

Highlights

- Buffalo Soldier, presented by Texas Parks & Wildlife, is an interactive educational program with uniformed soldiers telling stories and comparing life on the Texas frontier. Cepeda Branch, Wednesday, February 10, at 6 PM.
- The Finnish folk duo Vellamo will be making a repeat appearance at the Yarborough Branch, Wednesday, February 17, at 7 PM.
- This Little Light of Mine: The Legacy of Fannie Lou Hamer, a documentary by Robin Hamilton will be screened at the Carver Branch, Friday, February 19, at 6:30 PM.
- Join the Austin History Center and author Stephen Dean for a discussion of his new book, Historic Dance Halls of East Central Texas, with concert by Czech Melody Masters, Sunday, February 21, at 2 PM.
- Ivy and the Wicker Suitcase returns to the Faulk Central Library, Sunday, February 21, at 2 PM.
- The Health, Wellness and You series of workshops continues at the Faulk Central Library with Body Movement Challenge, Sunday, February 7, at 3 PM.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Diverse and multiple building activities are underway at the New Central Library this month, with between 250 and 300 workers representing all construction trades employed at the site every day. Gypsum board walls and ceilings are rapidly being installed throughout the building as the ceramic tile installation is completed in restrooms, locker rooms and other potentially wet areas. Likewise, the raised access floors are nearly finished on all six levels of the library, allowing modular underfloor wiring to proceed. Rough-in and installation work continues for plumbing, electrical and mechanical equipment and devices in all the interior spaces. Fire protection piping installation is also a very important, ongoing activity at this time, and is an extensive, acoustic plaster system installation on the atrium ceiling. On the exteriors of the building, the stone veneer is still being installed on all four elevations as is the scrim support steel and curtain walls and windows. The key dates on the established project schedule are as follow:

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

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: After extended negotiations and efforts to fulfill the subcontractor requirements of the Department of Small and Minority Business Resources (DSMBR), Notice to Proceed was issued on December 15, to the Job Order Contractor, Jamail & Smith Construction, LP. Jamail & Smith is well experienced with the Library Department's building program as the firm served as the general contractor for both the North Village and Twin Oaks branch library construction projects. Mobilization for construction began immediately as the branch library, except for the meeting room providing

interim library services, was turned over to the contractor and subcontractors for their work activities. A pre-construction meeting was held at the site on December 21, to review contract responsibilities, schedules and any open issues. Attending personnel from the Library Department, the design team of Stanley-Salaiz Joint Venture, and Jamail & Smith all committed to responding quickly to construction administrative questions and product submittal approval requests in order to expedite completion of the project. The Milwood Branch pocket library is scheduled to remain open to the public through Saturday, February 20. After that date, it will be necessary to release the entire building to the contractor so that the public restrooms adjacent to the meeting room can be rebuilt to comply with the new 2012 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Temporary library services will be provided to the Milwood area beginning in March by means of a newly purchased, state-of-the-art bookmobile stationed at the site. This high-tech bookmobile is essentially a standalone mini-library, complete with computer stations, WiFi connectivity capability, a select collection and is equipped with an exterior-mounted, fifty-inch display monitor for program presentations. The bookmobile will also allow Milwood customers to pick up materials placed on hold and to return library materials in their own service area. The manufacturers of the new furniture and equipment ordered for the Milwood Branch Library have all been advised to deliver their products in time for the renovated facility to reopen to the public by May 31.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: Library Facilities Services completed its review of the Amendment to the Professional Services Proposal from the consultant engineers for this project. The Amendment will allow the consultants to perform the additional scope of work requested by the Library Department. This additional scope of work consists primarily of architectural modifications made possible by the planned relocation of the building's mechanical equipment from interior spaces to a new, rooftop location. After a minor correction to the Reimbursable Expenses section has been made by the consultants, the Amendment will be approved. Compensation methods for architectural and engineering services take varied forms; Reimbursable Expenses are charged at cost plus a reasonable administrative charge, and include reproduction costs applicable to the project, such as blueprinting, photographs, printing and binding.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The Office of Real Estate Services is having the contracted appraisal firm reappraise the property needed since the original appraiser passed away recently. After the appraisal and land use plan are updated, a revised final offer will be sent to the property owners before setting a hearing. The final approval of sculptor, Colin McIntyre, to create the Arts in Public Places portion of the project was granted by the Arts Commission on January 18. Once the artist's contract had been executed,

design on the outdoor sculpture piece will begin, with installation targeted to coincide with site construction. The Library Department will support a successful art installation by providing for the artwork's landscaping and electrical needs. One of the goals of this commission is to reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhoods and the diverse population served by this branch library. The artist will be asked to collaborate with the community as well as project representatives to fully develop the artwork.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: The 100% complete construction drawings and specifications for this project remain under review by the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department at this time. The City of Austin and the Austin Independent School District staff continue efforts to draft an Inter-Local Agreement which will allow an interim municipal library to operate in a portable building on the Widen Elementary School campus while construction is underway at the nearby Southeast Austin Branch Library. The construction phase of this project is now tentatively scheduled to begin in May.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: A Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) for the project has been received from the consultants and is being reviewed by the Library Department prior to forwarding for review by the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department. Once considered a candidate for the Job Order Contract (JOC) program, this project will be developed for the Invitation for Bid (IFB) construction delivery method. The IFB construction delivery method requires that an owner, such as the Library Department, provide precisely detailed project specifications and drawings to allow competing contractors to submit lump-sum proposals indicating how much the project will cost to complete. The project's consultant engineers are continuing to revise their design proposal to accommodate the lengthier and demanding IFB construction delivery process.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project: The Quality Management Division/Public Works Department has received the project's 30% complete design documents, and the Library Department awaits their review comments to share with the consultant architects and engineers. In the meantime, the Library Department has met with the interior design consultant to review new flooring options and colorways proposed for the renovation. Scheduling the next project review meeting for the public will remain on hold until 60% complete design documents have been produced by the consultants. A previous Austin City Council passed a resolution that requires new municipal buildings and major renovations to achieve LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Silver rating certification if able to meet the scope and budget criteria. At the request of the Quality Management Division/Public Works Department, the Library Department reviewed the Will Hampton Branch Library Renovation Project and determined that it could achieve a LEED Silver rating certificate if the building's existing HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) system was replaced in its entirety. An additional services agreement has been added to the consultants' contract to

allow the mechanical engineers to complete design for new HVAC equipment and controls.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project: This restoration of a historical building remains in the design development phase at this time. Based on the consulting architect's report on the complexity of restoring the building, Library Facilities Services is anticipating at least sixteen (16) months of design development, City of Austin quality reviews, landmark building commission hearings, contractor bidding and Council approval processes before the construction phase of the project can be initiated.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project: The Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Structural Evaluation Report has been reviewed by the Library Facilities Services Division and returned to the consultant engineers to make recommended revisions. The foundation behavior and issues with the structure unrelated to the foundation will be corrected and restored to their original condition. The corrective action will take place while the branch continues to operate.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility Improvement Project: A Preliminary Engineering Report for the project has been received from the consultant engineers and reviewed by the Library Department. Major corrective construction is being recommended as the structural integrity of the building appears to be compromised at its Northwest corner, perhaps due to settling. Along with replacing the existing ramp with a new and fully-compliant ramp, the consultants are also recommending the replacement of the existing stairs since these stairs are not compliant with current code. As the project is not presently funded at a level to accommodate major construction to correct structural concerns, additional appropriations will be sought while consideration is given to phasing the project to allow the safety and accessibility issues to be redressed as soon as may prove possible.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project: The Library Department received a 2012 Bond Program appropriation for current Financial Year 2016 to fund the design phase of the Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project. The Library Department has subsequently contacted the Capital Contracting Office (CCO) to initiate the process of hiring a consultant architect/engineer team for the planned renovation. The project goals include replacement of interior finishes for floors and walls, installation of motorized shades for storefront windows, reconfiguring interior furniture and shelving layouts to provide better flow, an upgrade of lighting and lighting controls, restoring the original Americana Theater exterior sign, upgrading the landscaping and cleaning and repainting exterior of the building where applicable. The architectural firm selected for the project from the 2015 Rotation List is Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture, previously responsible for the outstanding design of the Ruiz Branch Library and currently working on the Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project. Lars Stanley and Liz Salaiz are now assembling their team of engineers and other consultants for the project and composing their professional services agreement proposal. The Library Department,

meanwhile, has submitted requests for asbestos and lead reviews to be conducted by the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group (Office of Building Services) for the building. On January 5, Yarborough Branch Library staff met with the Facilities Services project manager to contribute to the compilation of specific branch needs that might be redressed by the upcoming renovation project.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

For current Financial Year 2016, the Library Department likewise received a 2012 Bond appropriation to fund the design phase of the Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project. As necessitated by internal City of Austin project development processes, the Library Department has initiated the hiring of architectural/engineering consultants for the planned renovation through the Capital Contracting Office (CCO). Windsor Park Renovation Project goals include repainting the building's interiors, replacing worn furniture and flooring finishes, reconfiguring staff and public areas to update and enliven library spaces and improve flow. Some exterior work is also required such as repainting plaster wall surfaces as appropriate, repairing the leaking building envelope at the staff entrance, and replacing the damaged security fence screening the outdoor mechanical (air conditioning) units. The Lawrence Group Architects, previously successful as the architects for the Carver Branch Library Expansion Project, the Terrazas Branch Library Expansion Project and the Manchaca Road Branch Library Renovation Project, were selected for the Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation project from the 2015 Rotation List. Earl Swisher, the principal architect for the group, is currently assembling his consultant team and compiling their professional services proposal. Asbestos and lead reviews for the Windsor Park Branch have been requested from the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group (Office of Building Services) by the Library Department. An input session with Windsor Park Branch Library staff is now being planned by the Facilities Services project manager for February.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On December 3, Manager Mike Miller gave a presentation about the AHC's new book, Austin's First Cookbook, to 50 members of the Austin Woman's Club.
- The AHC hosted two author programs in December. On the 5th, local author Richard Zelade spoke about Austin in the Jazz Age and regaled the audience of 33 with stories and a multimedia presentation about life in Austin in the 1920s. On the 8th, the AHC and AHCA hosted a presentation and book signing with Austin American Statesman columnist Michael Barnes, author of Waterloo Press's newest book *Indelible Austin*.
- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin represented the AHC and the NAACP's 50th DeWitty Overton Banquet on December 5. She created a documentary of the group's advocacy work in Travis County, a small exhibit, and managed the tech board for the program.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 3 collections, the Teleclip, Inc., Video Collection, the Timothy Hurst Dance Posters, and the Nettie More Papers, and placed EAD encoded

finding aid for the collection on the Internet at the TARO website. Processing Archivist Molly Hults and Curator of Archives Susan Rittreiser also added items and updated the EAD finding aids for the Oliver B. Street Papers, the Youngblood Papers, and the Performing Arts Collection. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.

- The AHC recently acquired a small collection of materials related to Ed Knebel. He owned the local 7-Up Bottling Company and was also a part owner of the local minor league baseball team the Austin Pioneers. The donation included scrapbooks and photographs concerning the baseball team.

Publications and Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming book on the life of local golf legend Harvey Penick, a history of the Texas Capitol, for display at a Wells Fargo branch in Laredo, and for a conservation report for the O. Henry Museum.

Upcoming Events

- January 29, 11:30 AM, Driskill Hotel. AHCA's annual Eberly Luncheon.
- February 6, 12 PM, AHC. Program with author Toni Tipton-Martin about her new book, *The Jemima Code*.
- February 21, 2-4 PM, AHC. History of Central Texas Dance Halls, with concert by Czech Melody Masters.
- March 22, Neill-Cochran House Museum. Opening of AHC exhibit on the E. M. Pease Family and Collection.
- April 3, AHC/Wooldridge Square Park. Time TBD. Spring Music Revue.

Central Library Services

The Faulk Central Library partnered with Austin Classical Guitar for four holiday-inspired Sunday concerts. Staff will work to secure future concerts performed by Austin Classical Guitar. December was the first talk in the six-part *Health, Wellness, and You* series. The series is at 3PM, the first Sunday of each month through May.

Exhibits

The Faulk Central Library currently has an Austin History Center photo exhibit featuring APL's Bookmobile Service from 1951-1979. A map of the bookmobile stops and a photo of the former bookmobile Manager, Dorothy Hancock, is included. The new bikemobile, *Unbound; Sin Fronteras*, is displayed in front of the exhibit on the 2nd floor. Reference Librarian, Jennifer Connor, arranged for the Bookmobile display.

Branch Services

Oak Hill's Holiday Open house on December 4, featured the Hill Country Harpers, who played from 2 to 4 PM. Also, several members of the Capital City Scribes were in the meeting room, writing personalized holiday messages on bookmarks.

Cepeda hosted Pictures with Santa Event, Ballet Folklórico from Brooke Elementary. Over 80 people attended the event which also included crafts, and snacks. Storyteller Tim Tingle presented a program on Christmas Stories with a group of 35 patrons.

Ruiz's BizAid Business Orientation was offered on

December 2, and had 20 attendees.

University Hill had 52 customers attend the Spaced Out Winter Movie Marathon. Staff began a new adult game night focused on Dungeons and Dragons with 8 participants.

Windsor Park's Indie Lens Pop-Up film was on Tuesday December 1, "Autism in Love," with 48 viewers attending.

Youth Services

The Youth Services' Literature Live! team created videos to promote Austin Public Library's databases. The videos, called Puppet Picks, promote individual databases with puppets providing an entertaining way to describe all the wonderful databases the Library offers.

Soleil Kibodeaux-Posey, Youth Librarian at Spicewood Springs Branch, recently appeared on KXAN's Studio 512 to promote the Felt Friends World Tour at the Austin Public Library. Soleil gave a preview of what to expect at these fantastic craft programs by making a felt pocket yeti on the air with the host. The program will run through May at several locations.

Recycled Reads

December revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,000. Over 3550 people visited the store, including over 440 attending the 15 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 230 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 20 pallets of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 31 pallets of materials representing approximately 63,200 items at the bookstore. Approximately 25 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 63,000 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

December 2015 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	191
December - Volunteer hours	1512.57
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.07*
	\$ 34,894.99

(*rate change in May 2015 from \$22.55)

Policy Violations

21	Theft of Library, staff or customer property
14	Disturbing others using the Library
11	Sleeping in the Library
11	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
11	Blocking access to Library entrances,

	passageways or resources
14	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
10	Disorderly conduct
9	Using obscene language
5	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
7	Destruction of Library property
4	Bringing animals into the Library
4	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
4	Fighting
3	Smoking in the Library
3	Public Lewdness
3	Strong odor
3	Unintended use of restrooms
2	Entering unauthorized areas
2	Violating Internet Policy
2	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
1	Indecent exposure
1	No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
128	Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	17
ARZ	14
ACP	11
ATB	9
AMR	8
AWP	8
ALW	7
APH	7
AWK	6
ANV	5
ASR	5
AYB	5
ATO	3
AHC	2
ACB	2
AOK	1
AHO	1
ZNL	1
AOS	1
ASE	1
ASJ	1
AUH	1

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

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