

Highlights

- Austin Public Library's new Bookmobile arrives at the Milwood branch on March 31, ready to provide limited interim Library services to the area until construction is completed.
- The Twin Oaks Branch debuts a new music series "Two O'Clock Tunes" showcasing local musicians in the outdoor amphitheater. First up is the Jazz Daddies, Saturday, April 2, 2 PM.
- Join us for Music in the Park, Sunday, April 3, 2-5 PM, at Wooldridge Square Park. Groups from various AISD schools will be performing. Presented in conjunction with the Austin History Center's exhibit, "Making the Grade: Austin's First Public Schools."
- The Health, Wellness and You series of workshops continues at the Faulk Central Library with Maximizing Your Sleep, Sunday, April 3, at 3 PM.
- In partnership with the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation, the Faulk Central Library will host the New Fiction Confab Saturday, April 23, 2-5 PM. Now in its seventh year, the New Fiction Confab provides an opportunity to attend writing workshops led by notable writers followed by an afternoon of readings and conversations with the writers.
- The Spicewood Springs Branch celebrates National Poetry Month with Not Averse to Verse. Take part in the Typewriter Rodeo plus create your own blackout poetry, haiku book reviews, and book spine poetry. Thursday, April 28, 6:30-8:30 PM.
- The Milwood Branch will reopen to the public on Wednesday, June 1.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The construction of the New Central Library is continuing to progress well at the present time. Exterior wall framing has been completed, allowing work on the window frames as well as glazing to proceed. Stone veneer installation is now predominately occurring on the south side of the building and metal panel siding installation has been initiated on all sides. The construction of a number of interior building elements is underway, with the installation of mechanical, plumbing and electrical systems being finalized from the first to the top floor, sheetrock going up on all levels, lighting being installed throughout and final work on the elevators in the process of being completed. On the first floor, the installation of wall finishes, ceramic tile, terrazzo, and acoustical ceiling panels are all in progress, while the installation of the wood ceiling has started on the topmost level of the building. On February 22, another milestone for the project was achieved when the mechanical system was put into operation and began taking chill water from Austin Energy's chilled water transmission line. The Library Department presented a briefing on the New Central Library at the February 23 Austin City Council Work Session that was very well received. On Thursday, February 25, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of contracts for the purchase of furniture and fixtures for the New Central

Library through the U.S. Communities Cooperative with Workplace Resource in an amount not to exceed \$1,083,435, Shelton-Keller in an amount not to exceed \$391,152 and through the Texas Multiple Award Schedule Cooperative with McCoy Rockford in an amount not to exceed \$204,729, Libra-Tech in an amount not to exceed \$1,284,851, and Facility Interiors in an amount not to exceed \$557,846, for total contracts not to exceed \$3,522,013. These contracts will provide the bulk of purchases, deliveries and installations of furniture required for the New Central Library. The remaining New Central Library furniture, fixtures and equipment (FF&E) packages are scheduled to be brought to Council for contract award approval in April. Key dates remaining on the project schedule are:

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

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: The Milwood Branch interim or "pocket library" being operated out of the meeting room at that location was required to close its doors on Monday, February 22, to allow the second phase of the renovation project to proceed. The entire building has now been released to the contractor so that the most disruptive part of the project, the renovation of the public restrooms to meet the new 2012 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, can be carried out. Another development at the site in February was the construction startup for a Google Fiber maintenance hut which will not only facilitate a faster internet connection and broader bandwidth for the Milwood Branch Library, but will provide the infrastructure for Goggle Fiber to be made available to the entire Milwood neighborhood. The Library Department's newly purchased bookmobile is currently being processed by City of Austin Fleet Services Department, but it is anticipated to be issued to the Library Department in late March. At that time, the bookmobile will be assigned to the Milwood site to provide interim library services to the community as a standalone "mini-library," complete with WiFi capability, a small collection, two (2) public computer stations and room to accommodate both materials placed on hold by customers as well as their return of materials. Phase one of the renovation project is now nearing completion, and the contractor will be requesting a stocking permit inspection so that the Library Department may start installing shelving as well as shelving materials in the facility as early as April. The moving of furniture and merchandise into a space prior to final inspection requires that the job be 90% complete, clean and safe, with all construction debris removed and all life safety items 100% complete. The manufacturers of the new furniture ordered for the Milwood Branch are under notice to deliver their products to the site in time for the facility to reopen to the public on or about June 1.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: On March 11, the project manager for the Pleasant Hill Roof Replacement and

HVAC Upgrade met with Quality Management Division representatives regarding the project's 30% Complete Design Submittals and was informed that if any architectural modifications are made to the building, then the entire building will need to be brought up to compliance with the new 2012 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards. Moreover, the project would need to comply with a Council ordinance that major renovation projects achieve at least a Silver LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) rating certificate. As these admittedly worthwhile goals are beyond the fiscal reach of the Library Department at this time, the project scope will be returned to its original engineering project parameters: a total roof replacement with asbestos abatement as necessary coupled with a complete HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment and controls retrofit.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The Office of Real Estate Services is having the contracted appraisal firm reappraise the property needed since the original appraiser passed away recently. After the appraisal and land use plan are updated, a revised final offer will be sent to the property owners before a date is set for a hearing. The final approval of sculptor Colin McIntyre to create the Arts in Public Places portion of the project was granted by the Arts Commission on January 25. Once the artists' contract has been executed, design on the outdoor sculpture piece will begin, with installation targeted to coincide with site construction. The Library Department will support a successful art installation by providing for the artwork's landscaping and lighting requirements. One of the goals of this art commission is to reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhoods and the diverse population served by the University Hills Branch Library. The artist will therefore be asked to collaborate with the community as well as project representatives to fully develop his artwork.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: The Quality Management Division/Public Works Department has approved the 100% complete construction drawings and specifications created by the Library's consultant engineers for this project. The Library Department is now endeavoring to acquire the services of a Job Order Contractor through auspices of the Office of Capital Contracting. The Office of Capital Contracting manages the Job Order Contract (JOC) program of the City of Austin to provide minor construction, repairs, alterations, renovations and maintenance for facilities. Through a competitive sealed proposal solicitation, the City of Austin has previously selected three (3) Job Order Contractors, and work is issued to these JOC Contractors by Job Order Assignment, with the Assignments being administered by the JOC Administrator of the Office of Capital Contracting. Concurrently, Library Department and Austin Independent School District staff are working to finalize an Inter-Local Agreement which will allow the operation of an interim municipal library in a portable building on the Widen Elementary School campus while construction is in progress at the nearby Southeast Austin Branch Library. Austin Branch Library.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: The consultants' Professional Engineering Report (PER) for the project has been reviewed and their proposed Option One for correcting current deficiencies has been approved by Library Facilities Services. Option One of the PER calls for the installation of a wet-pipe system along with providing gas heating to the warehouse so that the required minimum temperature of forty degrees can be maintained. A wet-pipe fire sprinkler system was recommended by the consultant engineers due to various advantages:

- System simplicity and reliability which equals lower installation and maintenance expenses
- Increased design flexibility leading to ease of modification for future changes to the building
- Reduced fire response time of the system which results in reduced property damage
- Low corrosion potential equaling less future system repair or replacement
- Short term down time following a fire event

Other advantages of a wet-pipe system were attractive to Library Facilities Services. The wet-pipe system provides the greater degree of fire safety, is more cost effective than a dry-pipe system, and allows for a shorter modification and installation construction time. Since the Zaragoza Warehouse will be occupied and operated by Library Facilities Services, including the Delivery Services section, throughout the fire sprinkler system retrofit, not having to shut down any area of the building for an extended period of time for construction will reduce the negative effect for the Austin Public Library system as a whole that any curtailment of services provision would entail.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project: The Quality Management Division/Public Works Department has reviewed and returned the project's 30% complete design documents with comments to the Library Department and its consultant architects. As the consultant architects plan to have 60% design achieved in April, Library Facilities Services is tentatively scheduling a public project review meeting at the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill on May 17.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project: As anticipated, the consultant architect's Preliminary Design Report and preliminary cost estimate for this project establishes that all the identified repairs and restoration work to the 1933-era Austin History Center building exceeds the funding provided the 2012 Bond program. Therefore, the immediate focus of the project will be to prevent further deterioration of the building, leaving less critical items to be addressed during the expansion of the Austin History Center into the Faulk Central Library building following the opening of the New Central Library. This anticipated expansion project will convert the former central library building to appropriate archival storage and display space for the Austin History Center and is conceptually planned to connect the two buildings architecturally. Most of the exterior elements of the Austin History Center identified as needing restorative work, such as the loggia fresco, ironwork balconies and masonry, are considered priorities to address during the current project. Restoring the integrity of the building envelope as soon as possible will prove vital in preventing further deterioration of interior elements, and must be

considered the project's top priority. Extensive lead-based paint abatement is expected in restoring the detailed ornamental metal work of the balconies and door and window casings. Based upon the consulting architect's report of the complexity of restoring the building, Library Facilities Services is anticipating at least sixteen (16) months of design development, City of Austin quality reviews, landmark building commission hearings, contractor bidding and Council approval processes before the construction phase of the project can be initiated.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs

Project: The final Professional Engineering Report (PER) and construction cost estimate for the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project has been reviewed and approved by Library Facilities Services. This PER now awaits review by the Quality Management Division (Public Works Department) and Capital Contracting Office. Before the PER can be entered into those organizations' Share Point Project Site, a task order must be set up to accommodate their charges to the Library project. The Library Department has requested that the requisite task order be generated and is awaiting a response from these other City of Austin departments involved in project design review.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility

Improvement Project: Library Facilities Services has reviewed and returned the Preliminary Engineering Report (PER) with comments to the consultants. Due to building structural issues discovered in and near the ramp area, major demolition and reconstruction of the main entrance to the library is being recommended by the consultant engineers in order to redress not only non-compliant accessibility elements but the developing structural problems as well. The ramp may be reconstructed in such a way that the ramp is included within the secure envelope of the building. Effectively, such a change would place the ramp and stairs within the library vestibule – the space between the inner and outer doors to the building. In addition to providing a fully accessible entrance to the library, this solution would resolve concerns with public safety in the library entry as well as eliminating present problems with the automated entry doors.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project: Library Facilities Services is in the process of negotiating and executing a professional services agreement with the architects selected for the design of this renovation project from the 2015 Rotation List overseen by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO).

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

Library Facilities Services remains in the process of negotiating and executing a professional services agreement with the architects selected for the design of this renovation project from the 2015 Rotation List administered by the Capital Contracting Office (CCO).

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- Processing Archivist Molly Hults spoke at the Bob Bullock Museum on February 3 about the "Making the Grade" exhibit as part of the Bullock's "High Noon" speaker

series.

- Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs gave a presentation to a school group from Radical Roots School, on February 9. There were 11 elementary school age kids and two teachers. We took them, in two groups, to the Reading Room and showed them the City Directories and some photos.

- Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs gave a couple of presentations to community groups. On January 16, she presented to a group of students (10 students and 4 teachers) from Vandergriff High School, organized by Preservation Austin. They came into the Reading Room afterwards and worked on their projects, buildings on Red River. On January 20, she presented to the Old Timers from St. Catherine's Church, with 20 in attendance.

- Curator of Archives & Manuscripts Susan Rittereiser gave a presentation about the UT Tower shootings for a group from the UT Public History Graduate Class on February 10. These students will be researching this topic at the AHC all semester.

- Black History Month was naturally busy for the AHC's African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin. Among her many outreach efforts for the month, she partnered with local filmmakers to do a series of 4 YouTube videos called "Austin While Black," organized a 2-day event – "Hallowed Grounds Weekend Event" – at the Carver Museum and the AHC, was a presenter and organizer of the Black Family History Day event at the Texas State Library & Archives Commission, and gave lectures/presentations for New Covenant Fellowship of Austin, Dessau Middle School, and Decker Middle School. To close out Black History month, the AHC hosted the program "The Remarkable Life of Newton Collins" on February 24 with 40 people in attendance.

- The AHC held a program on February 21 about Central Texas Dance Halls. Approximately 90 people came out to hear author Stephen Dean talk about the history of dance halls and hear music by the Czech Melody Masters. At one point during the program there were multiple couples and young kids dancing the polka in the hallway during the performance.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 4 collections, the Heritage Society of Austin Records, the Maerki and Sterzing Families Papers, the Pease, Niles and Graham Families Papers, and the August Watkins Harris Records and Drawings 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.

- As mentioned above the AHC completed processing the Pease, Niles and Graham Families Papers. This was a massive undertaking as it is the largest (and first) manuscript collection at the AHC. The AHC received grant funds from the Texas State Library & Archives Commission and the AHCA to hire a full-time archivist to work on this collection. Having a completed and modern finding aid for the collection online and accessible to researchers is a major milestone for the AHC. The full inventory is available at: <http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/aushc/00503/ahc-00503.html>. A digital component to the project is also wrapping up and we anticipate having 100-125 items from the collection digitized and available online through the Portal to Texas History.

- The AHC acquired a variety of interesting materials

last month. The Austin chapter of the American Institute of Architects donated their early records (1929-1947) and started their archives here, continuing a long standing relationship between the AIA and AHC. We also received a photo album from Cordelia DeGress Booth, created while she was a student at UT around 1913 depicting the creeks of Austin and the surrounding area, buildings at the University of Texas, and the Capitol. Also, the AHC received records from the Aviation Department documenting the Bergstrom AFB Restoration Advisory Board activities in the early 1990s. the baseball team.

Exhibits

- The AHC installed 2 traveling exhibits this month. The “Paramount 100” exhibit is now on display on the 2nd floor of the Faulk Central Library, and “Neighborhood Bound: Austin’s Mobile Libraries” is at the Oak Hill branch.

Publications and Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in the new book Peter Mansbendel by Douglas Oliver, an upcoming story in Texas Monthly, a Fox 7 news story about chef Roy Mallett, the 2016 Texas Kids Count Report by the Center for Public Policy Priorities, a walking tour of Clarksville, an exhibit at the Carver Museum, and for the 2016 Austin Kite Festival.

Upcoming Events

- April 3, AHC/Wooldridge Square Park. 2-5 PM. “Music in the Park.” Public program featuring musicians from AISD schools.
- April 8, AHC, 1 PM. “Cupid a la Carte.” A reading and discussion of O. Henry’s short story “Cupid a la Carte” with UT Professor Don Graham.
- April 16, AHC, 12:30 PM. “Lawman Ben Thompson Meets Lawyer William M. Walton.”
- April 21, AHC, 12:15 PM. Screening of “Living Springs.” Co-sponsored by the AHCA.
- April 26, AHC, 6:30 PM. “Shadows of a Sunbelt City.” Book program with Eliot Tretter.

Central Library Services

Programming

The Faulk Central Library hosts the fourth part in its six-part Health, Wellness and You series Sunday, April 3 at 3 PM. April’s topic will be Maximizing Your Sleep.

Coupon-aholic, Laura Niebauer, will offer a Couponing 101 workshop Sunday, April 10 at 2 PM. Laura will discuss innovative ways to save.

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Write Club—our monthly writing group—meets the last Sunday of each month. The next Write Club meeting is Sunday, April 24 at 2 PM.

Outreach

The Austin Public Library invites you to participate in

extending our reach into the community by becoming a Social Media Ambassador or #APLambassador. Help raise awareness of the Library on social media and at the same time, raise the Library’s awareness of you, its supporter. No application is required. Simply sign up to receive #APLambassador emails (the sign up form is also on the APLwebsite). The Library is active on several social media platforms. We’re organizing ambassadors across platforms through emails by individual staff members that we’ll send to your inbox. We’ll give you the scoop on Library programs and projects and highlight relevant hashtags. We’ll also update you on the New Central Library opening in November 2016.

A podcast interview with Chef Andrew Wiseheart at Gardner and Contigo was recorded for APL Volumes and posted in February on SoundCloud and iTunes. This is the link: <https://soundcloud.com/austin-public-library/austin-creates-ep-10-andrew>

On February 9, Reference staff recorded a screencast with Collections staff, Amy Mullin and Diana Miranda-Murillo demonstrating the use of APL Business Databases. The video highlights our business databases and shows APL users how to navigate them online. The video will be published to our APL YouTube account once it is approved by the Office of Programs & Partnerships.

Reference staff also trained CoA Art in Public Places (AIPP) staff on use of podcast equipment so that they can contribute to APL podcasts. Three AIPP staff have been trained and have already recorded at least 4 interviews on their own. Their interviews are with artists who are participating in City of Austin public art programs. These interviews will be posted on the APL SoundCloud and iTunes pages once they are edited.

Branch Services

Old Quarry has partnered with the Austin Learning Academy to offer ESL classes, which are open to all, but targeted at refugees. The program has grown in popularity in a very short time and, as a result, new classes have been added.

St. John hosted a very successful Pickle Elementary Parent-Principal Coffee on Feb 26 . Over 40 parents and children attended and learned about library materials and programs.

Ruiz’s Citizenship 101 Classes had 28 attendees for the month.

University Hills reports that AARP tax help has been going strong, with 152 returns prepared in February.

Pleasant Hill gave a tour to a bilingual class from nearby Pleasant Hill Elementary School. They also had a class visit from St. Elmo Elementary on February 10, with Heidy Urbina from ACYS providing the tour that day.

Youth Services

In February, Youth Services sent a team to table at the Regional Science Fair and it was a great success. The

kids loved the Makey Makeys – playing squash piano, tangerine bongos, celery sound effects and Tron sound effects on potatoes! The team set up their table and talked to over 1000 parents and students who came by the Library's table.

In February and March, two librarians attended Whole Foods Kids Club to deliver storytime to 24 kids. Celia Holm (North Village) provided the storytime at the end of February and used books based on the letter "G". Heather Reynolds (Milwood) followed a week later and gave a storytime based on the letter "H". The kids loved the outreach and all was successful!

Youth Services will table at the upcoming Garden Fair organized by the Travis County Gardeners Association. This will be the 10th anniversary of the East Side Garden Fair on Saturday, April 16, 2016, at the Zaragosa Rec Center. It will be a great opportunity to spread the word about all the Library's programs and services.

Recycled Reads

February revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,625. Over 4000 people visited the store, including 183 attending the 15 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 265 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 24 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 36 pallets of materials representing approximately 63,000 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.

ARR 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 12 pallets.

Volunteer Services

February 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	280
January - Volunteer hours	1781.88
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.07*
	\$ 47,107.97

Policy Violations

24	Disturbing others using the Library
20	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
18	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
15	Sleeping in the Library
11	Disorderly conduct
10	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
9	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
9	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
7	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags

7	No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
6	Using obscene language
4	Strong odor
4	Leaving personal belongings unattended
3	Smoking in the Library
3	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
3	Destruction of Library property
3	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
2	Bringing animals into the Library
2	Entering unauthorized areas
2	Violating Internet Policy
2	Unintended use of restrooms
2	No Hat Policy
1	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
1	Child abuse
1	Indecent exposure
1	Soliciting and panhandling
1	Voyeurism and peeping
1	Public Lewdness
172	Total

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central	37
Little Walnut	14
North Village	12
Twin Oaks	11
Ruiz	10
Terrazas	9
Yarborough	7
Willie Mae Kirk	7
Pleasant Hill	6
St. John	6
Cepeda	5
Windsor Park	5
Old Quarry	4
Carver	3
Hampton	3
Manchaca Rd	3
Spicewood	3
University Hills	3
Southeast	2
History Center	1
Howson	1

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

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