

Highlights

- City of Austin Budget Timeline and next steps: August 1-Proposed Budget presented to City Council; August 12 & 22-Budget work sessions; August 23 – Budget Public Hearing/Tax Rate Public Hearing/Utility Rate Hearings; August 30 – Budget Public Hearing/Tax Rate Public Hearing; September 10-12- Council adopts Budget & Tax Rate
- The third annual YomiCom will be held on June 8, 2012 at the Ruiz Branch from 3pm - 8pm.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The New Central Library Project remains in the thick of Design Development at the moment. As the focus in the project's Schematic Design Phase was on the "scheme" or the overall design of the building and its relationship to the site, the emphasis in Design Development, as the phrase implies, is on refining the work represented by the schematic drawings and specifications, including developing structural, mechanical and electrical drawings while establishing the probable cost of construction. On May, 2, 2012, a coordination meeting was held with the design teams from the New Central Library Project, the Second Street Bridge Extension Project, and the Shoal Creek Park Development Project to ensure that there are no conflicts between the different construction plans at the common points of intersection between the three projects. The New Central Library Executive Team, lead by Assistant City Manager Bert Lumbreras, met on May 8, 2012 to review the status of the relocation of the Seaholm Power Lines, the completion of the Seaholm Wastewater Modifications and Tunnel Project, the design of the Second Street Bridge over Shoal Creek and the approval of the proposed trail improvements. The New Central Library Team was also advised that the Seaholm Developer, responsible for the design and construction of West Avenue, has submitted the appropriate Site Development Permit request, and a review of the public parking planned for the Seaholm Redevelopment District was provided. On May 14, 2012, a New Central Library Technology Workshop was conducted with design consultants, Construction Manager at Risk representatives, and staff members from the Library, Public Works and Communications Technology Management departments in attendance. Discussion items included climate control requirements, the size/layout of technology rooms, and the distribution strategy for connective pathways to the Event Forum, meeting rooms, digital signage, wireless networks and security devices. The Library Design Team has now scheduled a focused workshop with the Library Security Team on May 25, 2012. On May 29, 2012, Library Facilities Services personnel and the City's Interdepartmental Sustainability Working Group (ISWG) will tour the Convention Center to discuss lessons learned in the achieving of a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Gold rating for that facility. The New Central Library Project will be required by City

ordinance to achieve, at the very least, a LEED Silver rating for the building. The project schedule for the New Central Library is as follows:

September 2012 ~ Design Development Completed (60% Complete Design Package Delivered)

- Council briefed
- Library and Design Commissions briefed

December 2012 ~ Construction Cost Limitation approved by Council

June 2013 ~ Construction Document Phase completed (100% Complete Design Package Delivered)

August 2013 ~ Permits received

November 2013 ~ Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted

December 2013 ~ Construction begins

December 2015 ~ Construction completed

Spring 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

2012 Bond Development Process: Two, special-called Bond Election Advisory Task Force Meetings/Community Forums were conducted this month, the first on May 2, 2012 at Akins High School in South Austin and the second on May 3, 2012 at Lanier High School in North Austin. The meetings allowed interested citizens to learn more about and provide feedback regarding the Task Force initial committee recommendations for future bond funding, including affordable housing, City facilities, parks and open space, and transportation and mobility projects and programs. The Bond Election Advisory Task Force met on May 14, 2012 and agreed upon a \$575 million bond package that included all of the Library Department's nine, proposed projects. The Bond Election Advisory Task Force is now scheduled to meet on May 21, 2012 to develop a possible \$400 million bond package. The Library Department has already, of its own volition, reduced its Needs Assessment project list from eighteen (18) projects, totaling \$17,640,750, to the remaining nine (9) projects totaling \$8,042,000. The remaining nine (9) projects are of the highest priority and cannot possibly be deferred. Furthermore, there are no phasing options for these limited scope projects that might reduce the overall cost estimates. The Library Department's priority order for these critically needed projects is:

1. Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement & HVAC Upgrade (\$1,234,000)
2. Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill (\$1,340,000)
3. University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion (\$1,022,000)
4. Milwood Branch Library Renovation (\$1,066,000)
5. Austin History Center Interior & Exterior Improvements (\$1,168,000)
6. Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade

(\$497,000)

7. Cepeda Branch Library Renovation (\$684,000)
8. Yarbrough Branch Library Renovation (\$592,000)
9. Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation (\$439,000)

Austin History Center Wastewater Line Retrofit Project:

The Contract Management Department of the City of Austin has assigned this project to a different firm on their M.E.P. Engineering Rotation List and directed these consultants to contact the Library Department's project manager to discuss the more detailed services that are to be provided on this assignment. The new consultant engineer met with our project manager at the site on May 18, 2012 and is now reviewing the previous engineering consultant's design work while exploring a different route for replacing the failing wastewater line at the Austin History Center.

Faulk Central Library/Austin History Center Chiller and Cooling Tower Retrofit:

The Austin Public Library and its project partner, Austin Energy, have received the contractor's revised change order proposal for exhaust system modifications needed to bring the Faulk Central Library basement chiller room within compliance to new mechanical codes. The building permit for these modifications has been extended by the City of Austin with several stipulations which added costs to the original estimate. However, the new change order proposal will allow the Faulk Central Library mechanical room and equipment to be brought into full compliance with the requirements of the new building code. Council's approval will be needed to award the new change order amount, and Austin Energy and the Library Department are working together diligently to place this item on a Council agenda during August of 2012. The funding for this change order proposal will be provided by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). The work required to enact the desired building engineering modifications is not expected to exceed six weeks in length, nor is the work expected to cause any interruption of normal business at the Faulk Central Library and Austin History Center complex.

Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project: Security cameras and lightning protection grounding for those devices are both currently being installed at critical Library sites. This work will be followed by several weeks of testing and control software programming. The critical Library sites where security camera installation and equipment grounding activities are currently underway are: Ruiz, Carver, University Hills, Southeast Austin Community, Little Walnut Creek, Terrazas, St. John's and the Willie Mae Kirk branch libraries.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:

The Library Department anticipates that the Contract Management Department will approve shortly of the contract with the engineering firm selected to provide professional consultant services for the Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project. The Contract Management Department has denied the Library Department's request to include project commissioning in the scope of this contract, and as a consequence, the Library Department is now negotiating with a second engineering firm for the provision of these essential services. Commissioning is the process that ensures that

all elements of a project are designed, installed, functionally tested and capable of being maintained to perform in conformity to the owner's project requirements.

Branch Libraries Photovoltaic System Installation

Project: This joint project with Austin Energy, utilizing a State Energy Conservation Office (SECO) grant, calls for the installation of solar panels on the roofs of the Carver, Spicewood Springs, Cepeda and Ruiz branch libraries. The solar panel array at the Carver Branch Library is substantially complete with the exception of some minor programming issues. It is the largest such installation found in the Library's inventory of properties and one of the largest planned to date for any City of Austin facility. The three roof levels of the Carver Branch Library will be covered by 276 modules (solar panels) set at a 5 degree angle. This roof mounted photovoltaic system will provide 60 KW for the Carver Branch Library and whatever electricity is not used by the library will be absorbed by the City grid for distribution elsewhere. Austin Energy is proposing to conduct a public celebration of the successful installation of the photovoltaic array installation at the Carver Branch Library and the Carver Museum, the date and time for that event will be advertised throughout the community as soon as they are established. The work to install photovoltaic panels at the Ruiz Branch Library has been substantially completed as well and the installation of photovoltaic panels at the Spicewood Springs Branch Library has been started. The work at the Spicewood Springs Branch will take an additional four (4) weeks to allow time for the Public Works Department to perform a limited asbestos abatement project that is necessary before installation can proceed. Special solar panel mounting racks required for the Cepeda Branch Library have been ordered and work at that site will commence as soon as those racks are delivered. The Library Department anticipates that all work on this solar energy project will be completed within sixty (60) days and will necessitate no interruption of library services.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Naming Ceremony:

The permits required to deconstruct and replace the existing building and monument signage at the former Oak Springs Branch Library were approved by the City of Austin on May 21, 2012. The design of the new signage to identify the facility as the Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library has been completed, as well, allowing the fabrication of these new building and site elements to move into production. As soon as the vendor/manufacturer can provide an estimated delivery and installation date for the new signage, the Library Department will coordinate a date and time for the dedication ceremony with the Kirk family and City Management, and then advertise the event widely throughout the community.

Twin Oaks Branch Library Real-Time Controls for Rain Water Harvesting:

The Watershed Protection Department is funding a pilot project to retrofit the Twin Oaks Branch Library rain water harvesting system with real-time controls. The intention is to better balance the sometimes conflicting goals of storm water treatment and water conservation. For storm water treatment, polluted storm water should be discharged out of a cistern and infiltrated into the ground quickly, leaving the cistern empty for the next storm event.

In water conservation, the water in the cistern is held as long as possible to use for irrigation as needed. Real-time controls are proposed as a practical solution for this conflict. These controls are connected to weather stations and will automatically draw down the cistern by the amount predicted to rain. This action allows the cistern to catch polluted storm water while holding a reservoir for irrigation. The Watershed Protection Department and Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) have partnered with Geosyntec to carry out this pilot study for an emerging technology on a shared cost basis, and will monitor the performance of the real-time controls for twenty-four (24) months. Real-time controls software will allow the Library Department to display rainwater harvesting data in the interior of the Twin Oaks Branch Library for customer viewing and education.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On April 17, the AHC hosted a reception to celebrate a donation of oral histories from the Center for Asian American Studies at UT. Students from the class 'South Asian Migration to US' conducted oral history interviews with South Asians in the community and donated the recordings and transcripts to be added to the Asian American collection at the AHC. Over 90 guests attended the event and enjoyed wonderful Indian food and the program. Several students poignantly spoke about how meaningful the experience was and the interviewees were equally touched by how it felt to share their stories. Also, two donors of archive materials discussed the process of donating their historical materials and their gratitude toward the AHC for preserving their stories for future generations. Overall, the program was a huge success and the attendees thoroughly enjoyed the night and expressed their support for the Liaison program at the AHC.
- Processing Archivist Molly Hults coordinated 2 architectural walking tours on April 21 and 22. These were "encore" tours brought back by popular demand, and over 50 people attended. The tours were in conjunction of the closing of the AHC's Deco and Moderne exhibit.
- The AHC worked with ACYS on The Austin Family Memory Book Program. Three programs were conducted on April 23rd, 25th, and 26th. The 23rd event, held at the Carver Branch, became a "dry run" as only staff was present. African American Liaison Cynthia Evans and John Marostica, an AHC volunteer, presented the program, and this provided them an opportunity to practice and get feedback. The other two events were well attended, with 40 in attendance at the April 25th event at Will Hampton Branch at Oak Hill and 20 in attendance at the April 26th at Yarborough Branch. Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs helped coordinate the program and was presented at the last event. Feedback for the program was very positive.
- On Sunday, April 29, the AHC co-sponsored a Ben Thompson History Symposium. Ben Thompson was, among many endeavors, Austin's City Marshall for a spell in the 1870s and was an infamous gunman/lawman. The symposium included many speakers discussing his life and legacy and a one-day exhibit of artifacts related to Thompson. Approximately 100 people attended the event. One of the co-sponsors, the Ben Thompson Preservation Foundation, is arranging to transfer its archives to the AHC.

Collections

- Processing Archivist Molly Hults finished processing 6 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Austin Independent School District Outdoor Education Program Records, the Arthur and Lilian Von Boeckmann Papers, the Mary Margaret Albright Farabee Papers, the Rosedale School Parent-Teacher Association Records, 0 Austin (Tex.). Boards and Commissions. Animal Advisory Commission Records, and the Roy Lozano's Ballet Folklorico de Texas Records . The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- Administrative Senior John Schooley added to the AHC's music holdings, completing an oral history interview with a former employee of the Skyline Club, one of Austin's iconic live music venues. John also acquired a few photographs. The AHC has very little on the Skyline, so this filled a gap in the collection. The AHC also acquired the papers of Bill Anderson, who was responsible for the creation of the Travis County Juvenile Probation System and largely responsible for creating a juvenile probation system statewide.

Publications

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a KXAN news story about Wooldridge Square Park, for public display at the new Vince Young Steakhouse, and on the Conservation History Association of Texas website.
- The AHC turned a random Facebook post into an article. Reference Archivist Ashley Adair suggested a possible topic for an article that one of our customers, who interacts with our Facebook page a lot, needed to write for a graduate class. She liked the idea that Ashley gave her, which regarded the O. Henry Honeymoon Cottage arson scandal, and helped her get some of the sources together. The customer completed an article on the O. Henry Honeymoon Cottage for her class and has plans to publish a shorter version of the story in Heritage Texas Magazine as well as possibly expand the article for publishing in scholarly journals.
- The AHC was heavily used (and acknowledged) in a new publication, Rodeo Austin: Blue Ribbons, Buckin' Broncs and Big Dreams, by Liz Carmack. She spent many days in the AHC researching for the book, and in her acknowledgements, she had this to say, "This book would not have been possible without the assistance of many people and the collections of several institutions. First and foremost on that list are the Austin History Center and its extremely helpful staff."

Exhibits

- A new exhibit in the Holt Photo Gallery opened on May 1: "O. Henry: A Short Story." The exhibit covers the life and career of William Sydney Porter, aka O. Henry, with a special emphasis on his life in Austin. Included in the exhibit are Porter's bar table and chair from the Bismarck Saloon. This year marks his 150th birthday, and plans are underway for a citywide birthday party in September. Exhibit runs through October 21, 2012.

Reference

- It has been an interesting month providing reference in the Reading Room. Various staff assisted a number

of student groups from UT who were taking a media archeology class. They were given short clips (1 minute) of film shot in Austin in the 1960s and no identifying information other than the one or two words written on the film can and tasked with identifying the films. We were able to help some of the groups (there were at least 6 different films).

Youth Services

Stephanie Shipman, Librarian II in Youth Services, submitted an article to ASCLA Interface about APL's program, StorySign, a collaboration with the Texas School for the Deaf (TSD). APL provides the location, materials and staff, and TSD has the storyteller and interpreter for a wonderful story time adventure. The article was published in March 26th.

ACYS librarians staffed tables at locations on May 7th to hand out free comic books. ACYS partnered with Austin Books and Comics to make this event happen. It was hugely successful as evidenced at the John Henry Faulk Central Library where all books were given away within the first 45 minutes and the event was supposed to last two hours.

The Dell Discovery Lab Grand Opening on May 12 was a great success. Over 100 people attended, including two City Council Members. Nobel Laureate Steven Weinberg was an inspiration with many children coming up to speak to him afterwards.

Recycled Reads

April revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$14,000 and over 4,200 people visited the store.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. More than 23 pallets of materials from the warehouse were processed and over 200 individual donations from the public were received. Approximately 24 pallets of materials were sorted representing over 45,000 items. Good Will picked up over 35 gaylords of material, and approximately 13 tons of materials were diverted from the landfill. Image Microsystems picked-up 2 pallets of materials.

The Customer Service Division will incorporate ARR information on new library borrower registration welcome e-mails.

Volunteer Services

APRIL 2012 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	183
APRIL - Volunteer hours	1524.47
Volunteer Value*	\$ 21.36
	\$32,562.67

April Incidents

40	Disturbing others using the Library
35	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
17	Disorderly conduct
15	Leaving personal belongings unattended
14	Sleeping in the Library
14	Using obscene language

14	No hat policy
12	Violating Internet Policy
11	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
9	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
7	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
6	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
6	Destruction of Library property
4	Unintended use of restrooms
3	Indecent exposure
3	Smoking in the Library
3	Strong Odor
3	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
3	Public Lewdness
2	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
1	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
1	Soliciting and panhandling

227 Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	56
ALW	15
ATB	15
AWP	12
ACP	10
ARZ	10
ASJ	9
ASR	9
AUH	9
ACB	7
AOQ	7
AMR	6
ASE	6
ANV	4
ATO	4
ARR	3
AWK	3
AMI	2
AOK	2
APH	2
AHO	1
AOS	1
AYB	1

To see the complete up to date listing of events visit

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

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