



Highlights

- The 2013 Adult Summer Reading Program runs through August 31, this year's prizes, including 5 eReaders, were donated by the Austin Public Library Friends Foundation.
- On July 31, 2013, the AHC presents "Beer Garden Social: A 19th Century Family Experience" at Scholz Garden, 6:30 pm.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Good progress continued to be made on the New Central Library Project throughout the month of July, 2013. On July 2nd, design team members and staff from the Library and Public Works departments conducted a conference call with the Environmental Conservation Group at Austin Water Utility (AWU) to discuss how the utility will bill the Library Department for wastewater service at the New Central Library since so much of the projected water usage for flushing toilets and urinals is coming from the building's rainwater and condensate harvesting system. Typically, a building is charged for wastewater service based on the amount of potable water that AWU provides to the premises. The design team, the construction manager at risk and involved staff conference called on July 8th to review estimates for different elements of the New Central Library Project which exceed budget. A cost reducing effort is now underway to return the project to budget, including the compilation of a log of potential alternates. An alternate may or may not be incorporated into the contract sum at the discretion and approval of the owner. On the 11th of July, design team, Public Works and Library representatives met with Austin Resource Recovery personnel to plan how solid waste (landfill materials), recyclables and compost will be collected and removed from the New Central Library. It was determined that a compactor and roll-off dumpster will be necessary equipment to install in the New Central Library's trash and recycling area in order for this portion of operations to go smoothly. Design team architects, Public Works and Library personnel and Art in Public Places staff conferred on July 12th with the artist creating the "Birds" sculpture for the New Central Library Project. The two most critical issues under discussion were how best to attach the sculpture to the atrium wall and the exact location of the digital portion of the art piece. The New Central Library Market Café/Catering Services Request for Proposals (RFP) has been completed by the Library Department and submitted to the Office of Real Estate Services to be advertised for vendor responses. Currently, the project schedule for the New Central Library is as follows:

- July 2013 ~ Site Development Work begins
- August 2013 ~ Construction Document Phase completed (100% Complete Design Package Delivered)

- November 2013 ~ Building permits received
- December 2013 ~ Building Construction begins
- Spring 2016 ~ Building Construction completed
- Summer 2016 ~ Grand Opening Ceremony celebrated.

2012 Bond Development Process: Over the past four months, the City of Austin has reached several milestones necessary to initiate the delivery of the 2012 Bond Program, including the May 9th Budget Amendment, the compilation of the proposed Financial Year 2014 CIP Five-Year Plan, and the creation of the 2012 Bond Program Implementation Plan. Over the next several months, City departments will be engaged in the following Implementation Plan activities and next steps:

- Solidify the Bond Program Baseline (snap shot to be taken after adoption of the FY14 Budget)
- Establish Program-Level Change Control Process
- Confirm Roles and Responsibilities
- Vendor Selection Preparation
- Continue Coordination Efforts

Library Facilities Services personnel have been asked to participate in the Life-Cycle Costs Working Group. The task of the Life-Cycle Costs Working Group is to address adequate planning for and consideration of life-cycle costs for city facilities and infrastructure.

Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program Plan:

The appropriations planned for approval in the Library Department's FY 2014 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) budget currently include:

- \$800,000 for collection growth required by the New Central Library Project
- \$2,130,000 for three branch library improvement projects (University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion, Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade, and Milwood Branch Renovation)

The Library Department's proposed RFID Installation Project for Branch Libraries Project has not yet been approved to receive an appropriation in upcoming Financial Year 2014.

The Financial Year 2014 Spending Plan for the Library Department's Capital Improvement Program totals \$48.1 million and includes the following projects:

- New Central Library - \$44.8 million
- Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement/HVAC Upgrade - \$1 million
- Milwood Branch Library Renovation - \$1 million
- University Hills Branch library Parking Lot Expansion -

\$0.5 million

- Exterior Security Cameras Installation - \$0.4 million
- Other Building Improvements - \$0.4 million

The remaining schedule for finalizing the Financial Year 2014 Capital Improvement Program is:

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 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. Although our two newest branches, North Village and Twin Oaks, opened with security camera surveillance systems in place, APL will be replacing their digital video recorders (DVRs) with newer network video recorders (NVRs) in order to make their monitoring more compatible with the rest of the department's protective services operations. APL has received conditional approval from the Public Works Department (PWD) for the asbestos and lead-based paint remediation work necessary prior to the installation of any equipment. PWD is currently formulating the scope of this remediation project and will assign a rotation list contractor to sample and test the areas targeted for equipment installation before work is allowed to proceed. The remediation process is anticipated to add four (4) weeks to the security camera project schedule. APL/CTM also anticipates receiving revised quotes by mid-July from Schneider Electric, as security camera technology has advanced since the original estimates were provided in late 2012.

Faulk Central Library Boilers and Flue Retrofit Project:

Final approval for this project's 100% complete construction documents was received from the City of Austin Quality Assurance/Quality Control Division during the week of July 8th. Our engineering consultants have been subsequently instructed to deliver all needed Final Drawings and other Contract Documents to the Library Department, Public Works Department, Contract Management Department, the project's Commissioning Agent and the prime contractors assigned to this Job Order Contract project. Once the drawings and other contract documents have been delivered to and reviewed by the prime contracting firm, they will provide their proposal to perform the work. Final approval of their proposal is anticipated by mid-August.

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. 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. This modified and improved rain water harvesting system recently passed the annual inspection required by the Austin Water Utility Cross Connection/Water Protection Program for such equipment. All systems controls and valves have been tested and repaired as necessary. This state-of-the-art rainwater harvesting system at the Twin Oaks Branch Library site has recently been selected by a University of Texas graduate student as an honors project study.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot

Expansion Project: The City of Austin Office of Real Estate Services is currently in receipt of field notes for the property it necessary for the Library Department to acquire in order to expand the parking lot at the University Hills Branch Library. A Notice of Intent to purchase was subsequently mailed to the owner of this identified property.

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project:

T his project will repair a failing sanitary sewer line and replace worn finishes, furniture and equipment at this heavily used branch serving the Northwest quadrant of the City of Austin. In June, an appropriation to fund the design of the project was received by the Library Department, and it is the intention of the department to manage this infrastructure renewal project in-house with its own Facilities Services

staff. The Design Phase of the project calls for the Library Department to obtain the services of an architectural firm from the City of Austin rotation list of pre-approved architectural consultants. A strong preliminary design process is now in progress to identify the space planning needs and furniture replacement requirements of the branch so that all scope can be accurately included in the upcoming request for an architectural consultant.

Austin History Center

Programming and Outreach

- Video Archivist Tim Hamblin gave a brief presentation to the 5th Annual Archival Education and Research Institute Conference on June 17 about the AHC video holdings and discussed the issues in preserving analog video footage to a digital format. There was an audience of around 100 archivist educators and PhD students from every continent (except Antarctica).

Grants

- The AHC through the AHCA, received a \$1000 grant from Humanities Texas to support the programming related to the current exhibit, "How to Prepare a Possum: 19th Century Cuisine in Austin." The grant will cover presenter expenses for 3 programs.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 5 collections and placed EAD encoded finding aids for these collections on the Internet at the TARO website. These collections include the Early African American Education Research Materials, Austin Aqua Festival Records, Independent School District Citizen's Bond Advisory Committee Records, Cris Kelly Austin Aqua Festival Records, and the Danze & Davis Architects, Inc. Drawings. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html
- The AHC began a project to have some of the yearbooks in the collection digitized for greater access. Through a project with the Oklahoma Correctional Institute, the AHC is receiving free scanning services for public domain and cleared copies of high school annuals. The project will take many months to complete, and the digital copies will be available as DVDs in the AHC reading room and online.

Publications

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming books on the Montopolis neighborhood, a history of Austin restaurants, and a new "African American Odyssey" textbook, and upcoming exhibits at the Capitol, for Travis County History Day, and at Scholz Garden.

Upcoming Events

- 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.
- August 17, 2013. "Photo Heritage Day" at the Twin Oaks Branch, 1:00 – 5:00 pm. The AHC has partnered with the Austin Post to hold a photo heritage day. The program is an open house where the community can donate (originals or scans) of historic photos.

- August 28, 2013. "An Evening with Jeff Kerr and Stephen Harrigan," 7:00 pm at the AHC. Jeff Kerr, author of the new book Austin: Seat of Empire, will be interviewed by noted Texas author Stephen Harrigan. The program is co-sponsored by the AHCA, and a book signing will follow.
- September 10, 2013. "Black Enterprise: Remembering Austin's Pioneering Entrepreneurs," 6:30 pm at the AHC. Food writer Toni Tipton-Martin will give a presentation about the African American business district on E. 6th that developed in the 1870s.
- September 22, 2013. Author event with Beth Fowler about her new novel, Drawn, which is set in Austin, 4:00 pm. This is the AHC's Austin Museum Day event and is co-sponsored by the AHCA.

Central Library Services

Virtual Library

- APL launched Brainfuse, the Online Tutoring service, on Monday, May 13. Live Tutoring is already available Monday – Sunday, 2:00 PM – 11:00 PM, and the resource is accessible 24/7. Bookmarks have been distributed to branches, and a Spanish-language description will be available on the website.
- APL launched IndieFlix, the streaming Independent Film service, on May 15. Customers are not able to view movies on City of Austin computers. There are no checkouts, no returns, and no viewing limits.

Reference/Programming

- Reference Staff taught Facebook, Twitter, Blogs and Wikis classes, two computer labs, a Job Search class and set up new Google Analytics reports for new Information Guides.
- ACLS helped with a tour of 100 international students and Lisa taught four classes of 25 students from the International School how to use the APL Catalog and online resources on June 25 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
- Blair Parsons completed an adult programming staffing and funding report for Toni Lambert. He also finalized aesthetic components of new information guides, coordinated partnership with the Austin Funky Chicken Coop Tour, established a five week financial awareness workshop series for September 2013, attended Workforce Education, Development, and Entrepreneurship meeting and made initial enquiry into hosting Helen Prejean this fall.
- Carolyn Rogers took ownership of 9 information guides (for a total of 10). Fixed links and glaring errors on all guides as a first sweep; will refresh content and layout on all guides as time permits. Worked with Bryce to get a Dev/sandbox site for playing with info guides, revised Newspapers, Magazines & Journals guide (not yet launched,) created 2013 debut fiction bookmark, worked with ALIS to improve new Information Guides and Services pages, and decided on Information Guide ownership. The request for chat widget in Biblicommons was finally completed. Posted Pharos print instructions on both card dispensers and began adding select Counting Opinions queries to Ask a Librarian.
- Dean Smith made a Bibliocommons list on May 9: Best Western Movie, answered 56 customer queries through Libanswers, posted three blogs, helped with the last of three "Drawing from the Left Side of the Brain" art workshops, kept public holiday phone messages up to date, taught one BTOP resume workshop and two computer

labs, volunteered to be liaison to Bibliocommons re: site improvement suggestions from customers and staff, prepared flyer and got approval for the 2013 weeding contest.

Branch Services

- Due to population growth in NW Austin, it is now typical for the Spicewood Springs branch to circulate more items than Central on any given day. On Monday, June 10th over 1,000 more items circulated than Central.
- Twin Oaks staff report that item checked out increased noticeably when school let out for the summer. The number of children and adults participating in the summer reading program greatly increased, as well.
- University Hills had a great response to their “Batman”-themed summer movie series, with screenings of different Batman films on June 15, 22, and 29. Staff was happy with the high turnout these films have produced, and are anticipating an even better turnout in August.
- At Windsor Park, their Community Cinema film “Love Free or Die” attracted 27 citizens on the 4th, a fitting conclusion for the Community Cinema series for the spring. The Windsor Park Book Club had 11 readers at the meeting on the 11th to discuss Dandelion Wine by Ray Bradbury.

Youth Services

On June 7, the Willie Mae Kirk Branch hosted the Science Rocks Van from TAME (Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering). Young people from around the Austin region came to enjoy engaging science activities and hands-on learning. These included experiments on magnetism, weather, and energy. The Discovery Lab hosted the program and allows young people to experience the wonder of science every day. An estimated 450 young people and adults attended the Science Rocks special event. Support for the Discovery Lab and for the Science Rocks truck is provided by Dell Powering the Possible

ACYS hosted its 5th YomiCon, the event that brings together teens as well as younger and older enthusiasts to enjoy their interest in manga, anime, and the many media which connect to them through their local library. This year, the event was held at the Carver Branch Library, with an estimated 700 attendees.

Youth Services kicked off its 2013 Summer Reading Program in June. Librarians set up Summer Reading registration stations at all locations, and encouraged young customers to register and set their reading goals for the summer. The librarians have planned many special events to go along with the program.

Library Information Services

APL’s Library Information Services division (ALIS) worked with the Austin History Center (AHC) to integrate AHC’s legacy website with the APL’s main website. In the course of the project, ALIS updated all of AHC’s online exhibits and individual pages so that customers may easily find their way within the AHC subsite or return to the main

APL website. ALIS took special care to ensure that legacy online exhibits continue to display as they were originally created, but with the new ability to stay in sync with APL’s main website navigation. Additionally, ALIS helped AHC migrate pages that AHC updates frequently, such as “Current Exhibits”, to our content management system so that the pages are easy to maintain. The front page of the new AHC subsite promotes AHC exhibits and other offerings with an interactive slideshow that rotates through a curated collection of images and captions. The AHC subsite project is the first of three similar projects for integrating APL’s “brands” (AHC, Recycled Reads and Youth) with the main APL website. All three brands offer unique and interesting gateways into the Austin Public Library and ALIS’s efforts to highlight their collections, services and original content will lead to an increase in serendipitous discovery, customer satisfaction and the empowerment of APL staff as well as Library customers.

Recycled Reads

June revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$15,000 (13,000 items) and over 4,800 people visited the store. Donations were received from over 200 people, approximately 45,000 items.

More than twenty volunteers on average donate over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore. Goodwill Industries picked up 24 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Image Microsystems picked-up 3 gaylords from the store. Staff received 12 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing almost 50,000 items at the bookstore. Over 10 tons of materials out of the landfill were kept out of the landfill.

Staff continues posts to the store’s blog to bi-weekly with collectibles and news featured on Wednesday and crafting projects featured on Fridays. Over 450 people attended outreach programs as well as programs at the store including: the Badger Dog writing workshop, Bow-Wow Reading and craft night.

Volunteer Services

June 2013 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	136
June - Volunteer hours	1895.47
Volunteer Value*	\$22.14
	\$41,965.71

June Policy Violations

30	Disturbing others using the Library
29	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
22	Sleeping in the Library
16	Leaving personal belongings unattended
15	Violating Internet Policy
10	Disorderly conduct
13	Using obscene language
8	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
7	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
7	No outside food or beverages allowed in the

- Library
- 6 Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
- 6 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 6 Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials, or equipment
- 5 No hat policy
- 4 Entering unauthorized area
- 4 Destruction of Library property
- 3 Appropriate clothing is required
- 3 Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
- 2 Soliciting and panhandling
- 1 Bringing animals into the Library
- 1 Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags.
- 1 Child abuse
- 1 Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
- 203 Total**

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	28
ATB	20
ARZ	18
ALW	13
ACP	9
ASJ	8
APH	7
ATO	7
AMR	6
ASE	6
AWK	6
AWP	6
AOK	5
AHO	4
ACB	3
AMI	3
ANV	3
ARR	3
AOQ	2
AUH	2
AHC	1
ASR	1
AYB	1

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

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