

Highlights

- Rebate Austin will be at the North Village Branch on November 9, 11am - 1pm and at the Manchaca Branch November 18, 6pm - 8pm
- Faulk Central Library will be closed Saturdays and Sundays in November for the Boilers and Flue Retrofit project, starting Saturday, November 9.
- The Austin Public Library Friends Foundation annual fundraiser, Illumine 2013, will be held Friday, November 8, 7-10 p.m. at the Hilton Austin Downtown

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The New Central Library Project continued to make great strides forward throughout the month of October, 2013. On October 2nd, Library managers met with the chief executive officer of the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation (APLFF) to match New Central Library enhancement needs envisioned by the Library Department to fundraising concepts being planned by the APLFF. In anticipation of operating the New Central Library with its multiple public meeting spaces, Library staff met with Austin Convention Center staff on October 3rd to learn how they handle event coordination, scheduling and planning and what software they recommend to help in those endeavors. At the New Central Library site, ongoing construction activities include but are not limited to: demolition of existing utilities, drilling for a deep well dewatering well test, and repairing the exterior of the vault that will become the cistern for the building's rainwater harvesting system. On October 23rd and October 24th, Public Works and Library staff members met with members of the Joint Venture design team to review the furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) needed for the New Central Library and the budget allotted for FF&E acquisition. The project schedule for the New Central Library remains 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.

Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program

Plan: The Capital Planning Office has initiated the important "Rolling Needs Assessment" process, intended to communicate more effectively with municipal decision-makers regarding all departments' long-term capital needs. The strategic planning process will support implementation of the Imagine Austin comprehensive plan through the Capital Improvement Program while insuring that the City is also meeting its basic infrastructure renewal needs. The planning horizon for the CIP Strategic Plan varies from the traditional five-year plan as well as it will identify long-range, unfunded CIP needs for 10 or more years. On October 22nd, Library Facilities Services staff met with the Capital Planning office to identify and discuss the Library Department's long-term unfunded capital needs, allowing the Capital Planning Office to better coordinate and identify planned but unfunded projects for funding opportunities as they arise.

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:

As this project has progressed successfully through the design and contract award phases of project development, the Austin Public Library is ready to initiate construction work on the Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project. Therefore, the Faulk Central Library (800 Guadalupe St.) will be closed to both public and staff every weekend from Saturday, November 9th through Sunday, December 1st while the boilers (furnaces) and the flue (chimney) are being deconstructed and replaced. The Faulk Central Library will be open during regular hours Monday through Friday while the boilers and flue are being retrofitted. The reason for the weekend closures is that much of the demolition and construction work associated with this project will take place in the west stairwell of the Faulk Central Library and, as that stairwell is a major path for egress in the event of a fire or other emergency requiring evacuation, no staff or public can be allowed in the building while construction activities are blocking the stairwell. Having the construction company work a number of weekends, from the time the building closes on Friday evenings until staff enters the building on Monday mornings, was judged preferable, from a customer service viewpoint, to closing the main library for several weeks while construction was carried out. Closing only on weekends likewise allows the main library to continue in its role of administrative hub for the system without necessitating widespread staff and program relocations.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot

Expansion Project: Since receiving an appraisal for the adjacent property necessary to acquire so that the parking lot of the University Hills Branch Library may be expanded, the Office of Real Estate Services has sent an offer package to the owners, and the City of Austin is now awaiting the owner's response.

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:

Negotiations are underway at this time to secure the services of an architectural firm to design the renovation of the Milwood Branch Library. The firm selected from the City's Consultant Architect Rotation List for this important work is Lars Stanley Architects, who previously created the very successful Daniel E. Ruiz Branch Library for the Austin Public Library System.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:

This branch library re-engineering project continues to undergo a strong preliminary planning process in order to firmly establish the scope of work to be undertaken. It has been decided that after the building has been re-engineered, architectural modifications carried out as well as furniture, fixtures and equipment replacements will be in accordance with the "bookstore model" for branch library service delivery. The "bookstore model" building program was adopted by the Austin Public Library for the construction of the new North Village and Twin Oaks branch libraries and has proven to be very popular with library customers. Among other features, the "bookstore model" is characterized by a technology-rich environment, a fresh collection and lively interiors.

RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project:

The equipment needed to convert the Milwood Branch Library, the Spicewood Springs Branch Library and the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill from an electromagnetic-based collection security and management system to the new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology has been purchased, and the Library Department anticipates taking receipt of delivery soon. In the meantime, branch staff are adding RFID tags to all materials placed on hold and en route to either the Twin Oaks Branch Library, North Village Branch Library or the Multimedia Center of the Faulk Central Library, all previously equipped with RFID collection security/management systems. In addition, all new collection items in the Austin Public Library are being RFID tagged before being routed to the branches or the main library. Staff at the Milwood, Spicewood Springs and Will Hampton branches have weeded their collections and are in the planning process for fully RFID tagging those collections. Once the purchased RFID sensing pads are received and installed, RFID tagging of the collections at these three branch libraries can and will be expedited.

Austin History Center

Programming and Outreach

- On September 7, the AHC, in collaboration with the Warfield Center at UT, held the Black Citizens Task Force Collection Unveiling program at the Precinct One Richard E. Scott Judicial Building. This program was held to announce that the Black Citizens Task Force collection at the AHC was processed and available to researchers. African American Community Archivist Cynthia Evans gave a presentation about the collection and invited people to come and use the collection. She was followed by presentations from BCTF member Susan Richardson and Dr. Guridy from the Warfield Center. The event was very well received and attended by approximately 65 community members and previous BCTF members.

- On September 10, the AHC hosted the program "Black Enterprise: Remembering Austin's Pioneering Entrepreneurs." Local food writer Toni Tipton-Martin presented her research about the African American business district that developed on East 6th street in the late 19th century and especially the food related businesses. After her presentation, the Foodways Texas documentary short "Sugar Mama" was screened. 40 people were in attendance.
- On September 11, Mexican American Community Archivist Gloria Espitia was interviewed by Univision about the history of Diez y Seis celebrations in Austin.
- On September 22, Mexican American Community Archivist Gloria Espitia was a guest speaker for the Texas Music Museum Distinguished Texas Music Awards event. She had the honor of introducing Mary Reyna who along with her sister, Patsy, formed Las Hermanas Gonzales during the 1950s.
- September 22 was Austin Museum Day, a city-wide arts and culture celebration hosted by the Austin Museum Partnership. The AHC is an AMP member and participated in the event. 20 people attended a program in the afternoon with local author Beth Fowler, and the AHC saw a regular stream of visitors exploring the exhibit. The daily visitor count was more than twice the average for a Sunday at the AHC.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 4 collections, the Austin High School Programs and Ephemera, the Allan Junior High School Papers, the PODER Records, and the Zarker Video 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.
- Asian American Archivist Esther Chung acquired a small collection of photographs of the Thai Buddhist Temple.
- Mexican American Archivist Gloria Espitia conducted a number of oral history interviews as part of her ongoing projects. She interviewed Manuel "Cowboy" Donley and his two daughters, Sylvia Donley & Mary Donley Slover, all musicians, and Susana Almanza and Sabino "Pio" Renteria in conjunction with the Activism and the Brown Berets Project.

Exhibits

- Asian American Archivist Esther Chung created an exhibit, "Waves of Hope: Asian American History in Austin," for the opening of the new Asian American Resource Center. They held their grand opening on September 28, and Esther was one of the presenters to an estimated crowd of 500 people.
- The AHC loaned a 1919 Suffrage Map from the Jane McCallum collection to the Bullock Texas State History Museum. This item will be on display in the museum's permanent exhibit about Suffrage in Texas until next spring.
- The AHC opened a new traveling exhibit at the Terrazas Branch Library, "Activist and the Brown Berets in Austin, Texas: 1970s-1980s." This exhibit features photos and documents from AHC collections, including many newly acquired items, and showcases the activities and achievements of the Brown Berets, a civil rights/community organization that arose during the Chicano Movement of the 1960s. The exhibit closes on October 31, and there are plans being developed for the exhibit to travel to one of the

ACC campuses.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a number of upcoming PBS shows, including the Austin episode of Genealogy Roadshow, History Detectives, and a documentary, "Ruben Salazar: Man in the Middle." Additionally, AHC resources were used for a Univision show about Mexican Fiestas, an upcoming book titled *Some Gave All: Forgotten Old West Lawmen Who Died With Their Boots On*, news stories appearing in the *Austin American Statesman*, *West Austin News*, and *Urban Home Magazine*, and for display at the new Hotel Ella.

Upcoming Events

- On December 4, the AHC and AHCA will host a program with Julian Read, the former press secretary to Governor John Connally. Read recently wrote a book about the JFK assassination and will speak about his experiences with the Connally's, especially on that fateful day in November 1963. The program will be at the AHC in the evening (time TBD).

Branch Services

- Carver Branch was pleased to hear that the APL received funding to for a permanent, full time Program Specialist to assist customers at their Job Lab. Carver staff also worked with Beta Psi Omega, a sorority with many members with roots in east Austin, to put up a photo and memorabilia display in celebration of their 75th anniversary.
- Howson Branch put together a display of "silly/quaint" hats in their glass case called "Hats At Howson" which has attracted many visitors. Their book display of Scottish writers and books on Scotland was also popular.
- Willie Mae Kirk Branch management is trying to make the library more visually appealing by removing clutter. Staff took down many unnecessary signs, posters, plants that were taking up room, outdated globes, etc. The library looks cleaner and staff will take photos when the task is completed.
- Spicewood Springs Branch staff put their shoulders to the wheel on the day after Labor Day, September 3 - staff worked persistently and had all the holiday weekend book returns checked in by noon. They had 1074 customers in the library that day, and checked out over 3,000 items.

Recycled Reads

August revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$15,400 (12,600 items) and over 4,300 people visited the store. Donations were received from over 190 people, approximately 41,100 items.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 230 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 21 pallets of discarded materials and Image Microsystems picked up 18 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 11 tons of materials out of the landfill were kept out of the landfill.

Staff met to discuss the details of implementing the IMLS

grant and the migration of the blog to the APL website, as well as possible layout options for the ARR website within the APL website.

- AMR 4
- AUH 3
- ANV 2
- ASR 2
- ATO 2
- AWK 2
- AYB 2
- AOK 1
- AHO 1
- AOQ 1
- ARR 1
- ASE 1
- ASJ 1
- AWP 1

Youth Services

Youth Services staff once again participated at the Austin Teen Book Festival at the Austin Convention Center. Staff provided information about programs and services to the over 800 teens who dropped by to learn more about the Library!

Volunteer Services

August 2013 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	161
August - Volunteer hours	1298.63
Volunteer Value*	\$22.14
	\$28,751.66

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

August Policy Violations

- 20 Disturbing others using the Library
- 19 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 13 Disorderly conduct
- 10 Using obscene language
- 9 Sleeping in the Library
- 9 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 8 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 7 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 5 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 5 Destruction of Library property
- 4 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 4 Appropriate clothing is required
- 4 Unintended use of restrooms
- 3 Bringing animals into the Library
- 3 Fighting
- 3 Smoking in the Library
- 2 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
- 2 Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
- 2 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 1 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 1 Entering unauthorized area
- 1 Violating Internet Policy
- 1 No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
- 1 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling
- 1 Strong Odor
- 1 Public Lewdness
- 1 No hat policy
- 141 Total**

Brenda Branch,
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Locations # of Incidents

- ACE 31
- ATB 15
- ARZ 14
- ALW 10
- APH 6
- ACB 5
- ACP 5