

Austin Public Library Director's Report

May 2009

HIGHLIGHTS

Marketing Manager on the move:

Patricia Fraga, Marketing Manager for APL will be moving over to the City of Austin's Communications and Public Information office on temporary assignment to work on citywide communications projects. David Spradling Library Services Manager will replace Tricia as the interim Marketing Manager, effective May 27.

Grand Opening of North Village

The Grand Opening for the New North Village Branch Library will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30, 2009, with the music and refreshments portion of the program beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the dedication ceremony to follow at 10:00 a.m.

Cepeda Music Garden Project: On Thursday, May 28, 2009, at 5:30 p.m., Cotera and Reed Architects, the consultants for the Cepeda Music Garden Project, will present the project to the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation Board and involved Library staff members in the Cepeda Branch Library meeting room. Cotera and Reed Architects will be presenting the entire project with some graphic materials along with some details of the exhibit devices, schedules and project phasing proposals.

NEW Hours at the Austin History Center:

•Beginning May 3, the AHC adopted new open hours to better serve the majority of researchers using the AHC. The new schedule allows the AHC to be open 6 days a week, instead of 5, without the need to add staffing or impact the budget. The AHC will no longer be open for evening hours when the AHC was rarely used by researchers. The new schedule is:

Monday: Closed

Tuesday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

APL participates in Nationwide Survey on Internet use in the library:

From May 18 to June 1, the Austin Public Library is participating in a nationwide Internet survey to find out how people use the free computers and Internet connections in public libraries. The U.S. IMPACT web survey is being conducted by the University of Washington Information School with support from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The survey is only accessible from the public computers at the library.

Summer Reading Program Right Around the Corner:

The Austin Public Library's Summer Reading Program

2009, One Green World, celebrates the library's central role in planetary stewardship. All summer, **June 1 through August 31**, we invite young people 0-17 to read and read and read some more. The instructions are simple, and following them is easier than turning off the light when you leave the room (you need to do that, too, by the way). Visit www.austinsummerreading.com to find out how. As if that weren't reason enough to hang out at your local Austin Public Library this summer, we've got close to a bazillion programs planned for everyone from toddlers to teens, with something special at every location every week. You'll find a complete schedule of events at www.austinlibrary.com/events.

An Adult Summer Reading program will also coincide with the youth program.

FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION

New Central Library Project: Staff continues to negotiate a professional services agreement with the Joint Venture of Lake/Flato Architect with Shipley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott for the design and construction management of the New Central Library project. Staff members as well as the consultants are working diligently at this time in the endeavor to finalize the requisite professional services prior to May 30, 2009. On Monday, May 18, 2009, the Request for Qualifications needed to secure the services of a Construction Manager at Risk for the project is scheduled to be advertised for responses from interested firms. Statements of Qualifications from Construction Manager at Risk candidates will be due to the City of Austin on June 24, 2009. In a related development, the Contract and Land Management Department is now recommending that the Commissioning Agent Request for Qualifications be issued after the Construction Manager at Risk Request for Qualifications. The tentative schedule for the New Central Library Project has been modified to reflect these changes:

May, 2009 ~ Construction Manager at Risk Solicitation Issued

June, 2009 ~ Commissioning Agent Solicitation Issued

May, 2009 ~ Design Team Consultant contract finalized

June, 2009 ~ Design Phase Initiated

August, 2009 ~ Citizen input process initiated

Winter, 2009 ~ Schematic Design completed

February, 2010 ~ Construction Manager at Risk hired

March, 2010 ~ Commissioning Agent hired

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:

The general contractor for the new North Village Branch Library is continuing to work towards finishing the punch list for the project even while Library staff members are busily transforming the building into a community library. Some furniture and slat wall display units remain to be delivered and installed at this location, but the telephone equipment, computers and printers, RFID self-check units, security scanners and most other equipment assemblages have been successfully installed. Thanks to the hard work of the North Village Branch Library staff, the new collection has in the meantime been substantially shelved and organized throughout the facility. The Grand Opening for the New North Village Branch Library will be celebrated on Saturday, May 30, 2009, with the music and refreshments portion of the program beginning at 9:00 a.m. and the dedication ceremony to follow at 10:00 a.m.

Twin Oaks Branch library Replacement Project: Good progress continues to be made at the Twin Oaks Branch Library site with the general contractor striving to work at the site seven days a week. Ongoing construction activities at this time include completing the steel erection, metal framing, roofing, sealing joints, installing wood blocking for shelving support as well as mechanical, electrical and plumbing work. The recovery schedule submitted to the City of Austin by the general contractor indicates that the building will be completed by the end of September, 2009. If this construction schedule can be maintained, the Library Department will be prepared to take occupancy of the facility at that time in order to begin turning it into a functioning library. It is presently hoped that the Grand Opening of the Twin Oaks Branch Library can be celebrated near the end of calendar year 2009.

Cesar Chavez Commemorative Art Project: On the evening of Tuesday, May 12, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m., the public art dedication of the Cesar E. Chavez Memorial Project was successfully celebrated with speeches by elected officials and members of the community along with live music provided by Conjunto Aztlan and an array of refreshments for those in attendance. This permanent public art was created through a Council initiative to commemorate Cesar Chavez at the Terrazas Branch Library, which is to hold Austin's largest

collection of materials dealing with the life and work of Cesar Chavez. Austin's Art In Public Places (AIPP), a program of the Cultural Arts Division, Economic Growth and Redevelopment Services Office, commissioned Connie Arismendi and Laura Garanzuay to create "Rayo de Esperanza – A Beacon of Hope: Sculpture, Community Information Kiosk, and Benches".

Howson Branch Library Reroof Project: From Monday, May 18, 2009 until Monday, November 2, 2009, the Howson Branch Library will close for renovation work. The renovation work will include

New Cool Roof and Rain Harvesting system

New Interior finishes and a new furniture/shelving layout
Added electrical circuits and enhanced internet conductivity
Mechanical improvements

Interim library service for the Howson Branch Library service area will be provided by two nearby libraries: the Faulk Central Library at 800 Guadalupe Street and the Yarborough branch Library at 2200 Hancock Drive.

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Security Camera Installation Project: In order to acquire a comprehensive quote for a department-wide security camera installation project, the Library Department is continuing to work with the Communications and Technology Management Office to schedule the necessary walk-through inspections of all of our facilities by TAC, the City's selected vendor for security systems.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Upgrade Project: The Zaragoza Warehouse, which serves as the main storage depository for the Library Department and houses the Library Facilities Services Division, is planned to undergo a fire suppression sprinkler system upgrade. The Zaragoza Warehouse is a 20,000 square foot, wood-built facility over 35 years old, and most of its fire suppression equipment is original equipment dating from the time of its construction. The Library Department has secured the services of a MEP engineering firm for the project, which will be split into two phases. Phase I of the project will provide a PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) describing the condition of the existing system, present code requirements for the structure, and the engineering options available for a new system. Phase II will consist of the actual design and construction of this

important fire suppression sprinkler system retrofit.

University Hills Branch Library Art Replacement

Project: The present public art work at the University Hills Branch Library is an exterior sculpture "Color at Play", created by artist Mary Visser and donated to the University Hills Branch Library at the time of its construction in 1985. The sculpture is in the shape of various interlocking shapes with a surface consisting of ceramic tiles of various size and colors grouted in colors corresponding to the surrounding tile. The tile is laid on a cementitious mortar layer reinforced with metal mesh. The mortar and mesh layer is applied directly on a plywood form that is joined with nails and glue. As a complicated mix of materials in a harsh outdoor environment, the sculpture has deteriorated badly to the point of being an eyesore and a subject of citizen complaints. The Library Department is presently working with the Art in Public Places Program to initiate a deaccession (removal) process for "Color at Play" through the City Of Austin Arts Commission. It is the intention of the Library Department to seek a replacement work of public art for the University Hills Branch Library through the Art in Public Places Program.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo spoke at the UT iSchool Alumni Speakers Series on April 7.
- Manager Mike Miller, with AHCA Board member Kay Hart, gave a presentation and reading of letters from the Pease Collection at the Querencia Senior Living Center on April 27. Over 20 people attended the program, including former UT football coach Darrell Royal.
- Manager Mike Miller presented "A Tour Through 19th Century Austin" to the Golden K Kiwanis Club on May 4. 31 people attended the program, which resulted in 2 donations of materials to the AHC collections.

Collections

- Work continues on the TexTreasures grant to digitize the Jones Glass Plates collection. Intern Jordan Berson has completed the cataloging of more than half of the images. Also, the June issue of Austin Monthly magazine will include a feature article and photo spread about this project.
- AHC staff and volunteers completed processing the Wong Family papers (AR.2008.005). Most of the collection relates to noted Austin artist R. C. Wong and her career.

Staffing/Staff News

- In preparation for the Society of American Archivists annual conference in August, Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo blogs about Austin and Archives to promote our city and the AHC to archivists across the country. View his latest post at: <http://www.archives2009.org/?p=452>
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison wrote an article about preservation issues for the April issue of AsainAustin magazine, published online at: <http://www.asianaustin.com/>

news/show/55

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for public display at the Travis County Criminal Courthouse, Austin Police Department, and the Heritage House Museum.

Exhibits

- "Vietnam to Austin: Restoring Community" continues at the Austin History Center. Related programming, an "Art Symposium," was held at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum on April 30 as part of the citywide immigration themed arts program, with Esther Chung representing the AHC at the event.

AHCA News

- The AHCA will be holding its annual meeting on Friday, May 22, 6:30-8:30. A new slate of board members and officers will be elected at this meeting. The program for the evening includes a presentation from the "Save Muni" organization and how they used the AHC to research and discover that Lions Municipal Golf Course was the first public golf course to integrate in the south.

Marketing Communications

The Marketing division initiated 15 media releases resulting in a value of over \$11,500. A majority of the media stories resulted in stories appearing in the Austin American-Statesman, Spanish newspapers such as Ahora Si, and El Mundo and the Austin Chronicle.

Volunteer Services

APRIL 2009 - STATISTICS

APR - APL web visits

889

of Volunteers

133

APR - Volunteer hours

1,557.00

*****Volunteer Value \$31,529.25

Grants and Records Management

2008 Texas Book Festival Awards were announced mid-April. Manchaca Branch Library was awarded \$2500 to purchase books for the Western genre portion of the collection which was heavily weeded during the Library's closure. Beth Solomon, Anita Fudell, and Tom Moran are all instrumental in the successful work on this award. Expect to see a Western in one of the upcoming Book Club discussions and watch for a Western Film showing at Manchaca Branch Library.

At the Pleasant Hill Branch Library, customer will be rewarded with additions to the art collection that will focus on Southwest Art and Texas artists purchased with their \$2500 check from the 2008 Texas Book Festival Awards. Branch Manager, Patti Fowler carefully assessed gaps in

the collection and will be purchasing wonderful books her with check and promoting the collection with instructional classes taught by local artists on beadmaking and jewelry making. She will be featuring local art on the walls and creating books displays to attract customers to the new materials.

Records Management News

Shred day, April 18, resulted in 57,036 pounds of paper shredded up from 43,740 in 2008; 1400 pounds of cardboard recycled, and monetary and food donations equal to 23,247.5 meals. The Saturday records management volunteers filled three shred trucks completely and nearly filled the other three. People enjoyed watching their documents being shredded. In addition, each driver was thanked for their attention to identity theft which now has reached a dollar tally in the United States that exceeds drug trafficking proceeds. Each vehicle arriving for shredding received a packet on identity theft precautions.

Youth Program and Outreach Services

The month of April kicked off a new community partnership between Youth Services and the Dell Children's Hospital. Storytime was presented by Devo Carpenter followed by visits to individual rooms in the Oncology wing. While there, Devo made a strong connection with a young man, age 14, and his family. Although a bit old for storytime, he attended with his mom and grandmother in tow. During storytime he was animated and had fun doing the fingerplays aloud with the little ones. When the program was over he invited Devo to stop by his room for a visit. During the visit Devo did some reader's advisory and helped him pick out a book from the hospital library. He shared that he was writing his first book. Devo was able to suggest several websites on teen publishing and invited him to visit APL for more resources. He also suggested that it would be nice for the teens at the hospital to read to the little ones..."that would be a great program", he said.

Two programs were offered in celebration of The Week of the Child. Devo Carpenter presented a program at Safeplace for children, parents, and staff. Ellen Scott presented a program at the ACC Child Development Center.

Ambray Gonzales and Ellen Scott worked behind the scenes creating puppets, props, and a backdrop for the upcoming Summer Reading Program puppet show while Anita Rizley and Devo Carpenter worked on technical aspects of staging, lighting, and scripting. Preparation for the summer original show is always exciting and full of new surprises. Anita Rizley finalized special Summer Reading Program event bookings for all APL locations.

Kathleen Houlihan has had many successes as she

moves forward with the Second Chance Books Project at the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Detention Center. She conducted a very rewarding bookclub on Luna. The participants raised insightful questions about identity, true inner self vs. external self. Kathleen says, "It was awesome to see them really getting into the issues and relating to them on such a personal and individual level." Kathleen presented (with great success) two 'first-person' book talks during the bookclub and she demonstrated the technique for staff.

April is the month that Austin Community College students are wrapping up their Storytime Connection internships. Kathleen is busy assisting their professor with final assessments regarding student participation. Ambray, Devo, Ellen, and Karen have all assisted with the program, and they too finalized their mentor reports this month for the assessment process. When one of the Storytime Connection intern teams went to a child care center the teacher and children were so pleased with the storytime that the teacher had the children give the ACC interns an "Elvis Thank You"...the children stood up, popped their collars, swung their "mics" and said "Thank you, thank you very much"...the interns were so tickled!

In addition to presenting twelve puppet show presentations in April, Karen Carlson created the choreography for the Bibliofiles Book Cart Drill Team presentation at Celebration of Families. At the last minute the presentation was cancelled due to several reasons. Attendance was down at the event because of the Swine flu concerns in the community. Karen also represented APL at the Austin Museum of Art FuseBox Festival 12:19 project. Wearing the iconic Bibliofile spinning book hat, Karen assisted with the cataloging of twitter messages coming into the museum from 20 cities around the world. What are you doing at 12:19 p.m.?

Storytime Training was presented by the Program and Outreach team at St. Edwards University and at the UT ischool in April. These trainings open new eyes for adult participants regarding the importance and power of "Story" in everyone's daily life. APL Youth Services continues to bring literature to the community through a variety of pathways. As W.R.S. Ralston (1873) said, "One touch of storytelling may, in some instances, make the whole world kin."

Children's Services

April featured a production of "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" presented by Literature Live. Many locations were filled to capacity, as this show was suitable for all ages. There were a few teary moments for the younger set when the bears growled but all in all it was a roaring success. There are always a wide range of ages that appear when puppets are presented and our staff is well prepared for that possibility. Kudos to Anita's team for their efforts. Needless to say the summer show "Tortugas Del Mar" is already eagerly anticipated by our staff and customers.

TLA was held in Houston on April 1st-4th. Several of the Teen Services staff were present for workshops and committee meetings. Advance readers copies of new titles from the conference are being circulated among our group.

Local PBS affiliate KLRU made arrangements to have some of our staff judge their Reading Rainbow Writers contest April 17th. We have partnered with KLRU many times in the past and it is always rewarding.

Programs? Yes, we did some programs in April; 276 to be exact. Storytimes, book clubs, after school programs, movies and anime were only a few of our offerings.

April also included the annual "Dia de los Libros" program at St. John's Branch. This Day of the Book program originated in Mexico and has been adopted locally by the St. John's Branch. Estimated attendance this year was 600-700. Aubrey Sanders, our newest Youth Librarian, did much of the prep work and manned the craft area on April 25th.

Many of our efforts in past months have been aimed at the Summer Reading Program preparation. This year's theme, One Green World, features homemade and recycled programs in an effort to show our youngest customers how they can help keep our planet green.

Teen Services

In April, the next two branches received their laptops for the Connected Youth project: University Hills and Windsor Park. Several cards were made and laptops checked out at Ruiz and Carver, which launched last month, and several teens posed for a photo with their cards and laptops when checking them out. The goal of increasing teens' sense of interest and personal investment in the library through this program is going well. All the while, Teen Services Librarians continued to offer a wide range of services, storytimes, programs, reference, and reader's advisory to their diverse customers.

Here are some anecdotes from Teen Services staff for March:

Alison O'Reilly - My biggest success in April was finishing up spending \$8000 in CIP money, plus part of Thom's \$4000 for audio books. I also completed a month long weeding and replacement project at the branches, including ACE, ASJ, AUH, ALW, ASR, AML, and ATB (I am going to ATO in May.) Sarah wrote me this note about the popular items I ordered for ASJ:

I put out the new Hannah Montana and Rainbow Fairy series books on Wednesday and they are all gone. :-D In fact all the new series I got in have now been checked out. Fun to see some of the new stuff going out so quickly!

I feel this project has given me an informed sense

of what is popular at the branches as well as a heads up on any challenges with space and accessibility.

Rachel Wilson - Joseph, the first laptop user at Ruiz kept asking me when we were going to have the first Connected Youth program. I gave him a YS calendar with the month's activities. He called the afternoon of the program to make sure it was happening. I had explained that this first program would be more of free-time/get familiar with the laptops, but he still showed up and participated in the program (along with 2 other boys.) I get a feeling he is really starting to appreciate all the library has to offer!

Brazos Price - Having a couple of wonderful groups of Harris Pre-k Children come to the library and storytime and puppet show. I just received a note from their teacher which I'll attach ... "Dear Mr. Brazos, "First of all, I want to thank you for the wonderful time both groups had during our visit. As it was such a great experience for our students, we would like to visit again the library during story time... I really appreciate all you do for our students..."

Patti Cook - One of my long term teens who wasn't sure which school he was going to after graduation came in and let me know that he had gotten into Texas State! He was so excited, not least because he had gotten some scholarships, a guaranteed student job, as well as secured student loans to attend. We talked about San Marcos and how exciting and different his next year would be. It was very nice.

Sarah Fowlie - Seeing some improvement in the behavior of the youth in the library, and a more streamlined area for youth to interact. Many youth often ran into the library after school talking loudly to friends, and now know to walk and enter the library more quietly. Youth now make reservations to use the computers, and hang out near the teen librarian desk while waiting to use the computer. Activity and social interaction seem to be concentrated both in the teen area as well as the two graphic novel nooks. This is a marked improvement when the youth used to take up almost all the tables in the library. Youth are also now asking me how to do certain tasks on the computers, and see me as a point of contact for library service.

Melanie and her brother Amedgar are two youth who have shown remarkable improvement. Both would run in the library, talk loudly, crowd computers, and treat library materials disrespectfully. Both got evicted for one day, and have since been obeying the rules and do not try to argue with me about the rules.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MAY

- May 30: 10 a.m. Grand Opening of new North Village Branch, 2505 Steck Avenue
- May 1 – 31, 2009, Preserving the Voices of Austin and Travis
- 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 19: 10:30 a.m., St. John Branch. Parenting Counts Work Shop. A program developed by the Talaris institute and brought to the Austin Public Library in partnership with KLRU. Explore ways to share the love of reading and develop the foundation for further learning. The workshop is open to parents of children ages 3 to 5 years old and will be taught in English.
- May 19: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch. Book Club. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn by Betty Smith.
- May 19: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance classes with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- May 19: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Mystery Book Club
- May 20: 7:00 p.m., Halcyon Coffee, 4th & Lavaca, The Graphic Novels Book Club will be meeting to discuss Y: The Last Man, Volume 1 by Brian Vaughan and Pia Guerra
- May 20: 6:30 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch, Book Club. In May we will discuss "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle" by Barbara Kingsolver.
- May 20: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Reel Independents Film Series
 - o May 20: 7:30 p.m., University Hills. Club de Lectura (Spanish Language book Club). El príncipe de la Niebla por Carlos Ruiz Zafón La Biblioteca Pública de Austin invita a toda la comunidad a participar en este club de lectura en español. El Club junta el tercer miércoles de cada mes. Para mas información llame al 512-929-0551 o visite www.cityofaustin.org/library.
- May 21: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- May 26: 10:30 a.m., St. Johns Branch. Parenting Counts Work Shop. A program developed by the Talaris institute and brought to the Austin Public Library in partnership with KLRU. Explore ways to share the love of reading and develop the foundation for further learning. The workshop is open to parents of children ages 3 to 5 years old and will be taught in English.
- May 27: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. Oak Springs Branch, Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- 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.
- May 30: 10:00 a.m., Yarborough Branch. Talk Time. A library program for English conversation practice.
- May 30: 11:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- May 30: 9a.m. Grand opening of the NEW North Village Branchc 2505 Steck Ave.
- May 30: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Free Salsa dance

lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

- May 30: 3:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- May 31: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- May 31: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez

JUNE

- **June 1-August 31 Summer Reading Program:One Green World! and Adult summer reading program**
- June 2: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs, Meet the Author, Danielle Brown.
- June 3: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs, Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- June 4: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- June 4: 6:30 p.m., The Center for Russian and East European Studies, and The University of Texas Performing Arts Center present Selected Film Scores of Goran Bregovic, a series of film screenings featuring scores composed by Bregovic.
- June 6: 11:00 a.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- June 6: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- June 6: 3:30 p.m. Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- June 7: 2:30 a.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- June 7: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- June 9: 6:30 p.m., The Center for Russian and East European Studies, and The University of Texas Performing Arts Center present Selected Film Scores of Goran Bregovic, a series of film screenings featuring scores composed by Bregovic.
- June 6: 10am to 12noon Pleasant Hill Branch; Green Fest event to kick off 2009 Summer Reading Program:One Green World
- June 9: 6:30 p.m., Austin History Center, "Behind These Walls Tour", Behind the scenes tours of the Austin History Center are held on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30pm to 8pm. Tours are free and open to the public but advance reservations are required. Contact Jeff Cohen at 512.974.7499 to reserve a spot.
- June 9: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, "1776" by David McCollough
- June 9: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch, Book Club
- June 9: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Book Club
- June 9: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch, "1776" by David McCollough
- June 10: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
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- June 14: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- June 15: 6:30 p.m., The Center for Russian and East European Studies, and The University of Texas Performing Arts Center present Selected Film Scores of Goran Bregovic, a series of film screenings featuring scores composed by Bregovic.
- June 15: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. A World Lit: The Flame of Literature Book Club
- June 15: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch. Science Fiction Book Club
- June 16: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs, Book Club
- June 16: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Mystery Book Club
- June 17: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- June 17: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch, Reel Independents Film Series
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- July 1: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- July 1: 6:30 p.m., St. Johns Branch. Reel Independents Film Series
- July 2: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 5: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 5: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 8: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch, Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- July 9: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 9: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch. Book Club
- July 11: 11:00 a.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 11: 2:00 p.m., Yarborough Branch. Hogwarts Reunion Party. Join us for a Costume contest and a Trivia contest at the Hogwarts Reunion Party for wizards and witches ages 8 and up.
- July 11: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 11: 3:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 12: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 12: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 14: 5:30 p.m., Austin History Center, "Behind These Walls Tour", Behind the scenes tours of the Austin History Center are held on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30pm to 8pm. Tours are free and open to the public but advance reservations are required. Contact Jeff Cohen at 512.974.7499 to

reserve a spot.

- July 14: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch. Book Club
- July 14: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch. Book Club
- July, 2009: Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch, 1806 S. 5th Street (tentative)
- July 15: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- July 15: 6:30 p.m., Ruiz Branch. Reel Independent Book Series
- July 15: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch. Club de Lectura (Spanish Language book Club). El príncipe de la Niebla por Carlos Ruiz Zafón La Biblioteca Pública de Austin invita a toda la comunidad a participar en este club de lectura en español. El Club junta el tercer miércoles de cada mes. Para mas información llame al 512-929-0551 o visite www.cityofaustin.org/library.
- July 16: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 18: 11:00 a.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 18: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 18: 3:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 19: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 19: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 20: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. A World Lit: The Flame of Literature Book Club
- July 20: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch. Science Fiction Book Club
- July 21: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Mystery Book Club
- July 22: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- July 23: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 25: 11:00 a.m., Faulk Central Library Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 25: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 25: 3:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 26: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch, Free Salsa dance

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- July 26: 4:00 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez
- July 29: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. Chess Club. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.
- July 27: 7:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Library Commission Meeting
- July 30: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Espanol offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with learners under the guidance of a Spanish speaking facilitator.
- July 27: 7:00 p.m., Milwood Branch, Library Commission Meeting

AUGUST

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SEPTEMBER

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- September 28: 7:00 p.m., Manchaca Road, Library Commission Meeting

OCTOBER

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- October 26: 7:00 p.m., Austin History Center, Library Commission Meeting

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