

Highlights

- Effective February 1, 2012 all Austin Public Library operated properties will become tobacco free.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: On December 1, 2011, another Lower Shoal Creek Design Charette was conducted from 12:00 PM until 2:30 PM in the Twin Oaks Branch Library Meeting Room. The purpose of the recurring Lower Shoal Creek Design Charette is to provide the managers of all the many projects slated to be carried out over the next few years in this redevelopment district an opportunity to be appraised of the progress being made on each other's projects and to coordinate with one another as necessary. The main focus for this particular meeting was the design of the new bridge over Shoal Creek at West Second Street. Immediately following the Charette, a meeting was conducted with Public Works Management to allow them to make a final decision on the design of the Shoal Creek Bridge. On December 15, 2011, the Austin City Council voted unanimously to authorize negotiation and execution of a design and commission agreement with Christian Moeller Studio LLC, Los Angeles, California, for artwork in an amount not to exceed \$385,000. The goal of this design and commission agreement is to produce a signature work of contemporary public art for Austin's New Central Library. Artist Alice Aycock of New York, New York will serve as the alternate selection, should an agreement not be reachable with Christian Moeller. The Council also voted on December 15, 2011 to conduct a public hearing to consider the permanent use of approximately 1,517 square feet of land for construction, use, maintenance, repair and replacement of the existing transmission lines for the Seaholm District Redevelopment and the New Central Library Project through dedicated parkland known as Town Lake Shoal Beach and the Shoal Creek Greenbelt. The date and time for this public hearing was set for January 12, 2012, 4:00 PM, at Austin City Hall. As the Design Development Phase of the New Central Library is being initiated, a need has been identified to explore the raised floor concept offered in the Schematic Design of the project. To that end, Library Facilities Services personnel and consultants are currently visiting buildings constructed with raised floors to determine the suitability of this element being included in the New Central Library Project. Furthermore, Library Facilities Services personnel met on December 20, 2011 at City Hall with the consultants to refine the direction being taken with food service and waste stream management at the New Central Library. The schedule for the New Central Library Project remains as follows:

Spring 2012 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)

- Council briefed

- Library and Design Commissions briefed

- Council Approval of Schematic Design

Spring 2013 ~ Construction Document Phase completed (100% Complete Design Package Delivered)

Spring 2013 ~ Guaranteed Maximum Price Determined and Approved by Council

Summer 2013 ~ Permits received

Summer 2013 ~ Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted

Summer 2013 ~ Construction begins

Fall 2015 ~ Construction completed

Winter 2015 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

Needs Assessment/2012 Bond Process: On December 8, 2011, the Austin City Council approved of the staff recommended Bond Guiding Principles and Funding Criteria to be used in planning a future bond proposal. Drawn from the community vision and values expressed in the Imagine Austin planning process and best practices in capital improvement planning, these principles will provide a framework for developing the bond proposal and include:

- Provide for adequate infrastructure and facilities to maintain City services
- Support new investments reflecting the values and priorities of the City as identified in the Imagine Austin Comprehensive Plan and related plans
- Make investments in new mobility capacity, including an initial segment for an urban rail system
- Promote a sustainable community and high quality of life
- Identify projects that are cost-effective, leverage other funding sources and maximize the benefit of capital investment
- Consider the balance of priorities in proposed bond package

On December 15, 2011, staff presented the City's 2011 Capital Needs Assessment to Council. The purpose of conducting the 2011 Capital Needs Assessment was to identify the priority capital needs of all City of Austin departments that might potentially be funded through a G.O. Bond program. A total of \$1.29 billion in needed City projects were identified, including \$9, 318 million in infrastructure renewal projects for the Library Department alone. Using the \$1.3 billion Capital Needs Assessment as their starting point, the Bond Election Advisory Task Force will, in the months to come and with considerable public input, develop three potential bond programs in amounts of \$200 million, \$300 million and \$400 million. A final staff recommendation to Council regarding the proposed bond program is anticipated in late spring or early summer of 2012.

Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit: The Library Department is already accruing significant energy savings from the installation of the new, more efficient chiller and cooling tower. Energy consumption required to provide interior climate control for the Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center campus has been reduced by a third, and it is anticipated that energy savings will be further increased as adjustments are made to the control system programming for this equipment. The City inspectors have requested that the Library Department at this time bring the venting of the Faulk Central Library chiller room within full compliance to the newly adopted building code. In addition, enhanced monitoring capacity will be added to the control system to provide better freeze protection for the cooling towers. Proposals for this work are now being sought by the Library Department. The extra time and costs entailed in this process are not unusual in a mechanical retrofit project, and were anticipated by the Library Department in its contingency calculations for the project budget. These modifications will not impact the operations of the new chiller and cooling tower, and the work involved will be limited to non-public areas such as the loading dock, basement and roof.

Exterior Security Camera Installation Project: Austin Public Library change requests were issued for purchase orders during the week of October 17, 2011 for the installation of exterior day/night cameras at eight (8) of the Library sites previously equipped with interior security surveillance cameras. By November 9, 2011, Purchase Request Forms were completed and the Purchasing Office has now issued the requisite Purchase Orders for the eight (8) change requests. Library personnel are currently establishing the project scope for installing exterior security cameras throughout the departmental inventory of property and are working directly with the cabling contractor to make the libraries ready for the implementation of a state-of-the-art exterior security camera surveillance system.

Austin History Center Sewer Retrofit: Discovering in April of 2010 that the branch sewer trunk servicing the Austin History Center had partially collapsed under the site's parking lot, Library Facilities Services initiated the engineering design for a comprehensive replacement of this failing underground conduit. The construction documents necessary for this work, both plan drawings and specification manuals, are now undergoing Final Review by the City of Austin Contract Management Department prior to being advertised for bids by interested and qualified contractors. If the construction documents pass the Final Review by the Contract Management Department, the bid call is expected to be issued on Monday, January 9, 2012. A bid call is the published announcement that bids for a specific construction project will be accepted at a designated time and place.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project: The Purchasing Office of the City of Austin is currently reviewing the established Scope of Work for this mechanical retrofit project, including its professional engineering requirements. Upon completion of their review, the Purchasing Office will advise the Library Department if procuring design/build services for the project is appropriate and available by means of an existing State or Federal contract that

City of Austin may access. Design/build is a method of construction in which the contractor provides both design and construction services to an owner. If a design/build process is not deemed suitable for this project, the Library Department will need to proceed with the traditional but more time-consuming approach of hiring an engineer, completing the design, bidding the project to general contractors, and then awarding the contract to the low bidder.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On November 2, Reference Archivist Ashley Adair gave a tour and orientation for a group of UT public health students. They were interested in epidemiology and wanted to know about sources of information available here on public health that might help lend a historical background to their work. On the same day, Manager Mike Miller gave a presentation for the UT LAMP program – “Strife in the City: Austin During the Civil War” – to an audience of about 100.
- The AHC hosted an architectural walking tour on Sunday, November 6, to coincide with the opening of the Deco and Moderne exhibit in the Holt Gallery. Twenty-eight people attended the event, and a repeat tour may be scheduled for the spring.
- On Sunday, November 20, Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs gave a tour of the AHC for the Austin Antiques Club and gave them pointers about researching historic properties.

Collections

- Archives staff finished processing 6 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO (Texas Archival Resources Online) website. These collections include the Ada Simond Papers, the Austin Certified Public Accountants' Wives Club Scrapbooks, the Friends of Brentwood Park Video Collection, the Erna Rockwood Scrapbooks, the Maria Rocha Papers, and the East Cesar Chavez Neighborhood Planning Team Records. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Asian American Neighborhood Liaison Esther Chung completed an oral history interview with Robert Huang, considered by some as the “Godfather of Asian Americans in Austin” and a founder of the Sister Cities program. Mr. Huang also donated some materials related to his activities for the collection.
- The AHC recently acquired an interesting collection of photographs relating to the Weigl Brothers Iron Works foundry, now the home to the Iron Works BBQ Restaurant.
- The Association of Moving Image Archivists (AMIA), a national professional organization, put together a workshop hosted here at the AHC on November 15. The workshop, called Activist Archiving, was designed to pair an AMIA expert volunteer with a volunteer from the public at large. The goal of the workshop was to inventory, clean, evaluate and catalog one film collection at the AHC. We chose the Texas Motion Picture Service film collection because it is large and needs a lot of work. The day of the workshop, we had 15 AMIA volunteers and around 30 volunteers throughout the day. The volunteers were made up of UT

Ischool students with about 5 volunteers from the Texas State archives program. All of the film in the collection was looked at and evaluated, totaling 145 cans. Condition reports were made for all. Half of the collection was cleaned and examined and a little less than a quarter was cataloged.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an exhibit at the Old Bakery on Congress and in an upcoming book about the Austin Executive Airport. Also, a local writer made extensive use of our collections for an upcoming book about the fight to save Reagan High School, to be published by Viking Press in 2012.

Exhibits

- The *Sounding Together* exhibit received high praise from the Marketing VP of the League of American Orchestras. He attended the November ASO Board meeting, held at the AHC, and was wowed by the exhibit. He told the ASO that he recently attended a centennial event for the San Francisco symphony, and they had nothing that resembled the outstanding exhibit here.

Youth Services

Children's Services

In November, Children's services librarians began to wind down the Fall Programming season, and started looking ahead to 2012 by booking meeting rooms and beginning to lay out their program schedules for the new year with an eye to providing a diverse array of programs in branches, regionally, and systemwide. Children's Services librarians also prepared for the Mock Caldecott picture book discussion training session, to take place mid-December. At the Spicewood Springs branch, Children's Services librarians prepared for a change in the makeup of the team serving that location, to take place in January 2012. One development of note at that branch is the use of the Children's Area bulletin board as a community art display. The first display, featuring the work of students at nearby Caraway Elementary School, was completed in November. We're pleased to showcase the Library as not only a resource for information and literature, but also for community interaction and as a showcase for the work of the young people we serve.

Teen Services

In November, Teen Services continued a very busy hiring schedule aimed at starting new staff early in 2012. Staff began the hiring process for Teen Services Librarian at the Carver Branch Library. This position will assist with the grant work which is a cornerstone of Teen Services efforts, and of the Connected Youth Project. Staff also continued working on the Dell Discovery Lab project at the Oak Springs Branch Library. For this project, an entirely new type of Intern will be hired. The Discovery Lab Intern will assist with the program at Oak Springs, in a new computer lab separate from the Connected Youth project. The Discovery Lab will be devoted to science and technology literacy. Kids will undertake a variety of activities there when it is finally able to open its doors early in 2012. The Teen Services Team also continues to prepare for the

holiday season, offering innovative activities and programs such as drawing clubs and book discussion groups.

Programming/Outreach Services

Anita Joye Rizley, Youth Program Coordinator, received a Partners in the Arts and Humanities Award from the Parks and Recreation Department for the development and success of the Dougherty ARTS reach programs presented at Austin Public Library locations and the APL Literature LIVE! Tuesday Tales at the DAC Theater programs. This APL/PARD partnership has proved to be an excellent, literature rich collaboration between City departments.

Classic Fairy Tales are alive and well and still very much loved as demonstrated by the over 1700 audience members who attended the 27 shows of the latest run of Literature LIVE!'s "Rumpelstiltskin." Audience response was overwhelming. Performances included every library branch, Dougherty Arts Theater, and the Bob Bullock Texas History Museum.

The APL Bibliofiles Book Cart Drill Team performed at the Dia de los Muertos celebration the evening of Saturday, October 29th. The event was held under the stars at the beautiful Mexican American Cultural Center (MACC). The Bibliofiles performed a vignette on the story of La Llorona, a classic, three century-old legend about the Weeping Woman combing the silver river in search of her children. In addition, the library included a book cart altar honoring local author and activist Raul Salinas. Altars at the MACC were on display through the month of November.

Central Library Services

Karen Baker, former Branch Services Division Manager, is the new Central Library Services Division Manager.

APL is on its 2nd month of handling ILL without State support. There have been a few issues with the transition. One significant issue has been holds. The holds policy must also include ILL requests coming in. If there are no spots on the customer's holds then the ILL request cannot be linked to the customer's account. Staff are working on this issue but there may not be a solution other than communicating to ILL customers that hold spots need to be available for any ILL requests that will be coming in. Randy Brownlee and his staff have also cleared out the ILL office in preparation for Library Information Systems to expand into the old ILL office space.

Central celebrated a Holiday Multicultural Holiday Time in December with crafts, stories and pictures with Santa Claus.

Starting in January Faulk Central will have a new time for TALK TIME. Classes will be Mondays, 6:15 to 7:45 p.m., from January 9 to December 10, 2012. Talk Time took a break for the holidays starting December 15th. Steve Kiernan will continue as the volunteer.

Ron Garza is the new Practiquemos Espanol volunteer. In addition to the current Saturday session (11:00 to 12:30 p.m.), Ron will be facilitating the new Thursday

Practiquemos Espanol session beginning December 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Weeding of the Faulk Central Library's reference collection and adult circulation collections continues in preparation of the influx of new books purchased with \$800,000 of CIP funds and \$546,830 in General Fund allocations. Faulk will begin receiving Blu-Ray DVD's and will need to weed and expand the media area. The Blu-Rays will be in locked cases requiring customers to unlock them at the self-check machines or take them to the circulation desk where staff can unlock them.

Recycled Reads

November revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$11,500 and over 3,700 people visited the store.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 220 hours of their time to the bookstore. More than 11 pallets of materials from the warehouse were processed and over 190 individual donations from the public were received. Media is now being picked up by Image Microsystems, who started by picking up two pallets of materials. Good Will picked up over 20 gaylords of material, and approximately 12.5 tons of materials were diverted from the landfill.

With the assistance of the Rotary Club, staff built our green book Holiday tree and completed our frosted/snowflake Holiday windows. Laura Kraus made a stop action movie that was posted to Facebook.

Volunteer Services

NOVEMBER 2011 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	145
OCTOBER - Volunteer hours	1292.95
Volunteer Value*	\$ 21.36
	\$27,617.41

November Incidents

- 38 Disturbing others using the Library
- 23 Harassment/Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 11 Violating Internet Policy
- 11 Disorderly conduct
- 9 Using obscene language
- 9 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 9 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 7 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 7 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 7 Sleeping in the Library
- 6 Appropriate clothing is required
- 6 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 5 Entering unauthorized areas
- 4 Strong Odor
- 4 Unintended use of restrooms
- 4 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 3 Soliciting and panhandling

- 3 Destruction of Library property
- 3 Bringing food or drink into the Library
- 2 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 2 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
- 1 Bringing animals into the Library
- 1 Fighting

175 Total

Locations	# of Incidents
ACE	43
ALW	20
ATB	11
ACB	10
ASJ	10
AOK	9
ARZ	9
ATO	8
APH	6
AMR	5
AOS	5
ASE	5
AUH	5
AWP	5
ARR	3
AYB	2
ACP	1
AHC	1
AMI	1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

<http://www.ci.austin.tx.us/library/calendar.htm>

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