

Austin Public Library Director's Report December 2009

Highlights

Please join us for a brown bag lunch with cast members from the production of the Color Purple on Thursday, January 14, from noon to 1:00 p.m. at the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center, 1165 Angelina Street, 78702. The Austin Public Library is offering this event in collaboration with the Texas Performing Arts at the University of Texas at Austin and the George Washington Carver Museum & Cultural Center.

The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation has been honored with a RBC Blue Water Project™ Community Action Grant of \$4,500 on behalf of the Austin Public Library that will be used to create educational materials that teach youth in our community about the critical importance of our watersheds. Specifically, the grant will be used to create small lectures about the Beckett Meadows area of the Williamson Creek Watershed collaborating with curriculum specialists and the Watershed Protection Department of the City of Austin. The lectures will be available at the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill as audio-guided recordings for field trips or self-guided tours into the Beckett Meadows which contains a water quality wet-pond located adjacent to the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: On Thursday, December 17, 2009, the Austin City Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Sebesta Blomberg & Associates, Inc., of Irving, Texas for professional engineering commissioning services for the New Central Library Project in an amount not to exceed \$800,000. In a related development, staff interviewed at length the three firms short-listed for the New Central Library Construction Manager at Risk contract on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. Meanwhile, the design team and involved City of Austin staff continued to develop and refine the New Central Library Building Program. It had originally been hoped that the New Central Library Building Program could be presented to the Library Commission and the Austin City Council during the last week of January, 2010. However, during its preliminary design phase, it has become apparent that the New Central Library Project provides a wonderful opportunity for the City of Austin to transform nearby Lower Shoal Creek into a perfect model for the integration of the natural environment in an urban setting. Therefore, staff now plans to present to Council in January its vision to better connect Lower Shoal Creek to its immediate surroundings as well as the broader community. It is currently anticipated that the New Central Library Building Program will be presented to the Austin City Council and the Library Commission during February of 2010. The working schedule for the New Central Library Project stands as follows:

January, 2010 ~ Council Award of Construction Manager at Risk Contract
February, 2010 ~ Building Program presented to Council and Library Commission
March, 2010 ~ Commissioning Agent Contract Executed
April, 2010 ~ Construction Manager at Risk Contract Executed
Spring, 2010 ~ Schematic Design Completed (30% Complete Design Package Delivered)

- Library Commission Briefed
- Council Approval Sought
Early Fall, 2010 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)
- Library Commission Briefed
- Council Approval Sought
Late Spring/Early Summer, 2011 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Determined and Approved by Council
Summer, 2011 ~ Design Phase Completed
Fall, 2011 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Finalized and Approved by Council
Fall, 2011 ~ Building Permits Received
Fall, 2011 ~ Ground Breaking Ceremony Conducted
Winter, 2011 ~ Construction Begins
Fall, 2013 ~ Construction Completed
Spring, 2014 ~ Grand Opening Celebrated

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project: As the construction of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library building has essentially reached substantial completion, the project management team has allowed vendors to move forward with the installation of shelving and furniture at the facility. A semitrailer load of metal book shelving was delivered to the site on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, and subsequently assembled over the course of the following week. Office system furniture, tables, chairs and other furnishings are anticipated to be received at the site from multiple manufacturers by the end of the first week in January, 2010. As soon as a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy for Stocking is released by the City of Austin inspectors, the Library Department will bring staff into the building to begin organizing the new collection items throughout the shelving layout. The Certificate of Occupancy needed for the Twin Oaks Branch Library to open to the public should prove obtainable just as soon as all of the site drainage work is complete, including the Dry Creek Bed feature now busily being constructed. In order not to deprive the South-Central Austin area of a library facility for any longer than is absolutely necessary, the Library Department will closely track the contractor's completion of construction and close the Twin Oaks lease space library when it is feasible to relocate its collection and reopen in the new facility within two months. Based on the latest contractor schedule provided to the City of Austin, it should be possible to celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library during the month of May of 2010.

Howson Branch Library Reroof Project: The final stages of work on the remodel of this Tarrytown neighborhood branch library have been initiated, including moisture protection for the concrete, slab-on-grade foundation and floor. This moisture protection procedure entails a multi-step process in which the concrete is first prepped by shot blasting to remove any residual sealers or adhesives. Shot blasting is a process similar to sandblasting, except that metal shot is used instead of sand. This preparatory step will be followed by the application of a moisture barrier system, specified to be a low VOC (volatile organic compound) containing product to ensure better indoor air quality (IAQ). The application of this cementitious surface underlayment is expected

to be a very time consuming process due to the curing time required for each application to firm and harden. This work will be performed in two phases, allowing the furniture and shelving on site to be moved by staff from one side of the building to the other as the moisture protection procedure proceeds. The finish flooring installation will be carried out under the guidance of a special field coordinator, provided at the expense of the flooring manufacturer, to insure the success of the final installation. Close coordination between Library Facilities Services staff, the general contractor's workforce and the various manufacturers' representatives will continue on site to guarantee quality assurance/quality control and to prevent any further delays of this important branch library's reopening to the public. Once all the flooring has been installed, staff will begin returning collections and equipment to the thoroughly renovated building. The Library Department is excited about the makeover of the Howson Branch Library and is eager to unveil the revamped facility to its customers. Consequently, an aggressive schedule has been adopted to complete the work remaining in order to allow the reopening of the library to be celebrated with the community in early April, 2010.

Cepeda Music Garden Project: On Wednesday, December 2, 2009, construction documents for the Cepeda Music Garden Project were delivered to both the Library Department and the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation by the consultants, Cotera + Reed Architects, for review and approval. At this time, it is anticipated that efforts will continue to be made to raise funding for the construction of this fitting tribute to East Austin's rich musical heritage..

Security Camera Installation Project: The Communications and Technology Management Department (CTM) is presently working with its vendor, TAC Systems Integration Group (TAC), to more heavily staff the Austin Public Library's Security Camera Installation Project. With the number of holidays this month, it is likely that it will take longer than is desirable to increase the staffing level to where it needs to be. In defense of both CTM and TAC, it should be noted that they are charged with enhancing security at dozens of City of Austin sites at the moment, many of which are considered as great a priority as our high risk branch libraries waiting for surveillance cameras to be installed. All such sites are now being prioritized by a CTM Steering Committee so that pending work can be expedited as soon as staffing becomes available.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Upgrade Project: The Library Department has completed its review of the various approaches for completing the project recommended in the consultants' PER (Preliminary Engineering Report). The least expensive option, which still exceeds available funding, is not deemed viable as it requires reducing the height of the warehouse's pallet shelving, a storage capacity loss the Library Department cannot afford to suffer. The second least expensive option calls for repairing the existing fire suppression sprinkler system, while retrofitting the portions which are currently a dry-pipe sprinkler system to a wet-pipe system. By way of background, a dry-pipe sprinkler system's pipes remain dry until the system is activated. This type of system is particularly useful where there is danger of freezing. A wet-pipe system, on the other hand, is filled with water at design pressure, ready for immediate use. This second option would allow the existing shelving configuration to be retained, but even with much of the work being done by our in-house workforce, there is not sufficient project funding available at this time to carry out this approach. The Library Department will attempt to identify alternate funding

sources to enable this project to progress into the design and construction phases.

Austin History Center Wheelchair Lift Retrofit Project:

The Library Department is currently striving to advance this accessibility improvement project from the design phase into the construction phase. Unfortunately, the particular Architectural Services Rotation List from which we selected the architect for this project has been exhausted recently of all funding authorization. The Library Department has consequently submitted a Variance Request to the Contract and Land Management Department to allow the design architect to manage the upcoming construction phase based on her intimate knowledge of all aspects of the project, familiarity with historic buildings preservation, successful interactions with the Historic Landmark Commission, and knowledge of the ADA and TDLR requirements for the ramp and access in general. While awaiting the Contract and Land Management Department's decision in this regard, our architect has proceeded to secure the Site Development Exemption from the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department needed in order that construction might be initiated at the Austin History Center.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- Manager Mike Miller gave a presentation, "Not a Museum ~ Your Story, Your Archive: The Austin History Center," to the Metropolitan Breakfast Club on November 4. 82 people were in attendance to hear Mike speak about the AHC and its current exhibit.
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung served as an Advisory Board Member for the Austin Asian American Film Festival, November 12-15.
- Processing Archivist Molly Hults gave a presentation to the Balcones Women's Club on November 17. The Balcones Women's Club is considering donating their organizational materials to the Austin History Center. Molly met with the group and told them about the History Center and showed them examples of finding aid for other women's organizations that we have in our collection.
- Reference Archivist Katie Causier gave tours/presentations to 2 different Tiger Cub Scout troops at the Center; 19 came on November 7th and 10 on November 21st.

Reference

- During November staff responded to 765 reference inquiries. Numerous staff worked over many days with researchers from Volz & Associates and the Texas State Preservation Board.

Collections

- Archives staff finished processing, encoded archival finding aids into Encoded Archival Description (EAD), and placed them on the Internet at the TARO website. Collections placed online include: AR.2008.004 Girling Healthcare Records, AR.2008.009 Austin (Tex.) City Council. Boards and Commissions Records, AR.2009.062 Austin (Tex.) City Council. George Humphrey Papers, AR.2009.070 Bowman and Associates Records, AR.2006.034 Everett Grant Smith Papers, AR.2009.053 Tuesday Nighters of Austin, Texas Records, AR.2006.042 Juanita Goodson Papers, AR.1994.029 Godfrey Flury Scrapbook, and AR.2001.009 Dorothy O. McClurg Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung conducted an oral history interview with Mary Frances Aguillo, the great-granddaughter of Joe Sing, one of the first Chinese immigrants to

Austin.

- Curator of Archives Susan Rittereiser and Photo Curator Daniel Alonzo met with Kate Messer of the Austin Chronicle to discuss the donation of the Lisa Davis photo collection to the AHC. Davis was a prominent photographer and LGBT activist. This is the "first fruits" of the AHC's efforts to work with Ms. Messer to help document the activities of the LGBT community in Austin. Davis was a nationally known photographer, with work appearing in New York Times, Rolling Stone, and other publications, but she is perhaps best known for photographing Ann Richards and Austin's "music royalty."
- Admin Senior John Schooley conducted his first interview in his small oral history project to document how the changes in the music industry are affecting local music stores. John interviewed Dave Mulholland, the last manager of the Austin location of Tower records, which closed in 2004 (and Tower records went bankrupt in 2006).

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for publication in the Austin American Statesman, for use on the USGA website, and for a 7th grade Texas history curriculum guide for the Japanese American National Museum.

Exhibits

- The nomination period ended for the Mexican American Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County project. 60 nominations were received and turned over the selection committee, comprised of scholars and community activists. In August 2010, the AHC will open a new exhibit celebrating 36 Austin Mexican American trailblazers as well as honoring the achievements of the Mexican American community and its contributions to the history of Austin. The AHC also received news of an award of a \$3000 grant from Humanities Texas to fund, in part, the traveling exhibit portion of this project. Along with the exhibit at the AHC, a smaller traveling exhibit will be on display at the Mexican American Cultural Center and schools in the Austin and Del Valle school districts.
- The AHC loaned an 1839 pencil sketch drawing of the city, drawn by Edward Hall, to the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. It is part of their Early Views of Texas area in the main exhibits area and will be exhibited until April, 2010.

Youth Services

In November, Children's Services hosted our first Austin Children's Book Week, using three craft-based programs that travelled the system and encouraged Children to engage with our theme: "What's Your Story?" Here are some November highlights from the Children's Librarians.

- Debbie (Old Quarry): The extended art activity for the "Sharing is Caring" theme for the Preschool attendees was the use of Model Magic. Kimberley wanted pink dough. She soon discovered that mixing white and red resulted in the desired color. Michelangelo was interested in green dough. Since there was blue and yellow dough available, he soon created his desired color. Discovering colors in this way is so very meaningful for children.
- Elizabeth (Yarborough): An anonymous postcard came to Yarborough after Children's Book Week: "Dear Elizabeth, What a fun surprise to find a bat scavenger hunt when we stopped by yesterday. It was the perfect antidote to late afternoon quarrels. Thank you!"
- Stephanie (Twin Oaks): While helping kids make wolf ear headbands at the Fangs vs. Fur program one girl asked me, "Do you like working here?" I believe she thought this must be a pretty cool place to work when you get to do such fun things. I told her I

definitely like my job!

- Jean (Cepeda): I was surprised that I had a bunch of enthusiasts for the children's book week craft- Some regular afterschool kids and some new kids really enjoyed gluing the little faces and decorating their creations. I passed out some leaf books to some of the Victory kids and noticed they worked on them after their session.
- Suzanne (Pleasant Hill): I finally got the Caregiver Resource Center off the ground. I've gotten a few suggestions from moms about the type of literature and books they would like to see in the "center".
- Heather (Oak Hill): Leaf for leaf program on one storytime day. Our meeting room was being used for voting, so that day I did a leaf craft out in the library. Thanks to the team for making the Book Week leaf books. They were a huge hit with the kids here.
- Josefina (Milwood): A storytime Mom came by to say Hello at the City Hall Green Event. She had been bringing her little boy to the Spanish storytime, but I had not seen her in a while. She told me that she enrolled her son in a Spanish Immersion program (a new place at the Village on Anderson Lane). Said they are happy and the little boy is learning Spanish. But, and she pointed to her pregnant stomach, she said "This one is coming to storytime". I am certainly looking forward to seeing them.
- Celia (Little Walnut): I enjoyed working with the staff at ALW to make a really fun and imaginative Leaf for a Leaf tree; excited about the continuing success of Spanish Storytimes at ALW

Teen Services

In November, the Teen Services began preparing for a new year of programming, classes, activities, and offerings for its customers. This next year will bring a refresh of the Connected Youth equipment, as well as a second YomiCon event during the Summer Reading Program. Planning for these and other upcoming offerings is underway now. Here are a few highlights from the Teen Services staff:

- Patti Cook - Teen Center Intern Sarah Gutierrez hosted the program "Design Your Own Graphic T-Shirt" at Manchaca Library on Saturday, November 14th. The program was full with ten youth attending. The kids designed graphics with Microsoft Paint, Microsoft Word, and Adobe Photoshop using computers in the Teen Center and Connected Youth Laptops. After printing out their color designs, the kids ironed them on black t-shirts and then wore them around the library - they were very proud of their shirts! The program was a hit with all ages - participating youth ranged in age from 9 to 16. One young boy couldn't wait to show off his shirt at school and another was asking when the program would be offered again.
- Also from Patti - A woman came into the library with her son and tried to redeem his SRP form. The son was crushed when told we didn't have books anymore and Thom got the mother's phone number to pass onto me. I phoned her back and let her know that we usually hold onto the books until the end of September, but then we assume everyone who's going to come in has done so. I invited her to come into the library to talk to me about what type of prize book her son was interested in. I went to AOS and picked up some books for him to choose from and they came the next week and picked the comic book Bone. He was extremely happy. The mother had me dedicate his book to him!
- Sarah Cronin - The felt finger puppets for Children's Book Week were a huge success and brought together creativity, books and computers. The youth enjoyed making the puppets, and Ellie read some fables aloud during the puppet making. Four youth videotaped puppet shows, and two used fables and fairy tales as their stories. It was great to see their creative work and especially

neat to see their interpretations of classic stories. They enjoyed getting to make their movies and have been asking when we'll do it again.

•Jenn Hartley - Fangs vs. Fur was so huge at AUH! Once again before the event was even over, kids were asking when/if we could do this again. One of the funniest parts was the fact that many of the teens had never heard of "Family Feud" but still signed up for it; once they got to playing, they had the best time and really got into the competition. They weren't very happy with the survey results and loudly decried them. So, at the end I stated loudly to them all, "Well, I guess next time you'll take the survey!"

•Alison O'Reilly - I was finally successful in grabbing the attention of the "Pease regulars" with the Movie Maker program. Apparently the Pease regulars like to make movies! We had a successful afternoon filming and adding titles and credits, resulting in the avant-garde film Muffins. Thanks to Joanna for her help!

Youth Program Services

The Program Services Literature LIVE! team has been busy with November and December special program presentations. The title of the current show is Winter Tales and Tunes featuring the art of storytelling. This program features Karen Carlson, Ambray Gonzales and Kathleen Houlihan. Some comments from the public and staff include:

Carver Branch: "Really wonderful... especially for the older children...We absolutely love the multicultural quality of your presentations...so full of creativity and beauty. Thanks so much!" – Customer

Terrazas Branch: "I was shocked! Thought I should be paying to see such wonderful presenters!" - Customer

Little Walnut Creek Branch: Five of the children attending with a child care center group knew the French song in the program titled Promenons-nous dans les bois! What fun to hear the kids sing with us in French!" – Karen Carlson, Youth Program Specialist

Old Quarry Branch: ... "The performance of Winter Tales & Tunes yesterday at AOQ was exceptional. Each of the three women executed their particular segments with enthusiasm and finesse. I thought that the pacing was excellent as the variety of stories, songs, and puppetry held the attention of the audience. One mom, an AOQ regular, commented as she left that the show was great for both younger and older children. I agree!" – Debbie Keith, Children's Librarian

Ellen Scott and Devo Carpenter performed The Nutcracker, a traditional puppet show presented at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum and at the Dell Children's Hospital. Participants attending both presentations totaled 166. Both venues are excellent outreach destinations that offer APL Youth Services great visibility in the community.

Ambray Gonzales, Youth Program Specialist presented a special storytelling program at the Dell Community Center for the Many Lands, Many Faiths annual concert coordinated through the Congregation Agudas Achim.

In November, Kathleen Houlihan, Youth Program Librarian was appointed to two committees. They are: YART's Texas Teen Read Week Advisory Committee and ALSC's Public Awareness Committee. It is an honor to have an APL representative serve on these committees.

The Bibliofiles Book Cart Drill Team is back! Rehearsals are underway for First Night Austin festivities. Anita Rizley, Youth Program Coordinator received a personal invitation asking that the group participate again this year. It seems that the Bibliofiles have made a strong impression on the First Night Austin committee and we are honored to be included again this year! Comments from the public throughout the year have been a reminder of how many people see us and remember us as we represent APL and our love for libraries in the beautiful procession that glides down Congress Avenue on New Year's Eve.

The Storytime Connection Program continues to grow and serve hundreds of children with early literacy programs that change lives. In November seven new volunteers were matched with child care centers and they presented their first program for toddler and preschool age children. One of the volunteers said "I have been to dozens of volunteer trainings and this has been the most fun by far!" – Nathan Damweber

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

oJanuary 7: 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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oJanuary 11: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 11: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 12: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Steeped in Books, Have a book brewing in your head? Straining to let others know what you thought about it? Drop in for informal talk and tea to share your thoughts about what you're reading. Don't know what to read? Here's a perfect opportunity to pick up a few recommendations!

oJanuary 12: 5:30 p.m., Austin History Center. Tours are held on the second Tuesday of every month, starting in the O.Henry Room at 5:30pm. Tours are open to the public but must be booked in advance by calling 512-974-7499.

oJanuary 13: 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. Historically women have been underrepresented in the chess world, so we especially encourage women and girls to join in the game.

oJanuary 13: 6:00 p.m., University Hills Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

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oJanuary 14: 4:00 p. m., Faulk Central Library, Practiquemos Español offers adults who are studying Spanish an opportunity to practice speaking Spanish with other Spanish learners under the guidance of a Spanish-speaking facilitator. Practiquemos Español is not a Spanish class, but rather a place to fine-tune your Spanish in a non-threatening and relaxed environment. In order to participate you will need to know a little Spanish.

oJanuary 16: 10:30 a.m., Hampton Branch. Conversation Café, Hungry for conversation? Drop in for open, public dialogue on

a variety of topics and add to the diversity of perspectives. Conversation Café will be open the third Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. in the large meeting room of the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill. The discussion will be led by Jo Virgil, Community Outreach and Information Coordinator in the Texas Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities. Jo was formerly the Community Relations Manager for Barnes and Noble. She has also been a feature writer, reporter, and columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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oJanuary 18: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 18: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. A World Lit: The Flame of Literature Book Club.

oJanuary 18: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 19: 2:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Steeped in Books.

oJanuary 19: 6:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Espanol. Through reading and discussion of Latin-American cuentos, or short stories, the class offers a unique way to learn and practice Spanish. 40% proficiency in Spanish is preferred, but if you feel you are not yet at this level, join us and we will help you.

oJanuary 19: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Mystery Book Club.

oJanuary 19: 7:00 p.m., North Village Branch. Resolve to be Healthy. Five Secrets to Looking and Feeling Younger/ Permanent Weight Loss/Diabetes. Find out how the body and metabolism works; how food, water, and medication play a role; and how pain limits a person from achieving their full health potential!

oJanuary 20: 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. Historically women have been underrepresented in the chess world, so we especially encourage women and girls to join in the game.

oJanuary 20: 6:00 p.m., University Hills. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 20: 7:00 p.m., North Village Branch. Resolve to be Healthy. Health and Stress Workshop. Learn the symptoms of stress, how stress affects the body's overall health, and how to relieve stress.

oJanuary 20: 7:30 p.m., University Hills. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 21: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Espanol. Through reading and discussion of Latin-American cuentos, or short stories, the class offers a unique way to learn and practice Spanish. 40% proficiency in Spanish is preferred, but if you feel you are not yet at this level, join us and we will help you.

oJanuary 23: 10:00 a.m., Hampton Branch. Resolve to be Healthy. Five Secrets to Looking and Feeling Younger/ Permanent Weight Loss/Diabetes. Find out how the body and metabolism works; how food, water, and medication play a role; and how pain limits a person from achieving their full health potential!

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oJanuary 23: 2:00 p.m., Milwood Branch. Resolve to be Healthy. Natural Solution to Headache Pain: Learn the different types of headaches, what causes them, how to prevent them, and safe, natural and effective alternatives to treating them.

oJanuary 23: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

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oJanuary 25: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

oJanuary 25: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch. Resolve to be Healthy. Health and Stress Workshop. Learn the symptoms of stress, how stress affects the body's overall health, and how to relieve stress.

oJanuary 25: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa dance lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

Brenda Branch, Director of Libraries



