

# Austin Public Library Director's Report

## February 2009

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### HIGHLIGHTS

#### NEW PSA for the Library

The Reference librarians completed a music video (PSA) to promote the online databases the library offers. This was made possible by the assistance of the marketing & communications division and through the volunteer services of professional videographer Seabrook Jones. The video can be seen on Youtube, APL's website and Channel 6. Future PSAs are being sent to local network TV stations. Stay tuned. URL <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/coolibrarians.htm>

#### Faulk Central Library closing for door re-trofit project:

The Faulk Central Library will be closed from March 2-April 15. Interim service for collection retrieval and reference assistance will take place out of the Austin History Center Reception room during the normal operating hours of the Faulk Central Library. See below Facilities service report for detail information.

#### Recycled Reads Bookstore Opening

On **Saturday, February 28, 2009** the Austin Public Library will open a used bookstore named Recycled Reads. The Grand Opening will take place from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. at 5335 Burnet Road. The used bookstore will primarily be operated year round by volunteers with materials that are withdrawn from the library's collection and from private donations. Thousands of books, videos, record albums, and assorted media will be sold for just \$1 and \$2 each. Recycled Reads will also have an array of better books and collectible items. All proceeds from the sales directly benefit the Austin Public Library and will be used for supplies, equipment, and materials which supplement the library's operating budget.

#### Connected Youth Launch Event

On **Saturday, March 7, 2009** from **2pm to 4pm** at the Carver Branch the Teen Division of Youth Services will launch their new initiative called Connected Youth. Late last year the Michael and Susan Dell Foundation awarded APL with a \$150,000 grant to deploy laptop computers and new digital software to bring the Wired for Youth centers to the next evolution of technology and learning at APL. For more information visit [www.connectedyouth.com](http://www.connectedyouth.com).

#### Austin History Center opening reception for exhibit, Vietnam to Austin, Restoring Community

Austin History Center, 810 Guadalupe  
Opening Reception: Saturday, March 7, 2009 2-4pm

"Vietnam to Austin: Restoring Community" is the first Asian American exhibit at the Austin History Center. Focusing on the history, transition, and contributions of Vietnamese Americans in Austin, this exhibit includes documents, photos, periodicals, and archives. This exhibit was developed in partnership with the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation and will run from February 21 to July 17, 2009

### FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION

[New Central Library Project: Staff members from the departments of Public Works, Contract and Land Management and the Library are presently engaged in negotiating the requisite Professional Services Agreement with the joint venture design team of Lake/Flato Architects with Shipley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott for the New Central Library Project. As this is major and complex consultant contract in the estimated amount of \$7.2 million, the Professional Services Agreement is not presently anticipated to be fully executed before May, 2009. In other project developments, staff members from the three, aforementioned City of Austin departments are likewise preparing two Requests for Qualifications, one to secure the services of a Construction Manager at Risk and the other to select a Commissioning Agent for the design and building work at hand. Construction Manager at Risk is the construction delivery method chosen by Council for the New Central Library Project, while commissioning is a key component of the LEEDs Green Building Certification Program. The New Central Library Project will be required by City ordinance to achieve at the very least a Silver Leeds Certificate of sustainable design and construction. Commissioning assists in this process by providing one entity, reporting directly to the owner, to ensure that the building designed is within the owner's capabilities to maintain and subsequently, that the building is constructed faithfully according to the design. It is hoped that both the Construction Manager at Risk Request for Qualifications and the Commissioning Request for Qualifications will be issued for responses in March, 2009. In order to complete the pending Professional Services Agreement with Lake/Flato with Shipley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott - Joint Venture, it will soon prove necessary for the Library Department and the Library Commission to establish a schedule for the public input meetings to be held immediately preceding the Design Phase of the New Central Library Project. At this time, Library staff are also putting the finishing touches on the draft building program for the New Central Library Project, a "textual blueprint" for the facility and a document planned for completion in partnership with the design team. The tentative schedule for the New Central Library Project currently stands as follows:

March, 2009 ~ Construction Manager at Risk Solicitation issued

March, 2009 ~ Commissioning Agent Solicitation issued

May, 2009 ~ Design Team Consultant contract finalized

June, 2009 ~ Citizen input process initiated

July, 2009 ~ Design Phase initiated

September, 2009 ~ Construction Manager at Risk hired

September, 2009 ~ Commissioning Agent hired

Winter, 2009 ~ Schematic Design completed

Summer, 2010 ~ Design Development completed

Summer, 2011 ~ Design Phase completed

Spring, 2012 ~ Construction begins

Winter, 2013 ~ Construction completed

Summer, 2014 ~ Grand Opening

North Village Branch Library Replacement Project: Staff members from the Library and Public Works departments, along with consultant architects and engineers, are scheduled to perform punch list inspections of the new facility at 2505 Steck Avenue on February 17th, 19th and again on the 24th. A punch list is a compilation created by the owner and his agents of the items remaining to be installed, replaced or repaired according to contract before a construction project is considered to have reached substantial completion. Although it is believed that the punch list will identify a considerable number of tasks requiring corrective action to be taken by the contractor, Library and Public Works officials have adopted an aggressive plan for taking occupancy, furnishing and equipping the building an effort to meet the scheduled date for opening the new facility of Saturday, April 25, 2009. Shelving, furniture and equipment will all begin to be delivered and installed at the new North Village Branch Library by February 27th. Branch library staff will need to be assigned to the 2505 Steck Avenue location by Monday, March the 16th to begin arranging the new collection, delivered in manageable, incremental shipments, throughout the shelving layout. Along with the contractor's ability to complete all necessary repairs to allow this facility finish-out schedule to be maintained, a second major concern for the project management team at this time is the challenge of getting the Art In Public Places stained glass panels delivered to the site and safely installed. Designed by a local artist but manufactured in China, these glass panels are currently still being processed through US Customs and their exact delivery/installation date remains a worrisome unknown. Obviously, being able to open the new North Village Branch Library to the public by the established date of Saturday, April 25th is going to be a close run thing for the Library Department and will be dependent on a number of interrelated, contracted work tasks being performed in a timely manner. Over the course of the next two weeks, it will become evident if the April 25th opening remains feasible or not, and at the appropriate time, the Library Department will begin either widely advertising the April 25th Grand Opening of the new North Village Branch Library or informing the community that the opening has been delayed to a date probably in May of 2009.

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project: While construction activities are proceeding at the site of the new Twin

Oaks Branch Library, the City of Austin continues to be concerned with the progress of the contractor's work. The City has formally informed the contracting firm of those concerns, reminding them that their contract establishes liquidated damages per calendar day if substantial completion of construction is not reached within the approved time line. Moreover, the City has instructed the contractor to deliver a recovery plan for the project, including the submittal of an accurate project schedule that identifies the critical path toward completion and the resources that the contractor intends to utilize for the recovery of lost time, such as additional manpower, longer shifts, multiple shifts, weekend work and like procedures. The Library Department remains committed to opening the new Twin Oaks Branch Library to the public in October, 2009.

Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project: The schedule established for the Faulk Central Library Automated Doors Retrofit Project calls for the main library to be closed to the public from Monday, March 2, 2009 through Wednesday, April 15, 2009 so that the existing and malfunctioning door system can be replaced with a modern and safe sliding door system equipped with motion detector sensors. This comprehensive retrofit of old automatic door technology with a new state-of-the-art system will require replacing a portion of the building's fixed-glass storefront glass along with the floor finishes throughout the front of the library, as these will be damaged during the demolition phase of the project. At this time, all the necessary construction submittals have been received from the contractor and approved by the consultants. A final pre-construction meeting with central library staff has now been tentatively scheduled for February 18th, to be followed on February 19th with the final pre-construction meeting with the contractor and key sub-contractors. A furniture and equipment layout has been devised for the Austin History Center which will enable central library reference services to be offered from that location during the closure, and work on this layout is scheduled to begin on February the 23rd.

Recycled Reads Book Store Project: All construction and installation activities have now been successfully completed at the 5335 Burnet Road location for the Library Department's new Recycled Reads Store. The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, who will share the facility with the Recycled Book Store, have likewise completed their relocation to the site. Shelving and organizing the inventory of books and other materials are the order of the day at the location presently, and a soft opening - sans fanfare - is planned for February 24th. The Grand Opening of the Recycled Reads Bookstore, with all due fanfare and entertainments, will be conducted on Saturday, February 28th, starting at 12:00 noon.

Cesar Chavez Commemorative Art Project: All of the preparatory site work for the Cesar Chavez Commemorative Art Project has been completed either by contractors or Library Maintenance staff. To achieve greater structural integrity for the assemblage, the designers have decided to use steel rather than aluminum for the bench component. The steel will be coated with an epoxy-based paint to match the rest of the aluminum structure. Due to unforeseen delays in the manufacture of the sculpture and kiosk, the installation date has been rescheduled from February 9th to February 27th. The targeted date to dedicate this significant artwork remains Tuesday, March 31st, the birthday of Cesar

Chavez.

**Cepeda Music Garden Project:** At this point in the design phase, it has become apparent that the most pressing need of the project is for a procedure to be selected by which the composers, performers or performing groups to be commemorated in the Cepeda Music Garden may be determined. To that end, the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation is in the process of convening a committee to study the situation. Library staff, meanwhile, are researching the precedents for this sort of artist selection processes established for similar City of Austin projects.

**Security Camera Installation Project:** The Library Department has submitted seven Requests for Proposals to the City's contracted security system vendor, TAC, to install security camera systems at the branch libraries determined to have the highest priority need for this technology. Due to a change of project managers performing the work, TAC has delayed responding to these RFPs. In the meantime, the Library Department plans to complete the on-site inspections for the second tier of branch libraries scheduled to be equipped with security camera surveillance systems.

**Howson Branch Library Reroof Project:** Library Facilities Services staff members are working with consultants presently to finalize proposals and specifications for the re-roofing of this branch library. Upon investigation and evaluation of the scope of renovations required at the facility, it is apparent that a total asbestos abatement of the building will need to be pursued prior to moving forward with other construction activities. It is estimated that asbestos abatement will add a minimum of thirty days to the length of time the facility will need to be closed for repairs. Tentative plans for interior renovations include carpet replacement, repainting, installing new HVAC controls, providing an automated door to improve accessibility and running additional power circuits. The opportunity to replace aged, wooden shelving with greater capacity metal shelving will also be taken. The feasibility of integrating a passive rainwater collection system with the new roof system is being researched in hopes of providing rainwater irrigation for Howson's xeriscape demonstration garden. Library Facilities Services is now targeting April 27, 2009 as a possible date to close the facility for construction, and communication in this regard will be initiated with the neighborhood as soon as the construction schedule is established more firmly.

**Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Hike and Bike Trail:** A meeting with Parks and Recreation officials to discuss this joint project has been scheduled on February 17th by the Library Department's Project Coordinator. PARD officials have recently identified only \$50,000 as being available in their Financial Year 2009 Capital Budget for the Will Hampton Branch Library Hike and Bike Trail, and the additional funding required for construction is being asked of the Library Department. By way of background, the Library Department has received no appropriations for this hike and bike trail, but was informed by the Budget Office of the Financial Services Department that the Parks and Recreation would fund the work in its entirety. The Library Department is now exploring options for securing the additional funding required to make the hike and bike trail from the Will Hampton Branch Library

to the Dick Nichols Park a reality.

## **Austin History Center Programming & Outreach**

- Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo wrote a short article on the history of Austin for the upcoming issue of Archival Outlook, the newsletter for the Society of American Archivists.
- Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo and Manager Mike Miller had articles published in the February issue of Southwestern Archivist, the quarterly magazine published by the Society of Southwest Archivists. Daniel's piece was about the infamous Archives War in Texas and Mike's was about Governor E. M. Pease and the AHC's recent acquisition of papers relating to the Pease family.

### **Collections**

- We received a "mini-digitization" grant from the Portal to Texas History, the 3rd such grant for the AHC. The Portal will scan an additional 1098 negatives from the Neal Douglass collection and add the images to the existing online collection at: <http://texashistory.unt.edu/browse/collection/NDPC/>, bringing the total number digitized to 3200. This collection is hugely popular – it received over 150,000 hits in January 2009, by far the most popular collection on the Portal site. Staff and volunteers are working on selecting the 1098 images to be digitized.
- The Archives unit completed a reorganization of the Oversize Archives area and began processing the backlog of these materials, a collection that has not received staff attention in many years.

### **Staffing**

- Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo has created an SAA-sponsored Austin blog as part of his role on the 2009 Host Committee for the upcoming Society of American Archivists annual conference to be held August 11-16, 2009, in Austin.

### **Photos used in Publications**

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in articles to be published by Austin Monthly and the Austin American-Statesman as well as a centennial history book on St. Austin's Church.

### **Exhibits**

- Work is underway for the next exhibit at the AHC, "Vietnam to Austin: Restoring Community," scheduled to open on February 21. This exhibit, in partnership with the Vietnamese American Heritage Foundation, will explore many of the different journeys Vietnamese immigrants took to Austin and how this community has impacted Travis County.
- The Austin History Center loaned numerous items for the current exhibit at the Arthouse at the Jones Center. The exhibit, "Those Were the Days" by British artist Matt Stokes, explores the Punk music scene in Austin, past and present, and how this phenomenon has impacted local music and the community as a whole. The exhibit runs through March 22.

### **Upcoming Events**

- March 7, 2-3 pm. Opening Reception for "Vietnam to Austin" exhibit at the AHC.
- May 14, 6-9 pm. Arts Crawl at the AHC. The AHC is partnering with other Austin museums for an immigration related arts crawl on this evening. Speaker TBD.

## Central Library Services

Walt Crawford mentioned APL's blog in his paper delivered at the Ontario Library Association's superconference. He considers it a robust and successful blog. APL's blog is written and maintained by Central Library Services' librarians.

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## Volunteer Services: January 2009– STATISTICS

JAN - APL web visits 624; # of Volunteers 89  
JAN - Volunteer hours 819.50  
Volunteer Value \$19.51 = \$15,988.45

## Grants and Records Management

The Austin Public Library Foundation successfully submitted a request for funding of a portion of the Acquisition of the Governor Elisha Marshall Pease Collection, 1834-1890s (Archival Papers) project and received funding in the amount of \$5000 for acquisition of several letters for the Austin History Center.

The Library has received preliminary word that Preserve America designation has been approved for the City. Preserve America is a national initiative in cooperation with the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation; the U.S. Departments of Defense, Interior, Agriculture, Commerce, Housing and Urban Development, Transportation, and Education; the National Endowment for the Humanities; the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities; and the President's Council on Environmental Quality. With 23 new designations made on January 13, 2009, there are now 736 Preserve America Communities in all 50 United States and its territories. This designation opens up further grant opportunities for the Library and other City Departments.

The Austin Public Library and the Austin History Center Association have entered into an agreement enabling joint work on grants benefiting the Austin History Center, Austin Public Library.

## Records Management News

The Records Coordinators for the Austin Public Library have successfully completed a coordinated effort across all locations to collect Purchasing records ready for disposition.

## Youth Services Division:

January, 2009, was an eventful month for the Austin Public Library Youth Services Division. Here's but a sampling of the things we've been working on, and the impact our efforts are making:

Alison O'Reilly, Teen Librarian at John Henry Faulk Central Library, has this to say about her recent star turn: I participated in a professional filming of the promotional video "What the Austin Public Library Can Do" on Saturday and Sunday

January 10th and 11th. I think this was a success on many fronts, not the least of which was collaborating with staff from many APL divisions. I also enjoyed the opportunity to talk about the library with Austinites all around town as we were filming - in the hair salon, at Lady Bird Lake, and at the coffee shop. And of course, it was thrilling that Dusty and Marina (two teens from the University Hills Branch) were able to participate as well, which they seemed to enjoy very much!

Patti Cook, Teen Librarian at the Manchaca Road Branch, spent a goodly time helping a boy and his grandmother find information on color and heat absorption. They were looking for information for his project about how different colored balloons would absorb heat energy. She found information both in books and online about color and heat absorption (an interesting tidbit on polar bears and how their fur is actually transparent, white and their skin is black and how that information is being used to develop new solar power from one of our new Y Nonfiction titles), thermal energy, etc. They left extremely satisfied. When asked if they had everything they needed, the grandson responded with a huge smile, "I'd say we almost have too much!"

Jenn Freeman, Teen Services Librarian at the Carver Branch, has been practicing delegating, leaving projects for the Wired for Youth interns to work on in her absence. This practice has resulted in a bevy of displays, a streamlining of the discard process, and extra productive time for Jenn!

Jean Holland, Children's Librarian at the Cepeda Branch, has been working on a new outreach initiative with Ortega Elementary, working on a special mini-collection check-out for a few classes there. We'll look forward to seeing lots of progress.

Celia Holm, Children's Librarian at the Spicewood Springs Branch, has been busy building a regular crowd at her Books & Babies programs, with 25 people coming each week. Across the country, public library programming for infants and toddlers is exploding, and it's great to see such a commitment right here in Austin.

Kathleen Houlihan has just started as a Youth Services Outreach Librarian, working with the Program Specialists out of the Youth Services Annex at Manchaca and Stassney. Charged with picking up both the Storytime Connection and Second Chance Books programs, Kathleen has hit the ground running, and is thrilled to report that 100% of the Child Care Centers she contacted about continuing Storytime Connection Service signed up again!

Debbie Keith, Children's Services Librarian at Old Quarry, has this nice story about the lasting impact of Storytime: One afternoon when I was out on the floor serving customers, I was greeted separately by 2 boys. "Marcus" was in with his siblings and mom for their weekly visit. "Hi, we haven't seen you in a while." Later, "Oliver" said, "Hi, it's good to see you." Both of these young men are ten years old. Both of them came to Preschool Storytime and Special Programs in their younger years. I was struck by the fact that both of them initiated the interaction once they spotted me. I was reminded of lasting library relationships that are formed with our regular library customers. "Oliver" came to Preschool Storytime when I was assigned to North Village and Yarborough.

Elizabeth Murphy, Children's Librarian at Yarborough, has been busy decorating the branch's meeting room:

"The Yarborough meeting room was completely devoid of art or any decoration as we started our programs, so I asked the preschoolers attending the first week of storytime to paint some watercolors that we could hang to beautify the room. They came through like gangbusters, each child painting at least one to take home, and several more for us to display, and they filled the room with beauty."

Joanna Nigrelli, Teen Services Librarian at Terrazas, noticed a change in business attributable to a spate of colder weather. "We were extra busy at ATB during the really cold days. I was often on the floor fielding questions from adults about computers, finding music CDs, library cards, etc."

Brazos Price, Teen Services Librarian at Windsor Park, has just taken the reins as Chair of the Austin Public Library Innovation Committee. One of the committee's main charges is to look for streamlining, cost-saving measures and new approaches, to maximize output and improve customer service. Brazos is a creative and clever fellow, and is sure to bring forward lots of innovative programs and ideas.

Stephanie Shipman has spent a few years splitting her time between Pleasant Hill and Twin Oaks. She was set to take on Twin Oaks full time, but is, for the moment, also putting in a day at Little Walnut Creek, while that branch is without a Librarian. In just a few days she has established herself as a welcoming and knowledgeable presence, and is already winning over the many children who frequent the branch.

Heather Valdez is just beginning a stint as Children's Librarian at the very busy Hampton Branch at Oak Hill. She has hit the ground running, picking up the very busy programming schedule, and hosting a Guitar Hero tournament, with the help of Teen Librarians Jenn Hartley and Michelle Beebower, right off the bat!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

### 2009

#### February

- February 23: 7:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Library Commission Meeting
- February 23: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Come join Raul Ramirez as he presents salsa dancing for beginners. This is a fun introductory salsa class.
- February 25: 6:30 p.m., Howson Branch, "Grocer's Son" as the first film in the "Reel Independents" film series on the last Wed.
- February 26: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, "Disgrace" by J.M. Coetzee will be the second title discussed in the "Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness In the Light of Death" series lead by Dr. Margaret Izutsu
- February 28: Recycled READS Bookstore opening 12 noon

#### March

- March 2: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Come join Raul Ramirez as he presents salsa dancing for beginners. This is a fun introductory salsa class.
- March 3: 6:30 p.m., Howson Branch, Junto In Austin discussion group will be discussing the book "Omnivore's Dilemma"

- March 4: 6:30 p.m., St. John Branch, The second film in the Reel Independents film series at St. John Branch will be "Days and Clouds" an independent film directed by Silvio Soldani
- o March 5: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Let's Go Green, Join us for a six week series on how to "go green." Join Denise Delaney as she presents valuable information on gardening in an environmentally friendly manner.
- March 7: 2:00 p.m., Austin History Center, "Vietnam to Austin: Restoring Community" is the first Asian American exhibit at the Austin History Center. Focusing on the history, transition, and contributions of Vietnamese Americans in Austin, this exhibit includes documents, photos, periodicals, and archives.
- March 9: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Come join Raul Ramirez as he presents salsa dancing for beginners. This is a fun introductory salsa class.
- March 10: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club
- March 10: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park, Windsor Park Book Club, "The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao" by Junot Diaz will be the book discussed at the March meeting of the Windsor Park Book Club
- March 11: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch, "Days and Clouds", a film directed by Silvio Soldani as the 2nd film in the Reel Independents film series
- March 12: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill, Join Sasha Peterson as he presents the latest tips on how to keep our homes energy efficient. This is the 2nd program on our six-part series "Let's Go Green."
- March 16: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill, Come join Raul Ramirez as he presents salsa dancing for beginners. This is a fun introductory salsa class.
- March 17: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Mystery Book Club will be reading "A Twist At the End" by Steven Saylor
- March 18: 6:30 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Manchaca Road Branch Book Club The March selection is "Cures for Heartbreak" by Margo Rabb.
- March 18: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Reel Independents Film Series, Ruiz Branch will show "Days and Clouds", a film directed by Silvio Soldani.
- March 19: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Pleasant Hill Library Presents "Climate Protection." Join Sasha Peterson as he presents the latest information on climate protection. This is the third program in our six-part series "Let's Go Green."
- March 21: 5:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Family Movie Night, Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG) Bring the whole family to our Family Movie Nights. We'll be highlighting entertaining documentaries and movies on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 5 p. m. (The branch closes at 4 pm on Saturdays, but on this day we re-open at 5 for the movie only).
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- March 26: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Pleasant Hill Library presents "Green Building". Join Anne Johnson as she presents the latest information on building in an environmentally friendly manner. This is the fourth program in our six-part series on "Let's Go Green."
- March 26: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, "Jazz" by Toni Morrison is the third title to be discussed in the "Let's Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness In the Light of Death" series

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- **April**
- April 2: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Pleasant Hill Library presents “Water Conservation” . Join David Turnage as he presents the latest information on this important topic. This is the 5th program on our six-part series “Let’s Go Green.”
- April 7: 6:30 p.m., Howson Branch, The Junto In Austin group will be discussing “The Next 100 Years” a book by local author George Friedman.
- April 8: Ruiz Branch: will be showing “Ben X”, a film by Nic Balthazar in its Reel Independents film series
- April 9: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Library presents “Water Quality.” Join Chris Herrington as he presents valuable information on this important topic. This is the sixth and final program in our series “Let’s Go Green.”
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- April 18: 5:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Family Movie Night, Bring the whole family to our Family Movie Nights. We’ll be highlighting entertaining documentaries and movies on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 5 p. m. (The branch closes at 4 pm on Saturdays, but on this day we re-open at 5 for the movie only). Tonight we will be showing: Camp Rock [G]
- April 20: 10:00 a.m., St. John Branch, Financial Fitness Teen Program, “How To Open A Bank Account”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 20: 4:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Teaching Finance to Kids” . The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 20: 7:00 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Credit Restoration”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 20: 7:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Feeding the Family Without Starving the Wallet”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 21: 3:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “College Financing”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 21: 6:30 p.m., St. John Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Bouncing Back When Your Income Drops”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 21: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park, Financial Fitness Program, “Understanding Credit”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 21: 7:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Financial Fitness: Credit Restoration, The Financial Fitness Series is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, Senator Kirk Watson’s office, and A+ Credit Union and others and is a series of programs.
- April 21: 7:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch”. Keep It Safe: Your Rights As a Consumer”, The Financial Fitness Series is sponsored by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, Senator Kirk Watson’s office, and A+ Credit Union and others and is a series of programs.
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- April 22: 6:00 p.m., Terrazas Branch, Financial Fitness Programs, “Getting Out of Debt”, The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 22: 7:00 p.m., University Hills, Financial Fitness Program, “To Your Credit: How Your Credit History Will Affect Your Future”, The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 22: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Saving and Investing”. The Financial Fitness program series is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin during the week of April 21st and is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 22: 7:00 p.m., Manchaca Branch, “Identity Theft”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 22: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Retirement Planning”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Se. Kirk Watson’s office and other community groups.
- April 23: 6:30 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “10 Steps to Financial Success”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.

- April 23: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, “Let’s Talk About It” book discussion series, Love and Forgiveness In the Light of Death” discussion series lead by Dr. Margaret Izutsu
- April 23: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Getting Out of Debt”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin and is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office and takes place during the week of April 21st, 2009.
- April 24: 8:30 a.m., Southeast Community, Financial Fitness Program, “Budgeting and Stretching Your Grocery Dollars”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office, and other community groups.
- April 25: 2:00 p.m., Twin Oaks Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Identity Theft”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin which is supported by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office and other community groups.
- April 25: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, Financial Fitness Program, “Creating A Personal Financial Plan”. The Financial Fitness series of programs is sponsored by Financial Fitness Greater Austin during the week of April 21st, 2009, with support by Junior Achievement, Financial Literacy Coalition of Central Texas, A+ Credit Union, Sen. Kirk Watson’s office and a number of other community organizations.
- April 27: 7:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Library Commission Meeting
- April 30: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, co-presentation, Transformative Journeys, A Symposium, Transformative Journeys: A Symposium Thursday, April 30, 2009, 7:00 p.m. at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, Spirit Theater, ADMISSION FREE, Reservations Required: (512) 936-4649 Join artists Lordy Rodriguez, Liliana Wilson, Tien Nguyen, Eduardo Xavier Garcia, and Terrence Moline as they discuss how their experience of immigration and place has informed their identities and work. The symposium is presented by the Austin Museum of Art, the Mexican American Cultural Center, the Austin History Center, Mexic-Arte Museum, The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, and the Texas State History Museum in conjunction with the exhibit Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island on view at TSHM.
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- **May**
- TBD Grand Opening of new North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Avenue (tentative)
- May 12: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry 2nd Tuesday Book Club
- May 12: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, Book Club May meeting, “Yonder Stands Your Orphan” by Barry Hannah
- May 13: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Reel Independents film series presents “Trap” a film by director Srđan Golubovic
- May 14: 6:00 p.m., Austin History Center, co-presentation, Arts on the Move, Six cultural institutions in Austin invite you to an arts crawl that explores immigrant artist experiences. Participating cultural organizations and exhibitions include: Texas State History Museum ([www.thestoryoftexas.com](http://www.thestoryoftexas.com)), Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America Through Galveston Island Austin Museum of Modern Art ([www.amoa.org](http://www.amoa.org)), Lordy Rodriguez: The States of America Austin History Center ([www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/)), Vietnam to Austin: Restoring Community Mexic-Arte Museum ([www.mexic-artemuseum.org](http://www.mexic-artemuseum.org)), 25th Anniversary Permanent Collection Exhibition Mexican American Cultural Center ([www.ci.austin.tx.us/macc/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/macc/)), Right Now From Far Away (featuring the work of Liliana Wilson and Cecilia Sanchez Duarte) The George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center ([www.ci.austin.tx.us/carver/](http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/carver/)), Katrina’s Children.
- May 16: 5:00 p.m., St. John Branch, Family Movie Night, Bring the whole family to our Family Movie Nights. We’ll be highlighting entertaining documentaries and movies on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 5 p. m. (The branch closes at 4 pm on Saturdays, but on this day we re-open at 5 for the movie only). Tonight we will be showing: The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor (PG-13)
- May 18: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch, Mystery Book Club will host mystery writer Susan Wittig Albert
- May 18: 7:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch, Library Commission Meeting
- May 20: 6:30 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Manchaca Road Branch Book Club. In May we will discuss “Animal, Vegetable, Miracle” by Barbara Kingsolver.
- May 28: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, “Let’s Talk About It”. “The Dead” by James Joyce will be the final title discussed in the “Let’s Talk About It: Love and Forgiveness In the Light of Death” discussion series lead by Dr. Margaret Izutsu.
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- **June**
- June 9: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, “1776” by David McCollough
- June 22: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, Library Commission Meeting
- **July**
- July, 2009: Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch, 1806 S. 5th Street (tentative)
- July 27: 7:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Library Commission Meeting
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- **August**
- August 8, 2009: Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch, 1806 S. 5th Street (tentative)
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- **September**
- o September 28: 7:00 p.m., Manchaca Road, Library Commission Meeting
- **October**
- o October 26: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, Library Commission Meeting
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