyed it and so did I. Now I know I can and am ready to do it again!"

Alison O'Reilly, Teen Services Librarian at the Southeast Austin Community Branch, has great news to report about the growth of her Pajama Storytime: "Wednesday evening storytime at Southeast has become quite a hotspot. A worker from Early Childhood Intervention has been recommending my program to the families with whom she works. We've had record attendance this month, with four new families attending made up of parents who are deaf and children who can hear. It's been a flurry of new faces and spirited attempts at communication. Children who hear are signing, children who sign are talking, parents who can't hear are clapping and cheering, and I'm collecting email addresses like mad to establish a communication line with the parents. For two weeks we even had an interpreter coming, courtesy of ECI. It's been a real treat to experience."

Heather Valdez, Children's Services Librarian at the Howson Branch, has been hammering away at a pair of classes from the Rawson-Sanders School who have been coming to visit for a few weeks, and has finally convinced them all to get their very own library cards!

Program Specialist Ambray Gonzales spent some time this month working at the "emergency" library set up at the Convention Center for Hurricane Ike evacuees. Though the situation didn't lend itself to formal programming, Ambray roamed the Center, making sure folks, especially children, knew about the library, and promoting not only its services, but the services available to evacuees at all Austin Public Library facilities. She also engaged children visiting the Convention Center Library in simple crafts that helped them to process their apprehensions and/or occupy their time.

Elizabeth Murphy, Children's Services Librarian at the Yarborough Branch, has been running a Teen Sewing Night at the branch that is becoming very popular. A recent program brought a family all the way from Georgetown, so the daughter of a non-sewing mother could begin a path down the sewing road!

We are currently in a holding pattern awaiting the go-ahead to begin the ordering process for the new fiscal year. IN the meantime Nancy Tays, Children's Materials Selector, has been doing lots of legwork, getting ready for the green light. She has completed lists for CIP collections for the new North Village Branch, as well as master lists for picture books and children's non-fiction for all Austin Public Library branches.

Jean Holland, Children's Services Librarian at Cepeda, recently hosted a movie night where she showed the film "Nim's Island," starring Jodie Foster, Gerard Butler, and Abigail Breslin. The movie is, of course, based on the popular book for children, and Jean had no trouble getting Cepeda's copy of the book checked out at program's end.

Rachel Wilson, Teen Services Librarian at the Ruiz Branch, tells this inspirational story about a young man who frequented her library:

"A few summers ago a youth who used to frequent Ruiz lost his younger sister (she was around 12 years old) in a car accident. Before the accident, he was a daily visitor to the branch; afterwards, I rarely saw him. He came in one afternoon this month and I casually asked how things were going. He was as excited as I had ever seen him and we spent about 20 minutes with him telling me that he has enlisted in the Navy. He is now a senior in high school and has to wait until August to "ship out," but it is so great to see him have a purpose and motivation in his life. I was

worried after the accident because he seemed to be one of those kids on the edge...he is very bright and mature, but it seemed like he could have been falling in with the wrong crowd. It really made my day to see him and hear about his plans."

Joanna Nigrelli, Teen Services Librarian at the Terrazas Branch, is out on Maternity leave, but is thrilled to report the arrival of a bouncing baby boy!

Ellen Scott, Program Specialist, spent a few weeks substituting at the Oak Hill Branch storytimes. Like many of her Austin Public Library Youth Services colleagues, Ellen finished Storytime by singing "Wind the Bobbin," a traditional nonsense song. As this song is a regular of Suzanne Sanders, Children's Services Librarian at Oak Hill, the song went over gang busters. We thank Kim Lehman, one-time Austin Public Library Program Specialist, for her "Wind the Bobbin" legacy!

Patti Cook, Teen Services Librarian at the Manchaca Road Branch, has been monitoring activity on the APLTeens MySpace page, and recently had occasion to communicate with a Graphic Novel author. He offered to send some sample pages of his newest book, and Patti forwarded the generous offer along to Jenn Hartley, selector for Graphic Novels.

Program Specialists Devo Carpenter and Karen Carlson have been making the rounds with the fall puppet show "Mr. Tamarin's Trees," based on the picture book by Kathryn Ernst and Diane DeGroat. This wonderful show follows one Mr. Tamarin as, in a fit of leaf-raking frustration, he cuts down all the trees in his yard. As the seasons pass, and his house ices over in winter, floods in spring, and bakes in the summer, without the protection of his trees, Mr. Tamarin plants new trees, with a new appreciation for all they bring.

Teen Services Librarian Jenn Freeman of the Carver Branch volunteered her regular services as one of the many City of Austin employees deployed at the Convention Center Shelter for Hurricane Ike evacuees. Jenn worked any number of 12 hour shifts, doing everything from registering families with FEMA to building sandwiches of jam and "peanut butta butta butta" for hungry, finicky, scared, appreciative kids. In the end it she calls it a humbling, rewarding experience that she will never forget.

Debbie Keith, Children's Services Librarian at Old Quarry, recently completed a training in the use of Austin Public Library databases. She was thrilled to see a new Research Guide for Science Fair Projects database, and hurried back to share it with the rest of the Youth Services Team!

Children's Services Coordinator Sally Miculek has this to say about a recent library tour:

"On Wednesday, September 24, I hosted a group of about 25 homeschool students, a few of their siblings, and one parent from each family for an afternoon of developing and practicing Library skills. Using a projector and my laptop, I demonstrated using FindIt for the students. Then we went for a whirlwind tour of the Children's Area. Next, I divided the group into eight small teams and sent each team off on a pre-arranged scavenger hunt throughout the area. Each team started with one clue and had to find the item (or its space on the shelf) associated with the clue in order to find the next clue. Each team's hunt took the group to all of the major sections of the children's area, including new books, media, and reference, and many of the clues required the students to make use of FindIt in order to get a call number and

location.

A couple days later I received an email from the group's organizer. She quoted another parent who'd been along for the event, and, in turn, I'm quoting that parent here:

'[My daughter] really learned a lot. This morning she spent most of her time rearranging her books into library format.

Everything is alphabetical order, and separated into fiction, non-fiction, picture books,

chapter books, and so on. Now she is excited about making our own call numbers for the

spines of the books. She has even made a book return tray for her little sister to use. It was

a good lesson.'

Fun and learning, all in one; my favorite kind of library visit!"

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

November

oNovember 10: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch Library, Mano Poderosa - Spiritual Folk Healing with Daniel Llanes

oNovember 11: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Book Club Meeting

oNovember 12: 7:00 p.m., John Henry Faulk Central Library, Meet Author Ute Carson, author of "In Transit" and "Colt Tailing" at The Central Library, 2nd floor event area.

oNovember 12: 10:15 a.m., Twin Oaks Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oNovember 13: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch Library Bookclub

oNovember 13: 10:30 a.m., Carver Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oNovember 13: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch Library Bookclub

oNovember 14: 10:15 a.m., S.E. Austin Community Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oNovember 15: 10:00 a.m., Computacion Basica en Espanol. University Hills Branch: Como usar la computadora y como aprender ingles en el internet

oNovember 15: 1:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch Library 40th Anniversary Celebration

oNovember 18: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club

oNovember 18: 4:30 p.m., St. John Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oNovember 19: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch: Club de Lectura, Club de Lectura en Español Libro seleccionado: Un viejo que leía novelas de amor De: Sepúlveda, Luis

oNovember 20: 7:00 p.m., South Austin Science Fiction Readers's Book Club, Grave Sight by Charlaine Harris

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

December

oDecember 2: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch: 8th Annual Lighting of the Peace Tree

oDecember 2: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Adult Poetry Circle

oDecember 2: 10:30 a.m., Windsor Park Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 3: 10:30 a.m., Hampton Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 4: 10:15 a.m., University Hills Branch, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 6: 2:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 6;10am-2pm Milwood Branch, Holiday Book sale
December 6; 2pm-4pm Pleasant Hill Branch Holiday Open House celebration

December 7; 2pm-6pm; Manchaca Branch, Holiday Book Sale

oDecember 9: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club.

This month's selection for discussion is THE GOOD SOLDIER by Ford Maddox Ford.

oDecember 9: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Book Club Meeting

oDecember 10: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch Library Bookclub

oDecember 10: 10:30 a.m., Old Quarry Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

December 13; 1030am-noon Hampton Branch at Oak Hill Sing in the Holidays

oDecember 15: 3:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 16: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch Book Club

oDecember 16: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 17: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch: Club de Lectura

oDecember 17: 3:30 p.m., Milwood Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to life with puppets.

oDecember 18: 10:15 a.m., Little Walnut Creek Branch, The Nutcracker, Literature Live! Brings the story to Life with puppets.

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

2009

February

- February, 2009 Recycled Reads Library Bookstore opens
- February 10: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club

March

- o March 10: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club

April

- April 14: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club
- April 25, 2009 NEW NorthVillage Branch Grand Opening

May

- o May 12: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club

August

- August 8, 2009: Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch, 1806 S. 5th Street (tentative)
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