

# More Than Books

## Highlights

- The Milwood Branch will reopen to the public on Saturday, June 4 with a Grand Opening, 10 AM
- APL is hosting an East Side Bike Crawl with snacks and a party with local bike organizations. The route covers the Terrazas, Carver, Willie Mae Kirk, Cepeda and Ruiz Branches. Friday, June 3, 11 AM.
- The Twin Oaks Branch music series "Two O'Clock Tunes" showcases local musicians in the outdoor amphitheater. On Saturday June 4, at 2 PM, Twin Oaks presents Snorky's Rhythm Kings.
- Join us for *Give Voice to Freedom: Black Literature Out Loud!* at the Carver Branch, Saturday, June 18, 2 PM.
- The Austin History Center invites you to *In the Shadow of the Dome: Slave Life in Austin, Texas*, presented by Andres and Juanita Tijerina, currently at work on an upcoming book by the same title. Tuesday, June 21, 6:30 PM.
- Austin Public Library's Summer Reading Program for adults, *Book Your Summer*, isn't just about reading. This year's theme, *My Library Inspires: Body, Food & Mind*, is about life-enriching experiences. So join us, and dive into a summer of foodie fun, fitness, crafty activities and storytelling at Library locations all across Austin this June through August.

## Facilities Services

**New Central Library Project:** The New Central Library construction site remains a hotbed of activity this month, with work proceeding rapidly within and around the building. Stone flooring and framing for the metal panel ceiling are being installed on the first level, while wood flooring is being installed on the second, fourth and fifth levels. Demountable partitions are going up in the staff areas on the fourth level and carpet installation has been initiated on this floor. On the exterior of the building, the paving of West 2nd Street between the "butterfly bridge" over Shoal Creek and the New Central Library is now underway. On May 5, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a contract through the National Joint Powers Allegiance with McCoy Rockford for furniture for the New Central Library in an amount not to exceed \$110,057. The furniture for this purchase consists of chairs manufactured by Coalesse. On May 19, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a contract through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule cooperative program with TMC Furniture for furniture for the New Central library in an amount not to exceed \$1,284,850. This Request for Council Action (RCA) replaced the authority afforded by Council on February 15, as the City was unsuccessful in negotiating a satisfactory contract with the offeror selected at that time. This RCA provided another qualified provider for Council authorization. The key dates remaining on the project schedule are:

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

**Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:** On Monday, May 2, the Austin Public Library opened the doors

of its new, state-of-the-art bookmobile in the Milwood Branch Library parking lot to provide interim library services to the community while their permanent facility is being refurbished, reequipped and restocked following the renovation project. The bookmobile provides a small children's collection for browsing, reserved materials for customer pickup, and two computer workstations among other amenities. Phase II of the renovation project, which focused on remodeling the public restrooms to achieve compliance with current building code and Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), was completed by April 30. Achieving this project milestone allowed the City of Austin to accept the Job Order contractor's work as being substantially complete, thereby initiating the contractual one-year warranty period on materials and workmanship. Turning the renewed building back into a library continues at the present time, with furniture, fixtures and equipment being installed in place while books and other collection items are organized throughout the shelving layout. Testing procedures were very successful for the Austin Public Library first LaptopsAnytime mobile device dispenser, and it is believed that giving customers the ability to check out an array of laptops and tablets will prove to be a popular service provision. In an effective use of space, the LaptopsAnytime dispenser allows 30 more computing devices to be added to the Milwood Branch within the current footprint of the building. Progress being made in developing the remodeled building into a fully functional library accelerated on Wednesday, May 11, with receipt of the official Certificate of Occupancy – the document establishing that the renovation meets all applicable building and life safety codes for public occupancy. The Austin Public Library is happy to announce that the open house event to celebrate the reopening of the Milwood Branch Library will be held from 10 AM to 12 Noon on Saturday, June 4.

**Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:** The entire scope of work for this project has, of necessity, been reevaluated and reduced to prevent Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act and City of Austin LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements to drive budgetary limitations to be exceeded. An on-site meeting was conducted with the consultants on May 18 to conclude the value engineering process for the project, bringing the design documents to 60% completion status. The scope of work has been successfully returned to its original engineering parameters: a total roof replacement with necessary asbestos abatement combined with a complete retrofit of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment and controls.

**The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project:** The Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) has routed a revised final purchase offer to owners of the property needed for this parking lot expansion project. ORES officials subsequently met with the property owner, but were unable to reach a satisfactory agreement. A Special Commissioners hearing has been scheduled for July 13 to continue land acquisition process by eminent domain. The engineering consultants for the project have been advised

to continue moving forward with the design of the parking lot expansion. Art In Public Places (AIPP) personnel are likewise moving forward with their portion of the project. Artist Colin McIntyre has initiated design on an outdoor sculpture piece, with one of the goals being to reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhoods and the diverse population served by the University Hills Branch Library in his work. The artist and his team will therefore be collaborating with the community as well as project representatives in the development of his art project. The Library Department will support the art installation by providing for the artwork's landscaping and lighting requirements through the project's design and construction contracts. The Library Department is currently awaiting further information from the artist regarding these elements.

### **Southeast Austin Community Branch Library**

**Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:** The Capital Contracting Office of the City of Austin has assigned a contractor to this project from their Job Order Contract Rotation List. A pre-bid meeting is now being scheduled for the week of May 23 for contractor personnel, project consultants and City of Austin staff from both the Library Facilities Services Division and the Capital Contracting Office.

### **Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade**

**Project:** The scope of work for this life safety improvement project has been established, but the electrical engineers need to visually examine two of the main electrical service panels at the Zaragoza Warehouse before the consultants' design and construction management proposal can be finalized. Since the electrical service to the Zaragoza Warehouse is tied in to the electrical power distribution system at the Cepeda Branch Library, scheduling the shutdown and physical investigation of the two panels has proven to be challenging. However, the date for the electrical engineers to perform their evaluation will be set shortly for a time that does not interfere with operations at the Cepeda Branch.

### **Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project:**

The consultant architects have brought the design documents for this project to 60% completion status, and those drawings and specifications are now being reviewed by staff. Due to the construction estimate for the work exceeding \$300,000, the project 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 has now finalized the required contract with a commissioning agent to assist in meeting LEED requirements. The added cost of achieving LEED certification has necessitated the removal of some desired building elements from the scope of work, such as a vestibule at the front entrance and a moveable partition in the meeting room. Library Facilities Services conducted a public project review meeting to go over changes to both scope and schedule with the community. That meeting was held at the Will Hampton Branch at Oak Hill on Tuesday, May 17, from 7 PM to 8 PM, and the attendees had excellent questions and feedback for the project management team. The news that the new bookmobile will provide temporary library services to the area while the branch is closed for repairs was met with great excitement. Closing the branch to allow construction to proceed is now tentatively scheduled for October, 2016, with construction completion and the reopening of the renewed facility anticipated in

January, 2017.

### **Austin History Center Interior and Exterior**

**Improvements Project:** On April 22, the Austin Public Library received a design and construction management proposal from the selected architects for the scope of work now established for this restoration project. Upon review, some modification of the proposal is required, but the Library Department is confident that the necessary revision will prove acceptable, allowing the formal design development process to be initiated. In like fashion, coordination efforts are underway to update the conservator's 2010 proposal for restoration of the loggia fresco. A meeting is planned for May 20 to review the logistics of erecting scaffolding underneath the loggia's double barrel vault ceiling, an architectural feature of Romanesque inspired architecture. In addition, the large, metal chandelier in the loggia has identified for full restoration and will be carefully removed to provide clearance for the conservators while working on the fresco. Security fencing will be carefully planned and placed to allow egress for the building's occupants while insuring that the three-month restoration work may proceed unhampered by vandalism. The art restoration work will be scheduled to begin no earlier than October, 2016, after the Texas summer months have passed, to avoid complications arising from paint pigments drying too quickly and not adhering to the plaster ceiling.

### **Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation**

**Repairs Project:** A design/construction management proposal from the consultant engineers for the work of the project is expected to be delivered by May 27 to the Library Facilities Services Division for review, corrections and comments.

### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility**

**Improvement Project:** The project's scope of work was established during an on-site meeting of Library Facilities Services staff members and the involved consultants on April 1. It was agreed that, due 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:**

The project's architects, Stanley-Salaiz Joint Venture, have completed the Schematic Design documents, and Library staff members are reviewing the floor plans in order to provide comments. Design Development documents are expected to be 30% complete by the end of the May. Once the first construction cost estimate can be calculated and provided by the consultants, the Library Department will have a clearer idea of what can be accommodated in the scope of work. At this time, the project plan calls for an interiors upgrade with a revised furniture and shelving layout, compliance with the recently enhanced Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

standards, renewing the landscaping, and refurbishing the exterior porch, lighting and sign. Correcting recently identified site accessibility concerns will need to be accomplished by means of a separate civil engineering project.

### **Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:**

The Lawrence Group Architects have completed the Schematic Design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch, and Library staff are currently reviewing and commenting on these drawings before the entire Schematic Design package is forwarded to the Quality Management Division for the formal plan review process. At this time, it is believed that the project's scope of work will include exterior improvements such as roof repairs over the staff entrance, restoring the lighting for the bronze sculpture at the building entrance and repainting of all stucco walls. In addition, the interior spaces will be refinished, refurbished and reconfigured to create a "like new" library experience for customers.

### **Austin History Center Programming & Outreach**

- The AHC YouTube channel really took off. It was mentioned in Louis Black's column in *The Austin Chronicle* on April 22. 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 continued to upload more videos, now numbered over 60 videos, grouped by playlists (music, oral history, documentary, etc.). The channel now has 128 subscribers and had 3435 views for the month. You can view the videos and subscribe to the channel by visiting: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCmKoOUpsn4H0mUcIGAqFtCQ>
- *Music in the Park*, the closing event for "Making the Grade: Austin's First Public Schools," featured student musicians from 4 AISD schools, an Austin History Center Association booth, where attendees could make their own musical instruments, two food trucks, selling tacos and snow cones, and an information table offering information about the AHC and the AHCA. Green water bottles, with the AHC Logo, were given out to performers and attendees. Over 100 people enjoyed a wide variety of music genres and remarks from Dr. Paul Cruz, AISD Superintendent of Schools.
- Community Archivist, Phonshia Nie, developed and planned "The Taniguchis and Texas" event, held on May 10, 6:30 PM at the AHC. This event was very successful, with 110 attendees.
- The Community Archivists organized tabletop display + giveaways for Austin's Youth Council Career Fest held at the Palmer Events Center. Approx. 1,000 students attended. The AYC is a City program aimed to engage area high school students in local government and business. Collectively, they answered about 100 reference questions about the AHC and the work that we do.
- Community Archivist LaToya Devezin headed the Invisible Intersections Project, with 385 people attending events and receptions for the project, April 8 and 15. The project received great community response and AHC was asked to make it an annual event.
- A program about Ben Thompson was held on April 16.
- Author Eliot Tretter spoke about his recent book, *Shadows of a Sunbelt City: The Environment, Racism, and the Knowledge Economy of Austin*, on April 26th.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections, AR.2009.030 Page Southerland Page Records and Drawings, AR.2016.006 Bergstrom Air Force Base Restoration Advisory Board Records; AR.2013.015 Leslie Pool Papers; AR.2014.047 Dr. Freddie B. Dixon Papers; AR.1991.054 Ellison Photo Company Records. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).
- A total of 19 donations were received in April.
- Of particular interest this month were 48 large size color photographs from the Drawing Lines Public Art Project, Los Outsiders (District One). The project was organized by Go Collaborative.
- The AHC also received a collection of research materials from the family of Roger Griffen, who wrote his thesis in the 1970s on E. M. Pease. A monetary gift of \$5,000 accompanied the collection for processing the collection.

### **Exhibits:**

- A new exhibit is being prepared, "Once & Again: Selections from the Austin History Center's Past Exhibits." Opening is TBA.

### **Publications & Reference**

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use on the State Preservation Boards' Social Media platforms, in a digital exhibit at the Asian American Resource Center for the Asian Pacific Association Heritage Month Display, in "Living Spring," a documentary series about Barton Springs, in the National Museum of African American History and Culture's display commemorating 20 years of the museum's opening, in *The Fifth Texas Regiment: Bloody Fifth*, by John F. Schmutz, as cover art for *Texas Tower Sniper: America's First Campus Active Shooter*, by Monte Akers, in *Field Guide to Historic Gas Stations in Texas*, rev.2016, by Rene Benn, and in a KEYE News report.

### **Upcoming Events**

- June 17, 6 PM, Carver Museum (Boyd Vance Theater). Screening of Six Square Project Documentaries

### **Central Library Services**

#### **Programs of Note**

The Faulk Central Library hosted the 2016 Mayor's Book Club finale event Sunday, May 15. Stephen Harrigan read from and discussed his novel *A Friend of Mr. Lincoln*. KUT's Jennifer Stayton moderated the discussion.

The Faulk Central Library completed its six month health series: Health, Wellness, and You. We thank Dr. Scott Ihrig for his commitment to public health and his enthusiastic and informative presentations.

Reference staff set up for, and assisted the Austin Public Library Foundation in planning of, the New Fiction Confab Saturday, April 23.

Staff led a tour and taught a database workshop for 24 students from Texas Intensive English Program.

Cesar Garza, reference librarian and chair of the Social Media Advisory Team, published an email to the social media ambassadors inviting them to be featured on the APL podcast. He scheduled 6 ambassador interviews and Tatiana Gonzalez in the Library Office of Programs & Partnerships took photos

of each ambassador; Cesar conducted the interviews “on air” while Aaron Negron produced the final podcasts; Three interviews were completed in March.

**Outreach**

- April 3: Meg Holle participated in the Bibliofiles and Unbound Bike Outreach at the HONK!TX parade and popup library and Leah Oswald conducted Unbound outreach at Seaholm for Art in Public Places Dedication, April 22.
- April 27: Presented at the AISD In-Service Day, giving a Virtual Library overview, answering a variety of Library-related questions and making Library Cards.

**Branch Services**

University Hills’ AARP tax prep finished on April 14, serving 122 people and filing about 130 returns.

The first live outdoor concert in Twin Oaks’ amphitheater was held on Saturday, April 2, 2016 featuring a local music group, Jazz Daddies. This event, coordinated by Danielle Sanchez (Administrative Assistant) and Marcos Martinez, attracted just over 50 attendees and generated 14 positive comment cards. The event also included an activity for kids, pop-up book sale, and light refreshments. This event was successful with contributions from all members of the branch staff, the volunteer force, and ATO’s youth librarian, Stephanie Shipman.

St. John’s Branch Manager gave a library tour to 14 adult English Language learners from Manos de Cristo program, and assisted them with a library scavenger hunt activity on April 12.

Manchaca Road Branch hosted another book launch and writing workshop with Karen Hulene-Bartell with 10 in attendance.

**Youth Services**

Youth Services provided an outreach for Literacy Launch at Uphaus Early Childhood Center in April. Our team set up a table and visited with the many folks that were there to learn more about literacy. Staff provided information about Library services, materials and our focus on childhood literacy.

Several Youth Services’ staff members attended a two-day STEAM training at the Thinkery. At this APL-Thinkery collaborative training, library staff learned how to engage teens (and younger) with technologies like paper circuits, e-textiles, Makey Makey, Scratch coding and stop motion animation. As a result of this training, the library is offering 10+ programs in the branches where kids can explore science, technology, engineering, art and math. Many thanks to Heath Rezebek and the Teen Summer Reading Program committee for coordinating the training.

**Recycled Reads**

April revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,500. Over 3550 people visited the store, including 469 attending the 16 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 190 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.

Recycled Reads 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**

April 2016 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	221
Total Volunteer hours	1574.23
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.56
	<b>\$ 37,088.86</b>

**Policy Violations**

38	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
26	Disturbing others using the Library
20	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
15	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
13	Disorderly conduct
13	Destruction of Library property
11	Unintended use of restrooms
9	Using obscene language
9	Leaving personal belongings unattended
7	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
7	Sleeping in the Library
6	Bringing animals into the Library
6	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
5	Entering unauthorized areas
5	Indecent exposure
5	Public Lewdness
4	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
3	Violating Internet Policy
3	Voyeurism and peeping
3	Strong odor
3	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
4	Smoking in the Library
2	No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
2	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
1	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
1	Fighting
1	Appropriate clothing is required
1	Making bomb threats against Library property or from Library property
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
<b>222</b>	<b>Total</b>

**Locations # of Incidents**

Faulk Central	37
Little Walnut	30
Terrazas	25
Ruiz	18
Twin Oaks	18

Milwood	13
Southeast	9
Carver	8
Manchaca Rd	8
Pleasant Hill	7
Spicewood	6
North Village	5
University Hills	5
Yarborough	5
History Center	3
Cepeda	3
Hampton	3
Old Quarry	3
St. John	3
Howson	2
Windsor Park	2
Recycled Reads	1

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

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