

Highlights

- The 2015 Mayor's Book Club features John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Read the book and join us for programs in the Fall.
 - * Reading & Conversation at JHF Central Library, Saturday, November 21, 2 - 3 PM
 - * Austin Opera will perform Carlisle Floyd's unique operatic adaptation of the novella in January of 2016.
 - * Film Screening *Of Mice and Men*, at Yarborough, Wednesday, October 14, 6-8:45 PM
- The 2015 Texas Book Festival is October 17 - 18 at the State Capitol
- It is now possible to pay fines online at <https://library.payments.austintexas.gov/pay/>

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Construction activities continue to progress rapidly at the site of New Central Library, with efforts concentrated on making the building impermeable to water through completion of roof work - including the roof garden – and making the exterior walls weathertight. Stone is currently being placed on the outside of the building as well and the windows installed. The contractor is likewise turning his attention to bringing permanent power online for the building by the end of the month and putting the elevators into service to facilitate material handling to the upper floors. The skylight is anticipated to be delivered to the site soon and will require an additional crane in order to be installed. Other ongoing work at the site at the moment includes hydrostatic pressure testing of the chilled water system for strength and the presence of any leaks. By way of background, cooling will be provided at the New Central Library through connection to Austin Energy's downtown district chilled water system, consisting of two production plants that efficiently provide chill water to multiple high-rise buildings via an underground piping network. Employing this engineering approach kept the New Central Library from taking up valuable building space for chillers and cooling towers and incurring significant capital cost and future maintenance expenditures. Project interior design consultants along with Public Works and Library staff members are meeting this month with the City of Austin Purchasing Department to complete the final set of procurement documents for furniture solicitation for the New Central Library. The push is to complete this phase of the procurement process and set target dates for advertisement to vendors. Finally, the Library Department is working with the Office of Real Estate Services along with their consultant on the solicitation of restaurateurs to operate the New Central Library Café. The remaining project schedule for the New Central Library is now given as:

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

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: While the selected Job Order Contractor was still visiting the site and reviewing the construction documents to gain a thorough understanding of the scope of the project prior to submitting his proposal to perform the work, the Library Department submitted the project plans to the Development Services Department in hopes of a quick turn-around plan review. The plan review of the drawings was approved on September 21st, and the building permit for the construction project has been issued to the Library Department. A preliminary proposal was received from the Job Order Contractor on September 11th and is being reviewed concurrently by the Contract Management and Library departments prior to approval and award. The converted meeting room now serving as the community "pocket library" at the Milwood Branch will not close at the end of this month as tentatively planned but will continue operations at least through the middle of October.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: On September 24th, the LEED/ Sustainability coordinator for the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department is scheduled to meet with the consultant engineering firm and the Library Department to discuss issues related to the Professional Engineering Report (PER) performed for this project. The project drawings and specification manuals are judged to be approximately 40% complete, but the Quality Management Division will not review these documents and allow the Design Phase to move forward until the aforementioned PER issues are resolved.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: A land acquisition process, necessary for the expansion of the University Hills Branch Library parking lot, is being managed by the Office of Real Estate Services (ORES), while our civil engineering consultants further develop the construction design for the project. Meanwhile, the Library Department has coordinated with the Art in Public Places program of the Cultural Arts Division of the Economic Development Department to commission a professional visual artist, or artist team, to design, fabricate and install artwork for the University Branch Library. On September 14th, qualifications were requested from professional visual artists, or artist teams, living in the Austin metropolitan area (including Travis, Williamson, Bastrop, Caldwell and Hays counties). Twenty-one (21) interested persons attended the Artist Information Meeting held at the University Hills Branch Library on September 16th to learn about the project and this artwork opportunity. The funds for the artwork derive from the 2% public art contribution from the Library Department's project construction budget, totaling \$55,000 for an artist contract award. The deadline to respond to the request for qualifications is 5:00 PM on October 15th.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library

Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: 100% complete construction documents for this project are now being reviewed by the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department. After final approval by the Quality Management Division and the Library Department, the construction document package will be routed to the Contract Management department (CMD) for assignment under the City of Austin Job Order Contract Program. The City of Austin, through the Contract Management Department, manages a Job Order Contract (JOC) program to provide construction and renovation for City of Austin facilities. The Citywide JOC is available to all departments and work is assigned to the three (3) selected JOC contractors by a Job Order Assignment (JOA) on a rotation-type basis. On September 10th, the Austin City Council approved \$75,000 to fund a portable building to be installed and operated as a temporary library on the Widen Elementary School campus while the nearby Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is closed for foundation repair work. The requisite Inter-Local Agreement between the Austin Independent School District and the City of Austin is now being drafted in order for this collaborative project to move forward.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project:

The Professional Engineering Report (PER) for the Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade was approved by the Library Department but remains under review by the Quality Standards Management Division of the Public Works Department. In a related development, the Contract Management Department (CMD) reversed their previous determination that that this project was appropriate for the Job Order Contract (JOC) program, and now believe the best construction delivery method for the Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade project would be Invitation for Bid (IFB). For an IFB process, an organization provides detailed project specifications and allows contractors to submit their proposals indicating how much the project will cost to complete. Because the focus of the IFB is on the bidder's price for project completion, there is less emphasis on the bidder introducing his own ideas and suggestions on how the project work should be done. Unless stated otherwise, the contractor with the lowest bid is awarded the contract, provided he meets the minimum criteria for the bid. The consultant engineers are now revising their design proposal to accommodate the more lengthy Invitation for Bid (IFB) process. On the plus side, "as-built" fire sprinkler drawings for the Zaragoza Warehouse have been acquired from the Austin Fire Department to assist in the demolition planning and design process.

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

The project's consultant architects are presently working to bring the schematic design documents to a 30% completion level prior to submitting them for review by the Quality Management Division (QMD) of the Public Works Department. The Library's project manager, along with the consultant architects, met recently with Public Works departmental LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) coordinator to discuss the project's scope and capacity to achieve a minimum of Silver level certification, in accordance with the City

resolution 20071129-045. LEED-certified projects have to meet certain credit requirements for sustainable site, water and energy efficiency, materials and resources, and indoor environmental quality. Based on this discussion, the consultant architects have prepared an additional services proposal from their engineering sub-consultant to register the project with the United States Green Building Council (USGBC), design the renovation with a goal of achieving LEED Silver and to prepare the design team LEED submission material. The Library Department will forward the completed additional services request to the Contract Management Department (CMD) for approval. On September 9th, the consultant architects met with Will Hampton Branch Library staff to clarify programming needs for the staff work areas in design while a Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) performed a preliminary review and report on Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) issues that will need to be addressed at the building. A Registered Accessibility Specialist (RAS) is a professional licensed by the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) to determine if the built environment is compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, Texas Architectural Barriers Act (TABAA) and the Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). A RAS provides project registration, plan review to determine accessible design and inspects finished buildings to verify accessible construction. Once QMD has approved the 30% complete design documents, the consultant architects will compile 60% complete design documents to be presented to the community for review and comments.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project:

The architect's concept design documents for this renovation of a historical building have been routed to the cost estimating consultants in order to assist APL in prioritizing the compiled list of restorative and repair work needed. Further research is also being conducted to determine the best restorative processes to employ in maintaining the existing masonry and carpentry details.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs

Project: Extensive geotechnical soils investigation via drilling at a number of locations around the building has been completed at the site. Six holes were drilled, twenty-five (25) feet deep and soil samples were taken at various depths. Our consultant engineers are now working to complete the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), which will include surveys of the floor surface elevations and signs of distress in the building, evaluations of past and expected performance of the foundation, and recommendations for foundation improvement and cost estimates. This project has likewise been reclassified from being a candidate for the City of Austin Job Order Contract program and the targeted construction delivery method will be now be revised to be Invitation for Bid (IFB). This construction delivery method is thought of as the traditional method by most people in the construction industry and related professions. Issues with this traditional method include the fact that the pre-construction phase is lengthy with the Owner having a good bit of project funds at risk before ever obtaining a firm price on construction.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility

Improvement Project: The proposal from the consultant engineers for the Preliminary Engineering Report and Design has been reviewed by the Library's project manager and returned with comments. It is currently believed that this project falls well within the parameters of the Job Order Contract program to provide minor construction, repairs, alterations, renovations and maintenance for City of Austin facilities, so no reclassification to a construction delivery method of Invitation for Bid is anticipated.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- Manager Mike Miller gave presentations to two different Rotary Clubs, the Capitol Rotary Club on August 5 and the Westlake Rotary Club on August 7.
- On August 6 and 7, Head of Public Services Nancy Toombs gave "impromptu" story times to groups of young children from PARD. The groups arrived unannounced, but Nancy was able to cobble together a program for them on the fly.
- The AHC partnered with the Capital City Black Film Festival to have a strong AHC presence at the opening event on August 13. African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin, assisted by Archives Media Specialist Grace McEvoy and Exhibits Coordinator Steve Schwolert, prepared a small exhibit "A Brief History of Black Cinema and Movie Houses in Austin and Beyond, 1895-1976" as well as participating in a presentation that evening and having an information booth about the AHC at the Festival. This was a very successful partnership.
- LaToya also started working with local filmmakers on a YouTube video project called Black and Abroad about the African diaspora. She is working with them on episodes about this topic in Austin's history.
- On August 15, Processing Archivist Molly Hults gave a presentation about genealogy resources available at the AHC as part of a workshop offered at the Manchaca branch.
- On August 20, Nancy Toombs gave a presentation about the AHC to 110 members of the Austin AARP group. The presentation generated a lot of interest, including follow-up questions and visits to the AHC.
- On August 26, the AHC hosted a film screening of La Loma and a panel discussion with the filmmakers. The program was organized by Latina/o Community Archivist Amanda Jasso and 60 people attended the program, many leaving energized to do more to address the issues raised by the film.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 2 collections, the Michael Martin Video Collection and the Charles Whitman APD Records, and placed EAD encoded finding aid for the collection on the Internet at the TARO website. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Among the recent donations to the AHC was the transfer of records from ChannelAustin to the AHC. ChannelAustin was running the city's Public Access TV station until the newest contract was awarded to the Austin Film Society. The donation includes copies of programming as well as records about the operations of the channel.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from

the AHC were purchased for use in a number of upcoming books, including Taming Texas: How Law and Order Came to the Lone Star State (Texas Supreme Court Historical Society), Indelible Austin (Waterloo Press), Riding for the Lone Star: Frontier Cavalry and the Texas Way of War (UNT Press), and Impeached: The Removal of Texas Governor James E. Ferguson; a story on J. Frank Dobie in an upcoming issue of Texas Co-Op Power Magazine and articles in Austin Monthly and Landscape Architecture Magazine; signage at Pease Park; multiple KXAN news stories, and a new website about the history of the Paramount Theater.

Exhibits

- The AHC opened its newest exhibit, "Making the Grade: Austin's First Public Schools," on September 16. A crowd of about 70 people attended the opening reception, with a wonderful menu from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts that was a play on a 1940s school lunch menu (but much tastier!). Feedback so far has been overwhelmingly positive.

Grants

- The AHC received a 2015 Rescuing Texas History grant from the Portal to Texas History. This is the 5th time the AHC has received this mini-grant to have materials digitized and placed online through the Portal. This project will entail digitizing over 250 images from the Frank Caldwell collection. Caldwell was a noted Texana collector, amassing an impressive collection of 19th century photographs of Texas.

Central Library Services

Blair Parsons planned the October/November Social Security workshop series for six APL locations and coordinated Mayor's Book Club programs at four branches.

The Faulk Central Library hosted author Jackson Michael Sunday, August 30. Mr. Michael discussed his book, *The Game Before the Money: Voices of the Men Who Built the NFL*, and told stories of NFL legends. The program was well-attended and welcomed the 2015 football season.

Meg Holle did a short KXAN interview about the Virtual Library. A customer came in to get a card because of the KXAN Studio 512 spot... The customer said Meg did a fantastic job of explaining how the online books work etc. She said she hadn't had a library card in years, but this was really something that caught her interest.

WRITE CLUB, the famed writing club of the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill, moved downtown to the Faulk Central Library. Meetings are on the last Sunday of each month, from 2-4 PM. Meetings focus on brief writing exercises, with opportunities to share and discuss. Night Crafters had 31 in attendance at the August gathering.

ACLS staff, Aaron Negron, posted Austin Public Library's first Podcast in June.

- Episode 1: Jeremy Young shared his culinary journey from emergency fry cook in a San Francisco bar to Sous chef at Austin's Ramen Tatsu-Ya restaurant.
- Episode 2: Austin hip hop quintet, Magna Carda, visited the Austin Public Library and discussed Austin hip hop, women in hip hop, and their creative process. All music in the episode appears courtesy of Magna Carda.

- Episode 3: Austin duo, Chipper Jones, discussed life in Austin, TX as an instrumental band. All music in this episode appears courtesy of Chipper Jones.

In addition to the daily hours answering questions on the reference desk, on the phone, through Ask-a-Librarian questions and chats, the Central Library Reference staff assisted customers with computers, public catalogs and other equipment, wrapped up the collection suggestions for the fiscal year, put together weeding statistics, wrote annual collection reports, updated the Phone Book collection, continued weeding reference and subject areas, wrote graphic requests, conducted programs, taught classes, conducted database orientations for new APL staff, wrote blog posts on APL materials and programs, responded to 2048 ILL requests, received 81 ILL items for our customers and created and maintained 3rd floor book displays: one on nonfiction books made into movies and another on the nuclear arms race that began in August 1945.

Staff also wrote 79 subject information Guides in 11 categories this year. In August they added an information guide on Retro Technology: where to find typewriters, faxes, where you can still get your floppies read, your tape digitized, etc. and another on Immigration and Citizenship. Circulation created 529 applications, routed in 905 bins of materials and processed 1,685 items drop shipped to Faulk. This was in addition to the hours worked on the circulation desk and handling the 905 bins of materials. They also searched for and processed approximately 100+ pages of holds per day.

Branch Services

Cepeda had a solid turnout for its Adult Storytelling program with 35 people in attendance. Storyteller Tim Tingle spent an hour and a half recounting his experiences attending an Indian Boarding School and its effects on himself and the other children there.

Ruiz teamed up with SCORE Austin to present two informational sessions: *Legally Setting Up Your Business: Avoiding Common Mistakes* was on August 6 with 19 attendees, and *Making Sense of Financial Information for the Small Business Owner* was on August 26 with 12 attendees.

Terrazas' Controversy Film Series featured the Homestretch which deals with homeless youth. They invited local organizations ECHO, AISD, Lifeworks, Safe Place, and Wildflower Unity Church to participate in the discussion. Over 50 people attended.

University Hills had their Attack on Con on August 14, in cooperation with APL's Youth Services Division. Staff was pleased with the turnout; over 200 people attended. Customers made a number of comments about the effort the staff put forth for the program. Both adults and children enjoyed the activities and were really excited with the t-shirt offerings. This late summer program is becoming a tradition at AUH and they will be planning for the summer of 2016 soon.

The Windsor Park Book Club had 13 readers at the meeting on the 14th discussing *Zealot* by Reza Aslan. On the 12th, the branch had a fabulously successful Adult Summer Reading Program event – local rock band the Ugly Beats played two sets in the early evening on August 12, with 65 listeners for the performance.

Little Walnut hosted the Restore Rundberg Health Awareness Committee on August 11, 2015, and were joined by Mayor Steve Adler. Branch Manager Amanda Williams took the opportunity to address the group and inform them of all the resources the library has to offer.

Youth Services

Youth Services registered and participated in AISD's Connect It! School Partnership Fair. It was an opportunity to share information about APL's programs and materials with over 800 new AISD teachers.

Youth Services worked with Parks and Recreation Department and AISD to provide a Free Lending Library this summer at Turner Roberts Recreation Center. It was a way to make reading more available to teens over the summer and avoid the possible summer slide.

Youth Services presented the Summer Reading Program, Whodunit?! A Library Mystery at the Yarbrough Branch. The event had about 75 people who came out to find clues to solve the mystery. It was the grand finish for the teen summer programming.

Grants

APL began the My Library Keeps Me Healthy grant in collaboration with the Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department. This project promotes health and wellness resources to empower Library customers and the residents of Austin with the knowledge to make positive and healthy lifestyle choices. Funding begins September 1, 2015 and runs through August 2016 for this health literacy grant. The library will hire a Public Health Educator to coordinate activities which will include free health screenings, as well as Library programming and outreach opportunities focusing on the Library's many health and wellness resources.

This project is made possible by a grant from the U.S. Institute of Museum and Library Services and Texas State Library and Archives Commission. (2016)

Recycled Reads

August revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$17,400. Over 4,500 people visited the store, including over 130 attending the 18 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 341 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 24 pallets of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 125 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing approximately 63,500 items at the bookstore.

Approximately 26 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 84,500 items were processed.

In August, ARR started a pilot program with Thrift Books in Dallas. They will pay 12 cents per pound on the books sent to them. They picked up six pallets of materials and were invoiced \$560 for the initial shipment. The Fix-it clinics will take place October - December.

Volunteer Services

August 2015 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	197
August - Volunteer hours	1498.27
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.07*
	\$34,357.46

(*rate change in May 2015 from \$22.55)

ARR	8
ASR	8
AWK	8
AWP	8
ACB	6
AOK	6
AUH	6
ACP	5
AOQ	5
AHC	4
AYB	4
ASJ	2
AHO	1
ANV	1
AOS	1
ASE	1

Policy Violations

- 37 Theft of Library, staff or customer property
- 20 Disturbing others using the Library
- 18 Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
- 17 Sleeping in the Library
- 13 Using obscene language
- 10 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
- 9 Disorderly conduct
- 8 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 8 Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
- 7 Entering unauthorized areas
- 6 Violating Internet Policy
- 6 No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
- 6 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 4 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 4 Fighting
- 4 Bringing animals into the Library
- 3 Public Lewdness
- 3 Unintended use of restrooms
- 3 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children in the Library
- 3 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 3 Appropriate clothing is required
- 2 Destruction of Library property
- 2 Indecent exposure
- 2 Soliciting and panhandling
- 2 Smoking in the Library
- 2 Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
- 1 Strong odor
- 1 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags

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

Brenda Branch,
Director of Libraries

204 Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	20
ARZ	19
ALW	18
ATB	17
ATO	15
APH	12
AMR	10