

More Than Books

Highlights

- *Tealightful Speaking with You.* Come to the Library for a cup of tea and pleasant conversation. Thursdays, 10 AM - 12 NOON during June and July. Carver Branch.
- Tell a five minute story of your choosing at *Adult Story Hour.* The theme for this session will be Growing Up. Thursday, June 29, 6-7:45 PM, Recycled Reads Bookstore.
- *Genealogy: Track Your Family Free.* Monday, July 10, 2-5 PM, Milwood Branch.
- *Shaping Spaces: Art Workshops for Adults* will cover various art mediums/techniques. This week's session is 3D Murals. Monday, July 10, 7-8:30 PM, Twin Oaks Branch.
- Reunion program with players from the 1951 North Austin Lions Little League team, the only Austin team to make the Little League World Series. July 16, 2 PM, Austin History Center.
- Read It, Hear It, Love It at Austin Public Library's Audiobook Club. This month's selection is *Modern Romance* by Aziz Ansari. Wednesday, July 19, 7 PM, University Hills Branch.
- Let your work week stress melt away at *Adult Hoppy Hour & Miniature Craft* featuring Tiny Tails to You and Rita Wang. Pet adorable low-allergy animals and sculptitty bitty mushrooms and gnome homes. Friday, July 21, 7-8:30 PM, Ruiz 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 in July. 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 2. 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

- Over 100 people attended the Armadillo World Headquarters: A Memoir event at the AHC on May 9. Eddie Wilson, joined by his co-author Jesse Sublett, shared stories about the famous Austin music landmark and signed copies of their book.
- The Austin History Center Association held its annual meeting on May 13. The event honored the many people who have participated in the Association's Oral History project over the past year, and 120 people attended the meeting.
- On May 18, the three Community Archivists participated in the Thinkery event "Thinkery21: Texas." They created a small exhibit about the Brown Berets and used that opportunity to discuss the history of East Austin's Latino population.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing six collections: the Climate Incorporated Photographs; the Robert Harry Akin Papers; the Austin (Tex.). Mayor's Office. Robert Harry Akin Records; the Austin (Tex.). City Council. Richard Goodman Records; the Mary Jane Bode Papers; and the Heritage Society of Austin Flower Hill Records. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC recently acquired some architectural drawings of the Nagle House (renovation from 1983) and records of the Austin Waltz Club. The club has existed since 1944 and is still active so eventually there may be more records to come our way.

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in news stories about the closing of Brackenridge Hospital and the bus stop at 12th and Chicon; an exhibition at La Pena; upcoming books *Hippies and American Grocery Stores* and

Higher Education in Texas (UNT Press); and upcoming documentaries "900 Thompson Street" and "Firsts."

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

- Cesar Garza met with Vinai Thomas Uthipratuma, employee at Facebook Austin and APL Social Media Ambassador, who is donating to APL some of the Facebook ad credits he receives as a Facebook employee. He also interviewed Thomas for the APL podcast series on the ambassadors and broadcast Facebook Live to promote the Adult Summer Reading Program by featuring a live online-only musical performance by Las Gabacha-chas. This was our first Facebook Live featuring live music.
- With help from Cesar Garza and Emma de Boer, Meg Holle developed and delivered a webinar about APL's use of social media for a Library Journal webinar series called "Social Media Made Simple." Focusing on Facebook, Facebook Live, Instagram and our Social Media Ambassadors program, the presentation was well received by librarians around the country.
- On May 10, Meg Holle and Toni Grasso visited Main Street Hub, an internet marketing business, and created library accounts for a whopping 51 book-hungry customers.
- Meg Holle reports that several Library divisions have been working together to create a management plan and content for APL TV. The content will be shown on TVs throughout the New Central Library and will feature Library services, programs and materials. You can see a preview of this work on the large TVs on the 1st floor in Youth Services and on the 2nd floor by the elevators. Although we can't take credit for the fish video!

Programs

- Sunday, June 11, from 1-4 PM, The APL unbound: sin Fronteras bookbike joined the Lone Star Zine Fest at Cheer Up Charlie's, 900 Red River St, in showcasing the diverse array of zine talents found across Central Texas. Attendees browsed and purchased zines, learned about zine libraries, made mini-zines and discovered a multitude of zine-related resources and more from the Austin Public Library.
- Friday, June 23, 11:30 AM, Ricardo Parra will perform a guitar concert.
- Sunday, June 25, the Austin Lacemakers Guild will provide a lacemaking demonstration followed by a short program about the history of lace and how to get involved in lacemaking. A demonstration begins at 2 PM and the program at 3 PM.
- Sunday, July 9 at 3 PM, the Faulk Central Library will host Janellea Macbeth, quilter extraordinaire, for a trunk show and discussion on hand, machine, and long arm quilting.

Feedback

- Our computer/job lab paid off in May. A patron came

in for help with a resume for a job he had a good shot at getting. He was prepared: he knew his previous work history and he had some impressive experience cooking and running kitchens in New Orleans, so it was an easy resume to put together for his interview later that afternoon. He came back on Friday to finish up the work and said he was pretty sure he had the job. I asked him to let us know.

- A librarian responded to a phone call from a man who does not have access to our databases. He is a short-wave radio enthusiast who "desperately needed" schematics for a particular radio model through SAMS. The librarian was able to find the needed pdf and email it to him. He was so appreciative that he called to thank the librarian personally.

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 advised The Manor ISD on strategies to encourage reading during the summer, and staff members met with AISD to promote APL's Summer Reading Program.

An article written by Ellen Scott of Literature LIVE!, APL's unique puppetry and storytelling troupe, was published in the latest issue of *Puppetry Journal*.

Echo and the Bats, APL's all-youth-librarian band, performed at Lucy Read, an all PRE K campus that serves students who are academically disadvantaged or are English language learners. They played for 300 preschoolers. Echo and the Bats also played at the Little Walnut Creek Branch, and they appeared on the APL *Volumes* Radio Show on KOOP.

Several members of the Youth staff attended The Thinkery's training program on Teen STEAM programming.

Once again, Youth staff made sure that *Free Comic Book Day* was a success throughout the APL system.

Recycled Reads

May revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,000. Approximately 4,000 people visited the store, including 192 attending the 14 scheduled events. Donations were received from over 300 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 140 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 30 pallets 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 65,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 22 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 provided books to APL branches for sales at Faulk Central Library, and the Howson, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Southeast, Cepeda, and Windsor Park Branches.

Plans are underway for summer fix-it clinics presented in partnership with Austin Resource Recovery.

Volunteer Services

May 2017 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	265
Total Volunteer hours	1618.10
Total Value*	\$39,060.93

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

Volunteer Services welcomed 19 new volunteers to APL this month.

Volunteer Services said thanks to our teen volunteers as we wrapped up another Spring Youth Volunteer Program.

Policy Violations

- 34 Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
- 30 Disrupting use of Library services or property
- 20 Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
- 18 Sleeping
- 14 Entering a non-public area
- 13 Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
- 10 Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
- 10 Improper use of restrooms
- 10 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 8 Perform a criminal act
- 8 Incite a breach of the peace
- 6 Offensive gesture or display
- 5 Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
- 5 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 4 Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
- 4 Access sexually explicit material
- 4 Bringing animals into the Library

- 4 Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying baggage
- 4 Violating Internet Policy
- 3 Smoking & tobacco use; burning materials
- 2 Threaten Library property
- 2 Strong odor
- 2 Bringing in a bedroll, blanket or sleeping bag
- 1 Consuming food or beverages in the Library
- 1 Appropriate clothing is required
- 1 Soliciting money or valuables
- 1 Distributing literature or soliciting customers on Library property

222 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	33
Little Walnut	25
Twin Oaks	19
Ruiz	14
Terrazas	13
Southeast	12
North Village	10
St. John	9
Willie Mae Kirk	9
Milwood	9
Cepeda	7
Windsor Park	7
Pleasant Hill	6
Recycled Reads	6
Yarborough	6
Carver	5
Spicewood	4
History Center	2
Old Quarry	2
Hampton	1
University Hills	1
Manchaca Rd	1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

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

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