

More Than Books

Highlights

- Pick up a free EAST Austin Studio Tour catalog at any Austin Public Library Location starting October 30 while supplies last. On November 11-12 & 18-19 visit the St. John, Windsor Park, Willie Mae Kirk, Terrazas, Carver, Ruiz, University Hills, and Cepeda Branches to view the work of local artists.
- It's time for books, stories and fun, with laughing skulls, lively music and mask-making amidst fluttering butterflies at this family literacy-based art program for all ages. Dia de los Muertos: Day of the Dead. Tuesday, October 31, 4 PM, Ruiz Branch.
- Learn from the pros about their writing process and getting a novel done in 30 days at the NaNoWriMo Author Panel. Writers of all ages welcome. Wednesday, November 1, 6 PM, Central Library Demonstration Area.
- Listen to and share stories about life, fantasy or yourself at Adult Story Hour. Thursday, November 2, 7-8 PM, Pleasant Hill Branch.
- Hear the Nakatani Gong Orchestra, a group that uses bowed-gong techniques to create a multi-layered and harmonically-rich immersive sonic environment. Presented in partnership with COTFG and Austin Cultural Exchange. Sunday, November 12, 3-5 PM, Central Library Demonstration Area.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The Grand Opening Celebration for the facility remains scheduled for Saturday, October 28, beginning at 10 AM. A Temporary Certificate to Occupy the New Central Library for full occupancy was issued to the project on September 1. Substantial Completion is now granted for all the project's work, except the Photovoltaic System (PV) construction. The building's elevators were previously accepted on July 25, 2017. The contractor did not accept the Certificate of Substantial Completion as it was originally written, so the City has agreed to remove two items from the outstanding list - the door hardware and the roof garden landscaping affected by the PV construction. A revised certificate is now pending from the Joint Venture design team. While it might appear that the work on the Photovoltaic System (PV) is completed, final commissioning has yet to be accomplished as weather conditions were not ideal on the day commissioning took place. Therefore, the City will be repeating the PV commissioning efforts on October 24 and 25. City staff and consultant architects continue to support the contractor in identifying punch list items and verifying when deficiencies have been addressed. The list of outstanding deficiencies has been significantly reduced this month. Completion of the shelving installation has been achieved. Punch list items which the vendors were readily able to correct have been completed. There will need to be a discussion with one of the shelving manufacturers as their product is not meeting the standards established for this project. The system's furniture installation for staff on the 3rd and 4th levels has been completed. The remaining furniture items are completely installed, and punch list items are being corrected. The Texas Accessibility Standards inspection identified many items with

the construction that did not meet the requirements. Corrective work is either being priced by the contractor or is underway and approval of these items is being expedited to allow the corrective work to begin as soon as possible. Some of these items will not prove possible to correct before the building opens to the public. Library Department staff have relocated all of the collection to the building, and Library Information Technology (IT) staff members are working hard on deploying all of the computers and other IT items as staff are being relocated to their new workplace. Contractors, consultants, vendors and City staff are all pushing hard to complete their respective tasks by the Grand Opening.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: The Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department has completed its review of the 100% complete construction documents for this project, and the consultant architects are now updating some sections as necessary to match new bidding templates adopted by the City of Austin at the start of the current Fiscal Year. It is hoped that these updates will be completed and approved by QMD and the Capital Contracting Office in time for the construction bid advertisement date of October 30 to be met.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: It is currently anticipated that the 60% complete construction documents for this project will be submitted by HVJ Associates for review by Library Facilities Services in November, prior to the packet being forwarded to the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department for their review. The project's consultants, HVJ Associates, are a certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) and provide a range of geotechnical, construction material, environmental and pavement engineering services. The project scope of work consists of the construction of a new, 25 space, asphalt parking lot expansion on the north side of the library. Work is to include, but is not limited to demolition of existing structures and pavement, installation of erosion/sedimentation control and tree protection fencing, construction of asphalt/concrete parking area, construction of associated walkways, landscaping and lighting, and installation of parking lot signage. The site contains an existing monitoring well, and according to the civil engineers' recommendation, Library Facilities Services can seek to cap and abandon the well prior to construction if the action is approved by the City of Austin well monitoring authorities. Library Facilities Services is coordinating efforts with the Watershed Protection Department to cap and abandon the well. Finally, The Art in Public Places work group of the Cultural Arts Department is currently overseeing the efforts of Colin McIntyre to create a sculpture for the exterior of the library. The final design of the sculpture was approved by the Arts Commission on October 2, and Colin is expected to begin the installation of his artwork on the University Hills Branch Library site as early as May, 2018.

Southeast Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: The site has been enclosed with temporary fencing and tree protection and soil erosion control has

likewise been installed. Due to recent heavy rains experienced by the Central Texas region, the contractor has not been able to start the necessary trenching of the site and will ask for rain delays as a consequence. During the pre-construction meeting held on Wednesday, October 11, the City was informed by the contractor that PVC pipe is becoming difficult to acquire due to the rebuilding efforts now underway in the coastal regions following Hurricane Harvey. The contractor is expected to submit a cost increase request for the acquisition of the PVC pipe needed for this construction project.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade

Project: Due to the delay incurred while Reed Fire Protection Engineering LLC was added to the list of approved sub-consultants, the project's Scope of Work is being reviewed to see if updates are required. The consultants' Quality Control Plan (QCP) has been approved by the Capital Contract Office, and if major revisions are determined to be unnecessary, the design development process for this project will be expedited.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:

100% complete construction documents for this project will be submitted to the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department for plan review during the current month, October 2017. The project design consists of renovations and improvements to the existing Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill. The scope of work will include replacing the deteriorated modified bitumen roof and Kalwall skylights, upgrading plumbing fixtures, redressing low water pressure, modernizing the heating, ventilation and air conditioning controls, replacing the circulation desk and other worn furniture, making architectural modifications to ensure compliance with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, and revising the furniture/shelving layout to the "Library of the Future" template. Meetings between the consultant architects, H + UO, and Library Facilities Services staff will continue to ensure that the construction document development schedule is maintained and the project moves into the contractor solicitation phase prior to the end of October, 2017.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior

Improvement Project: Library Facilities Services has determined that the schedule for restoration of the building's loggia fresco will need to be extended through October in hopes that cooler Fall weather will better meet the application tolerances of the paint and allow for proper adhesion to the ceiling surfaces. Progress on this art restoration subproject is being continuously made, particularly with outlining the lower portions of the two half-arches, the ribs of the arches at the west end of the loggias, as well as on three of the four arches in the central area. Work on the upper portions of the arches will follow after some adjustments are made to the art conservator's moveable platform. The dark-brown outlines of the fresco now being worked on are the last elements of the design to be restored that were painted free-hand by the original artists. The more intricate floral elements running along the edges of each vaulted section still remain to be restored using a stencil. This procedure must be a carefully planned process as the restoration of the three different colors of stenciled patterns must be exactly sequenced. With the onset of lower Fall temperatures, it is Library Department's hope that a more consistent pace can be achieved by the art conservator, leading to this delicate art restoration work being

completed by the end of November.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation

Repairs Project: A few administrative issues with the consultant engineers and a number of asbestos management concerns with the building have been resolved, allowing the consultant engineers to proceed with making final revisions and submitting the 100% complete construction documents for review by the Quality Management Division (QMD), Public Works Department.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp

Improvements Project: Comments on the consultant engineers' Quality Control Plan (QCP) and Professional Engineering Report (PER) have been received from Quality Management Division (QMD) of the Public Works Department and are now being reviewed and responses have been generated by the consultant engineers, the MWM Design Group. Library Facilities Services will review those responses before forwarding to QMD.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Invitation for Bids (IFB) for this branch library renovation project was advertised to the local construction contractor pool on June 26, and a mandatory pre-bid conference was then conducted at the Yarborough Branch Library site on July 12, with seven potential bidders in attendance. However, only one (1) bid was received on the due date of August 3, and this bid was later declared non-compliant to Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) bidding requirements by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO). Subsequently, the Library Department and the CCO have worked collaboratively to determine if the City's Job Order Contract (JOC) program might not be an appropriate construction delivery method for the project. Drawings and specifications are now being reviewed and priced by the Job Order Contractor next up on the rotation list. A preliminary pre-bid meeting was held at the Yarborough Branch Library to provide the JOC an opportunity for a question and answer session and a site walkthrough. The Library Department anticipates receiving a formal proposal submission from the JOC by September 26 for review. The scope of the work includes updating the existing landscaping, upgrades to the exterior lighting, painting of the exterior porch and trim, updating interior finishes, adding architectural ceiling and wall elements in the Children's Area, meeting Americans with Disabilities/Texas Accessibility Standards requirements per 2012 standards, and installation of specific new plumbing fixtures as replacements. The contract includes sustainability requirements and it is the intent of the Owner to work in partnership with the selected contractor in implementing sustainable construction practices to the greatest extent possible. The project is anticipated to require the Yarborough Branch Library to close in November so that it can be prepared for construction to start in December. That preparation includes but is not limited to moving all collection items to storage, followed by disassembling and removing all library shelving from the premises so that the refurbishing of the facility may be carried out. The renovations and reassembling/restocking of the library shelving are scheduled to be completed within six months. The Library Department will advertise the upcoming closure of the facility to the community so that Yarborough customers will know to use one of the nearby branch libraries, such as North Village or Old Quarry, while their neighborhood branch is undergoing its makeover.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Lawrence Group Architects are in the process of providing 90% complete construction drawings and specifications to Library Facilities Services in order that the documents may be submitted to the Quality Management Division for plan review in October. The project construction documents will detail the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch Library, and will include both interior and exterior improvements. The work will likewise include the selective demolition of existing carpet and base for reclamation as indicated, gypsum drywall assemblies, suspended ceilings and electrical work. New floor finishes and base, new suspended acoustical ceilings, surface preparation and painting, new lighting systems, plumbing upgrades, renewing the Portland cement exterior plaster and landscaping improvements are part of the work as well. Library Facilities Services has been advised by the Capital Contracting Office that the Job Order Contracting (JOC) program of the City of Austin may be utilized as the construction delivery method for this project. As a consequence, Alpha Building Corporation has been assigned to serve as the General Contractor for the project, and construction activities are expected to begin in February, 2018. Alpha Building Corporation is a premier general contractor headquartered in San Antonio, with local project offices across Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Tennessee. It is anticipated that the branch library will need to close to the public on or about January 1, 2018 so that the collections, shelving, furniture and equipment may be removed from the building to make way for the construction project.

Cepeda Branch Library Renovation Project:

The proposal from the architectural consultant team of Stanley Salaiz Joint Venture to perform the design work required for the project was accepted by the Library Department and the Capital Contracting Office. 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 the 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 Notice to Proceed with the project's design was issued to the consultant architects on June 15. On July 13, the project manager met with the consultant architects and their engineering sub-consultants to prioritize renovation needs, discuss building issues related to Americans with Disabilities/Texas Accessibility Standards requirements per 2012 standards, and to create a plan for moving forward with corrective actions. The consultant team has submitted several possible furniture/shelving layouts for the library, and these layouts are now under review. The City's standard process of determining the presence of asbestos, lead and/or mold has been initiated for the facility in order to identify any hazardous materials needing to be addressed during the design and construction phases of the project. In addition, some forensic investigation regarding possible water intrusion and building envelope integrity will be carried out after approval is granted by the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group of the City of Austin. The Schematic Design Phase is progressing well at this point in time, and the 30% complete Design documents are expected to be submitted to the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department for review during the week of September 25. This project has been deemed by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO) to be an ideal candidate for the Job Order Contract

(JOC) construction delivery method.

Faulk Central Library Roof Replacement: The John Henry Faulk building, a concrete structure with a concrete roof deck, currently has a modified bitumen roofing system covering a surface area of roughly 26,000 square feet, and the age and condition of the roof now necessitates its replacement. The selected roofing consultants for the project are Building Exterior Solutions (BES), an engineering consultant firm established in 2008 that has become known for providing clients with innovative, comprehensive and effective building envelope solutions. With their extensive knowledge of roofing construction, it is believed that BES will be readily able to determine the facility's existing building envelope problems and successfully develop a building envelope retrofit design for the project. Phase 1 of their work consists of Evaluation and Assessment and began this month, October, 2017. Phase 2, Design Document Development and Review is likely to start in December 2017, and end in March 2018. If this schedule can be maintained, Phase 3 – Construction Phase Services may very well begin in September 2018. Library Facilities Services has contacted the Asbestos, Lead and Mold Management Group (ALMMG) of the City of Austin to assess and provide clearance approval regarding any significant amounts of asbestos and lead found within the existing roofing materials. An evaluation report from ALMMG is expected to be received by Library Facilities Services by the end of October, which will be of great assistance during Phase 1 of the project's development.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- The Austin Museum Day Program, on Sunday, September 17, was a big success, with 145 attendees. Mike Miller, Molly Hulst, Amanda Jasso, LaToya Devezin, Steve Schwolert and Grace McEvoy were members of the planning committee for this event.
- Rusty Heckaman spoke to a UT class of 8 students.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 9 collections: Austin/ Travis County Restaurant Menu Collection; Bell, Klein and Hoffman Records and Drawings; Bordie Earth Sheltered Home Drawings; City Council. Sally Shipman Records; Swede Hill Neighborhood Association Records; Mary Josephine Houston Papers; Lind Family Papers; Darby and Moerke Families Papers; and E.C. Bartholomew Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Seventeen donations totaling 22.34 linear feet were registered this month, including the Austin Opera Records, dating 1986 – present.
- The AHC recently acquired the records and archives of Ballet Austin. The collection consists of all the historical records about the operation of Ballet Austin, dating back to 1953, as well as its role with the Southwest Regional Ballet Association. Most of these materials were gathered by Velma Lee Guinn, a longtime member of their Board and unofficial historian.

Publications & Reference

- Publications & Reference books published, using research done and photos from the AHC included: *Austin, Cleared for Takeoff, Aviators, Businessmen, and the Growth of an American City*, by Kenneth B. Ragsdale, *The Broken Spoke, Austin's Legendary Honky-Tonk*, by Donna Marie

Miller, *City in a Garden, Environmental Transformations and Racial Justice I Twentieth-Century Austin, Texas*, by Andrew M. Busch, *Discovering Westcave, the Natural & Human History of a Hill Country Nature Preserve*, by S. Christopher Caran & Elaine Davenport, and *Pickers & Poets, the Ruthlessly Poetic Singer-Songwriters of Texas*, Craig Clifford and Craig D. Hills, editors.

Awards

- The AHC received the Archival Award of Excellence from the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board. This award recognizes significant achievements in preserving and improving access to historical records in any format by a Texas archival institution. The AHC received the award for its efforts in FY17 to document and preserve records related to Austin's architectural history. The AHC, through the Austin History Center Association, received a \$1600 grant from the Austin Foundation for Architecture to allow the AHC to continue working on the oral history project on Austin architects.

Central Library Services

The Faulk Central Library closed September 16, 2017 and we moved the collection and staff to the New Central Library set to open October 28, 2017. In under three weeks, the collection of books, media and periodicals was moved; that's roughly 170,000 volumes moved by a team of fewer than 25 people. Moving the collection ourselves saved the City of Austin at least \$250,000. September 15, 2017 was the last day Faulk Central Library was open – 1979 – 2017. Thanks to the hard work of Circulation, Paging, Reference, Youth and Facilities' Staff we finished the collection move ahead of schedule.

Staff prepared the new Central Library and its various event spaces for a broad spectrum of public programming, including book clubs, cooking demonstrations, concerts, discussion groups, art workshops, small business development planning, financial literacy classes, and other community engagement opportunities.

Branch Services

The Cepeda Branch hosted three Traditional Healing programs in the month of September.

The Terrazas Branch continued to partner with Chicon Street Poets for the Aural Lit series of programs, and with the University of Texas Humanities Institute for their Controversy and Conversation programs; these two programs, along with Talk Time, hosted over 100 participants. Staff also report an additional 100 customers a day in the past month, likely due to the closure of Faulk.

Twin Oaks Branch reports that their quarterly book sale brought in nearly \$900. Local community group, Heartfulness Meditation, has agreed to partner with Twin Oaks to bring a monthly speaker series on wellness and meditation. The pilot program in September was very successful with max capacity met. Speakers from this pilot are now looking to offer their services of speaking at other libraries in APL as a result.

Little Walnut Branch is partnering with Austin Pets Alliance to bring a therapy dog on Wednesday afternoons to the branch. For an hour after school, children of all ages can spend 15

minutes reading with Roo, a two-year-old, brown lab mix. Little Walnut Branch is also partnering with the Municipal Court as part of a project to reach the juvenile offenders in the neighborhoods where they live. Libraries like Little Walnut provide a positive convenient environment for these classes, and staff report there has been one successful class so far.

415 people attended the 5 chess club programs held at the Spicewood Springs Branch during the month.

St. John Branch began presenting a Wednesday morning dual-language story-time on September 13. Although the first session only had 2 people in attendance, there were 11 and 10 at the next two sessions. St. John Branch has not had a regular story time scheduled for several years so it is heartening to see an increasing turnout.

Youth Programs

New programs being planned include a Ukulele Club and Brain Builders, an early literacy playgroup program.

During October, Austin Public Library's performance troupe, Literature LIVE, presents *Strega Nona*, from the book by Tomi dePaola. This hilarious tale features a wise old woman, a magic pasta pot and a young man who learns the hard way that sometimes there really can be too much of a good thing. This show is recommended for ages 3 and up.

We continue to collaborate on programs with the Contemporary Austin art museum and hope to create literature based art kits for use in APL branches.

Recycled Reads

September revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,800. Approximately 3,900 people visited the store, including 266 attending the 17 scheduled events. Donations were received from 311 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 125 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 42 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 28 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 47 pallets of materials representing approximately 70,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 24 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 70,000 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 6 pallets.

Recycled Reads provided books to APL branches for sales at Faulk Central Library, and the Howson, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Southeast, Cepeda, and Windsor Park, and Manchaca Road Branches.

Volunteer Services

September 2017 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	239
Total Volunteer hours	1,217.87
Total Value*	\$29,399.38

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

Volunteer Services welcomed 20 new volunteers to APL this month.

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

Roosevelt Weeks Director of Libraries

Policy Violations

34	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
24	Disrupting use of Library services or property
21	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
16	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
12	Improper use of restrooms
10	Sleeping
10	Offensive gesture or display
9	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
8	Perform a criminal act
7	Entering a non-public area
6	Incite a breach of the peace
5	Bringing animals into the Library
5	Strong odor
5	Leaving personal belongings unattended
3	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
2	Violating Internet Policy
1	Threaten Library property
1	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
1	Access sexually explicit material
1	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
1	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
1	Appropriate clothing is required
1	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
1	Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property
1	Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying baggage
186	Total

Locations # of Incidents

Cepeda	20
Little Walnut	15
Ruiz	14
Faulk Central	13
Terrazas	13
Pleasant Hill	11
Twin Oaks	10
North Village	9
University Hills	9
Willie Mae Kirk	7
Yarborough	6
History Center	4
Carver	3
Spicewood	3
St. John	3
Windsor Park	3
Hampton	2
Milwood	2
Manchaca Rd	2
Southeast	2
Howson	1