

Highlights

- The Austin Teen Book Festival, a free event sponsored by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, will be held September 28th, at the Palmer Events Center from 8:30am-5:30pm
- Author J.A. Jance will visit the North Village Branch October 2 at 7 PM to promote her new book, *Second Watch*.
- "Southern Food Matters: Race, Class, and Gender in Tomatoes, Biscuits, and Greens" - part of the "How to Prepare a Possum" exhibit program series at the AHC, October 22. 6:30pm
- The 2013 Mayor's Book Club Fall novel will be *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk* by Ben Fountain which explores the impact of the Iraq War on soldiers, families and the American mindset.
Join Ben Fountain for a series of events:
 - ~**Headline Event & Reading:** Co-sponsored by the Harry Ransom Center. Mayor Lee Leffingwell welcomes Ben Fountain, who will read from *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*, followed by a conversation with Sarah Bird, author of *The Gap Year*. Faulk Central Library. Saturday, October 19, 2-3pm
 - ~**Writing Workshop:** Ben Fountain will lead a writing workshop inspired by *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*. Space is limited. Call 542-0076 to reserve your spot. Twin Oaks Branch Library, Saturday, October 19, 10:30-11:30am
 - ~**Mayor's Book Club Salon with The Dionysium:** The Dionysium, a local, live monthly show exploring contemporary and historical ideas through lecture, debate, cartoons, music, and fun, will dedicate its October program to *The Yellow Birds* and *Billy Lynn's Long Halftime Walk*. The Alamo Drafthouse North Village, Wednesday, October 9, 7pm.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Construction activities continue to accelerate at 710 W. Cesar Chavez Street, the site of Austin's New Central Library. Chilled water piping installation is ongoing under the planned extension of W. Second Street, as is the excavation of a bore pit needed for the library's wastewater service near W. Cesar Chavez and the future extension of West Avenue. An abandoned air shaft for the former Seahom Power Plant was uncovered during the excavation of the bore pit. In an effort to demolish the air shaft, Hensel Phelps attempted to pump the water out of the shaft, but once the pumping stopped, the water returned quickly. Hensel Phelps will find a concrete mix that can be placed underwater in the shaft to act as a plug. Once the shaft has been plugged, it is believed that the water can be pumped out of the underground tunnel, currently located within the building limits. Once the underground tunnel is dry, a determination will need to be made about how the tunnel will be left, as the tunnel runs underneath the building foundation.

Our Construction Manager-at Risk, Hensel Phelps, has shared findings that their Deep Well Dewatering sub-contractor has learned working at the adjacent Seaholm Redevelopment site, namely that the volume of water being removed from the deep wells at the Seaholm site is higher than expected based on the Geotechnical reports. If these conditions are found to be the same at the New Central Library site, modifications including an automatic sump pump system may be needed for the New Central Library underground parking garage. A Pre-Proposal Conference for the New Central Library and Related Improvements (Proposal Package 2A) was held on September 17, 2013 at the offices of Hensel Phelps Construction Company for subcontractors interested in bidding on portions of the work. On September 23, 2013, a multi-departmental meeting will be held for a presentation and feedback session regarding consultant-generated concepts for interactive data visualizations for the Seaholm EcoDistrict. At this time, the project schedule for the New Central Library has been established as follows:

- ~ November 2013 ~ Building permits received
- ~ December 2013 ~ Building Construction begins
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ Summer 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

2012 Bond Development Process: Library Facilities Services personnel are currently involved in a Life-cycle cost analysis (LCCA) effort with representatives from other City of Austin departments with facility management responsibilities. LCCA is a method for assessing the total cost of facility ownership over a facility's expected useful life. It takes into account all costs of acquiring, owning, operating, maintaining and disposing of a building or building system. Life-cycle cost analysis is expected to provide City of Austin decision makers with the financial information they need to make responsible decisions about maintaining, improving and constructing facilities. Because funding is limited, City of Austin building designers and facilities managers have traditionally focused on minimizing the initial cost of a structure. Unfortunately, this practice has often produced inefficient, short-lived structures with unnecessarily high operation and maintenance costs. Over the life of a building, operation and maintenance costs add up to more than the initial construction cost, both for new construction and for major replacement and improvement projects, so it makes very good sense to include the expense of operation and maintenance when evaluating cost effectiveness. The next meeting of the City's Life-cycle Costs Working Group will be on September 27, 2013.

Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program Plan: The appropriations planned for approval in the Library Department's FY 2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget currently include:

- \$1,000,000 for collection growth required by the New Central Library Project
 - \$2,130,000 for three branch library improvement projects (University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion, Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade, and Milwood Branch Renovation)
- The Financial Year 2014 Spending Plan for the Library Department's Capital Improvement Program totals \$48.1 million and includes the following projects:
- New Central Library - \$44.8 million
 - Building Improvements - \$2.5 million
 - Other projects- \$0.9 million

Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:

The Library Department's Exterior Security Camera Project is being carried out as part of the Communications Technology Management Department's larger ESAS Project. The ESAS Project is currently providing an integrated enterprise level security solution towards installing new services and replacing end of life and/or updating access control, video surveillance and alarm systems throughout the City of Austin. The Communications Technology Management Department (CTM) has advised the Austin Public Library (APL) that sufficient enough spending authority has been released to their vendor, Schneider Electric, to perform the work required on the remaining nine (9) Library sites to receive exterior security cameras. Those nine (9) Library locations are the Spicewood Springs, Cepeda, Manchaca Road, Pleasant Hill, Howson, Milwood, Old Quarry, Yarborough, and Oak Hill branch libraries. Although our two newest branches, North Village and Twin Oaks, opened with security camera surveillance systems in place, APL will be replacing their digital video recorders (DVRs) with newer network video recorders (NVRs) in order to make their monitoring more compatible with the rest of the department's protective services operations. APL has previously received conditional approval from the Public Works Department (PWD) for the asbestos and lead-in-paint remediation work necessary prior to the installation of any equipment. However, APL and PWD has commissioned a testing lab and consultant to collect samples in order that a more definitive survey report might be generated regarding asbestos and/or lead containing materials found in the path of the Library Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project. Material samples were successfully taken between August 12th and August 16th at each of the nine branch library work sites. It was determined that four of the nine branch library sites will require hazardous materials remediation before the work of installing the security camera system can proceed. Careful coordination of work efforts between the Austin Public Library, Communication Technology Management, Public Works and Schneider Electric will be required to implement this project at these four sites: Spicewood Springs, Old Quarry, Howson and Manchaca Road branch libraries. Due to a revised master agreement between the City of Austin and Titus, that firm is now revising their cabling proposals for the project to reflect the new negotiated costs. The Austin Public Library is also waiting for the approved proposals from Schneider Electric for the purchase of security camera equipment to be issued by

the Communication Technology Management Department, following a delay caused by the close-out of Fiscal Year 2012-2013 documents for the City of Austin.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:

The proposal from the Job Order Contractor selected for this project has been accepted by the Library Department, and the contract is now being reviewed by the Law Department of the City of Austin. The contractor is currently in the process of issuing sub-contracts and gathering product submittals, especially for those items requiring a long lead time for ordering and shipping. A pre-construction meeting is anticipated to be scheduled soon to start the coordination process necessary for a challenging retrofit of mechanical components in an occupied building.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:

The Library Department has been informed by the Office of Real Estate Services that an appraisal has been received for the property that must be acquired in order to expand the parking lot of the University Hills Branch Library. The Office of Real Estate Services will now send an offer package to the owners of the property under discussion.

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: The Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project will repair a failing sanitary sewer line and replace worn finishes, furniture and equipment at this heavily used branch serving the Northwest quadrant of the City of Austin. An appropriation to fund the design of the project was received by the Library Department in June, and the infrastructure renewal project will be managed in-house by the Library's own Facilities Services staff. The project's Design Phase requires the Library Facilities Services Division to obtain the services of an architectural firm from the City of Austin's rotation list of pre-approved architectural consultants. In order to establish the accurate scope of work required for a professional services agreement with a consulting architect, the Library Department is conducting staff meetings to determine specific space planning, furniture, finishes and equipment needs for the project. In the meantime, an asbestos and lead survey of the entire building is being carried out prior to the start of any renovation work, as required by the City of Austin.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: This project has been undergoing a strong preliminary planning phase in order to establish the scope of work. A number of site visits and planning sessions have been conducted by the project manager with Facilities Services and Library Information Services staff members possessing specialized knowledge of the infrastructure improvements needed at this twenty-seven year old branch library building. A design input meeting with Branch Services staff is now being scheduled by the project manager for the week of September 23, 2013.

RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project: On August 29, 2013, Council authorized the award and execution of a 15-month contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule (TXMAS) cooperative purchasing program with Alpha Data Corporation for conversion of the magnetic materials handling and tracking systems at

three Austin Public Library branches, Spicewood Springs, Milwood and the Will Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, to radio frequency identification (RFID) technology in an amount not to exceed \$181,693. To fund the acquisition of this RFID system, Council also approved on that date of an ordinance amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Austin Public Library Capital Budget with an appropriation of \$232,000 from the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Operating Budget of the Austin Public Library. The three branches will each be equipped with three RFID Self-Checkout machines as well as with RFID collection security detection systems. This upgrade to RFID technology will improve tracking of Library materials and allow for convenient customer self-checkout. Currently, two Austin Public Library locations, the North Village and Twin Oaks branch libraries, are equipped with 3M RFID technology. The New Central Library, currently scheduled to open in 2016, will also be equipped with RFID technology. The project is a business priority of the Austin Public Library and will provide tangible improvements to service delivery and access to materials while increasing operational efficiency. The RFID equipment required to upgrade the Spicewood Springs Branch, Milwood Branch and Will Hampton Branch at Oak Hill is currently in the purchasing process. Staff at these three branches have weeded their collections in anticipation of the upcoming conversion, and a full RFID tagging of these collections is now in the planning stage. Branch staff are also adding RFID tags to all hold items being routed to currently equipped RFID branches as well as multimedia items sent to the Faulk Central Library. Furthermore, all newly acquired collection items for the Austin Public Library system are now being RFID tagged before being sent to the owning libraries.

Austin History Center

Awards

- The AHC received an Austin Chronicle 2013 Best of Austin award – the Critic’s Choice “Best LGBTQ Time Travel” award. Video Archivist Tim Hamblin was recognized for leading the AHC effort to document the history of the LGBTQ community in Austin.

Grants

- The AHC received a grant from the University of North Texas to digitize the Bergstrom-Austin Community Council photographs. The grant will allow the AHC to add 264 images from this collection to the Portal to Texas History. These images document the history of the Bergstrom AFB and its transition to the city-owned airport.

Programming and Outreach

- On August 17, the AHC held a Photo Heritage Day at the Twin Oaks Branch, in partnership with the Austin Post. The AHC met with numerous members of the Bouldin Creek neighborhood and acquired dozens of historic photographs of the area to add to the AHC collections.
- Curator of Archives Susan Rittreiser was interviewed by Michael May of Radiolab on August 18. Radiolab is a radio series produced by WNYC that airs regularly on NPR. The interview was about the Charles Whitman Mass Murder for an upcoming episode on the brain and neuroscience.
- Asian American Community Archivist Esther Chung gave a presentation to the UT Multicultural Engagement Center on August 20. 50 people were in attendance.
- The AHC and AHCA held a very successful program,

“An Evening with Jeff Kerr and Stephen Harrigan,” on August 28. 85 people were regaled with stories about the early days of Austin and its creation as the Capital of Texas.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, the Bergstrom-Austin Community Council Records, the Performing Arts Collection, the Austin Public School Records, and the Appraisal Associated of Austin Collection, and placed EAD encoded finding aids for the collections on the Internet at the TARO website. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC acquired a collection of papers and records from the widow of Allen McCree, the former architect at the Capitol and president of the West Austin Neighborhood Group. The collection includes materials from his work with WANG and the original photographs used in his book, *Austin and its Architecture*.
- Mexican American Community Archivist Gloria Espitia added 4 oral history interviews as part of her Brown Berets and Latina Musicians projects. The interviews included Marcelo Tafoya, editor and publisher of *The Echo*, Sylvia Donley, daughter of Manuel “Cowboy” Donley and co-founder of the first all-girl Latina band in Austin, the Baltierra Family (5 in one interview), an all-girl Austin band, and Mariachi Guadalupano, comprised of 8 members of the Manuel Gonzalez family.
- African American Community Archivist Cynthia Evans conducted 2 oral history interviews: one of former City Councilmember Dr. Charles Urdy, and one of Dr. Charles Akins.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book on Texas Curiosities, stories in the Austin American Statesman, and for display in a new downtown hotel. Also, three recent publications made mention of the AHC and the author’s use of our collections for their work: Jeff Kerr’s *Seat of Empire*, James Haley’s *The Texas Supreme Court*, and Jane Sibley’s *Jane’s Window*.

Upcoming Events

- October 1. At 6:30 pm at the Terrazzas Branch, there will be an Opening Reception for the Activist and the Brown Berets in Austin Exhibit.
- October 11. Part of a series of programs related to the Brown Berets exhibit, a program called Latina Voices will be held at Resistencia Bookstore (time TBD).
- October 16. 6:30 pm. Terrazzas Branch. Documenting Activism Through the Lens of a Camera – part of the Brown Berets programs
- October 19. 3:00pm. ACC Riverside. Activism and the Brown Berets in Austin, Texas: 1970s – 1980s
- October 22. 6:30pm at the AHC. “Southern Food Matters: Race, Class, and Gender in Tomatoes, Biscuits, and Greens” - part of the “How to Prepare a Possum” exhibit program series.
- October 25. 10am. Travis County Hall of Government (700 Lavaca). Travis County History Day
- October 27. 3:00 pm at the AHC. A Journalistic View of Grassroots Activism: 1970s – 1980s

Central Library Services **Reference/Programming**

“Chickens in the Library” on Sunday, September 8th was an overwhelming success. The estimated attendance was between 300-400 people. A line of people: adults, children, and families, stretched from the east end of 2nd floor to the west end to see chickens and learn about raising chickens in an urban environment. Everyone got to pet the various breeds of chickens and talk to their owners. The Austin Backyard Chicken Meetup Group presented each chicken variety, discussed the history of each variety in America, its characteristics, strong points, nature, and habits and took questions. The chicken varieties included Dominique, Polish, Campine, Belgian, Quail D’Anvers, Araucana, Plymouth Rock Bantams, Phoenix, La Fleche, Showgirls, Silkies, Sebright and Cornish.

- Faulk is hosting Financial Fitness Seminars, Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. from September 5 – October 3. Attendance at the first 2 seminars, was approximately 20 people per session. Next week’s topic, Social Security Planning will cover areas of confusion such as determining the best timing for retiring and collecting benefits, learning about the effect inflation, taxes and penalties will have on your benefits over time, and helpful strategies that widows and divorcees can use to increase the amount of social security they can collect. It will also cover the secret trick that married couples can use to increase their social security by as much as 50%. The seminars are given by SOFA, the Society for Financial Awareness.
 - Faulk Central will offer another class of the popular Drawing from the Right Side of the Brain on Tuesday, November 5 11 a.m. 1 p.m. for ages 8 to adult. Participants will use the right side of the brain to draw a Thanksgiving cornucopia.
 - Matthew Sturtevant, author of The Sound of Austin: Portraits will be at the Faulk Central Library on Saturday, November 9 at 2 p.m. to discuss his book about the Austin music scene.
- ACLS continues to prepare for the Health Care Act that will begin enrollment in October 2013.

Branch Services

- AMI - The area behind the desk was reorganized to better utilize the increased space which was created by the de-casing project. A second book drop bin now has a place in which to be neatly tucked away where the empty DVD cases once lived and the pre-shelving, previously used by DVDs waiting to be cased, was converted into pre-shelving for Graphic Novels and Youth foreign language materials, both of which lacked a enough space and were frequently piled on a cart.
- AWP - The Windsor Park Book Club had 5 readers at the meeting on the 13th discussing My Antonia by Willa Cather. On the 21st, staff hosted an Arabic film “Where Do We Go Now?” and had 12 viewers.
- ACB - The popular Bad Film Festival came to a close on August 5. Due to the positive comments from attendees, staff is planning a bad film showing for Halloween. Beta Psi Omega, a sorority group that has met regularly at ACB, will be using the display case in celebration of their 75th anniversary.

Library Information Services

ALIS continued work on the FY2013 PC Refresh deployment of 270 desktop computers that will replace the oldest computers. The first phase of the project replacing approximately 120 older Dell PCs is around ninety percent complete. ALIS is currently awaiting the arrival of 150 other PC systems that have been purchased and will be installed by ALIS staff.

The Library Information Systems Division is working with Google to provide digital maps of the interior of all Austin Public Library facilities. The maps will be used in a project that Google is implementing called “Google Indoor Maps”. An example of a facility that Google has already implemented in Indoor maps is the Perry-Canstana Library at UT. Zoom in on the Perry-Canstana Library with your mobile Google Maps Application on your smartphone for a peek. Look for the John Henry Faulk Library interior map to be implemented soon.

The Library “Classic Catalog” e-Library was updated to the latest SirsiDynix software version. Classic Catalog users are now able to reset their PIN/Password with an automated process. The Classic Catalog website presentation was also updated to match the Austin Public Library website.

Recycled Reads

August revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$18,400(51,300 items) and over 4,850 people visited the store. Donations were received from over 280 people, approximately 35,000 items.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 230 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 22 pallets of discarded materials and Image Microsystems picked up 11 pallets from the store. Staff received 41 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing almost 92,000 items at the bookstore. Over 9 tons of materials out of the landfill were kept out of the landfill.

Recycled Reads, which has been designated as a Platinum Level Green Business Leader, was nominated for the 2013 Resource Efficiency Award. Recycled Reads is averaging 25 shoppers per evening during the extended two hour period Thursday evenings between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.

Youth Services

Youth Services staff attended the annual AISD Back-to-School Bash at the Austin Convention Center. The youth librarians were able to provide information about the services and materials APL has to offer student. Youth Librarian, Jean Holland, attended a backpack giveaway at the Rosewood/Zaragoza Neighborhood Center hosted by the City Health and Human Services department. Jean set up a table and provided information about the Library and its services. Youth Services joined in on the fun at the grand reopening of Wooldridge Square. Librarian Suzan Nyfeler planned and prepared a Story Walk where folks walk at their own pace through the Square reading the

book, Imogene's Last Stand, by Candace Fleming. Another successful Youth Summer Reading Program has come and gone with lots of great reading and programming. APL signed up well over 10,000 kids with summer reading logs and had over 4,000 finishers.

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AHC 1
ACB 1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit <http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

Volunteer Services

August 2013 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	163
August - Volunteer hours	1,636.55
Volunteer Value*	\$22.14
	\$36,233.22

Brenda Branch,
Director of Libraries



August Policy Violations

34	Disturbing others using the Library
19	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
19	Sleeping in the Library
18	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
16	Disorderly conduct
12	Violating Internet Policy
11	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
8	Destruction of Library property
6	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
6	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
5	Entering unauthorized area
5	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
4	Using obscene language
4	Leaving personal belongings unattended
4	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
3	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
3	Unintended use of restrooms
3	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
2	Fighting
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
1	Appropriate clothing is required
1	Strong Odor
185	Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	42
ARZ	18
ATB	18
AWK	11
ALW	10
AYB	9
AMR	8
ACP	5
AHO	4
APH	4
ASJ	4
AWP	4
ANV	3
ASE	3
ASR	3
AUH	3