

Highlights

- The 2015 Mayor's Book Club features John Steinbeck's *Of Mice and Men*. Read the book and join us for programs in the Fall.
 - * Reading & Conversation at JHF Central Library, Saturday, November 21, 2-3 PM
 - * Austin Opera will perform Carlisle Floyd's unique operatic adaptation of the novella in January of 2016.
- Meet Bob Suren, author of *Crate Digger: an Obsession with Punk Records*, JHF Central Library, Saturday, November 14, 2-4 PM
- On December 8, 6:30 PM, at the Austin History Center, the author of *Indelible Austin*, Michael Barnes will speak and sign books.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: Construction continues to proceed apace at the NCL site with mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems rapidly being installed, along with other interior work, from the first floor up through the building. Exterior wall framing is now almost complete, which is allowing window framing and glazing to progress unimpeded. Scaffolding has been set at the Northeast corner of the building to allow masonry work to proceed and now the installation of the stone veneer is progressing along both the North and East sides of the building. The exterior hoist has also been removed and the exterior walls are now being filled in at the hoist's former location along the Northwest corner of the building. The building's service elevator has been brought on line, and now all movement of workers and materials throughout the building is by means of either the service elevator or the stairwells. The installation of two passenger elevators will soon be completed, but those elevators will not be used by the contractor during the construction process. In other NCL developments, Library staff provided a requested project presentation to the Health and Human Services Department (HHSD) Managers and Supervisors on October 2nd that was well received, and on October 15th, Library staff participated in the Seaholm EcoDistrict Leadership Team meeting. By way of background, the NCL project is the cornerstone of the developing Seaholm EcoDistrict, an urban planning initiative intended to improve environmental and social performance on a scale beyond the building site alone. Ecodistricts are, essentially, sustainability applied at the neighborhood scale and provide a framework for realizing advanced sustainability through behavior change, building design and infrastructure investments. October 15th was also the official end to the submission period for Letters of Interest from restaurateurs for the NCL Café and Catering opportunity. Finally, the complements of furniture and shelving required to finish out the NCL will be advertised for bids starting on October 26th, with a pre-bid conference and building walkthrough scheduled for interested vendors on October 30th. The remaining project schedule for the New Central Library is now given as:

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

Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project: On October 15th, Council authorized the negotiation and execution of a job order assignment agreement with one of the City's facilities improvement job order contractors, Jamail and Smith, for the renovation of the Milwood Branch Library in a total contract amount not to exceed \$600,000, exclusive of contingency. A final construction proposal with the contractor is expected to be negotiated by the end of October, with Notice to Proceed (NTP) to be issued in early November to initiate the construction phase. On October 15th, Council likewise authorized execution of a 36-month contract with Amigos Library SVCS to provide radio frequency identification (RFID) systems and parts for the Austin Public Library in an amount not to exceed \$1,248,960, with two 12-month extension options in an amount not to exceed \$35,160 for the first extension option, \$26,860 for the second extension option, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$1,310,980. Along with our other libraries, this contract will permit all of the obsolete, electromagnetic-based materials management equipment at the Milwood Branch Library to be replaced by RFID technology as well as the installation of an RFID intelligent book return system. Procurement procedures to acquire new furniture for the Milwood Branch have also been completed so that the facility will have a new inventory of diverse types of tables and chairs when it reopens. Due to the mandated remodel of the restrooms to improve accessibility, coupled with a longer than anticipated Quality Management Division review process, the reopening of the Milwood Branch is now anticipated for March 2016 rather than December 2015, as originally planned. On October 20th, the Milwood Branch Library Renovation Project manager, Heidi Tse, attended the Milwood Neighborhood Association Meeting to keep the community apprised of project developments and advised of the status of facility upgrades underway at their branch library.

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: The consultant engineers and architects for this major project submitted a proposed amendment to their professional services agreement in order to perform the additional scope of work requested by APL. The additional scope of work is comprised of architectural improvements made possible by the planned relocation of the building's mechanical equipment from interior spaces to a new, roof mounted location. The consultants' proposal for additional funding is now being reviewed by APL. In the meantime, the architects' draft of a Furniture, Equipment and Shelving drawing (layout plan) for the Pleasant Hill Branch Library has been reviewed and accepted by APL.

The University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: The Office of Real Estate Services (ORES) is currently managing the land acquisition needed for the expansion of the University Hills Branch Library parking lot, while the Library's consultant engineers refine the construction design for the project. APL has, in the meantime, coordinated with the Art in Public Places

Program/Cultural Arts Division (Economic Development Department) to commission a professional visual artist, or artist team, to design, fabricate and install artwork for the University Branch Library. The due date for interested artists to respond to the Request for Qualifications (RFQ) was October 15th, and roughly twenty (20) submittals were received on that date. Art in Public Places Program staff are now determining the membership of an art selection panel. This panel of design professionals will be charged with reviewing all of the submittals in order to narrow the selection to those artists viewed to be most appropriate for this particular art commission. The funds for the art commission originate with the 2% public art contribution mandated by ordinance from APL's project construction budget, totaling \$55,000 for an artist contract award.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: The project's 100% complete construction documents, both drawings and specification manuals, were reviewed by the Quality Management Division (Public Works Department) and APL's Facilities Services Division and returned to the consultants with revisions, comments and corrections. On October 5th, the Capital Contracting Office (formerly the Contract Management Department) agreed that the project could be carried out by utilizing Job Order Contracting (JOC) as the construction delivery method, as originally planned. If the cost of the JOC contractor's proposal to perform the work approaches \$500,000, the Capital Contracting Office believes that the project will go to Council for approval in January, 2016, following all required revisions to the construction documents and the City's acceptance of the JOC contractor proposal. Meanwhile, APL and Austin Independent School District staff are drafting an Inter-Local Agreement to allow the installation and furnishing of a portable building to provide interim library services on the nearby Widen Elementary School campus while the Southeast Austin Community Branch Library is closed for repairs, as per City Council's directive.

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

Warehouse have been acquired from the Austin Fire Department to assist in the demolition planning and design process.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill Project: The project's consultant architects are presently working to bring the schematic design documents to a 30% completion level prior to submittal for review by APL's Facilities Services Division and the Quality Management Division. Once Library Facilities Services and the Quality Management divisions have approved the 30% complete design documents, the consultant architects will develop 60% complete design documents to be presented in a widely advertised public forum for review and comments by the community.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvements Project: On October 16th, the project's consultant architect presented the Preliminary Design Report, as well as a preliminary cost estimate for the restoration work at hand, to APL. As anticipated, the cost of carrying out all of the identified possible repairs and restorations to the 1933-era Austin History Center building exceeds the funding provided for the project by the 2012 Bond Program. The focus now for project participants will be to group the work details needing to be addressed immediately to prevent deterioration of the building, leaving less critical elements to be addressed during the expansion of the Austin History Center into the Faulk Central Library. The upcoming expansion project, which will follow the opening of the New Central Library, will convert the former central library building to archival storage and exhibit space for the Austin History Center and is conceptually planned to connect the two buildings architecturally. Most of the exterior elements identified as needing restorative work, such as the loggia fresco, ironwork refinishing, masonry repairs, and window/door weatherproofing will be high priorities to accomplish during the present project. Restoring the integrity of the building envelope as soon as possible will prove vital in preventing further deterioration of interior elements. Based upon the architect's report as to the complexity of this restoration of a historical building, APL is now anticipating sixteen (16) months of design development, City of Austin quality reviews, landmark building commission hearings, contractor bidding and Council approval processes before construction can begin.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation Repairs Project: The project's consultants are currently working on the requisite Preliminary Engineering Report (PER), as they have received all but one of the Geotechnical well results from the extensive drilling performed last month at the site. By way of background, six holes were drilled around the library building, each twenty-five (25) feet deep and soil samples were taken at various depths. It is anticipated that our consultant engineers will complete their evaluation of the foundation and deliver the PER within the next two weeks. The PER will include surveys of the floor surface elevations and signs of distress in the building, evaluations of past and expected performance of the foundation, and recommendations for foundation improvement and cost estimates. This project has likewise been reclassified from being a candidate for the City of Austin Job Order Contract program and the targeted construction delivery method

will be now be revised to be Invitation for Bid (IFB). This construction delivery method is thought of as the traditional method by most people in the construction industry and related professions. Issues with this traditional method include the fact that the pre-construction phase is lengthy with the Owner having a good bit of project funds at risk before ever obtaining a firm price on construction.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library Accessibility

Improvement Project: The proposal from the consultant engineers to create the PER and perform Preliminary Design has been finalized and is now being processed by the Capital Contracting Office. It remains the belief of APL that this project falls well within the parameters of the Job Order Contract program to provide minor construction, repairs, alterations, renovations and maintenance for City of Austin facilities, so no reclassification to a construction delivery method of IFB is currently anticipated.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin participated in the Black and Abroad You Tube project. Black and Abroad is a travel and education show about the African diaspora and its continuing influence on our society and world. The show will be broken down into 10-minute webisodes that will air on a self-titled YouTube channel. Each season would focus on a different location, the history of that location with an emphasis on people of African descent and their cultural significance.
- On September 15, Manager Mike Miller gave a research orientation to a group of 15 students from St. Edward's University. They are working on a project researching daily life in Austin during the Civil War era.
- The AHC participated in Austin Museum Day on September 20, part of a citywide celebration of Austin arts & culture. Local author and musician Jesse Sublett gave a performance at 2 PM and spoke about his new book, 1960s Austin Gangsters to a crowd of 45. Overall, the AHC had 475 visitors for the day; almost triple the normal Sunday visitor count.
- On September 28, Reference Archivist Rusty Heckaman made a presentation about conducting property research and gave an orientation to the AHC to a group of students from UT.
- On September 29 and October 1, Manager Mike Miller and Exhibits Coordinator Steve Schwolert gave an orientation to high school students from Crockett. These students are working on a project called "Austin Revolutionaries" that will eventually become an exhibit on display at the Manchaca Branch Library.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 3 collections, the KLRN/ KLRU Production Photographs Collection, the APD/ Whitman Mass Murder Records, and the East Avenue Baptist Church Records, and placed EAD encoded finding aids for the collections on the Internet at the TARO website. as.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC recently acquired papers and drawings from local architect Robert Kaler. Kaler has been active in Austin since the 1960s as a solo architect and as a member of well-known firms such as Kinney Kaler, Sanders and Crews and Page, Southerland, Page. The AHC also acquired a collection of 19th century Austin theater programs and

publications. These include programs from Hancock Opera House, Millett Opera House, the Amateur Choral Club, and the Austin Grand Opera Company.

Publications and Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in an article in Southern Woman Magazine about Jane McCallum, an article in Texas Monthly about Claire Wilson, documentary films about Richard Linklater, Public Access TV in Austin, and Leslie, upcoming books about the Servant Girl Murders and the Westcave Outdoor Discovery Center, news stories in the Austin American Statesman (Betty Himmelblau and other stories), Austin Chronicle (Travis County Courthouses), Austin Monthly (Haunted Austin and Paramount Theater Centennial), and Southern Lady Magazine (Capital Cities), for exhibits at the Spirit of East Austin Community Forum and Viva Street's Festival, for a KXAN news story about the City Flag, and for web exhibits by the Texas State Preservation Board, Texas State University, and Page Southerland Page.
- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin updated the AHC's "Segregation Bibliography" guide and posted it online: http://www.austinlibrary.com/ahc/downloads/segregation_bib.pdf
- Curator of Archives & Manuscripts Susan Rittereiser updated the "UT Tower Shootings" Resource Guide and posted it online: http://www.austinlibrary.com/ahc/downloads/Whitman_bib.pdf

Upcoming Events

- October 29, 7 PM, The Thinkery. Exhibit about crime in Austin as part of the "Murder in the Museum" program.
- November 18, 6:30 PM, AHC. Panel discussion and book signing with contributors to new book, Invisible in Austin.
- December 5, 2 PM, AHC. Presentation and book signing with Richard Zelade, author of Austin in the Jazz Age.
- December 8, 6:30 PM, AHC. Presentation and book signing with Michael Barnes, author of Indelible Austin, published by Waterloo Press.

Central Library Services

- The Faulk Central Library hosted the last writing workshop series with The Challenger Newspaper on September 14. The series offered four workshops throughout the summer: two at Terrazas and two at Faulk.
- Staff began working on plans for the Faulk Central Library pocket library. Faulk is scheduled to close in July 2016 and the pocket library will open 30-45 days after the closure.
- Reference books were shifted and maps and phonebooks moved in preparation for a Security Desk to be installed on the 2nd floor near the unfiltered public computers in the southwest corner of the building. Security will be at the desk for most of the library's open hours to provide a constant presence near the computers and library study table areas.
- Staff updated APL Recommends after ALIS finished the new format, created 2 Bibliocommons lists – Hoopla Classical Albums (32 items) , and 2015-2016 Books into Movies (32 items), wrote 4 blogs for the website, and participated in Personal Picks Live.
- Reference Librarians completed collection development reports for FY15.

- Staff completed performance reviews for Circulation, Paging, Periodicals and Reference Teams of the Faulk Central staff.
- Staff updated ILL information related to the new Non-resident fee that went into effect in October. APL requested 95 ILL loans for our customers and received 82. APL sent 133 ILL items to other libraries, but 1997 were requested, 1867 were not supplied.
- Staff finalized requests for Mini-Program grants.

Youth Services

In October, Youth Services presented Mad Science Maelstrom! All sorts of crafts and science activities were presented at Yarborough Branch. The event was a great success with approximately 240 people in attendance and some folks did not want to leave when it was over.

Youth Services created promotional videos to upload on Facebook for upcoming celebration of our Star Wars Jedi Training Camp! The Camp will begin in November and run through December.

Collection and Cataloging Services

ACCS completed the fiscal year by spending “gifted” money from Council members Garza and Tovo. The money purchased high demand adult fiction and non-fiction, digital titles, adult and children’s DVDs. September was used as a project completion month. Catalogers changed all language call numbers by converting the suffix language code to a prefix for ease of locating an item and running reports. ACCS staff weeded, for condition, the JHF fiction and non-fiction collection. Replacements were ordered for popular titles that were in poor condition. Selectors visited all branches to survey customers’ needs, wants and concerns about the system-wide collection.

The 2014-2015 Fiscal Year was busy for ACCS. ACCS partnered with Austin Music Office, purchased materials for Austin Energy, Austin Water, added City documents as a bibliographic portal for the Budget Office and City Manager’s office. Hoopla, a digital service providing movies, music, audiobooks, comics, and television programs, was added to the online service to our customers. There are no HOLDS with Hoopla, everything is always available. There was a 38% increase in the virtual library circulation. Selectors responded to 7,828 Suggest-a-Title requests. Catalogers cataloged and/or edited bibliographic records on 133,913 titles. Acquisitions ordered 173,633 titles.

Recycled Reads

September revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$12,500. Over 3,800 people visited the store, including over 140 attending the 15 scheduled events. Donations were received from approximately 250 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 23 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 116 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials

representing approximately 63,200 items at the bookstore. Approximately 28 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 63,200 items were processed.

ARR continued 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 8 pallets.

Volunteer Services

September 2015 - STATISTICS	
Number of Volunteers	203
September - Volunteer hours	1605.12
Volunteer Hourly Value	\$ 23.07*
	\$37,030.12
(*rate change in May 2015 from \$22.55)	

Policy Violations

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

230 Total

Locations # of Incidents

ACE	37
AMR	17
APH	17
ATB	17
ARZ	16
ALW	15
ATO	15
AWK	9

ANV	7
ASR	6
AWP	6
AOK	4
AUH	4
AYB	4
AHC	3
ACB	3
AOQ	3
ASE	3
ACP	2
AHO	1
ASJ	1

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

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