



Highlights

- The Austin History Center presents its Third Annual Beer Garten Social at Scholz Garten, 1607 San Jacinto Blvd., on Saturday, May 2, from 2 - 4 PM. This year's program, Music of the Civil War, will host performances of traditional Americana music of the era by the Frontier Brigade Band followed by a performance by the local group Bells of Joy featuring traditional American Spirituals.
- This May, a series of classical guitar programs will take place almost every Sunday in May. The concerts will be held at Faulk Central Library, 801 Guadalupe St and begin at 2 PM. Each musician has come highly recommended by Austin Classical Guitar.
- Neighborhood Bound: Austin's Mobile Libraries, is a traveling photography exhibit curated by the Austin History Center. It opens Saturday, April 25 and is on display through September at the Terrazas Branch, 1105 E. Cesar Chavez St. The collection features photographs that reveal the Library's mid-century bookmobile fleet, which circulated books and a variety of unique material into the late-1970s.
- The Austin Public Library invites community members to join us on Thursday, May 7 from 6:30-8:30 PM at the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, 5125 Convict Hill Rd., to learn about the upcoming renovation of the Branch and to provide valuable input. The renovation is scheduled to start at the end of 2015 and be completed in the fall of 2016.
- The Austin History Center opened its newest exhibit in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery. "Austin's Majestic Palace: The Paramount Turns 100" celebrates the centennial of one of Austin's original performing arts venues. The exhibit is on display from March 31 through November 1, 2015.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Good headway continued to be made on the construction of Austin's New Central Library during the month of April, 2015. Street paving operations on the west side of the building, removal of shoring throughout the building, and steel erection on the sixth floor are the most demanding activities at the moment, but before the end of the month, the delivery and installation of trusses will commence, requiring that an additional crane to be utilized at the site. Trusses are a main structural component of a building, composed of a combination of members in a triangular arrangement to form a rigid framework and used to support the roof. The new crane will be placed on 2nd Street to hoist the trusses to the top of the building and the tower crane, now in the center of the building will need to be disassembled and removed from the site. The full complement of elevators required for the building have also been delivered to the site. In related work in the area, precast panels are now being installed on the 2nd Street bridge while the delivery of the arches is now anticipated to occur after the end of the

month. Stream bank work along Shoal Creek continues, as does foundation work for the substation screen wall. On April 13th, it was announced that a 58-story tower, Austin's new tallest building and the largest residential tower west of the Mississippi River, will be constructed on the former Austin Energy Controls Building site, just two blocks north of the New Central Library in the Seaholm Redevelopment District. Some of the ongoing meetings required by the New Central Library Project this month included a Building Controls Coordination Meeting on April 10th, a New Central Library Technical Team Meeting with Google Fiber representatives on April 24th, and a meeting with the staff of ATXN (the new name for Channel 6, our municipal television station) to discuss Audiovisual/Information Technology items with the project's mechanical/electrical engineers on April 27th. Finally, Austin Public Library representatives provided a well-attended and well-received "Library of the Future" presentation at the 2015 Annual Conference of the Texas Library Association on April 14, at the Austin Convention Center. Funding strategies, design goals, architectural planning, technological innovations, and new service and program opportunities were covered. The project schedule for the New Central Library remains as follows:

- ~ August 2013 ~ Site Development Permit received
- ~ August 2013 ~ Construction Begins
- ~ February 2014 ~ Garage Building Permit received
- ~ October 2014 ~ Complete Building Permit received
- ~ Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- ~ November 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: 100% complete Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project plans have been substantially reviewed by the Quality Standards Management Division (QSMD) of the Public Works Department. However, upon further review by the consultant team's Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS), it was determined that the building's restrooms must be modified to meet the new 2012 American Disability Act Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG) and could not be grandfathered in under the 1994 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS), as originally believed. "Grandfathered in" is a reference to the term "grandfather clause" which allows an exception to a new rule. As a result, a new professional architectural amendment was negotiated between the Library Department and its consultant architects, and a Notice to Proceed with remodeling of the restrooms is anticipated to follow shortly. The design team is now updating the drawings to reflect the remodeling of the restrooms in order to meet permitting requirements. Additionally, the Austin Public Library and the City of Austin ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Office are collaborating with the Public Works Sidewalk Program to modify the exterior site of the Milwood Branch Library for improved access. Other site work is anticipated to start in May, included the cleaning of the Water Quality Pond structure located beneath the library's parking lot. The

Austin Public Library will strive to sequence the additional construction work in a way that will maintain the original schedule of reopening the Milwood Branch Library in December of this year.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: A successful Kickoff Meeting for the Design Development Phase of this project was conducted at the site on April 17th. During the Design Development Phase, the consultant engineers will establish the new roof's form and overall appearance through development of the plans, sections, elevations, typical construction details and mechanical equipment layouts. Specifications which identify major building materials and systems and quality standards are established during this phase. The structural system is elaborated, as are other building systems such as heating and cooling strategies and electrical sources. The building design will be enriched with input from the architect sub-consultants. The Library Department will need to make educated decisions about quality of replacement furniture and equipment products.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: On March 26th, Council was asked to approve a resolution authorizing the filing of eminent domain proceedings for the University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project for approximately 22,147 square feet of undeveloped land adjacent to the branch library to accommodate the expansion of the parking lot by twenty-five (25) spaces. Council requested a postponement of the item to their April 2nd Agenda to allow for discussion in Executive Session during the March 30th Work Session. The item was subsequently approved by Council on April 2nd. The owner did attend the Council Meeting and requested that the City of Austin still consider working with him to share a parking lot. Following Council's approval for the land acquisition phase of the project to move forward, a proposal was requested from Library's civil engineering consultants to complete design for expanding parking lot.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: It is currently estimated that the consultant engineers have achieved 40% completion of the design for this project. Therefore, a community input meeting is now being planned to provide staff and consultants an opportunity to present the project's purpose and parameters to area residents and seek their feedback. A dialogue will be initiated with the library's customers regarding the current hazardous conditions of failed retainer panels at the foundation, an exposed crawlspace with seepage of mud and water below the suspended foundation, and the site's severely buckled sidewalks. Also discussed will be our plans to replace and prevent future failure of the retainer panels, re-grade the ground adjacent to the building, install a new storm drainage system to divert water away from the foundation, and replace sidewalks as necessary.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: The Library Department has received and approved of the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) from the project's consultant engineers. Using narrative, photographs and drawings, the PER explains the basic deficiencies of the existing fire sprinkler system at the Zaragoza

Warehouse, analyzes retrofit alternatives, proposes a specific equipment replacement plan based upon the most reasonable engineering solution, and presents the estimated total cost to construct the preferred alternative. After thoroughly reviewing the budgetary impact of the project, the Library Department is expected to issue Notice to Proceed with design to the consultant engineers.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project: Hatch +Ulland Owen Architects have finalized their proposal to perform the design and construction management work required by this important renovation project. The proposal is now being reviewed by the Contract Management Department (CMD) in its role of administering the procurement and management of professional and construction service contracts for capital improvements for the City of Austin. Once the service agreement with the architects has been fully executed, public outreach efforts will be initiated to engage the Oak Hill community in the planning process for the upcoming remodel of their branch library.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project: At the specific request of the Library Department, the architect assignment for the Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project was given to Limbacher & Godfrey by the Contract Management Department. During the February 2nd tour of the Austin History Center provided for architect, Laurie Limbacher, it was decided that a preliminary architectural scope report should be generated before proceeding with design. Much like a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), the preliminary scope report will provide a description of the needs to be addressed, projections of future needs, and descriptions of alternative renovation solutions, including cost estimates for each alternative. Also discussed during the initial meeting with the architect was the preference of the Library Department to utilize open invitation for construction bidding at the construction delivery method for this particular project, with City of Austin prequalification restrictions. Prequalification is a method of determining bidder responsibility and expertise. As this project is a renovation of a historic building, prequalification is recommended to restrict the bidding to a group of bidders who meet predetermined responsibility and expertise standards in the area of historic preservation work. The Library Department has accepted a proposal from Limbacher & Godfrey Architects to perform the preliminary scope report. A Notice to Proceed (NTP) will be granted shortly by the Contract Management Department (CMD). The preliminary scoping of work and documentation of as-built drawings is anticipated to take sixty (60) working days. A meeting was held with representatives from the City of Austin Asbestos, Lead & Mold Group (ALMG) to request a proposal for the lead-based paint abatement required before refurbishment of the building's wrought iron balconies can proceed. A preliminary cost estimate for abatement has now been received, but a more thorough proposal from a rotation list abatement contractor remains to be generated.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project: Library Facilities Services carefully reviewed the draft proposal received from the engineering consultants

assigned to this project to provide the soils investigation and structural analysis needed to determine the causes for the settling of this branch library building, as well as their recommendations for repairs and opinions of probable cost. Particular care was taken by Library Facilities Services during the review process to ensure that public safety would be addressed during the drilling and excavation processes anticipated. After Library Facilities Services staff met with the engineering consultants and their sub-consultants at the site, it was mutually agreed among the attendees that a different engineering firm might be more appropriate for the project. On April 15th, another engineering firm from the City of Austin Structural Engineering Rotation List was assigned to the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project. A meeting with the newly assigned engineering firm, and their sub-consultants, is now being scheduled.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility

Improvement Project: Drawings detailing the desired Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements to the entrance of the Little Walnut Creek Branch from the consultant architect were reviewed and approved by Library Facilities Services. The drawings were subsequently forwarded to the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department for their review, comments and approval. The following items are planned to be addressed:

- Remove and replace slippery tile on porch with cementitious, textured coating
- Replace all handrails and guardrails to meet both Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS) and IBC (International Building Code) requirements
- Extend the length of the upper landing to meet TAS requirements
- Repair cracked and spalling concrete of existing landing

Recycled Reads Bookstore: On March 26th, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a 84-month lease renewal for 7,675 square feet of retail, office and storage space for the Book Sale Program of the Austin Public Library Department, located at 5335 Burnet Road, from PAJO Properties, Ltd., Georgetown, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$1,151,643. However, an overall program review for the item was referred to the Audit and Finance Committee, and then subsequently assigned to the Economic Opportunity Committee by the Mayor. The requested issues to be covered in committee are:

- Whether or not there are other service providers that might be able to provide this service
- Whether we can assist non-profits in taking over the effort
- Whether there are different or better opportunities for the location of the bookstore, colocations, buying another property or other such opportunities

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- Video Archivist Tim Hamblin, with the staff from ACLS, organized and produced the Central Concerts series at the Central library during SXSW. The series featured afternoon concerts over 3 days (3-19/21), with over 100 people attending.

- The AHC participated in the Remembering Lincoln project at the Ford's Theater in Washington DC. The project is an interactive website documenting how the country responded to Lincoln's assassination. Reference intern Sarah Sauri researched Austin newspapers and various archival collections so Austin could be represented in this project. The website is: <http://www.rememberinglincoln.org>

- On March 10, the AHC hosted a program, with the AHCA, with local authors S. C. "Sam" Gwynne and Jeff Kerr. To the delight of the 60 attendees, Kerr and Gwynne talked about the Comanche Indians, the subject of Gwynne's bestselling *Empire of the Summer Moon*. The Comanche also play a role in some of the stories in Kerr's *The Republic of Austin*.

- On March 28, the AHC hosted editor Aralyn Hughes and several contributors from their new book *Kid Me Not*, a collection of stories from women in their 60s who grew up in the 1960s and chose to not have children, being the first generation to have that choice. Several women read from their contributions, sharing stories that are not only personal to them, but a social history and commentary on the 1960s and 70s.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 10 collections, the Hofheinz Family Photograph Album, Ed Anderson Photograph Album, the Millo Marcum Photograph Album, the 008 Austin Dam Reconstruction Photograph Album, the Charles J. Schneider Papers, the Covered Wagon Journey Photo Album, the Amelia Simpson Millett Photograph Album, the Frank Jacob Smith Family Photograph Album, the Sallie Harral Photograph Album, and the Friendly R. Rice Photograph Album, and placed EAD encoded finding aids for the collections on the Internet at the TARO website. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.

- The AHC recently acquired boxes of materials about the Paramount Theater and its restoration in the 1970s from Joh Bernadoni, one of the founders of the Paramount Theater for the Performing Arts, Inc. These papers will augment the existing Paramount Theater Collection at the Center.

Exhibits

- The AHC opened its newest exhibit in the David Earl Holt Photo Gallery. "Austin's Majestic Palace: The Paramount Turns 100" celebrates the centennial of one of Austin's original performing arts venues: the Paramount Theater. On display from March 31 through November 1, 2015, the exhibit illustrates many of the changes and transformations to the theater that have taken place over the last century.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming books *100 Amazing Facts About Negroes* (W.E.B. DuBois Institute), *Tales of the Jazz Age from Austin* (The History Press), and *John Wayne and Me*, exhibits at the Texas Capitol, in Wells Fargo branches, and Kealing Middle School, and documentaries on Juneteenth and school integration in Texas.

Upcoming Programs

- May 2, 4-6 pm, Scholz Garten. 3rd Annual "Beer Garden Social." This year's event is "Music of the Civil War."
- May 29th, 7 pm, AHC. Austin History Center

Association Annual Meeting.

Central Library Services

APL continued its partnership with SXSW and was an official venue hosting Central Concerts in March. The following groups performed: Convict Hill, Lacy Rose and Ricky Stein. Other programs this month included Improve Yourself—Overcoming the Fear of Death and a performance of Ivy and the Wicker Suitcase in partnership with the Youth Services division of the Austin Public Library.

April programs included Cartooning in the Digital Age; Getting into Harvard and Stanford: How to Earn Admission into Elite Colleges; On Legacy Writing & the Gift of Remembering; The Importance of Organic Food Gardening; and Compost Pedallers. iPhoneographers of Austin, which provides an opportunity for Austinites to present their digital photography, held its second meeting. The sixth annual New Fiction Confab presented in partnership with the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation is Saturday, April 25. Participating authors include Rebecca Makkai, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Asali Solomon, Akhil Sharma, Amanda Eyre Ward, and Mary Helen Specht. The authors will lead writing workshops at branch libraries the morning of April 25 and convene at the Faulk Central Library in the afternoon for the Confab. April 26 will be the second offering of Foreign Film Affairs, the Faulk Central Library's film series. The April selection is *The Hundred Foot Journey*.

Special Event: During the Texas Library Association, Faulk Central Library hosted Beau L'Amour, son of Louis L'Amour, who spoke about his father and the making of an audio dramatization of *The Diamond of Jeru*. Beau L'Amour, Paul O'Dell, producer and editor, and Joel Bryant, one of the cast of actors who worked on the dramatization, spoke about working as a group versus a single actor reading the book, making and producing the sound effects, adding music and mastering the sound.

Branch Services

In April, Terrazas again hosted the annual Cesar Chavez March, which began in the library's parking lot and finished at City Hall's steps. In conjunction with this event, the library showed the biopic *Cesar Chavez* with actor Michael Pena. Students from Martin Middle School were able to view this. We were also able to provide I Geek Cesar Chavez signs/posters for many of the marching participants. Additionally, Terrazas hosted this month the "Internet of Things," a program in conjunction with SXSW and Hackathon for Social Good. The branch provided the space and connectivity for this event that was attended by computer professionals from around the world that had come to Austin for SXSW.

Howson held its popular Book Bonanza used book sale event. Howson Branch Manager Cindy Beno reports that staff demonstrated outstanding teamwork which contributed to the sale's resounding success. A total of \$900 was made, but more significant was the good will and commitment to community that the sale engendered, as indicated by comments like "Great sale!", "This is what I

love about this community!" and "Do this again soon!"

Little Walnut Creek continues to offer computer classes 4 days a week sponsored by the Central Texas Literacy Coalition. In March volunteers had 10 students and 8 were new learners.

Youth Services

The Bibliofiles Book Cart Drill team performed at the Annual Book Cart Drill Team Competition at the Texas Library Association's 2015 Annual Conference in Austin. The performance was spectacular and was a tribute to Ashley Bryan's Coretta Scott King Award winning book, *Beautiful Blackbird*.

Youth Services had its first Play Read Grow workshop for parents of children age 0-5 using our new hands on early literacy stations at the Windsor Park Branch on March 17. We had 10 parents plus their little ones, for a total of 25 attendees. All the parents were very enthusiastic about the information provided and the stations were a big hit – especially the scribbling wall! Due to popular request, a morning session has been scheduled for the Windsor Park on May 7th.

Recycled Reads

March revenue for Recycled Reads (ARR) was approximately \$12,000. Over 4,100 people visited the store, including the six-year anniversary celebration. Donated materials were received from 250 people.

More than twenty volunteers on average, donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 28 pallets of discarded materials. Staff received 16 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing 47,000 items at the bookstore. Over 19 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 60,000 items were processed.

Mindy Reed presented at the Austin City Council planning session on March 24 to answer questions regarding the Recycled Reads program. ARR joined and participated in the Austin Materials Marketplace group. Staff participated in conference calls to establish the ETSY craft entrepreneur training program at ARR and interviewed and hired an instructor. Mindy Reed was named a 2015 Library Mover and Shaker by Library Journal and was featured in the March 15 issue of the magazine. Recycled Reads was featured on Time Warner Cable News March 24, The Austin Chronicle March 26, The Austin American Statesman March 27, and Community Impact News March 31.

Volunteer Services

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| March 2015 - STATISTICS | |
| Number of Volunteers | 230 |
| March - Volunteer hours | 1718.23 |
| Volunteer Hourly Value | \$22.55 |
| | \$38,746.09 |

Policy Violations

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| 32 | Theft of Library, staff, or customer property |
| 25 | Disturbing others using the Library |
| 17 | Sleeping in the Library |
| 14 | Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual) |
| 9 | Disorderly conduct |
| 9 | Violating Internet Policy |
| 8 | Using obscene language |
| 6 | Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags. |
| 6 | Unintended use of restrooms |
| 6 | Physically attack or threaten to attack another person |
| 6 | Destruction of Library property |
| 5 | Indecent exposure |
| 5 | Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs |
| 4 | Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment |
| 4 | Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources |
| 4 | Public lewdness |
| 3 | Bringing animals into the Library |
| 3 | Entering unauthorized areas |
| 3 | Strong Odor |
| 3 | No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library |
| 2 | Appropriate clothing is required |
| 2 | Leaving personal belongings unattended |
| 2 | Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers |
| 1 | Fighting |
| 1 | Smoking in the Library |
| 1 | Soliciting and panhandling |
| 1 | Voyeurism and peeping |
| 182 | Total |

Locations # of Incidents

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| Faulk Central | 42 |
| Terrazas | 21 |
| Ruiz | 18 |
| Little Walnut Creek | 16 |
| Pleasant Hill | 10 |
| Twin Oaks | 8 |
| Willie Mae Kirk | 7 |
| Southeast | 5 |
| Austin History Center | 4 |
| Windsor Park | 4 |
| Carver | 2 |
| Cepeda | 2 |
| Manchace Road | 2 |
| St. John | 2 |
| University Hills | 2 |
| Yarborough | 2 |
| Hampton at Oak Hill | 1 |
| North Village | 1 |
| Spicewood Springs | 1 |

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

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