

Highlights

- Austin Public Library's new Bookmobile opens at the Milwood branch on May 2, ready to provide limited interim Library services to the area until construction is completed.
- The Milwood Branch will reopen to the public on Saturday, June 4.
- The Twin Oaks Branch music series "Two O'Clock Tunes" showcases local musicians in the outdoor amphitheater. On Saturday May 7, at 2 PM, the series celebrates Cinco de Mayo with Manual "Cowboy" Donley and Mariachi los Gallos.
- Join us for a discussion, *The Taniguchis and Texas: Austin's Japanese American History*, May 10, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center.
- The Health, Wellness and You series of workshops continues at the Faulk Central Library with *Your Pain, Your Posture and Your Potential*, Sunday, May 1, at 3 PM.
- *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln* by Stephen Harrigan is the 2016 Mayor's Book Club selection. Upcoming events include Writing Historical Fiction, Saturday, April 30, 1-3 PM, Twin Oaks Branch; Film Screening, *Lincoln*, Monday, May 2, 6-8:45 PM, Windsor Park Branch; *The Path to the Presidency: From Lincoln to the Present*, Tuesday, May 10, 7-9 PM, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum; Reading & Conversation, Sunday, May 15, 2-3 PM, Faulk Central Library.
- The Hampton Branch at Oak Hill presents *Rebate Austin!*, a one-stop shop for all to learn about the residential rebates and freebies offered by the City of Austin and Texas Gas Service, Friday, May 20, 2:30-5:30 PM and Saturday, May 21, 2-5 PM.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: In construction terms, Substantial Completion means a project is ready for the owner's acceptance and occupancy, and with Substantial Completion scheduled to be reached on June 16 for the New Central Library, the building and site are teeming this month with construction activities from basement to rooftop, as one might well imagine. In the two levels of underground parking garage, installation of permanent lighting fixtures is progressing rapidly while the three "jump" elevators that will bring customers to the first floor of the building are even now being powered up. Throughout the upper levels of the building at this moment in time, terrazzo, stone and wooden flooring is being installed, walls and other elements are being painted, the battery of elevators are being programmed for operation, and acoustic ceilings finished out. On the exteriors, the last of the stone veneer is being installed along with metal panels and steel scrim, including the steel scrim inscribed with library quotes at the Great Reading Room on the fourth floor. Planting beds are now being tended on the rooftop garden, and on April 28, a crane will lift a live oak tree and landscaping boulders for installation as roof garden features. On April 7, the Austin City Council authorized the negotiation and

execution of three separate contracts with Indoff, Inc. to provide furniture and fixtures for the New Central Library in an amount not to exceed \$804,347. In the months to come, the Library Department anticipates requesting Council approval to purchase more New Central Library furniture and shelving as well as technology, including but not limited to laptop/tablet self-checkout kiosks for customer use. Finally, formal lease negotiations are now underway with an impressive restaurant management group interested in being tenants for the New Central Library Café and Catering opportunity. Key dates remaining on the project schedule are:

- ~ Summer 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: On Tuesday, April 5, the Library Department was granted a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy (TCO) for Phase I of the Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project. A Certificate of Occupancy is issued by the Building Inspection Division of the Planning and Development Review Department certifying that a building has been constructed in compliance with applicable building codes and other laws, and indicating it to be in a condition suitable for occupancy. A building owner may obtain a Temporary Certificate of occupancy for a project carried out in phases, allowing partial occupancy to stock furniture and materials. Since Phase II work on the project only impacts the public restrooms and meeting room, Facilities Services personnel are now busily installing shelving in the main reading room, and branch library staff will soon begin organizing the collection on those shelving ranges. Shipments of new furniture ordered for the building are anticipated to begin arriving on Monday, April 18. In addition, new CAT 6 structural cabling is being installed and terminated throughout the building. The Library Department's brand new bookmobile was delivered to the Milwood Branch Library site on Wednesday, April 6, and the vehicle is now being outfitted to serve as a mobile mini-library. One challenge encountered in preparing the bookmobile for service is that the new Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) collection management system used by the Library has not been tested previously for a wireless interface. Nevertheless, the Library estimates that the wireless RFID system will be fully functional by the end of April, making the bookmobile ready to be stocked to provide service to the community. By way of informing the public, the anticipated bookmobile hours of operation will be posted on the Library's website shortly. Construction of the Google Fiber Maintenance Hut at the Milwood Branch Library site has been delayed by the difficulty of excavation in the presence of almost impenetrable Texas limestone bedrock. However, the Google Maintenance Hut is expected to be completed before the reopening of the Milwood Branch Library, still on target to be celebrated near the end of May.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: To prevent the scope of work from being pushed by Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act and City of Austin LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements beyond budgetary limitations, this project is now being reevaluated. As the estimated cost of construction, with desired architectural modifications and ADA and LEED requirements included, surpasses the project's construction budget, it is believed that the scope of work will be returned to its original engineering parameters: a total roof replacement with asbestos abatement as necessary coupled with a complete HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment and controls retrofit.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The Office of Real Estate Services has sent a revised final purchase offer to owners of the property needed for this parking lot expansion project. A meeting is planned to be held with the owner this month to review the offer and determine if the property can be acquired through negotiation (including administrative settlement) or if acquisition by eminent domain is necessary. For the Art In Public Places (AIPP) portion of the project, the selected artist, Colin McIntyre, has begun design on an outdoor sculpture for the site. One of the main goals of this AIPP project is to reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhoods and the diverse population served by the University Hills Branch Library in the work of art being created. To that end, the artist will be collaborating with the community as well as project representatives to develop his artwork. The Library Department will support the art installation by providing for the artwork's landscaping and lighting requirements by means of the project's design and construction contracts. The Facilities Services project manager is currently awaiting further information from the artist in these regards before forwarding same to the civil engineering consultants for inclusion in the plans and specifications.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: The project's 100% complete construction documents have been approved by the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department and forwarded to the City of Austin Capital Contracting Office (CCO) . Library Facilities Services is now compiling a package of project information requested by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO) for processing purposes. Once approved, the Library Department will acquire the services of a CCO Rotation List Job Order Contractor (JOC) to perform the foundation repair work required at the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library. In a separate project development, the Austin Independent School District Board of Trustees unanimously approved on March 28 of the lease agreement between Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin for the provision of a temporary public library on the Widen Elementary School campus while the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is closed for repairs.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: On April 18, a meeting was held on site to allow the engineering consultants and Library Facilities Services staff to establish the scope of work for the project, thereby

initiating the Preliminary Design Phase. The final scope of work continues to be fine-tuned by Library Facilities Services staff and the consultant engineers so that the consultant engineers may submit an appropriate professional services agreement proposal to design the work. The consultants' Professional Engineering Report (PER) for the project and their proposed Option One for correcting current deficiencies has been approved by Library Facilities Services. Option One of the PER calls for the installation of a wet-pipe system as well as providing gas heating to the warehouse so that the required minimum temperature of forty degrees can be maintained.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project: It is anticipated that the consultant architects will have 60% of the design for this project completed by the end of the month. Since the project's construction estimate exceeds \$300,000, it will be required by City of Austin ordinance to achieve at least a Silver Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Certification. Library Facilities Services is now in the process of finalizing a contract with a commissioning agent to assist in meeting LEED requirements. When a building is commissioned, it undergoes an intensive quality assurance process that begins during design and continues through construction, occupancy and operations. The added cost of achieving LEED certification does, however, exceed the project budget established during the estimation process in 2011 and will necessitate some desired building elements to be removed from the scope of work. Library Facilities Services has scheduled a public project review meeting to go over changes both scope and schedule. That meeting will be held at the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill on Tuesday, May 17, at 7 PM, and the event will be well advertised throughout the community. Since construction is now not expected to be initiated until early 2017 to allow time for LEED components to be included in the plans and specifications, the branch library meeting room will remain open for reservations through the end of 2016.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project: In March, Library Facilities Services consulted at length with the City of Austin Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group (ALMMG) to establish the scope and sequencing of the lead (Pb) based paint remediation to be performed during the restoration of the original wrought iron balconies at the Austin History Center. City of Austin hazardous material treatment protocol requires that this remediation be carried out by ALMG rather than by a subcontractor under the supervision of the general contractor, and this process has to be thoroughly defined in the Invitation for Bid (IFB) specifications. A local, certified art conservator has been selected to provide the restoration work required for the Eighth Street entrance loggia fresco. The art conservator has recommended that this art restoration work be scheduled for October, 2016, after the Texas summer months have passed, to avoid complications arising from paint pigments drying too quickly. It is now planned that the remainder of the restoration work be accomplished in a second phase as it will require multiple jurisdiction approvals (including the City of Austin Landmark commission and the Texas Historical Commission) before being allowed to proceed. Library Facilities Services is currently awaiting a revised

professional service agreement from the consultant team of Limbacher and Godfrey Architects for the newly determined scope of exterior renovations for the building envelope and interior renovations for the David Earl Holt Gallery. Construction for the second phase of the project is now anticipated to be issued official Notice to Proceed in late 2017.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs

Project: The final Professional Engineering Report (PER) is currently under review by the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department, and approved by Library Facilities Services. Based on the PER and the consultant engineers' recommended construction repair process approved by Library Facilities Services, a proposal from the consultant engineers is being prepared to design and help manage the construction of the project for the Library Department.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility

Improvement Project: The project's scope of work was defined on April 1, during an on-site meeting of Library Facilities Services staff members and the involved consultants. Irrespective of the kind of project or the size and duration of the project's life cycle, every project requires a scope of work, sometimes called a scope statement. It is not an easy task outlining a scope of work as there are many variables that influence a project, many deliverables to carry out, and many projected expectations to accomplish. However, defining what is needed is the first step toward establishing a project timeline, setting of project goals and allocating project resources. It was decided that, due to the extent of repairs needed at this facility, not only will the ramp be demolished and rebuilt, but the structural damage found at the foundation and exterior walls near the ramp will be redressed. The standing seam metal roof in this area of the building will be repaired as well. Since the original professional services agreement with the consultant engineers only addressed the ramp being brought into compliance with Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), Library Facilities Services has requested a revised Professional Engineering Report (PER) from the consultants to include the structural and roofing repairs needed. Such a proposal is now being prepared by the consultant engineers for review by Library Facilities Services.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project: Library Facilities Services has secured a professional services agreement for the design and construction management of this renovation project with experienced library architects, Stanley-Salaiz Joint Venture. The initial round of programming meetings with Library staff and the consultant architects has also been completed, and to determine the sustainable features that will be required of the project, a meeting is currently being scheduled with Public Works project manager responsible for overseeing the City of Austin Green Building Policy for Municipal Buildings. The Art in Public Places (AIPP) work group has been contacted to assist with specifying the necessary precautions to take while cleaning and painting around the building's existing mural, "Flights of Fancy."

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

Library Facilities Services has likewise secured a

professional services agreement with The Lawrence Group of Architects for the design and construction management needs of this branch library renovation project. The Lawrence Group Architects are very familiar with the building program of the Austin Public Library from past projects and already have initiated renovation design with the expectation of producing preliminary plans for review by the end of the month. The project consists of minor exterior improvements such as repainting the facility, sealing the roof leak over the staff entrance and repairing the vandalized lighting for the Art in Public Places bronze statue, "Reading Between the Lions." It is expected that the interiors of the library will be reconfigured and the finishes replaced to produce "like-new" conditions.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie was interviewed on the Good Day Austin morning news program on March 23, talking about local women in honor of Women's History Month.
- The AHC launched its YouTube channel in March. The channel will be a vehicle to promote and provide access to digitized copies of historic video and film footage from the AHC collections. Video Archivist Tim Hamblin has uploaded more than a dozen videos grouped by playlists (music, oral history, documentary, etc.). You can view the videos and subscribe to the channel by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmKoOUpsn4H0mUclGAqFtCQ>
- The AHC also launched a redesign of its website in March, improving the navigation of the pages and making the site more mobile friendly.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 7 collections, the Starcke & Quinn Families Papers, the Ada Harden Video Collection, the Neal Douglass Photographic Collection, the Cordelia DeGress Booth Photographic Collection, the Fidencio Duran Papers, the Dr. Freddie B. Dixon Papers, and the American Institute of Architects Austin Chapter Records and placed EAD encoded finding aid for the collection on the Internet at the TARO website. Also, additions were made and the finding aids were updated for the Austin High School Ephemera Collection and the Fehr & Granger Collection. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC added over 100 digitized items from the Pease, Niles and Graham Families Papers to its digital collections on the Portal to Texas History. These items represent a sampling from the collection and can be seen here: http://texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/ASPL/browse/?fq=untl_collection%3ANILES.

Exhibits:

- The AHC opened a new exhibit, "Generations on Paper: Preserving the Pease Family Papers at the Austin History Center," in partnership with the Neill-Cochran House Museum. The exhibit opened with a public reception at the Neill-Cochran House, with specialty cocktails provided by Freedman's Bar and a presentation about the Pease family by AHC Manager Mike Miller. The exhibit will be on display until the end

of the year.

- The AHC also partnered on another exhibit, the Six Square Project. The Six Square Project is a traveling multimedia art exhibit that illuminates the diverse “every day” people that make Austin’s African American Heritage District a unique and culturally vibrant epicenter of Black culture. In cooperation with the Austin African American Heritage District, the Austin History Center, the Texas History Museum, the Greater Austin Black Chamber of Commerce, local artists, and businesses, the Six Square Project commissioned artists from various media including photography, painting, film, video, and sculpture to create “portraits” of local citizens that live within the Six Square District. These multi-media portraits expand the public’s understanding of the importance of Black Culture in Austin and solidify the history embedded in the stories of the people who live in this district. The project opened with an Opening Night Walking Tour and Block Party on March 31

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a new KLRU documentary “Chicano Civil Rights in Austin,” master planning for the Texas School for the Deaf, an upcoming exhibit at the Asian American Resource Center, a documentary film about the Lions Municipal Golf Course, the exhibit “Significant Spaces” at the Capitol, two new books, *Peter Mansbendel: How a Swiss Immigrant Carved His Way Into Texas History* and *Austin Murder & Mayhem*, and four upcoming books: *Killers of the Flower Moon*, *Ima Hogg: The Extraordinary Cultural Patron Behind the Unusual Name*, *The Devil Has the People by the Throat: The Man Who Whipped the Ku Klux Klan* (Texas A&M UP), and *Creators and Consumers: Women and Material Culture and Visual Art in 19th Century Texas* (Museum of Fine Arts, Houston).

Upcoming Events

- May 10, 6:30 PM, AHC: The Taniguchis in Texas
- June 17, 6 PM, Carver Museum (Boyd Vance Theater). Screening of Six Square Project Documentaries

Central Library Services

Upcoming Events

The Mayor’s Book Club selection for 2016 is *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*, the latest novel from local author Stephen Harrigan.

MBC Events include:

The Path to the Presidency: From Lincoln to the Present, Tuesday, May 10, 7-9 PM, Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Experts in American presidential history and politics will discuss the rise of various American presidents and how they shaped the executive office. Featuring H.W. Brands, Jack S. Blanton Chair of History at the University of Texas; Mark Updegrove, director of the LBJ Presidential Library; and Matthew Dowd, political analyst for ABC News. Moderated by the Texas Tribune’s Abby Livingston. With appearances by Mayor Steve Adler and Mayor’s Book Club author Stephen Harrigan. Reception to follow, with libations and light fare, as well as book sales and author signing.

Reading & Conversation, Sunday, May 15, 2-3:30 PM

John Henry Faulk Library. Author Stephen Harrigan will read from *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln* and discuss the novel with KUT’s Jennifer Stayton. Book sales and signing to follow.

Writing Historical Fiction (Free writer’s workshop), Saturday, April 30, 1:30-3 PM. Twin Oaks Branch Library. Stephen Harrigan will lead and discuss the process of researching and crafting works of historical fiction.

Film Screening: *Lincoln*, Monday, May 2, 6-8:45 PM, Windsor Park Branch Library. The Austin Public Library will screen Steven Spielberg’s 2012 film *Lincoln*.

Staff

Reference staff were awarded the Austin Public Library Project of the Year Employee Award for their program Tech Toy Time.

Branch Services

Old Quarry has partnered with the Austin Learning Academy to offer ESL classes, which are open to all, but targeted at refugees. The program has grown in popularity in a very short time and, as a result, new classes have been added.

St. John hosted a very successful Pickle Elementary Parent-Principal Coffee on Feb 26 . Over 40 parents and children attended and learned about library materials and programs.

Ruiz’s Citizenship 101 Classes had 28 attendees for the month.

University Hills reports that AARP tax help has been going strong, with 152 returns prepared in February.

Pleasant Hill gave a tour to a bilingual class from nearby Pleasant Hill Elementary School. They also had a class visit from St. Elmo Elementary on February 10, with Heidi Urbina from ACYS providing the tour that day.

Youth Services

Youth Services presented a successful program called Circuit Break at the Ruiz Branch in March. The final count of attendees was 225!!! It was a great evening of fun with paper and musical circuits, tech salvage, snap circuits, Minecraft, MaKey MaKey, face painting, perler beads and much more.

Youth Services’ Echo and the Bats played a set at the Faulk Central Library as part of the Library’s participation in SXSW. Approximately 85 folks came to listen to songs that encourage reading.

On Saturday, April 9, the Ruiz Branch had its first Día de los niños ~ Día de los libros event at APL. With many volunteers aboard to help, the Library had over 400 more visitors than normal. For the program, five performing groups provided the entertainment: Ballet Folklórico MariCruz (from the PanAm Cantu Recreation Center), Sonorous Ensemble (Mendez Middle School Chamber Orchestra), Mendez MS Orchestra, Allison Elementary Dragon Choir, and LEAD @Baty Choir/Recorder Group.

All groups were extremely talented and the customers really enjoyed their performances. The large meeting room, reading lobby and youth section were also filled with literacy and science activities for children and families to do. The Divine Canines volunteer brought a dog called Toma so that children could spend time reading to him. "Clifford, the Big Red Dog" was there to participate as KLRU, one of Día's long standing partners, loaned the mascot's costume for the event and one of the AmeriCorps volunteers graciously accepted the task of being Clifford.

Recycled Reads

March revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$15,325. Over 3500 people visited the store, including 426 attending the 10 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 260 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 21 pallets of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 28 pallets of materials representing approximately 58,200 items at the bookstore. Approximately 23 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 55,000 items, were processed.

ARR is continuing the price per pound program with Thrift Books in Dallas. They pay 12 cents per pound on the books sent to them. They picked up 12 pallets.

Volunteer Services

March 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	253
Total Volunteer hours	649.35
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.07
	\$ 38,050.50

Policy Violations

- 34 Disturbing others using the Library
- 29 Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
- 28 Sleeping in the Library
- 25 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 20 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 17 Disorderly conduct
- 15 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
- 13 Using obscene language
- 12 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 9 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 9 Destruction of Library property
- 7 Indecent exposure
- 6 No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
- 6 Fighting
- 5 Violating Internet Policy
- 5 Strong odor
- 5 Leaving personal belongings unattended

- 5 Public Lewdness
- 5 Unintended use of restrooms
- 4 Smoking in the Library
- 3 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 2 Bringing animals into the Library
- 2 Voyeurism and peeping
- 2 Appropriate clothing is required
- 1 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 1 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
- 1 Entering unauthorized areas
- 1 Soliciting and panhandling
- 1 No Hat Policy
- 273 Total**

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	42
Little Walnut	24
Ruiz	17
North Village	9
Pleasant Hill	8
Spicewood	7
Carver	3
Old Quarry	6
History Center	5
Cepeda	4
Hampton	4
Manchaca Rd	4
Southeast	4
St. John	3
Recycled Reads	2
Milwood	1
Howson	1

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

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