

More Than Books

Highlights

- *Aural Literature* features Austin Barrio Writers this month. Come hear young writers, ages 13 - 21, read from their work. Co-hosted by The Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, Resistencia Bookstore, and Save Our Youth, a project by Red Salmon Arts. Wednesday, May 31, 7 PM, Terrazas Branch.
- Tour the East Side branches as well as historical places of note on a *Bike Crawl* led by Bike Austin. The event kicks off with Tacodeli breakfast tacos. Saturday, June 3, 10 AM, Carver Branch.
- *The Power of Memoir: Bringing Your Life Stories to the World* is taught by Sharon Lippincott the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Wednesday, June 7, 1-3 PM, Manchaca Road Branch.
- Celebrate the release of *White Hot, a Hidden Legacy Novel* by New York Times Bestselling author Ilona Andrews. There will be a Q & A with the author, a book-signing and refreshments. Friday, June 9, 7-8:45 PM. Spicewood Springs Branch and via Google Hangout at the Manchaca Road Branch. Doors open at 6:45 PM.
- Learn how to weave beautiful blooms into bohemian or classic accessories at the *Fronde of Glory: Flower Crown and Boutonniere Workshop*. Friday, June 9, 7-8 PM, Twin Oaks Branch.
- *Trio Los Vigilantes* performs boleros from the Mexican *Época de Oro* (Golden Age). Saturday, June 10, 2-3:30 PM, Ruiz Branch.
- *Arcade Night* is an after-hours family event featuring ten gaming systems including Wii, X-Box One, and PS4, Live Action Pacman and Tetris, a Minecraft LAN party, photo booth, trivia, popcorn and cotton candy! Saturday, June 10, 6-9 PM, University Hills Branch.
- Come release your stress while enjoying the calming benefits of coloring at *Tiempo de colorear: Bilingual Adult Coloring Time*. Wednesday, June 14, 5:30-6:30 PM, Southeast Branch.
- The *Taste of Black Austin* exhibit celebrates the history of African American contributions to foodways in Central Texas. LaToya Devezin, Austin History Center, will give a talk. Friday, June 16, 11 AM - 12 Noon. Little Walnut Creek Branch.
- The Almodovar Film Festival begins with *Talk to Her*. Thursday, June 22, 6:30 - 8:30 PM. St. John Branch.
- Join us for making and crafting and, while you're at the Library, explore our diverse collection of DIY books! Today's craft is modpodge glass candle holders. *Saturday Crafts*. Saturday, June 24, 11 AM, Milwood Branch.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: At this time, City of Austin staff and the consultant architects and engineers continue to support the contractor in identifying punch list items and verifying when deficiencies are corrected. Various areas of the building have been accepted, but others are still not ready for inspections. A commissioning conference for the rooftop photovoltaic system was held on May 17 and the installation of those solar panels is now expected to be completed by

July 14. Good progress has been made on completing the building's Life Safety Systems' testing. The Smoke Evacuation Testing has been completed, and two of the building's three stairwells have passed the Stair Pressurization Testing. The third stairwell failed the test on one floor only, and the contractor is awaiting design modifications for this stairwell from the consultants to mitigate the test failure. Two of the building's elevators will also require design modifications in order to pass the State Department of Licensing and Regulation inspection. The consultant architects and engineers have almost completed the necessary updates to the construction documents, but the required modifications to the building by the contractor have already begun. The issuance of a "Temporary Certificate of Occupancy to Stock" the facility with furniture and equipment once all of the Life Safety testing is completed is anticipated by June 14. Installation of shelving to facilitate the final acceptance of Life Safety Testing is already underway on Level 4 and Level 5, and Level 6 has just been made ready for shelving installation. A Temporary Certificate of Occupancy will be issued when substantial completion of the project is reached, which is currently scheduled for August 8. Staff will be able to occupy the building at that time and begin preparing it to open to the public. A date for the Grand Opening has yet to be determined, pending the successful completion of the building's construction process.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: With some difficulty, the project manager has secured the services of an Asbestos Abatement Consultant for the project. Due to the coordination efforts required to safely abate the asbestos-containing materials found in the existing roof of the building, an Asbestos Consultant is necessary for project scheduling and to provide clear directions to the contractors, beginning at the Pre-Bid Conference. Scheduling this project is further complicated by the local pool of asbestos contractors only being available for City of Austin work during the summer months when they are not employed on school district projects.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: In the matter of acquiring the necessary land for this project through eminent domain, the Office of Real Estate Services has advised the Library Department that, since the hearing has been conducted and the special commissioner's court has signed off on the award, the property is considered to be in the possession of the City of Austin as soon as the awarded funds are deposited into the court's hands. Though the property owner has appealed, the City of Austin retains possession and the appeal process will be for monetary purposes only. The awarded funds have been deposited, allowing the Library Department to complete design and start the bid and construction process.

Southeast Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: A change order proposal to install a temporary library building on the Widen Elementary School campus has been received from the Job Order Contractor assigned to the Southeast Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork

Repairs Project.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade

Project: Library Facilities Services has been advised by the Capital Contracting Office that a new Service Agreement will need to be executed in order to add two sub-consultants, deemed necessary for this fire sprinkler system retrofit, to the design team of the engineer of record. After some misunderstandings between one of the necessary sub-contractors and the Capital Contracting Office regarding pay rates, the project manager was able to clear matters up, and all the required information from the sub-contractor is now being submitted. The administrative process of getting this design team under contract should be completed shortly.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill

The 90% complete design documents - drawings, specifications manual, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Checklist and the consultant's responses to comments from the Quality Management Division(QMD)/ Public Works Department for the 60% complete design documents – have been forwarded this month by the Library Facilities Services Division to QMD for their further review and comments. The Library Department awaits the approval of the Human Resources Department to make a job offer to the top candidate identified for the project's vacant Coordinator position; this new staff member will oversee implementation of the project.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project

Library Facilities Services has determined that the schedule for restoration of the loggia fresco will need to be extended through May to allow for touching up the background filed color of the fresco, which has proven to be more difficult to preserve than originally anticipated. As a precautionary measure, the consultant architects for the project will use the additional time to thoroughly investigate cracking found at the base of the loggia's ribbed vault. A preliminary punch list walk-through has been scheduled for May 19 with the art conservator and consultant.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation

Repairs Project: The Capital Contracting Office remains in review of the project's design documents and a current breakdown of the opinion of cost for the work from the design team in order to make an appropriate decision on a proper construction contracting method. They believe that the project may be a good candidate for work to be performed under the auspices of their new Job Order Contract, which they do not anticipate being in place before late July.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp

Improvements Project: Library Facilities Services has accepted the advice of the project's structural engineers not to attempt radical revisions to the building by enclosing a new accessible ramp within the building envelope. Direction has subsequently been provided to the engineers as to the approach to take to constructing an exterior ADA-compliant ramp, and keeping the building open to the public while the work is in progress will not be an option. The project's consultant engineers are now in the process of revising their Professional Engineering Report (PER) to reflect these changes in direction and scope.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

It is now believed that the Invitation for Bids (IFB) to prospective construction contractors will need to be postponed until June 1, following all the project documents being approved by the Quality Management Division (QMD). At their request, a third submittal of 100% complete construction documents for the project was provided to QMD on April 27 for their review. On May 16, the project was granted a building permit without comments utilizing these same construction documents.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

The consultant architects have submitted 90% complete design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch Library. The City of Austin's comments on the 90% complete design documents will be returned to the consultant architects as soon as they are received from the Quality Management Division (QMD) so that the process to acquire a construction contractor for the project may be initiated. The Library Department awaits the approval of the Human Resources Department to make an offer to the top candidate identified for the Project Coordinator position that will manage the implementation of this project.

Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project:

A proposal from the architectural consultant team of Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture to perform the design work required for the project has been submitted to the Library Department and the Capital Contracting Office for evaluation. A preliminary report exploring the existing condition of the branch library and its site, including architecture, structure, mechanical and landscaping features, will be conducted to determine if there are any significant building and grounds issues requiring corrective actions. This preliminary report will allow the Library Department to prioritize and commit funding towards solving the most pressing needs of this nineteen-year-old community library. The professional service agreement with the consultant architects is still being negotiated, but it is anticipated that Notice to Proceed with the project's design will be issued to them within 30 days.

Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement:

The Library Department has directed Building Exterior Solutions, the roofing consultants assigned to the Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement Project from the City of Austin Roofing and Waterproofing Consultant Rotation List., to expedite returning the information needed to finalize their professional service agreement to perform the re-roof design and construction management work needed at the Faulk Central Library.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- On April 2, the AHC hosted the program "Miles and Miles of Texas" on the history of the Texas Highway Department (Department of Transportation). 23 attendees were regaled with stories about the agency's history and how the book project came to be.
- Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie hosted two tour groups this month. On April 6 she hosted Cunningham Elementary School Vietnamese Dual Language program for tour and lesson in primary sources; April 20 she hosted UT College of Education Social Studies Generalist course for tour and lesson in

- immigration history.
- On April 6, the AHC participated in the "Lights, Camera, Cocktails!" event at the Thinkery with a small exhibit about Austin movie theaters, book signing of the AHC's book *Historic Movie Houses of Austin*, and a photo booth with life-size images of Batman and Catwoman. More than 200 people came by the AHC's table over the course of the evening. Just a couple days later, AHC Manager Mike Miller and curator of Archives Susan Rittereiser had a book signing event at Barnes & Noble (Sunset Valley) to promote the book and the AHC.
- On April 22, African American Community Archivist Latoya Devezin organized and presented the program, "The Black Experience in Confederate Texas," presented with the Carver Genealogy Center, Texas State Library and Archives, and Austin Independent School District. The program included two historical presentations, one genealogical presentation, and one presentation to inform the public about best practices when teaching the Civil War to K-12 students.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing five collections - the Lucy Baumgardner Photo Album; the Cochran Family Photograph Collection; the Henry Hirshfeld Family Papers; the Fred Thompson Papers; and the Forming the Future Records. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC recently acquired two photographic donations of note: a donation from Jim Williams of work by Sharen Armstrong of 1970s-80s photos of music and events; and a donation from photographer Mark Goodman of his artist's book *Capital Improvements*. Also of note this month was a donation of architectural drawings and magazine clippings for an underground solar home near Round Rock by Coffee and Crier, which was very unusual for Texas. Bob Coffee was recently interviewed as one of our architectural archives oral history interviewees and we have very few drawings by him.
- The AHC also acquired a rare O. Henry manuscript item from a Sotheby's auction. It is a 1905 letter from O. Henry to R. A. Bankson and the first page of a draft of a short story to appear in *Munsey's Magazine*. In the letter, O. Henry explains why he wrote most of his stories on small pieces of scratch paper in pencil.

Exhibits

- The "Store Bought" photo exhibit, previously on display in the Holt Photo Gallery, is now on display at Faulk Central on the 2nd floor. We also loaned items from the Tim Kerr collection for a display at the Yarbrough Branch to accompany their program and exhibit of his work as part of the West Austin Studio Tour.

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an upcoming documentary from *People's History in Texas*; the 2017 edition of the *Austin Environmental Directory*; an article for an upcoming issue of the *Texas Co-op Power Magazine*; and for public display at the O. Henry and Lone Star Flight Museums.

Upcoming Events

- July 16, 2 PM, AHC. Reunion program with players from the 1951 North Austin Lions Little League team, the only Austin team to make the Little League World Series.
- August 15, time TBD. AIA offices. Fehr & Granger Exhibit opening.

- August 29, 6:30 PM, AHC. Dewey Mears Exhibit opening reception/Night Crafters/Mobile making.
- September 17, AHC. Austin Museum Day
- October 29, 1-4 PM, AHC. "Collecting Oral Histories" workshop (with AHCA).

Central Library Services

- Reference began staffing the first and third floors of the Faulk Central Library to prepare for additional public service shifts at the New Central Library. The librarians are also testing Skype IM as an alternative communication method and testing different bags for devices and supplies we will use in the new building.
- Through the Book-a-Librarian service, staff met one-on-one with a local software engineer working on starting his own business. Using the Library's business databases we were able to look up competitors, set up news searches on the industry, and find sample business plans.
- Reference staff helped a customer find a source and citation for an old newspaper clipping he had and wanted to use for a book he's writing.
- At the Million Mile Month Outreach at the Milwood Branch Library a mother came up to where we had hopscotch, bean bag toss, and hula hooping activities. She asked, "Can I do this too?" I said sure, and asked which activity she would like to do. She chose hopscotch, demanded a token to throw, and then tore up and down that hopscotch on one foot, faster than anyone else that day, 5 or 6 times. Bending to rest her hands on her knees afterwards, she exclaimed "Whew! It's been a while but I was the hopscotch champion in my elementary school. Guess I still got it!" Everyone clapped, and she picked her prize and an orange to take home, with a huge smile.
- On Tuesday, April 18, The Austin Public Library joined Astronomy on Tap ATX at the North Door (501 Brushy St) for an evening of presentations on such topics as supernovae, comets and science policy. APL reference librarians Kate and Meg registered four new Library Card holders, updated or renewed three Cards, checked out five books related to the presentations and engaged in many conversations about library materials and services.
- APL Facebook Live, which Cesar facilitates and Meg and Amy host, was featured in "Live from the Library" by Jennifer Koerber at www.libraryjournal.com on April 10 - an online article spotlighting Facebook Live efforts at libraries across the U.S. The article was digested in Library Hotline (News & Insights for Library Directors and Trustees) in the April 17, 2017 issue. The visibility of this article led to Meg being a presenter in Library Journal's online professional development course Social Media Made Simple. She will deliver an overview of APL's social media efforts, including Facebook Live and the Social Media Ambassadors program, on May 31.

Outreach

- April 8 - Women's Resource Fair
- April 9 - Mueller Farmers Market
- April 20 - Movies in the Park, Palm Park
- April 23 - Edible Austin Children's Picnic

Branch Services

Twin Oak's 2 O'clock Tunes series continued with local soul and blues group, The Southsiders. Due to the forecasted wet weather, the event was held in the meeting room with the

doors open to the courtyard. As in previous events, attendees submitted positive comments about this event/series

Cepeda Branch hosted a Democracy and Action Reading Group with the Humanities Institute that had 10 participants.

At the Spicewood Springs Branch, 368 people attended the four Chess Club programs in April.

The 20th Anniversary of the opening of the Hampton Branch was celebrated on April 26 with colorful balloons, amazing cookies with custom-made decoration and a craft involving markers and tiles. They also had a giant birthday card for customers to sign. The celebration took place after the Japanese-English story-time.

At the Southeast Branch, the presentation of Disney movie "Moana," was a great hit; Keito, the Hula Dancer, performed in front of an audience eager to learn how to hula. This movie has had a record audience for both events of 105 participants

Youth Services

Youth Services staff finalized the programs and staff coverage for the children's and teen's summer reading programs, including outreach to the Austin Independent School District.

The Youth Services team continues to provide excellent programming both internally and externally through outreach.

Eleven youth librarians attended the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in San Antonio.

Planning began for the use of space and computers once the Connected Youth grant expires.

As was highlighted in the City's Financial Forecast, the City of Austin's budget (especially the General Fund, which includes the Library's budget) is expected to be increasingly tight over the next few years. We are exploring opportunities to improve our efficiency and cost-effectiveness while maintaining high quality services. With this in mind, Youth Services is being restructured. Rather than a single, separate division, Youth Services staff will become a part of the division where each individual works. Youth Librarians in the branches will report to the Branch Manager in the Branch Services Division; Youth Librarians in the Central Library will report to a Managing Librarian in Central Services; and Youth Librarians and Youth Program Specialists who focus on Youth Programming will become a part of the Office of Programs & Partnerships. The Division Managers of these three divisions are all committed to quality service for all customers and are excited about the opportunity to work more closely with Youth Librarians. A transition team will be working on the details of this transitional plan over the next few weeks, with full implementation anticipated no later than October 1, 2017. The members of this team include the Youth Services supervisors (Patti Cook, Paola Ferate-Soto, Heath Rezabek, Ann Minner, Suzan Nyfeler, and Kathleen Houlihan); Branch Services Division Manager Dave Inabnitt and the Regional Branch Operations Managers (Diane Palan, Patti Fowler and Elva Garza); Central Services Division Manager Karen Baker; Office of Programs & Partnerships Division Manager Sharon Herfurth; Acting Youth Services Division Manager Mindy Reed; and Acting Assistant Director of Public Services Sandra

Cannon.

Recycled Reads

April revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,000. Approximately 4,300 people visited the store, including 753 attending the 24 scheduled events. Donations were received from over 225 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 160 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 30 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 27 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 32 pallets of materials representing approximately 61,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 24 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 65,000 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 7 pallets.

Recycled Reads was an official reading venue for the International Poetry Festival and had poets from England, Scotland, Australia, and across the U.S. reading at the store.

Recycled Reads manager Mindy Reed was invited to serve on the Texas Reuse Council.

Volunteer Services

April 2017 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	282
Total Volunteer hours	1596.20
Total Value*	\$38,532.27

*Volunteer Value Rate increased in May 2017 from \$23.56 to \$24.14 per hour.

Volunteer Services welcomed ten new volunteers to APL this month.

Volunteer Services celebrated National Volunteer Week with a month of recognition and thanks to all Library volunteers. Volunteers received a thank you gift (an umbrella with our updated division logo) and a card. The Austin History Center recognized their longest serving volunteer on Facebook and Twin Oaks Branch threw a party for their volunteers.

We also thanked all Library staff who participate in the City of Austin's Mentor and Tutor Program. These staff give their time each week by supporting students academically and emotionally in various partner programs.

Volunteer Services is now part of the Get Involved Collaborative. Thanks to a three-year Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the Texas State Library and Archives Commission has partnered with the state libraries of Idaho, Arizona and California to provide training and resources to assist public libraries in recruitment, management and retention of skilled volunteers.

Policy Violations

30	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
24	Disrupting use of Library services or property
21	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
18	Sleeping
16	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
15	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
13	Improper use of restrooms
10	Entering a non-public area
9	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
9	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
7	Offensive gesture or display
4	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
3	Threaten Library property
3	Strong odor
2	Incite a breach of the peace
2	Access sexually explicit material
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Leaving personal belongings unattended
2	Violating Internet Policy
1	Carry or display a weapon
1	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Smoking & tobacco use; burning materials
1	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket or sleeping bag
1	Perform a criminal act
1	Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property
198	Total

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	44
Little Walnut	26
Ruiz	13
Terrazas	13
Cepeda	10
North Village	8
St. John	8
Twin Oaks	8
Southeast	7
Old Quarry	5
Spicewood	5
University Hills	4
Manchaca Rd	4
Willie Mae Kirk	3
Windsor Park	3
History Center	3
Hampton	3
Milwood	3
Carver	3
Pleasant Hill	2
Yarborough	1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

<http://library.austintexas.gov/events>

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