

### **Highlights**

- The groundbreaking ceremony for the New Central Library will be Thursday, May 30 at 11 a.m.
- The 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program runs June 1 through August 31, this year's prizes, including 5 eReaders, were donated by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation.
- The 2013 Summer Reading Program for youth, takes place June 6 through August 24. Special events happen June 17 through July 27.
- The new exhibit at the AHC, "How to Prepare a Possum: 19th Century Cuisine in Austin," opened on May 7 and runs through January 5, 2014. The opening reception will be Saturday, June 1 from 4 - 6 PM
- The 2013 YomiCon is Friday, June 14, from 3 p.m. – 8 p.m. at the Carver Branch.
- APL received two Branding Iron awards from the Texas Library Association the Print Media Award for the READ Poster "Set Your Imagination on FIRE" and the Non-traditional Media Award for Literature LIVE!'s work creating Literature LIVE! Puppet Show Trailers.

### **Facilities Services**

**New Central Library Project:** May of 2013 proved to be an exceedingly fast paced and eventful month for the New Central Library Project. At the Austin City Council Work Session on May 7th, staff provided a briefing on the New Central Library, Second Street Extension and Bridge, and the Seaholm Substation Art Wall projects. On May 9th, Council approved on consent to authorize funding for the New Central Library Construction Manager at Risk contract with Hensel Phelps Construction in the amount of the contractual construction cost limitation of \$109,300,000 with a \$2,600,000 owner contingency for a total amount not to exceed \$111,900,000. Council likewise authorized the negotiation and execution of a guaranteed maximum price for the construction of the New Central Library and related improvements including the Second Street Extension and Bridge, the Seaholm Substation Art Wall, utilities and roadway improvements. City of Austin Cultural Arts divisional staff conferred with the New Central Library core design team on May 14th regarding conservation review information submitted by artist Christian Moeller for the "Birds" sculpture to be installed in the New Central Library. There was some concern over the life expectancy of the work, projected by the artist as 25 years, but a conference call to Christian revealed that, while the electronics of the piece might need to be replaced in 25 years, the structure of the artwork would endure for foreseeable future as it is to be constructed of aluminum plate. On May 14th, 15th and 16th, Public Works and Library staff members met with the design team and construction manager at risk personnel for an intensive review of constructability issues related to the New Central Library Project. The City of Austin's comprehensive review comments and corrections for the 95% Complete Construction Documents were due to the

Design Team architects and engineers on May 20th, and on May 21st, Library staff and the project's sustainability consultant were scheduled to meet with the City of Austin's Sustainability Officer to review the LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) scorecard for the New Central Library Project. At the May 23rd Austin City Council meeting, Council will be asked to approve of a resolution authorizing the redevelopment of the City owned 1.4 acre parcel of land at Cesar Chavez known as the Austin Energy Electric South Substation site as the new Central Library. The Cultural Arts Division will present the 100% Design Development for the Seaholm Substation AIPP Wall to stakeholders in a Design Forum to be held on May 24th. Budget driven design refinements will be reviewed and the stakeholders' assistance will be sought in prioritizing potential amenities as add alternates. The various developers of the Seaholm District will meet on May 29th to discuss taking time lapse videos of the projects in the district, to determine what avenues are already being pursued, or are already in place, and whether or not there is an opportunity to combine efforts. On Thursday, May 30th, beginning at 11:00 AM, the groundbreaking ceremony will be celebrated at the site (710 W. Cesar Chavez Street) for the New Central Library and Lower Shoal Creek Area Projects. Live music will begin at 10:30 AM and light refreshments will be served. Parking for the event will be provided at the nearby Austin City Hall parking garage (301 W. 2nd Street). The project schedule for the New Central Library remains as follows:

May 30, 2013 ~ Groundbreaking Ceremony conducted, 11 a.m.

June 2013 ~ Site Development Work begins

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

August 2013 ~ Building permits received

December 2013 ~ Construction begins

Spring 2016 ~ Construction completed

Summer 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

### **2012 Bond Development Process:**

On May 9th, Council approved on consent of ordinances amending the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 Capital Budgets for a number of departments, including that of the Austin Public Library (Ordinance No. 20120910-002) to increase appropriations by \$1,190,000 for library facility improvements. Council likewise approved a resolution declaring the City of Austin's official intent to reimburse itself from November 2012 General Obligation Bonds to be issued for expenditures in the amount of \$37,235,000 related to the aforementioned Capital Budget amendment ordinances. With its new appropriation, the Library Department will fund the design of the Pleasant Hill Branch

Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade, Milwood Branch Library Renovation, and the University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion projects, as well as the land acquisition for the University Hill Parking Lot Expansion Project. A preliminary walk-through of the University Hills Branch Library site with the Office of Real Estate Services has already been conducted by the project coordinator. Funds for the construction phase of these three projects are slated to be provided in Financial Year 2014.

#### **Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program**

**Plan:** Continuing to make good progress on the New Central Library Project will remain the primary goal of the Library's Capital Improvement Program (CIP) work plan for Financial Year 2014. The three, following renovation projects, funded by means of the 2012 Bond Program likewise figure prominently in the department's Financial Year 2014 CIP work plan:

- The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project will correct vehicular and pedestrian access safety hazards at this increasingly popular East Austin community library.
- The Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement & HVAC Upgrade Project will prevent further water penetration of the building envelope and restore interior climate control for this important South Austin library facility.
- The Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project will repair a failing sanitary sewer and replace worn finishes, furniture and equipment at this heavily used library serving the Northwest quadrant of the City.

The currently unfunded but critically needed RFID Installation for Branch Libraries Project has also been proposed for inclusion in the CIP work plan of the Austin Public Library for Financial Year 2014. This project will upgrade obsolete electromagnetic-based collection security and management equipment throughout the departmental inventory of properties to match the RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) technology currently utilized at our two newest branches (North Village and Twin Oaks) and planned for the New Central Library. The Austin Public Library proposes to upgrade this essential equipment at its facilities to RFID incrementally, beginning with its busiest branch locations. The remaining schedule for finalizing the Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program is:

June 25 ~ Planning Commission recommends FY14 CIP Plan

August 1 ~ Proposed Capital Budget presented to Council

September 9 – 11 ~ Budget Readings/Approval

#### **Exterior Security Cameras Installation Project:**

During March of this year, the Communications Technology Management Department (CTM) assigned a different and very experienced manager to the ESAS Project. ESAS provides an integrated enterprise level security solution to installing new services and replacing end of life and/or updating access control, video surveillance and alarm systems throughout the City of Austin. CTM has informed the Austin Public Library (APL) that sufficient enough spending authority has been released to Schneider Electric

to perform the work required on the remaining nine (9) Library sites to receive exterior security cameras. Those nine (9) Library locations are the Spicewood Springs, Cepeda, Manchaca Road, Pleasant Hill, Howson, Milwood, Old Quarry, Yarborough, and Oak Hill branch libraries. In the interim, APL is working with CTM to secure asbestos work approval from Public Works (PWD) for necessary remediation prior to the initiation of any equipment installation. APL/CTM also anticipates receiving revised quotes from Schneider Electric, as security camera technology has advanced since the original estimates were provided in late 2012.

#### **Fault Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:**

At this time, the project's 100% complete construction documents and drawings, schedule and cost estimate remain under review by the City's Quality and Standards Management Division. As of May 6th, the procedures of the Quality and Standards Management Division were changed to include:

- Quality Control Plans
- Quality Control Reviews
- Architectural Review, for architectural projects
- Sustainability Review, for all projects
- Structural Review, where structures (buildings and/or projects with building permits) are included
- Special Provision and Special Specification Review
- Retaining wall reviews for compliance with the Transportation Criteria Manual

#### **Twin Oaks Branch Library Real-Time Controls**

**for Rainwater Harvesting Project:** This pilot project sponsored by the Watershed Protection Department will retrofit the rainwater harvesting system at the Twin Oaks Branch Library with Real Time Controls. The intent is to achieve better balance between the oftentimes conflicting goals of storm water treatment and water conservation. In storm water treatment, storm water is expected to be discharged from cisterns to infiltrate the ground quickly so that cisterns are empty for the next storm event. In water conservation, the water in cisterns is held as long as possible for regular use in irrigation, Real Time Controls are being proposed as a potential solution to this conflict. These controls are connected to weather stations and will automatically draw down the cistern contents by the amount of rain predicted by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). This approach will allow cisterns to be emptied for storm events while insuring a reservoir for irrigation purposes. The City of Austin Watershed Protection and Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) has teamed with Geosyntec to carry out this pilot study for evolving technology on a shared cost basis. Following installation, the new control system will be monitored for 24 months. Real Time software will allow information on the system to be displayed in the interior of the library for customer viewing. During the initial inspection of the Twin Oaks site, it was discovered that the existing rainwater harvesting system was not performing to design criteria and bio-filtration system improvements were needed. During April, this work was scoped, priced and approved for implementation by the Watershed Protection Department's director and assistant city manager. Much of

the work has now been completed or scheduled, including the overflow and air-conditioning condensate pipe repairs along with the installation of a new pump and additional sensors. A new rain garden is planned for the site so that overflow water can be pre-treated before draining into the existing detention pond. Algorithms (step-by-step procedures) remain to be programmed into the system's "smart controls" to direct the drawdown of the cisterns as needed. Lastly, signage and visible gauges will be added at the rain garden site to educate and inform Library customers of its operations.

## Austin History Center

### **Programming and Outreach**

- The three community archivists gave presentations to the UT-SAGE continuing education group, approximately 75 people, on April 8th. The three archivists spoke about the histories of the African, Asian, and Mexican American communities in Austin, and how the AHC is preserving these histories.
- On April 9, Esther Chung, the Asian American Community Archivist, hosted a program with the South Asian American Digital Archive, a non-profit digital initiative to preserve the history of South Asians in the US. The AHC will be contributing some oral history content to the project. Over sixty people attended.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 3 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Martha Grenon SXSW Photographs Collection, the Austin (Tex.). Boards and Commissions. Austin Convention and Visitor Bureau, Inc. Records, and the Fehr & Granger and Emerson Fehr Drawings and Records. The finding aids are available online at: [http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse\\_ahc1.html](http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html).

### **Exhibits**

- The next exhibit at the AHC, "How to Prepare a Possum: 19th Century Cuisine in Austin," opened on May 7. The exhibit explores all avenues of early Austin food, including what food was indeed local, how food was prepared, how and where people shopped for food, what it cost, and where people went out to eat. The exhibit runs through January 5, 2014.
- African American Community Archivist Cynthia Evans setup long-term loan agreement with the city's new African American Cultural Heritage Center. They currently display at least five images and text from the Building a Community Exhibit.

### **Publications**

- Photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming books on the history of Waller Creek and the Manchaca/Onion on the history of Waller Creek, Texas Lives, Texas Voices by Trinity University Press, and Rough Country by Princeton University Press, a Fox 7 news story about Eeyore's Birthday party, Austin American Statesman articles about the 1888 Capitol Dedication and the 1915 floods, and for stories in upcoming issues of the Texas Co-op Power and Bluebonnet Electric Co-op magazines.
- UT Professor Eliot Tretter made extensive use of the AHC collections for his new book, Austin Restricted: Progressivism, Zoning, Private Racial Covenants, and the Making of a Segregated City. Professor Tretter spent the

better part of two years working on this project, including dozens of hours in the AHC reading room. The AHC received an advance copy of his book.

### **Upcoming Events**

- June 1, 2013. Opening Reception for "How to Prepare a Possum" exhibit, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm. The program will feature a menu designed by chefs and students from the Escoffier School of Culinary Arts inspired by early 19th century recipes and foods common to the area. The head chef and students will talk about their experience adapting these early foods to modern cooking practices. Event will be in the Holt Photo Gallery at the AHC.
- July 31, 2013. "Beer Garden Social: A 19th Century Family Experience" at Scholz Garden, 6:30 pm. The AHC and Scholz Garden, the oldest continuously operated business in Texas, are teaming up to recreate a typical 19th century beer garden experience, which included a family meal, lectures and musical entertainment, in the only beer garden remaining in town from that era. The AHC will create a small, traveling exhibit on the history of brewing and beer gardens in Austin, and the AHC manager Mike Miller will give a brief presentation on this history. Following the lecture, Spencer & Rains (<http://spencerandrains.com/>) will give a free concert of 19th Century Texas Fiddle music for guests who stay for dinner.

## Branch Services

Twin Oaks was a successful stop on this year's West Austin Studio Tour.

The Windsor Park Book Club had 13 readers at the meeting on the 9th discussing Measure for Measure by William Shakespeare – this selection was coordinated to coincide with a month-long observation of Shakespeare's birthday. As a part of this celebration, over 80 customers participated in readings of Shakespeare and a screening and discussion of the film "Anonymous". Windsor Park also hosted meditation programs on the 10th and 16th attended by 24 persons.

At the University Hill Branch, AARP tax helpers filed over 400 returns this tax season there, making it the number one site for them in terms of the number of returns filed.

## Youth Services

Suzan Nyfeler, Librarian II at Central, began her term as the TLA Children's Round Table Chair-Elect, and will be serving as an executive officer until 2016.

Sally Miculek, Children's Services Coordinator, presided at two programs on the subjects of visual literacy and graphic novels at the TLA Conference, and attended meetings in the course of her duties as a TLA Executive Board member.

Children's Services Librarians continued adding booklists to the Children's Services BiblioCommons account: [http://austin.bibliocommons.com/lists/show/134783181\\_austinplchildrenssvcs](http://austin.bibliocommons.com/lists/show/134783181_austinplchildrenssvcs). This account, as well as the Teen Services Account, is linked from the Youth Services menu on the Library's website. Staff hopes that customers are already noticing the lists and follow Children's Services in BiblioCommons for great book recommendations!



The DAC ARTSReach program returned to the Library in May. Through this partnership with the Dougherty Arts Center, the Literature LIVE troupe takes each seasonal puppet show to present onstage at the DAC, and a troupe from the DAC visits several APL locations to present stage adaptations of children's books. This May's show "Pirate Pete," will be presented at nine APL locations.

Youth Services has created a series of early literacy posters that feature easy activities that parents and caregivers can incorporate into their day to help their child get ready to read. A training program for caregivers and parents is being developed as part of the revamped training-focused Storytime Connection program, and in tandem with these promotional materials. The goal for this campaign is to increase parent and caregiver awareness of the importance of early literacy activities. Promotional materials will be displayed in the library as well as distributed to community partners.

Teen Services is putting the finishing touches on YomiCon preparations, getting ready for the June 14 event at the Carver location.

## **Central Library Services**

### **Events**

- Library Commission Chair Peggy Pleasant visited the Faulk Central Library to meet staff and talk to customers.
- Heath Rezabek (Teen Services Coordinator) participated in APL's WEST 2013 presence with a digital installation called vessel.cc the Faulk Central Library. The installation also had an interactive element: For the week of WEST, all the images in the archive could be downloaded under a Creative Commons license.

### **Staff News**

- Division Manager, Karen Baker and Librarian, Sulema Vielma attended the 100th Texas Library Association Conference in Ft. worth, April 23-27th.
- Business Reference Librarian, Carlos Pin, represented the Administration at the Imagine Austin Economy & Workforce Development task force meeting.
- Division Manager, Karen Baker and Librarian III, Blair Parsons represented the Austin Public Library at a meeting with other City departments to dialogue among colleagues about the Homelessness in the community.

### **2013 Mayor's Book Club**

The program schedule for the 2013 Mayor's Book Club was finalized. [http://www.austinlibrary.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Mayors\\_Book\\_Club](http://www.austinlibrary.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Mayors_Book_Club)

The Spring Mayor's Book Club events featured Kevin Powers' Yellow Birds with the following events:

- Headline Event & Reading

Presented by the Harry Ransom Center and The University Co-op in conjunction with the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation's Mayor's Book Club. Mayor Lee Leffingwell welcomed Kevin Powers, who read from The Yellow Birds and spoke with Jim Magnuson, Director of the University of Texas at Austin's Michener Center for Writers at the AT&T Executive Education & Conference Center on April 30.

- Community Conversation

Kevin Powers spoke with readers and answered questions about The Yellow Birds at the Austin History Center on April 30. This was a well-attended program held in the middle of the day. It was a discussion with a moderator. Powers and the audience.

- Writing Workshop

Also on April 30, Kevin Powers lead a writing workshop inspired by The Yellow Birds at the Hampton Branch Library in Oak Hill.

- School Outreach

Kevin Powers spoke to students at McCallum High School in May.

The Adult Programming Committee developed a partnership with UT's Texas Institute for Literary & Textual Studies for this program and has hope that this partnership will enable us to offer more top-notch author events

## **Grants/Awards**

At the recently concluded Texas Library Association meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, the Austin Public Library received two awards, The Branding Iron Award for Print Media awarded to the READ Poster "Set Your Imagination on FIRE" and the Award for Non-traditional media for Literature LIVE!'s work creating Literature LIVE! Puppet Show Trailers. The Texas Library Association will highlight winning entries for the Branding Iron Awards in the Summer issue of Texas Library Journal.

## **Recycled Reads**

April revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$11,000 (9,200 items) and over 3,775 people visited the store. Donations were received from over 200 people, approximately 45,000 items.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 198 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries, picked up 13 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Image Microsystems picked-up 4 gaylords from the store. Staff received 14 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 20 pallets of materials representing almost 45,000 items at the bookstore. Over 9 tons of materials out of the landfill were kept out of the landfill.

Staff attended over five outreach events and appeared on Fox 7 morning show to discuss upcycling and Earth Day. As part of the Earth Day festivities Recycled Reads create a custom crown for the Mayor using recycled material. Recycled Reads received the Platinum Level Green Business Leader recognition for the Office of Sustainability.

## **Volunteer Services**

APRIL 2013 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	130
APRIL - Volunteer hours	1243.27
Volunteer Value*	\$22.14
	<b>\$27,525.99</b>

## April Policy Violations

32	Disturbing others using the Library
20	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
14	Using obscene language
13	Disorderly conduct
13	Violating Internet Policy
13	Leaving personal belongings unattended
12	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
11	Entering unauthorized area
9	Sleeping in the Library
8	Destruction of Library property
7	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
7	No outside food or beverages allowed in the Library
6	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
6	No hat policy
4	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
4	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
4	Strong Odor
4	Appropriate clothing is required
3	Smoking in the Library
3	Soliciting and panhandling
2	Fighting
2	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
2	Unintended use of restrooms
2	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
1	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Indecent exposure
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
1	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
<b>204</b>	<b>Total</b>

### **Locations # of Incidents**

ACE	32
ATB	16
ACB	14
ARZ	12
ALW	10
ATO	10
AUH	10
ACP	9
ASJ	7
AWK	7
ANV	6
ASE	6
ASR	6
AWP	6
APH	4
AYB	3
AOK	2
AHO	2
AMI	2
AMR	1

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

