

**Austin Public Library
Director's Report
July, 2009**

Highlighted Events

Budget Public Hearings and Readings of the Budget

There will be budget Public Hearings on August 20 and August 27, 2009. The three readings of the budget will be held on September 14, 15, and 16, 2009.

Austin History Center - Exhibit

On August 11 the AHC opened its new exhibit, "Not a Museum ~ Your Story, Your Archive: An Exhibit About the Value of Archives." This exhibit will explore and celebrate the value of archives in our community and in our lives by highlighting some of the unique collections at the AHC, how the community uses the AHC, and how all of our histories are connected.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Negotiations are continuing at this time between the City of Austin and the Joint Venture of Lake/Flato Architects with Shipley Bulfinch Richardson and Abbott to secure a professional services agreement to design and oversee construction of the New Central Library Project. It is now believed that this requisite professional services agreement can be finalized by September, 2009, allowing the Schematic Design Phase to be initiated. The Request for Qualifications to secure the services of a Construction Manager-at-Risk for the project was issued on Monday, June 15, 2009. A mandatory and well attended pre-submittal meeting for interested contractors was held at the Terrazas Branch Library on Friday, June 26, 2009 from 1:30 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Twelve (12) contractor responses to this Request for Qualifications were received by the City of Austin on the due date of Tuesday, July 28, 2009. A panel of qualified City of Austin staff members has been selected to evaluate the responses submitted for the New Central Library Construction Manager at Risk Solicitation, and a Kick-off meeting to begin the evaluation process was held on Monday, August 10, 2009. The New Central Library Construction Manager at Risk schedule calls for the final review of the RFQ responses to be completed by Thursday, September 3, 2009 and for a short list of the most qualified construction firms (no more than five) to be created. Phase II of the New Central Library Construction Manager at Risk process will issue a Request for Proposal (RFP) to the short listed firms from Phase I. Those proposals will be due to the City of Austin by September 28, 2009, and it is hoped that the staff evaluation of the proposals may be completed by November 20, 2009, allowing the recommended construction firm identified by the selection panel to be taken to the Austin City Council by means of a Request for Council Award of Contract (RCA). On Friday, July 31, 2009, a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was advertised to secure the services of a Commissioning Agent for the New Central Library Project. A Pre-Response Meeting for interested engineering firms was held on Friday, August 14, 2009, and responses to this Commissioning Agent RFQ must be received by the City of Austin prior to 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 1, 2009. The tentative schedule for the New Central Library Project stands as follows:

September, 2009 ~ Design Team Consultant Contract Finalized

October, 2009 ~ Design Phase Initiated

November, 2009 ~ Citizen Input Process Initiated

Spring, 2010 ~ Schematic Design Completed

April, 2010 ~ Construction Manager-at-Risk Contract Executed

May, 2010 ~ Commissioning Agent Hired

Fall, 2010 ~ Design Development Completed

Fall, 2011 ~ Design Phase Completed

Summer, 2012 ~ Construction Begins

Spring, 2014 ~ Construction Completed

Fall, 2014 ~ Grand Opening

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project: Construction of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library continues apace at the present time, but problems have been encountered with a number of trades. Delays were incurred when it appeared that the metal roofing manufacturer would not warrant their products already on the Twin Oaks building as their Dallas manufacturing facility closed and the firm withdrew from the Texas market. However, it now seems that the specified roof warranties will be provided and the installation of the roof will proceed without further delay. Concerns remain with the mortar used in the brick veneer now installed. Cracking, or surface cracking due to shrinkage, appears to be a general condition in the mortar of the coursed masonry, and to make matters worse, the color of the mortar does not match the samples previously approved, either. An architectural consultant who specializes in solving these types of masonry issues visited the site on Tuesday, August 18, 2009, to inspect the work and provide recommendations on how best to proceed with repointing and staining the problematic mortar joints. Another project concern has arisen with the August 13, 2009 ordering of Stage 2 Water Restrictions by the City of Austin, for it is feared that the once-per-week watering schedule will prove insufficient to keep sod and other landscape plantings alive in the current weather conditions. As no variances will be issued to the Stage 2 Water Restrictions, other options and alternate processes will have to be explored for permitting final inspections to occur and project completion being achieved. On the plus side, the site has been a whirlwind of sub-contractor activity of late, including aluminum doors and storefront glass installation, setting of ceramic tiles throughout the restrooms, and placing cement in the recesses of the in-floor Walker Duct system. Other sub-contractor tasks being carried out presently include drywall installation, taping and floating, painting, pouring concrete pads for outside air-conditioning units, fencing in mechanical yards, and installing exterior doors and hardware. Despite the flurry of activity by various trades, the general contractor's schedule now identifies substantial completion of the project being achieved by November

25, 2009. The Library Department will continue to monitor the contractor's progress to complete construction so that the Twin Oaks lease space library may be closed at an appropriate date to allow the collection to be relocated to the new facility. Based on the contractor's schedule, it is now anticipated that the Grand Opening of the permanent Twin Oaks Branch Library will be celebrated in March of 2010.

Howson Branch Library Reroof Project: The roof replacement portion of the renovation project now underway at the Howson Branch Library was successfully completed on Tuesday, June 16, 2009. Since that date, significant progress has been made with the interior renovation of the facility. Revitalizing the existing woodwork has proven to be a challenging but rewarding task as this prevalent finish has been restored to its original beauty through multiple steps of sanding and staining. At the moment, the electrical modifications are being carried out at a furious pace to make way for the creation of a fresh new color palette to give this 1960s era facility a more modern feeling while still paying homage to its past. Additional architectural modifications are being constructed to demarcate new service locations within the library and increase staff flexibility in providing better library services to customers. A full complement of comfortable, new, stacking chairs have been ordered for the meeting room along with a number of equipment enhancements to improve audio-visual displays for presentation purposes. The construction progress schedule has been recently and carefully reviewed by City staff, consultants and contractors. Due to the discovery of additional areas requiring asbestos remediation, coupled with the need to replace a failed ten ton heat pump in the building's mechanical system, it is no longer deemed logistically possible for the facility to be made ready to reopen to the public by October 31, 2009, as originally hoped. Therefore, the reopening celebration for the Howson Branch Library has been rescheduled to Saturday, December 5, 2009, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

Cepeda Music Garden Project: Presently, Cotera & Reed Architects are working to complete the Construction Drawings and Specifications Documents necessary in order for the City of Austin Library Department to advertise this important art project for contractor bids.

Security Camera Installation Project: On Thursday, August 13, 2009, the Library Department turned in their proposals for processing by the Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM) and subsequent award of contract to their vendor, TAC Systems Integration Group, to provide a new video surveillance system at library locations. The scope of work involved is planned to be carried out by both TAC and Library staff members from the Information Systems and Facilities Services divisions, and the first nine branch locations to be equipped will be Southeast Austin Community, Oak Springs, Ruiz, University Hills, Carver, Terrazas, Little Walnut Creek, Windsor Park and Saint Johns. By returning the proposals before a planned increase in equipment costs by the vendor and by performing a major portion of the installation work with its own staff members, the Library Department has achieved significant costs savings, permitting additional security camera equipment to be purchased for the remaining locations in its inventory of buildings.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Suppression Sprinkle System Upgrade Project: The Library Department has approved the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) proposal from the Mechanical Electrical Plumbing (MEP) engineering firm with which it has been in negotiations for a professional service agreement

for this project. Once the proposal is approved as well by the Contract and Land Management Department (CLMD) and the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources (DSMBR), work on the PER (Preliminary Engineering Report) will actually begin. Completion of the PER is expected to take no more than sixty (60) days and will be followed closely by initiation of the Design Phase for a new integrated system to replace the obsolete fire suppression sprinkler system at the Zaragoza Warehouse, the primary storage facility for the Library Department.

University Hills Branch Library Art Replacement Project: The City of Austin Arts Commission has approved of removing the deteriorated "Color at Play" exterior sculpture from the University Hills Branch Library site. The Arts Commission further recommended to the Library Department that it reuse the materials making up the sculpture as it sees fit, as long as the reuse does not reference or endeavor to replicate the sculpture in any way. Before the Library Department proceeds with relocating the sculpture, it will provide the Arts in Public Places Program ample time to inform the artist of the Arts Commission's decision in this matter.

Austin History Center Wheelchair Lift Retrofit Project: Accessibility concerns regarding the obsolete and failing wheelchair lift at the Guadalupe Street entrance to the Austin History Center led the Library Department to hire an architectural consultant to perform a Feasibility Study for its replacement with an enclosed lift less likely to deteriorate from exposure to the elements. In consideration of the landmark architecture of that 1933-era facility in addition to its status as a recognized Historic Building, the consultant subsequently recommended that the Library Department seek to replace the wheelchair lift with a ramp, an overall more sustainable solution. On July 31, 2009, the consultant submitted this proposed architectural modification to the Historic Landmark Commission for consideration and, hopefully, approval at its August, 2009 monthly meeting. The construction of a ramp at the Guadalupe Street entrance to the Austin History Center will necessitate the creation of handicapped parking spaces closer to that facility, which has long been a request from the wheelchair user community in Austin.

Media Relations

A total of 10 news releases were initiated in July.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

•On July 28, Manager Mike Miller and Neighborhood Liaison Gloria Espitia, along with Kanya Lyons from Marketing, produced a 12-minuted video "Inside the Austin History Center" to promote the Mexican American Trailblazers project. The video will air at irregular intervals on ChannelAustin, the public access cable channel. And speaking of the Trailblazers project, the AHC is now accepting nominations of Austin/Travis County Mexican Americans who blazed a trail to guide others or was/is an innovative leader in a particular field. This project will culminate commemorative exhibit created by the Austin History Center celebrating Mexican Americans (alive or deceased) who have lived in Austin and Travis County and who were the first to blaze a trail within their perspective communities in the areas of Education, Politics, Business, Social/Public Services, Health/Medical, Communication (Journalism/Media), Entertainment (Theater/Art/Music), Science/Technology and Sports. The exhibition will be displayed at the Austin History Center during the months of August 2010 to January 2011. More information and

a nomination form can be found on the project's website: <http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/ahc/trailblazers.htm>

- Mexican American Neighborhood Liaison Gloria Espitia created a PowerPoint video presentation and a small exhibit about the Sister Cities program and Austin's Sister City Saltillo, Mexico. These were on display at the US/Mexico Sister Cities International Conference held by the Greater Austin Hispanic Chamber of Commerce on August 6, 2009.

Collections

- Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo completed processing the Jesse Herrera Photography Collection (AR.2009.047). Herrera is an Austin photographer and graphic designer. The collection consists of photographs and news clippings and other information about his business.
- The AHC recently received a photo album containing dozens of photographs and other information documenting the expansion of the Austin National Bank building in 1947-48.
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung conducted an oral history interview with former Austin mayor Gus Garcia. The interview focused on events in Austin related to Asian Americans during his mayoral term. The AHC has additional oral history interviews of Mayor Garcia along with his mayoral papers and personal papers.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for publication in the Violet Crown Garden Club's annual yearbook, the upcoming Sports Illustrated Texas Football Tribute Issue, and for display at the Elisabet Ney Museum, the National Museum of the Pacific War, and The Cliffs at Barton Creek Apartments (clubhouse).

Upcoming Events

- The opening reception for the "Not a Museum" exhibit will be Thursday, September 17 at 6:30pm at the AHC. Special guest speakers for the reception are Laura Dunn and Mattie Akers, Director and Associate Producer of The Unforeseen, <http://theunforeseenfilm.com/blog/trailer>, an award-winning documentary about the environmental impact of urban development on Barton Springs. Dunn and Akers will talk about the film and the value of archives in producing documentary film. Light refreshments will be served. This is the first of a series of programs exploring the value of archives.
- On October 25 at 3:00 pm, the AHC will host an event with local author Lori Swick. Swick's new book, *Comfort & Mirth* (TCU Press), is a novel set in Austin in the 1920s. Swick will talk about how she researched for the book, using the AHC as a vehicle to get in the "historical moment," and the value of archives for writing historical fiction.
- On November 15 at 3:00 pm, author Mike Cox will be at the AHC to talk about two new books he has out, the second volume of his history of the Texas Rangers and a coffee table book about the Texas Oil Boom. Cox will talk about his research for these books and the value of archives in writing history.

Youth Services

ACYS' staff members are both very generous with their talents and very grateful for all that their colleagues are willing to share with them. Several staff members have taken to writing a list of "thank you" or "kudos" in their monthly reports. Here are a few that showed up in July reports:

- Elizabeth (Murphy), Michelle (Beebower), Jessica Champion, and others for the Hogwarts Reunion Party. It was a blast and we should have more of these get-togethers!
- ANV staff for supporting me and encouraging efforts, even if it

DOES make for way more foot traffic in the branch.

- Heather (Valdez) was wonderful and screened the read-alongs for circulation use.
- Brazos for D&D at AYB, help with Mr. Habitat, Literature Live, and technical advice for AV equipment needs for AYB.
- Suzanne and Michelle for the Altered Book they created at our Retreat "Dinosaurs Invade a Good Day."
- Jessica Champion, Michelle (Beebower) and Aubrey (Sanders) and Sherman for Hogwarts Reunion set-up, super-speedy clean-up and Hogwarts Faculty duty in the huge crowds.
- Aubrey (Sanders) for helping at Teen Sewing, again!
- Celia for entering loads of SRP prize book titles on I-Page
- Devo (Carpenter) for dog food bags for Teen Sewing
- Suzanne (Sanders) for sharing stickers and trophies for Hogwarts
- Stephanie (Shipman) for sharing and delivering a cauldron
- Stephanie (Shipman) and Aubrey (Sanders) for help with Bernadette Nason SRP program
- Stephanie (Shipman), Suzanne (Sanders), and Elizabeth (Murphy) for sharing activities and materials for the Metal Mashups AOQ program
- Josefina (Rodriguez-Gibbs) for assisting with cleanup at AOQ's Metal Mashups

It's rare for two months to pass without each of ACYS' staff members getting at least one mention.

Celia Holm presents storytimes at the Spicewood Springs and Little Walnut Creeek branches. She was recently pleased to learn that not one, but two families who attend Preschool storytime at ASR had taken home books featured in Celia's storytime and made recipes featured in them.

Stephanie Shipman, who currently serves our young customers at the Twin Oaks branch, has worked in almost all of APL's southern branches. Recently she wrote about this reunion with a graduate of her storytimes: "TJ and his mom, started coming to storytimes at Manchaca when he was two, came to Twin Oaks storytimes this month. He is going into second grade this fall! He talked all about what he remembered about coming before he started school. He even remembered the signs that we do with the songs." It's always gratifying to be reminded of the lasting impressions we make on our young library visitors.

Suzanne Sanders, Children's Librarian at the Pleasant Hill branch is ebullient in her praise of her summer volunteer this year: "My summer youth volunteer is a success! Shyam was wonderful throughout the summer, but because he is such a computer guy he continued to stress that "there's not much that I can't get from Google." By the end of the summer he said he had a "wonderful" time at the library and his experience was "great," and he "had a lot of fun". He asked if he could volunteer on the weekends during the school year. He even worked extra days so he could have 100 hours for the summer." Our thanks go to Sharon Edwards for her volunteer recruitment and placement.

Josefina Rodriguez-Gibbs is the Children's Librarian at the Milwood branch. For the last storytime of the season, Josefina offered a "fun and games" theme, which included a few songs, a book, and playtime using activities from the recycled games Summer Reading Program kit. The storytime goes got to experience some of the fun the big kids have in our afternoon programs, and several of the mothers commented to Josefina that she had given them ideas for birthday parties—they could make all those games at home! Josefina writes: "This is just what our programs and storytimes are supposed to help parents with—ideas."

Jean Holland writes about a happy marriage of the right number of participants and a fun summer reading program activity at the Cepeda Branch this month: "Kids from Montopolis Recreation Center worked to make almost all of the three main crafts [in the solar and wind power program]—lots of knots were tied! At the end, the camp teacher asked the kids to hold up what they made and it was a colorful scene—if only I could have got to the camera before they left!

Heather Valdez finished her stint as the Acting Children's Services Coordinator in the early part of July. She's since returned to the Oak Hill branch, but not before she helped several Teen Services librarians put on the Teen Town Hall meeting for teens to register their opinions about the City of Austin's budget for FY 2010. Heather writes that, "I was impressed with the attitude and ideas of the young people present. Marc Ott went to each table of teens and introduced himself, which was a nice touch the teens really appreciated. The participants got a good idea of how the budget process works and the parents/adults present did not try to monopolize the conversations."

At the Yarborough branch, Elizabeth Murphy hosted a Hogwarts Reunion party for Harry Potter fans to return to these favorite books. Here's what some of the participants had to say: "Congratulations on a fabulous Harry Potter Party! It was full of really great things, and your Jeopardy was a great addition..." "Thank you for setting up the Hogwarts reunion party. The room looked very much like Hogwarts. All of the tables were wonderful!" and "I was thoroughly impressed with everything you had put together. It was obvious that it was put together with a great love for both the world of Harry Potter and children—the decorations, the props, the activities, the refreshments. It was fabulous. I think I had as much fun as my daughter!"

Debbie Keith has had a busy summer, sharing her time between the Old Quarry and Spicewood Springs branches. She writes this story about a young storytime-goer's growing enthusiasm for her marvelous programs: "D. is 20 months old and has been in foster care for 5 months, quite a percentage of his life. At Toddler Storytime on 7/15 at AOQ, he felt confident enough to leave the lap of his mother, walk to the rug, and dance to the music. He also smiled during the program. I am grateful that D. trusts the atmosphere at AOQ and is able to respond to the various components of the program."

Aubrey Sanders, Children's Librarian at the North Village branch, sometimes moonlight's at her branch's neighbor to the south, Yarborough. In July, Aubrey went to Yarborough to assist with the Hogwarts Reunion party. Her favorite part? "I really enjoyed playing with folks while wearing the large dragon puppet at the AYB Hogwarts Party. It's funny to see how realistic puppets can be and how folks interact with the creature."

Teen Services

In July, Teen Services provided programs and continued signing kids up for the Summer Reading Program. Game Tournaments with manga tables, and activity programs with craft books, provided visitors to the Library with some great options for enjoying their summer and reading some books at the same time. Teen Services Librarians continue to sign young people up for laptops through the Connected Youth Project, and offer a wide range of other services to their young customers.

Here are some anecdotes from Teen Services staff for July:
Brazos Price - Evening storytimes have been very successful. I

have a very solid group that comes in each time and they are starting to form connections with one another. It's very cool, the kids play together with the puppets after storytime is over and the parents get an opportunity to talk with other adults who have kids. It perfectly encapsulates the community aspect of a public library. I have never seen children as into music as I did during the Mr. Habitat program. Bill Oliver really got the kids into the swing of things. I still remember all of the different kids smiling while they played air guitar on stage while Bill was singing. It was a wonderful program that tapped into the imagination and happiness of all the people that participated.

Alison O'Reilly - Arriving in Chicago and being prepared to discuss a long list of titles on a very professional level with the Newbery Committee was my proudest moment this month. I felt prepared and able to participate in a way that added value to the discussion. I am proud of the way my storytime has developed while working here at Faulk. The increased numbers in attendance and working in an open space (rather than a programming room) has presented some challenges, but I feel I have met these challenges successfully. I've had a lot of positive feedback from parents, including comments such as "this is the best storytime we've ever been to," and "we heard this storytime was great and you lived up to our expectations." I thank Phyllis for inspiring me to incorporate more storytelling props, flannels and puppets.

Sarah Cronin - Towards the end of June, we were getting visits from one or two of the summer school classes at Pickle. I gave one of the teachers my card, and she called to schedule storytimes for her classes. She told me she had no idea that she could schedule visits to the Library and was quite happy. I will have to try to make sure I know which teachers are working during the summer next year so they will know what options are available for library visits. The April Lurie author visit at Gardner Betts was very rewarding. Three of the boys in Unit 5 had read her books, and were thrilled to meet her. It was inspiring to see their enthusiasm and appreciation.

Rachel Wilson - I'm not sure if it was because the movie had just come out on DVD the day before, but I had the largest audience ever to watch a movie (Coraline) – about 70 people! I also my largest Storytime ever – about 40 people.

Joanna Nigrelli - My big success was making it through SRP month 2. Things were busy, but all went smoothly. The Center kept busy but we had no issues with the kids. A few chats w/ parents and older sibs about unattended little ones, but nothing unusual for summertime. 3 CY signups! More nice comments about storytime. A parent saw Patti & Jenn observing my storytime and asked if I was being evaluated. I said no and he said anytime I need customer comments he would be happy to let someone know how much he likes the AMR storytime. That he and 2 other families come from across town to participate. Great comments about Cosplay/Costuming. One parent commented on the strength of our teen programs this summer and how much she and her daughter have enjoyed them.

Youth Program & Outreach Services

July closes out the Summer Reading Program Special Events for the season. Featured presenters included musician Bill Oliver as Mr. Habitat, slapstick comedians Schave & Reilly, storytellers Elizabeth Kahura and Bernadette Nash, educator and raptor handler Dave Williams of Crowe's Nest Animal Farm and APL's Literature LIVE puppet troupe. Thousands of youth and their

caregivers were inspired to read and enjoy the many resources that the library has to offer.

The Summer Reading Program at the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Detention Center is also wrapping up for the season. Featured authors sponsored by the Writers' League of Texas Project WISE initiative included: Lila Guzman, Varian Johnson, April Lurie and Mark Mitchell.

Ellen Scott, Youth Program Specialist attended the National Puppeteers of America conference in Atlanta. While there Ellen learned how she and the APL Puppetry initiative changes lives. Read and enjoy: Inspiring Puppeteers

At the Puppeteers of America Festival in Atlanta last month, Ellen Scott was approached by Honey Goodenough (you can't make this stuff up!) who recognized her name as a puppeteer from over 25 years ago. Honey told Ellen what an impression she had made on her as a young child. She even remembered Lupan and Lapowinsa, the names of the characters in her favorite puppet show, "Angry Moon." She said that the story made such an impression on her that she asked her mother to tell it to her everyday for many months afterwards. The following is an article written by Jan Goodeneough, Honey's mother, about how the library inspired her daughter's future.

From Inspiration to Vocation

As parents we never know where or when our children are going to be inspired to the degree that it shapes their lives for good. Little did we suspect it could be at the library.

As a stay-at-home mom I took my two children to the Austin Public Library puppet shows and story telling sessions as often as possible. It fit our budget perfectly; it was free! But, culturally, it was the mother lode of child centered-entertainment. The puppet shows were charming and delightful. Every branch library posted their schedules, sometimes we followed a favorite show around Austin, as the performances traveled from branch to branch. Often, certain puppet plays became seasonal favorites, so our kids grew up with them--seeing them many times at different ages. The library became our children's favorite place. The fact that they could browse around the children's section without restraint and bring home stacks of picture books of their own choosing was just the icing on the cake.

Our children became familiar with the two ladies who manipulated the puppets and told the stories. "Miss Ellie" and Grace Schmitt were marvelous at holding the attention of their young audiences. The ladies invited the children to see and touch the puppets after the performances. What we were unaware of, at the time, was that our little girl had found her life's calling at 4 years old; it was the art and drama of puppetry.

Our daughter, Honey, grew up to become the artist we always knew she was. She graduated from UT with a degree in Fine Arts, her focus was puppetry and performance. Three years ago she earned her Masters degree in Theater Education at NYU. She now performs and teaches with puppets in New York City. Last week (July 14, 2009) at the Puppeteers of America National Festival in Atlanta, Honey met her inspiring muses two decades after her first exposure to puppetry and performers. Austin's treasures, Ellen Turner Scott and Robbie Lueth of "Hand to Mouth Puppet Theater" were attending the vocational assemblage of puppeteers. Honey recognized them these many years later and so far from home. But, this time, she was meeting those artists as a fellow puppeteer. It was a lifelong journey from childhood admirer to professional colleague. The circle is complete thanks to the inspirational performers at the Austin Public Library.

Ellen Turner Scott, Karen Carlson, Ambray Gonzales and Devo Carpenter are the current Youth Program Specialists who perform

all around Austin in many venues as Literature Live.

- Jan Goodenough

Kathleen Houlihan, Youth Outreach Librarian shares a comment received from Ena Brent, Casework Manager at the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Detention Center. In reference to the Second Chance Books project she writes:

"The resources/links that you provided have already been very helpful. You would not believe the timing. Our Deputy Chief and Judges just recently asked what tools we were using to identify the youth's vocational interest and thanks to you, we had already begun to use the link to the Holland Theory Career Assessment tool with the residents. So thanks again for your timely responses and support."

Anita Joye Rizley, Youth Program and Outreach Coordinator performed at the Tejas Storytelling Association Conference: Stories in the Making held at St. Edwards University. She appeared as part of the Sacred Tales story event.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

oAugust 19: 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.

oAugust 19: 6:30 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch. Book Club

oAugust 19: 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.

oAugust 20: 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.

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oAugust 24: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Steeped in Books. Do you have a book brewing in your head? Are you straining to let others know how much you loved (or hated) it? In conjunction with APL's Adult Summer Reading Program, we invite you to drop in for Steeped in Books.

oAugust 25: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Steeped in Books. Do you have a book brewing in your head? Are you straining to let others know how much you loved (or hated) it? In conjunction with APL's Adult Summer Reading Program, we invite you to drop in for Steeped in Books.

oAugust 26: 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.

oAugust 27: 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.

oAugust 29: 11:00 a.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos

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oSeptember 2: 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.

oSeptember 3: 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.

oSeptember 7: 7:00 p.m., North Village Branch. FACT Science Fiction/Fantasy Reading Group. Discussing speculative fiction in Austin, Texas since 1994.

oSeptember 8: 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.

oSeptember 8: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch, Book Club.

oSeptember 9: 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.

oSeptember 10: 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.

oSeptember 10: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch, Book Club

oSeptember 10: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Backyard Birds of Austin. Join Travis Audubon members, Anne Donovan and Barbara Anderson, for "Backyard Birds of Austin." This will be a fun and enlightening program on identifying the birds we are most likely to see in our Austin backyards.

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oSeptember 15: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch, Mystery Book Club

oSeptember 16: 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.

oSeptember 16: 6:30 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch. Book Club

oSeptember 16: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch. Club de Lectura (Spanish language book club)

oSeptember 17: 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.

oSeptember 19: 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.

oSeptember 19: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oSeptember 19: 3:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oSeptember 21: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch, A World Lit: The Flame of Literature Book Club

oSeptember 23: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.

oSeptember 24: 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.

oSeptember 24: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Gardening for Birds. Join Travis Audubon Society member, Anne Bellomy, as she presents "Gardening for Birds." This fun and enlightening program will inform us on how a variety of plants can attract a variety of birds. It will be lots of fun.

oSeptember 26: 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.

oSeptember 26: 1:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Mystery Social. In conjunction with our Mystery Book Club, Pleasant Hill Branch is having a mystery social. This event will be an English style afternoon tea in honor of Agatha Christie, whose birthdate is September 15th. Other activities will include mystery trivia contests and an in-house booksale of mystery and suspense titles. Join us. It is certain to be a lot of fun.

oSeptember 26: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oSeptember 26: 3:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

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

oSeptember 30: 5:00 p.m., Oak Springs Branch. The Oak Springs Chess Club is open to beginner through advanced level players, adult and youth ages 8 and up.

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