

Austin Public Library Director's Report May 2010

Highlights

- Twin Oaks will close in its current location on Tuesday, June, 1, 2010. Staff will begin boxing the collection for relocation to the new location.
- APL now subscribes to Powerspeak Languages, an online language learning resource. Five languages are currently available: French, Spanish, Mandarin, German, and English for Spanish speakers. The database is available remotely for an unlimited number of concurrent users.
- The AHC and the AHCA offered the second installment of its series of Great Depression themed programs, "Depression Era Architecture of Austin," on April 10. Over 70 people joined us on a walking tour of buildings built during the 1930s, many with federal New Deal money, in the immediate area of the AHC with numerous architectural historians serving as guides. The tour ended at the AHC where participants joined us for a "soup kitchen" lunch reminiscent of the times.
- On May 12, the AHC and the Texas Asian Chamber of Commerce hosted a reception for the new photo exhibit in the photo gallery of the David Earl Holt Reception Room, "Pioneers from the East: First Chinese Families in Austin." Approximately 150 people attended the event, including descendants of the 5 Chinese families featured in the exhibit. Council Member Chris Riley presented keepsake copies of a Mayor's Proclamation to representatives of the 5 families, honoring their contribution to Austin.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: During May, Austin Public Library personnel, Public Works staff and various consultants from the design team continued drafting the New Central Library Building Program. Despite their progress in this endeavor, it does not appear that the New Central Library Building Program will be ready for presentation to the City Council and the Library Commission before July of this year. In a related development, twenty-four artist/engineer proposals were received by the City of Austin for the design and construction of the Seaholm Substation Wall Art in Public Places Project. On Tuesday, June 1, 2010, a selection panel will convene, with a representative from each of the surrounding redevelopment projects – Seaholm Power Plant, Energy Control Center, Green Water Treatment Plan and the New Central Library –to review and evaluate the artist/engineer submissions received in order to select finalists for the substation wall contract award. On Tuesday, June 29, 2010, those finalists will be interviewed at length by the selection panel prior to a recommendation being made to City Council for contract award. The schedule for the New Central Library currently stands as follows:

July 2010 ~ Building Program presented to Council
July 2010 ~ Building Program presented to Library Commission
August 2010 ~ Council Award of Construction Manager at Risk Contract
August 2010 ~ Commissioning Agent Contract Executed
October 2010 ~ Construction Manager at Risk Contract Executed
Winter 2010 ~ Schematic Design Completed (30% Complete

Design Package Delivered)

- Library Commission Briefed
 - Council Approval Sought
- Late Spring 2011 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)
- Library Commission Briefed
 - Council Approval Sought
- Fall 2011 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Determined and Approved by Council
Late Fall 2011 ~ Design Phase Completed
Spring 2012 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Finalized and Approved by Council
Spring 2012 ~ Building Permits Received
Spring 2012 ~ Ground Breaking Ceremony Conducted
Summer 2012 ~ Construction Begins
Spring 2014 ~ Construction Completed
Fall 2014 ~ Grand Opening Celebrated

Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project: While the general contractor is still in the midst of making site work corrections at the new Twin Oaks Branch Library location, the Library Department has widely advertised to the community its schedule for closing the lease space Twin Oaks Branch Library at 2301 S. Congress and relocating its collection and other contents to the newly built facility at 1800 South Fifth Street. That schedule is as follows:

Monday, May 3, 2010 ~ Begin advertising to the community that the Twin Oaks lease space branch library will close to the public on Monday, May 31, 2010, and reopen at its new, permanent location on Saturday, August 21, 2010, at 10:00 AM
Tuesday, June 1, 2010 ~ Close the Twin Oaks lease space library and begin boxing the collection for relocation
June, July & August ~ Work to turn the building into an operable, fully equipped and furnished library
Saturday, August 21, 2010 ~ Celebrate the Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library with all due fanfare

Cepeda Music Garden Project: This art garden project, designed to commemorate East Austin's rich and diverse musical history, is on hold pending appropriation of the additional funding required in Financial Year 2010-2011 for the Construction Phase to be both initiated and completed

Security Camera Installation Project: With support from the Law Department, the Purchasing Office of the Finance Department sent a Cure Notice to the contractor for the City of Austin's Enterprise Security Access System (ESAS) Project, of which the Library Security Camera Installation Project is a component. By means of the Cure Notice, the City of Austin has placed this contractor in a three (3) month probationary period, beginning May 10, 2010, during which time specified work performance expectations must be met. It is hoped that this legal action will ultimately lead to an expeditious installation of security cameras at all library locations.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Suppression Sprinkler System Upgrade Project: This retrofit project, initiated to bring the

forty year-old fire suppression sprinkler system at the Zaragoza Warehouse into compliance with current building code, is on hold pending an appropriation of additional funding in Financial Year 2010-2011 which will permit the work to be carried through to successful completion.

Austin History Center Wheelchair Lift Retrofit Project: The 95% complete construction documents for the project have been returned to the architects so that corrections and changes requested by the Library Department may be incorporated into the final drawings and specification manuals prior to being advertised for contactors' bids.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- Video Archivist Tim Hamblin spoke before the Community Technology & Telecommunications Commission on April 14 to promote next year's planned exhibit on the 25th anniversary of the SXSW Music Festival.
- On April 17, Mexican American Neighborhood Liaison Gloria Espitia presented "Quinceaneras: a celebration of community, family, faith and symbolism" at the Mexican American Cultural Center. The event, which included a panel discussion by authors Belinda Acosta and Dr. Norma Cantu and a fashion by the Girl Scouts of Central Texas.
- On April 23, Processing Archivist Molly Hults gave a presentation, "Using the Austin History Center," as part of the City Clerk's Office records management training. Records analysts and department coordinators learned what makes a record archival and how to transfer those materials to the AHC.
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung gave a presentation, "First Chinese Families in Austin," to the Texas Asian Chamber of Commerce on April 28.
- On May 8, the AHC and the AHCA offered the 3rd and final installment of its Great Depression programs. The program "Music of the Great Depression" featured a Chautauqua style presentation with music by Guy Forsyth and the Sweet Home Baptist Church Choir and a discussion of the Lomax Project to document American folk and spiritual music of the 1930s by John Wheat

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book, Texas: Yesterday and Today, in news segments on Fox 7 (on Barton Springs and 6th Street), KVUE (Austin Dam) and News 8 (Austin Dam), and an upcoming episode of 48 Hours on CBS.

Collections

- Archives staff finished processing 8 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Women's Architectural League Scrapbooks, Patrick Reilly Papers, Archivists of Central Texas Records, Earnest Gammage Papers, Nancy Smith Smitz Papers, Sledge Family Papers, Glenna Balch Family Papers, and Gracywoods Neighborhood Association. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung met with the president of Samsung Austin to discuss their archives and possible future donations to the AHC.
- The AHC is partnering with StoryCorps on their national StoryCorps Historias project. On June 3-4, StoryCorps will be at the AHC to record 12 oral history interviews with local Mexican Americans. Copies of the interviews, along with photographs

taken by the StoryCorps staff, will be added to the AHC collections.

- Various staff members are working with the Austin Chronicle and one of their editors, Kate Messer, to begin a project to document the gay community in Austin and start a LGBT Archives at the Austin History Center. The Chronicle will include a feature story about this project in their June Gay Pride issue.

Exhibits

- The AHC has partnered with the State Preservation Board on 3 different exhibits to commemorate the history of the Governor's Mansion. The first exhibit, "First Family," is at the Texas Capitol Visitors Center through August 1 and chronicles the Pease family, the first residents of the Governor's Mansion. The second exhibit, "The Front Porch of Texas," is at the State Capitol through June 30 and provides a snapshot history of the home. The third and largest exhibit, "A Texas Treasure: A Look Inside Our Governor's Mansion," opens at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on June 5 and runs through August 1. The AHC provided images, research assistance, and editing for these exhibits.
- Staff is preparing for the next exhibit at the AHC, "Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County." This exhibit will honor 32 Mexican American Trailblazers, nominated by the Austin community and selected by an independent selection committee, in 8 different categories as well as provide an overview of the Mexican American community in Austin. The exhibit will open on August 17 at the AHC, and there will be a traveling component opening at the MACC in September.

Central Library Services

On April 26th ACLS initiated a new computer class at the John Henry Faulk Central Library. Introduction to Web 2.0 will cover everything from blogs to wikis to Twitter to social networks such as Facebook and even a little MySpace.

The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation along with help from Central Library Services hosted the New Fiction Confab with a panel discussion from the following authors: Doug Dorst, Nell Fruedenberger, Angela Pneuman, ZZ Packer and Wells Tower. Moderator was Jake Silverstein. An estimate of over 100 people viewed this event at the John Henry Faulk Central Library.

Bonnie Brzozowski, Librarian II for Central Library Services, presented information about Library services at Westminster Manor! Everyone was very attentive, interested, and asked a lot of questions, and Bonnie had so much fun doing it! Many of the residents attending were very happy to hear about our telephone reference service and said they would definitely use it.

Teen Services

April saw Teen Services preparing for interviews of a new Teen Services Librarian. Interviews were to be conducted in May, but in April the questions were created and approved, candidates gathered and scheduled, and the interviewers prepared for the task. Across Teen Services, other planning was underway for the Summer Reading Program, including the YomiCon event. Last year YomiCon garnered 300 participants, and this year looks as if it may break those records. It is a busy time for Teen Services, as we strive to cover multiple branches with split teams and offer innovative core services across the system.

Program Services

April brought the Winter/Spring Program Services Literature Live production calendar to a close with a total of 1,709 in attendance at the Vain Cuckoo Bird puppet show city-wide presentations. Twenty library locations hosted the program. It was also viewed at the Austin Museum of Art and at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. Currently preparations are underway for the annual Summer Reading Program traveling puppet show.

Youth Specialists Karen Carlson, Devo Carpenter, Ambray Gonzales and Ellen Scott traveled to San Antonio for the Jose Luis Orozco and Carmen Tafolla training that took place at the San Antonio Public Library. Everyone was inspired by the lecture and musical performance and returned to work with new ideas to apply to their daily programs.

Kathleen Houlihan, Youth Program Librarian hosted a recognition event for Storytime Connection volunteers. She says, "At the Storytime Connection Volunteer Celebration, we had nearly half of our volunteers join us for a wonderful evening of recognition and continuing education. It's a great mental image to think of all the children we've served – over 25,000 since 2007! We thanked our volunteers for their service with t-shirts and certificates, and volunteers had an opportunity to look at the new storytime kits we've added this year. Devo Carpenter, Youth Specialist also joined us for a puppet workshop for those volunteers who wanted additional guidance with their puppet-handling skills. It was a wonderful opportunity to thank these volunteers who make a difference in the lives of so many children." Kathleen also attended TLA in April. She serves on the Texas Teen Read Week Committee. She had the honor of receiving the 2010 YART – Linworth Publishing/LMC TLA Conference Stipend this year.

Children's Services

In April, Children's Services wound up the Spring season of weekly programs, and will spend May in final preparations for the Summer season as well as many scheduled library tours and visits to school as part of our efforts to promote the coming Summer Reading Program. Three Children's Librarians attended the Texas Library Association Conference in San Antonio. Elizabeth Murphy and Stephanie Shipman presented a program at that conference, outlining many of the programs they have created in-house using books or non-fiction subjects as inspiration. Sally Miculek, Children's Services coordinator, also attended the conference. She is now the Chair of the TLA Children's Round Table, an office she was elected to last spring and will hold for one year. Stephanie Shipman from ATO and AOK presented at TLA

Grants

Texas Book Festival awarded the George Washington Carver Branch Library with \$5,000 for the purchase of circulating laptops for use by adults. The circulation will be conducted using guidelines already in place.

Adults in two special categories will benefit the most from this new service: the older male job seeker and young mothers with small children to manage while using the public computers. The majority of the job seekers using the library are older men who have not had training in basic skills such as résumé building, writing cover letters, or using the computer. The laptops will allow these men

much more flexibility to work anywhere in the library and provide more time to use the computer. When they have questions, they will be able to carry the laptop to a staff member and get the help they need. The number of young mothers, many of whom are single mothers, often come to the Library with their children who can become impatient. The mothers can take the laptops to the children's area of the library making it easier to supervise the children and keep the noise level down in the adult computer area.

The Carver Branch serves the Rosewood neighborhood, which has a traditionally African-American population, although the Hispanic population has increased significantly. The City of Austin demographer estimates that this library serves a population of 8,342, with 45% Hispanic, 43% African-American, 10% white, and 2% other ethnicities (including less than 1% Asian). In this zipcode area, 46% of the adult population over 25 has a high school diploma and fewer than 9% has a Bachelor's degree.

Recycled Reads

April revenue for Recycled Reads was over \$10,000 with over 3650 people visiting and donations received from over 75 people. More than twenty volunteers on average donated over 350 hours of their time to the bookstore. Thanks to Sharon Edwards the volunteers were recognized with green Recycled Reads volunteer t-shirts that sport the store's logo.

More than 85 pallets of materials were processed from the warehouse and approximately 15 pallets worth of donations. Books Beyond Borders continued to keep pace picking up the equivalent of 8-10 pallets of discarded materials per week.

Recycled Reads was a big hit at the Green Living Expo held at the Austin Convention Center April 23-15. Thanks to the dedication and creativity of Janice Brown, the book art display was a crowd pleaser. Monica Jones' tandem bicycle was the centerpiece of the display, highlighting upcoming activities for National Bike Month. Sally Miculek, Eric Travis and Marilee Ratcliff provided displays on APL's commitment to sustainability. The booth was covered by members of Branch Services, Youth Services ACAO and ARR volunteers. Margaret Dahl represented APL and Recycled Reads at the Earth Day event held at Waller Creek on April 22.

In conjunction with members of the Adult Programming Committee, staff planned events for the start-up and wind-up of the Adult Summer Reading Program. A UT Capstone student, Amanda McClendon, will oversee the project.

Volunteer Services

APRIL 2010 - STATISTICS

APRIL - APL web visits	1422
Number of Volunteers	188
APRIL - Volunteer hours	1,848.25
Volunteer Value*	\$20.85 (*new value)
	\$38,536.00

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

May

o May 24: 4:30 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Introduction to Web 2.0. Class introduces what social media is and covers some of the basic types of social media sites, including blogs, social

networking sites, and wikis. Class prerequisites: Completion of Basic Computer Skills or mastery of mouse handling is required and Internet experience is encouraged.

- o May 24: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
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- o May 25: 11:30 a.m., Introduction to MS Excel. Class introduces the basics of spreadsheets using Microsoft Excel software. Students will learn to enter, edit, copy, delete, and move data; format numbers and text; change, insert, delete, and sort columns and rows. Class prerequisites: Microsoft Office experience.
- o May 25: 12:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners/Taller de Computación para Principiantes. Get started with basic computer skills. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners takes place every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. Learn how to use the internet and email. This class is free and open to the public. Sign up is required.
- o May 25: 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!
- o May 25: 6:30 p.m., Windsor Park Branch. Polish Films. The Austin Public Library and the Austin Polish Society present the Polish Cinema Series featuring 16 award winning films from outside the Hollywood paradigm. While Polish films tend towards hard drama and serious themes, this series covers a range of genres and time periods, including several films with a lighter side. The Polish Cinema Series is free and open to the public.
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- o May 26: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch. Book Club
- o May 27: 3:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Job Searching/Computer Lab. Get help with your job search and/or bring your questions about basic computer skills, including how to use the Internet, e-mail, and Microsoft Word or other questions related to the use of programs or computers. No sign up is required.
- o May 27: 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

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- o June 1: 7:00 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. Historically women have been underrepresented in the chess world, so we especially encourage women and girls to join in the game.
- o June 2: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para Principiantes. The Beginner's Computer Lab is offered every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Youth Computer Lab at the Terrazas Branch of the Austin Public Library. Bring your questions about basic computer skills, how to use the Internet, and e-mail. Come with general questions about copmputers, programs such as Microsoft Word, or resume writing. You can also learn how to use computers to find a job. The class is free and open to the public. No sign up is required. THIS IS A BILINGUAL CLASS.
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- o June 2: 6:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. ¡Qué me cuentas! Practice and learn Spanish as a foreign or second language with ¡Qué me cuentas! 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.
- o June 2: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch. Mystery Book Club
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- o June 5: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o June 6: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o June 7: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o June 7: 7:00 p.m., Little Walnut Creek Branch. Book Club
- o June 7: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o June 8: 12:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch. BILINGUAL

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- o June 8: 5:30 p.m., Austin History Center. Behind These Walls Tour. 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.

- o June 8: 7:00 p.m., Old Quarry Branch. Book Club.

- o June 8: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Park Branch. Book Club.

- o June 9: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para Principiantes. The Beginner's Computer Lab is offered every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Youth Computer Lab at the Terrazas Branch of the Austin Public Library. Bring your questions about basic computer skills, how to use the Internet, and e-mail. Come with general questions about computers, programs such as Microsoft Word, or resume writing. You can also learn how to use computers to find a job. The class is free and open to the public. No sign up is required. THIS IS A BILINGUAL CLASS.

- o June 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. Historically women have been underrepresented in the chess world, so we especially encourage women and girls to join in the game.

- o June 9: 6:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. ¡Qué me cuentas! Practice and learn Spanish as a foreign or second language with ¡Qué me cuentas! 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.

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- o June 10: 7:00 p.m., University Hills Branch. Book Club

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- o June 13: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

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- o June 15: 12:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners/Taller de Computación para Principiantes. Get started with basic computer skills. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners takes place every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. Learn how to use the internet and email. This class is free and open to the public. Sign up is required.

- o June 15: 1:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch. Book Club

- o June 15: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Mystery Book Club

- o June 16: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para Principiantes. The Beginner's Computer Lab is offered every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Youth Computer Lab at the Terrazas Branch of the Austin Public Library. Bring your questions about basic computer skills, how to use the Internet, and e-mail. Come with general questions about computers, programs such as Microsoft Word, or resume writing. You can also learn how to use computers to find a job. The class is free and open to the public. No sign up is required. THIS IS A BILINGUAL CLASS.

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- o June 18: the AHC will present "The Fontaine Churches: A Photo Presentation of the Six African American Baptist Churches founded by the Rev. Jacob Fontaine." The program is a pre-Juneteenth celebration on the histories of First Baptist, Good Hope, Mt. Zion, New Hope, St. Stephen's, and Sweet Home Baptist Churches. The event is 3-5 at the George Washington Carver Museum and Cultural Center, and a reception will immediately follow the program.

- o June 19: 10:30 a.m., Hampton Branch. Conversation Café

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- o June 21: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Book Club

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o June 29: 12:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners/Taller de Computación para Principantes. Get started with basic computer skills. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners takes place every Tuesday from noon to 2 p.m. Learn how to use the internet and email. This class is free and open to the public. Sign up is required.

o June 29: 6:30 p.m., Windsor Park Branch. Polish Films: Happy New York. The Austin Public Library and the Austin Polish Society present the Polish Cinema Series featuring 16 award winning films from outside the Hollywood paradigm. While Polish films tend towards hard drama and serious themes, this series covers a range of genres and time periods, including several films with a lighter side. The Polish Cinema Series is free and open to the public.

o June 30: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para Principantes. The Beginner's Computer Lab is offered every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to Noon in the Youth Computer Lab at the Terrazas

Branch of the Austin Public Library. Bring your questions about basic computer skills, how to use the Internet, and e-mail. Come with general questions about copmputers, programs such as Microsoft Word, or resume writing. You can also learn how to use computers to find a job. The class is free and open to the public. No sign up is required. THIS IS A BILINGUAL CLASS.

o June 30: 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. Historically women have been underrepresented in the chess world, so we especially encourage women and girls to join in the game.

o June 30: 6:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. ¡Qué me cuentas! Practice and learn Spanish as a foreign or second language with ¡Qué me cuentas! 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.

o June 30: 6:30 p.m., Howson Branch. Polish Films: Edi. The Austin Public Library and the Austin Polish Society present the Polish Cinema Series featuring 16 award winning films from outside the Hollywood paradigm. While Polish films tend towards hard drama and serious themes, this series covers a range of genres and time periods, including several films with a lighter side. The Polish Cinema Series is free and open to the public.

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