

# Austin Public Library Director's Report July 2010

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## Highlights

- The City Manager will present the proposed budget to City Council on July 28 at 9:30 am. The Library's Budget Presentation is scheduled for August 18 at 9:30 am. The Public Hearing for Community Service Departments is scheduled for August 19 at 4:00 pm.
- The Twin Oaks Grand Opening will be held on Saturday, August, 21, at 10:00 am.
- The Austin History Center's opening reception for "Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County." will be held on August 21 at 7:00 pm.
- Assistant Director Eyna Canales-Zarate will be retiring from APL after 30 years of public service with the City of Austin on July 30.

## Facilities Services

**New Central Library Project:** On Thursday, July 29, 2010, the Austin City Council will be asked by staff to authorize the negotiation and execution of a Construction Manager at Risk (CM@R) contract with the Hensel Phelps Construction Company for pre-construction phase services in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 for the New Central Library Project. The proposal for these services from the Hensel Phelps Construction Company was judged by staff to present the best value to the City of Austin of the twelve such proposals received. On Thursday, July 29, 2010, the Austin City Council will also be asked by staff to authorize the negotiation and execution of a professional services agreement with Andrews Kurth, LLP, for legal services in connection with the Construction Manager at Risk contract for the New Central Library Project in an amount not to exceed \$80,000. The basic scope of these legal services includes negotiation services as well as assistance with contract compliance. City staff and the Joint Venture of Lake/Flato Architects with Shepley Bulfinch and Abbott are currently finalizing the Building Program for the New Central Library. The New Central Library Project Team plans on presenting this document to City Council at a briefing within the next few months in order that this very important City of Austin project may proceed into the Schematic Design Phase. The City of Austin is moving forward now with the award of the Construction Manager at Risk contract so that the selected firm will be on-board during the design phase and can collaborate with City staff and the design team on constructability issues, project scope reviews for optimal design, quality assurance-quality control matters, cost controls and specific budgets. The project schedule for the New Central Library currently stands as follows:

July, 2010 ~ Council Award of Construction Manager at Risk Contract  
September 2010 ~ Building Program presented to Council  
September 2010 ~ Building Program presented to Library Commission  
October 2010 ~ Commissioning Agent Contract Executed

November 2010 ~ Construction Manager at Risk Contract Executed  
Late Spring 2011 ~ Schematic Design Completed (30% Complete Design Package Delivered)  
• Library Commission Briefed  
• Council Approval Sought  
Fall 2011 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)  
• Library Commission Briefed  
• Council Approval Sought  
Spring 2012 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Determined and Approved by Council  
Spring 2012 ~ Design Phase Completed  
Fall 2012 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Finalized  
Fall 2012 ~ Building Permits Received  
Fall 2012 ~ Ground Breaking Ceremony Conducted  
Winter 2012 ~ Construction Begins  
Fall 2014 ~ Construction Completed  
Spring 2015 ~ Grand Opening Celebrated

**Twin Oaks Branch Library Replacement Project:** The Grand Opening of the new Twin Oaks Branch Library will be conducted on Saturday, August 21, 2010, with the building dedication ceremony scheduled to begin at 10:00 AM. There will be live music by the swinging Academy of Jazz Players, abundant food and drink provided by local South Austin vendors, and a magic act and face painting for our youngest customers. Needless to say, a large turnout of nearby residents and library lovers in general is expected to be in attendance for all the festivities. In the meantime, Library Department staff members are busily putting the final preparatory touches to the collection arrangement, computers/printers, building and grounds at the Twin Oaks Branch Library site (1800 South Fifth Street). Invitations and flyers announcing the Grand Opening will soon be routed to all the many people who have contributed time and energy to this project as well as to those customers who have waited so patiently for this day to come. While seemingly there remains at least a hundred and one things to do to turn this beautiful building into a community library, the Library Department is confident that all requisite tasks will be performed in time for the eagerly anticipated Grand Opening of the facility.

**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. The contractor did not meet their probationary goals, and consistent quality issues continued during the probationary period. On July 6, 2010, the contractor requested a three month extension of their current probationary requirements. The contractor believes that this extension will allow them to coordinate and install equipment at one probationary site. The contractor has been unable to hire qualified staff to fill the Austin Programmer/Project Manager position vacated on June 22, 2010, and no contractor programmer is on any City site at this time. During the past three months, several key missing/incomplete programming issues have been identified by the City and the contractor is working to correct them with their corporate staff. Consistent quality issues with the contractor's performance continue to result in delays at all City sites outside of the probationary sites.

**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 bid solicitation process will soon be initiated for this important accessibility improvement project. Anticipated in the near future is the published announcement (sometimes called a bid advertisement or a bid call) that bids for this specific construction project will be accepted at a designated time and place. The exact date and time for submission of bids will be established in the referenced public announcement as well. At the present, the bid documents for this project are undergoing the Quality Assurance/Quality Control Review Process established by the Contract and Land Management Department. This a fairly new but now standard procedure for all City of Austin projects bid under the auspices of the Contract and Land Management Department.

**Ongoing Infrastructure Renewal Projects:** The Library Facilities Services Division is currently making good progress on a number of much needed improvements to the Austin Public Library's physical plant across the department's inventory of properties. A couple of the most prominent of these projects are:

**Carver Branch Library Roof Repairs:** A pre-construction meeting was held on July 12, 2010 between Library Facilities Services personnel, Contract and Land Management staff and the roofing contractor to initiate the first steps in preparation for the partial roof repairs at the Carver Branch Library. Notice to Proceed was then issued to the roofing contractor later that same day. The building's original roof structure has experienced problems in a number of areas that will be redressed by this roof repair contract, thus extending the useful life of the roof until Capital Budget funding is made available to undertake a full roof replacement project at this site. Construction activities

will begin on Monday, July 19, 2010 and are anticipated to be completed by Friday, July 30, 2010, weather permitting. Carver Branch Library operations will not be affected by this roof repair project.

**Austin History Center Sewer Retrofit:** The pipeline which conveys sewage from the Austin History Center was recently determined to have partially collapsed beneath the parking lot the Austin History Center shares with the Faulk Central Library. The Library Department has subsequently contracted with an engineering firm to design a complete replacement for this failed underground conduit all the way from the building to the main sewer line located under nearby San Antonio Street. The contracted engineering firm is now preparing a set of preliminary project plans to be approved by the Library Department before the permitting process is initiated. The engineers have researched all the data the City of Austin has on-line regarding our site and they believe the chilled water lines crossing the parking lot are buried at four feet deep. The Traffic Engineering Division will be consulted to determine the phasing of the work in the parking lot in hopes of disrupting Library operations as little as possible. A proposed project plan and profile is anticipated to be received by the Library Department from our consultant engineers during the week of July 19, 2010.

**Climate Protection Plans:** Council Resolution 20070215-023 directs the City Manager to develop and implement departmental climate protection plans, including policies, procedures, targets, benchmarks and reporting for maximum achievable reduction of greenhouse gas emissions and energy consumption in all City departments. Twenty-three City of Austin departments, including the Austin Public Library, as well as five multi-departmental buildings (City Hall, One Texas Center, Techni-Center Building, Rutherford Lane Campus and the Combined Transportation, Emergency and Communication Center) have developed climate protection plans as required by Council. As required by the Library's Department's Climate Protection Plan, all Library staff will complete a climate protection training course covering basic climate change science by the end of 2011. One Library division has already completed this training, and the other divisions and branches are scheduled to begin their training classes in September of this year. In collaboration with the Waste Management Division of the Solid Waste Services Department, the Library Department has launched Office Stream, an initiative to separate dry recyclables from wet recyclables in order to prevent unpleasant odors from occurring. New recycling containers will be delivered to all Library sites in the coming weeks to help make Office Stream a reality. In addition, the Library Department's Green Initiative Committee is presently being formed from a host of enthusiastic volunteers. This group will be responsible for strategizing actions which should be taken to achieve the City's overarching goal of making all operations carbon-neutral by 2020.

## **Austin History Center**

### **Programming & Outreach**

- On June 18, African American Neighborhood Liaison Christie Campbell presented "The Fontaine Churches: A

Pre-Juneteenth Observance" at the Carver Museum. 130 people attended the event, which included Gospel music, an address by a representative from Dawnya Dukes' office, and a photo documentary of the 6 historic Baptist Churches founded by the Reverend Jacob Fontaine. In addition to planning and implementing this program, Christie was interviewed by numerous media outlets to talk about Juneteenth and appeared on news programs for KTBC, KXAN, and KVUE. This project also resulted in the addition of historical materials about these churches for the AHC collections.

- The Austin Chronicle provided detailed coverage about the AHC's efforts to document the LGBT community in Austin in an article titled, "Outing the Archives." AHC staff also attended the June 5 Pride parade and the June 29th APL pride event to talk about this project, resulting in the recruitment of numerous volunteers and donated items for the collection.
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung was a speaker at the 1st ever API Historic Preservation Forum Conference, held in San Francisco, CA, she was also one of a few attendees invited to address the entire conference at the opening session on June 25.

### **Collections**

- Archives staff finished processing 9 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Mary Starr Barkley Papers, Hugo Franz Kuehne Papers, Austin Women's History Network Records, Birdie Cherico Scheid Scrapbook, Rex D. Kitchens Construction Co. Records, Concerned Citizens for the Development of West Austin Records, David McHam Papers, Lone Star Mensa Records, and the Schutze Family Papers. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).

### **Reference**

- The owner of the Cambridge Tower Condominiums, currently under renovation, got copies of plans and documents from the AHC which has all the original drawings. The AHC was also visited by Russell Chalberg, the donor of one of the most highly used photo collections at the center; he was looking for a photo of himself from elementary school.

### **Publications**

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the June 2010 issue of TODO Austin, the Daily Texan, the Hyde Park Neighborhood Association newsletter, and an upcoming exhibit at the Old Bakery.

### **Exhibits**

- The AHC contributed over 30 photographic images as well as research assistance for the "Texas Treasure: Inside Our Governor's Mansion" exhibit that opened at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum on June 3.

### **Staff News**

- Sadly, longtime AHC staff member Mary Jo Cooper passed away on July 9. She worked at the AHC for 37 years, retiring in 1999. She was a font of knowledge about Austin and had a great and lasting impact on this

organization. Her obituary can be found at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/statesman/obituary.aspx?n=mary-jo-butler-cooper&pid=144073485&fhid=5106>

## **Central Library Services**

In partnership with the Austin Public Library, SCORE (Service Corp. of Retired Executives) will be offering a free seminar titled Essentials for Starting a New Business on Wednesday, August 11 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Faulk Central Library, 800 Guadalupe St. Interested individuals must reserve at space with SCORE as space is limited. The event is free of charge. SCORE's telephone number is 928-2425.

Carolyn Rogers (Central Library Services Reference Manager) reviewed, updated, and improved the list of Online Tutorials that provide free opportunities for APL staff to learn valuable information and receive training credit. These tutorials are free and are not all "tutorials" per se, but have good, library-specific information (or other topics of interest and value for APL staff). Carolyn Rogers has assumed responsibility for maintaining and updating the online tutorials list.

Bonnie Brzozowski, Reference Librarian in Central Library Services, did two guest blog posts for ReadingGroupGuides.com. After Bonnie posted these, the editor, Dana Barrett, asked Bonnie to be a regular contributor to the ReadingGroupGuides.com blog. Now Bonnie will discuss Graphic Novel Book Club meetings monthly on the blog.

## **Youth Services**

### **Teen Services**

June delivered the blockbuster YomiCon program on June 11, at the Manchaca Road Branch Library. A lot of energy was focused on planning and delivering this program with staff from throughout APL assisting with the project. Over 700 attendees came to the event doubling its attendance from the year before. The branch was closed for the day, and transformed into a multimedia convention which brought together books, video, games, crafts, art, costumes, and more. Through diverse programs such as YomiCon, the Library continues to promote transliteracy -- the ability to be fluent across many different media -- as a cornerstone of empowerment for our customers. Teen Services also welcomed new Teen Services Librarian Stephanie Abbott who is currently training and orienting herself by working with Teen Services Librarians throughout the APL system.

### **Program Services**

In June, Youth Services kicked off the 2010 Summer Reading Program, Journey Beyond. Over 6,600 young people registered for the Summer Reading Program during the month, showing an increase over the 2009 registrations.

The Second Chance Books Program at Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Detention Center rolled out a summer reading initiative for incarcerated youth. In partnership with the Writers' League of Texas Project WISE, author

programs were held for several units on-site. Helen Hemphill, author of "Long Gone Daddy," engaged a boys unit in Reader's Theater followed by a writing exercise where all participants took part in creating a story together. The youth who take part in the program will receive a book to take home.

T Approximately 40,000 people lined the parade route, many cheering in support of APL. This event brought together several library groups who worked together to produce multiple events in celebration of Austin Pride Month.

Devo Carpenter and Ellen Scott, Youth Program Specialists, attended the 20th annual O'Neill Puppetry Conference 2010. Each learned new skills in the realm of puppetry and script writing. Puppetry is one of the most effective methods to connect children to literature at a young age.

### **Children's Services**

The Literature Live puppet troupe presented "A Taradillo Tale" at ten library locations and also at the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum. Within the context of this fun tale of how Austin became the Capitol of Texas, tidbits of Texas history and lore were shared with the kids.

Participation in special programs was robust as well. Capacity crowds attended performance-based programs offered by Dinosaur George, Jungle Jim, and Family Time RocksChildren and adults also enjoyed the many hands-on "Journeys" produced by Youth Services librarians. During Journey Beyond and Below, participants used microscopes to examine common objects up close, and made paper tube kaleidoscopes. In "Journey to Texas," cowpokes outfitted themselves with kerchiefs, mustaches, and ten-gallon hats and rounded up stray cattle that got loose in the Library. On the "Musical Journey," budding composers had the opportunity to experiment with percussion instruments from around the world, make compositions on staff paper, and join a kazoo orchestra! Finally, in "Journey to the Past," participants created scrolls filled with hieroglyphs or Chinese characters and wore Olympic laurel wreaths before getting wrapped up like Egyptian mummies!

### **Recycled Reads**

June revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,500. Over 3,600, people visited the store and donations were received from over 140 people and organizations.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 500 hours of their time to the bookstore. More than 70 pallets of materials from the warehouse and approximately 14 pallets worth of donations were processed. Books Beyond Borders picks up the equivalent of 12 pallets of discarded materials per week. Books Beyond Borders has provided Recycled Reads with wire Garylords that roll onto their truck, eliminating the need to re-box and palletize books. This has created a more streamlined discard process. Staff also met with Thomas Barker of Books Beyond Borders to finalize a media sorting process, which will allow them to continue to take and recycled withdrawn VHS, Cassettes and DVDs.

Recycled Reads hosted or participated in the following events: Adult Summer Reading Program kick-off event including a Pulp Fiction sale at the store on June 12, and a Meet and Greet of APIE mentor sign-up event at City Hall on June 30.

The pricing policy for book sales at branches was finalized. ARR provided books to several branches holding sales including ASE, ACB, AMR, AUH. In addition ARR have been providing stock to ongoing onsite sales including: ALW, AWP and APH.

Staff finalized and presented a five-year business plan on the bookstore. It addressed the fiscal necessity of not only selling books but also the cost advantage to APL and COA through our commitment to recycling, zero landfill and sustainability.

Items were identified that had been donated from the personal collection of John Henry Faulk. They were sent to the Austin History Center to be placed into the collection at the Center for American History.

### **Volunteer Services**

<b>MAY 2010 - STATISTICS</b>	
MAY - APL web visits	1669
Number of Volunteers	165
MAY - Volunteer hours	1,866.50
Volunteer Value*	\$20.85 (*new value)
	<b>\$38,916.52</b>

### **UPCOMING PROGRAMS**

#### **July**

- o July 26: 4:30 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Introduction to Web 2.0. Introduces what social media is and covers some of the basic types of social media sites, including blogs, social networking sites, and wikis. Basic Computer Skills or mastery of mouse handling is required and Internet experience is encouraged. No advance registration is required.
- o July 26: 6:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Sizzling Summer Musicals. All films are rated G. Sizzling Summer Musicals is free and open to the public.
- o July 26: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o July 26: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o July 27: 11:30 a.m., Faulk Central Library. 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 July 27: 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.
- o July 27: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch. Science Fiction Book Club
- o July 28: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para

Principantes. 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.

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o July 28: 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.

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o July 28: 6:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. 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 July 29: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Español. 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.

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## **August**

o August 1: 2:30 p.m., University Hills Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

o August 1: 6:30 p.m., Windsor Park Branch. Park Family Movies

o August 2: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

o August 2: 7:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Breathing Life into Words Presents Spike Gillespie, Writing Your Story: Memoirs and Blogs as part of the Breathing Life Into Words Writing Series.

o August 2: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

o August 3: 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.

o August 3: 1:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Basic Computer Skills. Class defines basic computer terms and provides practice with basic Windows operations. Students receive an introduction to what is available on Library public computers, including the Internet, e-mail, and Microsoft Office. No class prerequisites.

o August 4: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para Principantes. 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.

o August 4: 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.

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o August 4: 7:00 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch. Mystery Book Club

o August 5: 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 August 5: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Intermediate Web E-mail. Students will explore additional features of a web-based email account. Topics include how to customize Yahoo! email with folders, an address book and a signature on outgoing messages. Further practice sending and receiving email attachments and using the spell check feature. Class prerequisites: Students should already have an e-mail account. Internet experience, mastery of mouse handling.

o August 5: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Español. 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

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o August 7: 8:00 a.m., University Hills Branch.

Movies Club

o August 7: 10:00 a.m., University Hills Branch.

Computer Lab. This is a general computer lab designed to help customers with all forms of basic computer use. From starting e-mail, web browsing, resume building with word, to filling out on-line applications or any project requiring basic computer use.

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o August 7: 1:30 p.m., Carver Branch. All Age Gaming Tournament Final Championship

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o August 8: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

o August 9: 3:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library.

Computación Básica. Introducción a las computadoras, conceptos y terminología básica del área de la computación.

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o August 10: 5:30 p.m., Spicewood Springs Branch. Writing Workshop.

o August 10: 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 August 10: 7:00 p.m., Windsor Branch. Book Club

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o August 14: 5:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. All Age Summer Reading Program Finale

o August 15: 12:00 p.m., Recycled Reads. Adult Summer Reading Finale

o August 15: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

o August 16: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Intermediate Web E-mail. Students will explore additional features of a web-based email account. Topics include how to customize Yahoo! email with folders, an address book and a signature on outgoing messages. Further practice

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- o August 17: 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.
- o August 17: 3:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Introduction to Reference Databases. Learn how to search APL's reference databases to find full-text articles from newspapers, magazines, journals, and reference books. Librarians will teach the basics of searching popular databases as well as teaching a specific database at student request. At signup, please note database student is interested in learning. Class prerequisite: Intermediate computer skills.
- o August 17: 6:00 p.m., Carver Branch. Small Business Development Program Presentation.
- o August 17: 6:30 p.m., University Hills Branch. Polish Films: Hotel Pacific. 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 August 17: 6:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Summer 2010 Family Movie Night
- o August 17: 7:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Mystery Book Club
- o August 18: 10:00 a.m., Terrazas Branch. Beginners Computer Lab/Taller de Computación para Principiantes. 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.
- o August 18: 1:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Introduction to the Internet. Class covers the basics of browsers and Web sites, plus an introduction to searching online. For people who have little or no experience using the Internet. Class prerequisites: Completion of Basic Computer Skills or mastery of mouse handling.
- o August 18: 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 August 18: 6:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. 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 August 18: 6:30 p.m., Manchaca Road Branch.

#### Book Club

- o August 18: 7:00 p.m., Halcyon Coffee. Graphic Novels Book Club
- o August 18: 7:30 p.m., University Hills Branch. Club de Lectura en la sucursal.
- o August 19: 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 August 19: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Español. 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.
- o August 20: 2:00 p.m., Southeast Branch. Miyazaki Summer Anime Festival.
- o August 21: 8:00 p.m., University Hills Branch. Books to Movies Club
- o August 21: 10:30 a.m., Hampton Branch. Conversation Café
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- o August 21: 1:00 p.m., Southeast Branch. Disney Film Festival
- o August 21: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o August 21: 3:00 p.m., History Center, Opening reception for "Mexican American Firsts: Trailblazers of Austin and Travis County."
- o August 22: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o August 23: 4:30 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Introduction to Web 2.0. Introduces what social media is and covers some of the basic types of social media sites, including blogs, social networking sites, and wikis. Basic Computer Skills or mastery of mouse handling is required and Internet experience is encouraged. No advance registration is required.
- o August 23: 6:00 p.m., Hampton Branch. Sizzling Summer Musicals
- o August 23: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o August 23: 7:30 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.
- o August 24: 11:30 a.m., Faulk Central Library. 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 August 24: 12:00 p.m., Cepeda Branch. BILINGUAL Computer Training for Beginners/Taller de

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- o August 25: 7:00 p.m., Milwood Branch. Milwood Craft Club

- o August 25: 7:00 p.m., Howson Branch. Book Club

- o August 26: 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 August 26: 4:00 p.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Español. 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.

- o August 28: 10:30 a.m., University Hills Branch. Romance Reader's Book Circle

- o August 28: 11:00 a.m., Faulk Central Library. Practiquemos Español. 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.

- o August 28: 1:00 p.m., University Hills Branch. Summer Xbox Game Days

- o August 28: 2:30 p.m., Cepeda Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

- o August 29: 2:30 p.m., Carver Branch. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

- o August 30: 6:00 p.m., Pleasant Hill Branch. Free

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- o August 30: 7:30 p.m. Free Salsa Lessons with instructor Raul Ramirez.

- o August 31: 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.

