

More Than Books

Highlights

- You can now save time by filling out your Library Card Application online. Then, bring photo ID and proof of residence address to your nearest Library within 14 days to pick up your card.
- You may not see owls frequently, but there is probably at least one species that lives in your neighborhood. Learn about Owls of Central Texas at Yarborough Branch, Sunday, October 2, 4 PM. Presentation given by Travis Audubon Society member Jane Tillman.
- Bring your friends and family to play classic and new games you may not have seen before at Family Board Game Night. Faulk Central Library, Tuesday, October 4, 5:30 PM.
- Calling all local writers and those that love to read. Join the local writing community Saturday, October 8, 10 AM - 4 PM, at the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill for APL's first annual Indie Author Day.
- Thinking of learning to code? Get an introduction at Web Development: Let's Break it Down, Twin Oaks Branch, Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 PM. Presented in partnership with Google Fiber and General Assembly.
- Keith Maitland, director/producer of the SXSW award-winning documentary film *TOWER*, will discuss the film which tells the story of the UT Tower Shooting. Maitland will be joined by Neal Spelce, one of the subjects in the film, who was there 50 years ago reporting live as the massacre unfolded. Tuesday, October 18, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center.

Facilities Services

New Central Library Project: The New Central Library remained a very busy construction site throughout the month of September. Ongoing work includes but is certainly not limited to street and sidewalk construction, installation of flagstone and brick pavers, installation of stone, mesquite and oak flooring and carpet, installation of wood paneling and other ceiling finishes, completing the decking on the wood, interior bridges and installing glass on the glass interior bridges. On the Shoal Creek Greenbelt side of the New Central Library, the construction of stone, retaining walls and stairs are being completed while landscaping lights at boulders and curbs are being installed along the Cesar Chavez Plaza. Overhead doors are in the process of being installed at the loading docks, raised access flooring is being installed in the Special Event Forum, guardrails are being placed around the roof garden, millwork is being installed in the Teens Room and the Craft Area of the Children's Room is nearing completion. Taping, floating and final painting of walls is now underway on all levels of the building. Finally, as the scaffolding is being disassembled at the atrium metal wall panels, a boom lift has been moved inside the building so that the installation of the Art in Public Places portion of the project, a wall-mounted sculpture eighteen feet long, may begin. The remaining project schedule is as follows:

- December 2016 – Building construction substantially completed

- May 2017 – Grand Opening Ceremony scheduled

Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project: The scope of work for this project has been value engineered in order to avoid Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Act and City of Austin LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) requirements from exceeding the project budget. The scope of work has been returned to its original engineering parameters: namely, a total roof replacement with asbestos abatement as necessary, combined with a complete retrofit of HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment and automated controls. At this time, the revised 60% Complete Design documents remain under review by the Quality Management Division (QMD) of the Public Works Department.

University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot Expansion Project: A Special Commissioners' Hearing was convened on September 15 to acquire the fee simple title for the half acre parcel adjacent to the University Hills Branch Library and needed to complete the parking lot expansion project. The current property owner did not attend, and so the Special Commissioners' Hearing was reset to October 5, at the request of the attorney ad litem appointed by the court to protect the current property owner's interests. Art In Public Places (AIPP) personnel continue to move forward with their portion of the project. Artist Colin McIntyre has initiated design on an outdoor sculpture piece, with one of the goals being to reflect the character of the surrounding neighborhoods and the diverse population served by the University Hills Branch Library in his work. The artist and his team will therefore be collaborating with the community as well as project representatives in the development of his art project. The Library Department will support the art installation by providing for the artwork's landscaping and lighting requirements through the project's design and construction contracts. The Library Department is currently awaiting further feedback from the artist regarding these elements of design.

Southeast Austin Community Branch Library Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project: Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR LLC.), assigned to this project from the City's Job Order Contract Rotation List, has submitted their proposal to perform the work, but unfortunately, the cost of the proposal exceeds the consultant engineers' construction cost estimate by over \$300,000. Specifically, the consultant engineers' estimate of probable construction cost totaled \$438,000 while the cost of KBR's proposal to perform the work adds up to \$747,000. The consultant engineers and Library Facilities Services personnel have completed their review of KBR's proposal and forwarded it with comments to the Capital Contracting Office for their review and feedback.

Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade Project: The consultant engineers' delivery of their design and construction management proposal to the Library Department was delayed, but it has now been reviewed and approved. The proposal has been forwarded to the Capital

Contracting Office to be processed and executed prior to the Library Department moving forward with the project.

Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:

Comments from the Quality Management Division regarding the 60% complete design documents have been forwarded to the consultant architects and their engineers as well as the Commissioning Agent so that any corrections necessary may be addressed in the 90% complete design package. These 90% completed design documents are presently anticipated to be submitted by the consultants to the Library Department by September 29. Once reviewed by Library staff, the design package will be forwarded to the Quality Management Division for a final design review before the creation of construction documents is initiated. Due to the construction estimate for the work exceeding \$300,000, the project will be required by City of Austin ordinance to achieve at least a Silver Leadership in Environmental and Energy Design (LEED) Certificate. The added cost of achieving LEED certification has necessitated the removal of some desired building elements from the scope of work, such as a vestibule at the front entrance and a moveable partition in the meeting room. The Library Facilities Services project manager has recently met with an Austin Energy coordinator to review the project. It was determined that the new ceiling insulation and possibly the new HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning) equipment specified for the renovation qualifies for rebates to the Library Department for installing energy-efficient building elements and equipment. Library Facilities Services and the Capital Contracting Office are presently reviewing the schedule for advertising the project for bids, taking the contract award to Council for approval, and closing the branch library to allow construction to proceed. The Austin Public Library's new bookmobile will be used to provide temporary library services to the area while the facility is closed for renovations. A bookmobile schedule that will best meet the needs of the customers will be developed.

Austin History Center Interior and Exterior

Improvement Project: A professional services proposal from the architecture firm of Limbacher Godfrey for this project was accepted by the Library Department on August 11 and Notice to Proceed (NTP) with design was issued on August 26. On September 2, the Library Department and the consultant architects held their initial meeting for the first phase of the restoration project, the loggia fresco preservation work, reviewing the temporary fencing requirements for the site that will protect the fresco while it is being restored. The loggia's large, metal chandelier, installed during the original 1933 construction of the building, will be removed and restored while the fresco is being repainted. On August 8, the art conservator, consultant architect and Library representatives met again to refine the specifications for the temporary fencing that will protect the loggia fresco while preservation work is in progress. In order to determine the elevation points at the building's main entrances, the Library Department has acquired the services of a surveyor from the City of Austin Rotation List. The resulting property survey will be used to design and construct the decorative fence now planned for the protection of this historical site. On October 6, the Austin City Council will be asked to authorize negotiation and execution of the contract with Mark E. Van Gelder, dba Art Conservation Services of Austin, to provide art preservation and restoration services for the *Austin History Center Interior*

and Exterior Improvement Project in an amount not to exceed \$67,825. Once Notice to Proceed is issued, the commission to restore the loggia fresco is anticipated to take three months for completion. The work has been specifically planned to occur during mid Fall and early Winter months in Austin to allow the cleaning and painting procedures to be carried out during the most ideal temperature conditions.

Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation

Repairs Project: The requisite professional services agreement has been successfully executed with the consultant engineers to design and manage the construction of this project. The project has now officially moved into the Design Phase of project development.

Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp

Improvements Project: 30% complete design documents for this project have been received by the Library Department from the consultant engineers, and those drawings and specifications are now being reviewed prior to being forwarded to the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department.

Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Quality Management Division's review comments were received by the Library Department on September 9 and shared with the project's consultant architects so that necessary changes might be incorporated into the 90% completed design documents now in production. The project scope calls for an interiors upgrade with a revised furniture and shelving layout, compliance with the recently enhanced Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) standards, renewing the landscaping, and refurbishing the exterior porch, lighting and sign. Correcting recently identified site accessibility concerns will need to be accomplished by means of a separate civil engineering project.

Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:

The Lawrence Group Architects are currently working on 90% complete design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch Library. On August 13, the project was presented to the Windsor Park Neighborhood Association by the Facilities Services project manager, and it was very well received. The project's scope of work will include exterior improvements such as roof repairs over the staff entrance, restoring the lighting for the bronze sculpture at the building entrance and repainting of all stucco walls. In addition, the interior spaces will be refinished, refurbished and reconfigured to create a "like new" library experience for customers.

Austin History Center Programming & Outreach

- The AHC and APL's Office of Programs & Partnerships produced a short video profiling the community archivist program. The video (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_77DevuAV0&feature=youtu.be) has garnered a lot of interest from the public. In less than a month 380 people have watched the video online, and the community archivists report receiving numerous phone calls and emails in response to the video.
- Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie and Reference Archivist Rusty Heckaman attended the August 4 AISD Social Studies Institute to outreach at the Austin

History Center booth. Phonshia also presented three student-focused primary source document presentations (based on Sing, Nguyen, and Taniguchi family histories and our collections) during two sessions entitled "Teaching Asian American History in Elementary School Classrooms."

- African American Community Archivist LaToya Devezin represented the AHC at the Capital City Black Film Fest (CCBF) (August 25 -28, 2016). The AHC was also represented in multiple film entries. The recently completed mini-documentaries "District Docs," in partnership with Six Square, premiered as non-competitive entries at the festival. Also, a documentary that LaToya completed with KLRU on Jackie Robinson was entered as a documentary short.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing 4 collections, the Joseph Jay Jones Papers, the Lowell H. Lebermann, Jr. Papers, the Travis County Council of Defense Records, and Liatrix Media Records. Staff also processed additions to and updated the finding aids for 2 existing collections. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC received many interesting donations in the last month. Red Wassenich, who coined the phrase "Keep Austin Weird" and wrote 2 books on the subject, donated manuscripts, galleys, photos from the book *Keep Austin Weird: A Guide to the Odd Side of Town*. The AHC also received a donation from Rosalind Oliphant about her business Folktales and a donation from former councilperson Louise Epstein of her papers.
- Media Archivist Nicole Davis finished reviewing and editing Frank Caldwell Collection images on Portal to Texas History (PTH), adding over 250 digital images to the collections the AHC offers on the Portal. Frank Caldwell (1883-1962) was a lifelong resident of Austin. Though he worked as a traveling salesman, his passion was Texas history and he spent much of his time collecting materials on the topic. His collection contains hundreds of photographs documenting various sites, towns, events, and people of Texas from about the 1880s through the 1930s.
- The AHC was selected to add another collection to its holdings in the PTH through the 2016 Rescuing Texas History program. The PTH will digitize over 250 photographs from the AHC's Bickler Papers and make them available to the public through the Portal. The photographs in the collection document multiple generations of the Bickler family, their friends (including the Lungkwitz, Kuechler, and Hummel families), and their activities. These photos provide insight into immigrant life in Central Texas in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

Publications & Reference

- Research was also conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in upcoming books *City in a Garden* (UNC Press) and *Lone Star Politics*, 5th ed., a KUT Radio blog post about Gordon Knight, the upcoming ad campaign for the Austin Film Festival, and documentary films about Molly Ivins and the punk band "Big Boys." The AHC also assisted the CoA Office of Sustainability with research for a self-guided walking tour of the Seaholm EcoDistrict using an app called TravelStorys.

- Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie completed production of the training video "Teaching Asian American history." This video will accompany an AISD professional development session about Asian American history to be taught by Phonshia this fall. She coordinated a team of one AISD elementary school teacher, five students, and two filmmakers to film a 15-minute training video about the Taniguchi history presentation and the children's book *Coolies*.

Grants

The AHC received a \$25,000 grant from the Texas State Library & Archives Commission (TSLAC) to process the Dewey Mears Photography Collection. The collection consists of the entire body of work of photographer Dewey G. Mears who was well known for documenting mid-century modern architecture in Central Texas. At 132 linear feet, the collection contains about 100,000 negatives, contact proof prints and some finished enlargements. The AHC will hire staff to catalog the negatives and rehouse them into archival sleeves and boxes. A finding aid will be made available through Texas Archival Resources Online, a selection of images will be digitized by the Portal to Texas History, and an exhibit will be mounted at the AHC.

Upcoming Events

- October 16, 2-6 PM, Scholz Garten. Austin Archives Bazaar
- October 18, 6:30 PM. Presentation by filmmakers behind *The Tower*.
- October 25, 6:30 PM. Panel program with KUT/Texas Standard about the UT Tower Shooting and Campus Carry Law. Co-sponsored by the Austin Library Foundation.
- November 2, Sustainable Food Center. "A Taste of Black Austin."
- November 8, 6:30 PM. Author program with Ross Tomlin, author of new biography of Homer Thornberry, a Congressman and federal judge from Austin.
- December 6, 6:30 PM. Book launch event for AHC's newest book, *Historic Austin Movie Houses*.
- December 13, 6:30 PM. Author program with *Texas Monthly* editor Skip Hollandsworth, author of a new book about the 1885 "Servant Girl Murders" in Austin.

Central Library Services

The Faulk Central Library will offer an exciting slate of programs this fall, including author programs and writing workshops in celebration of National Novel Writing Month. There will be 2 youth, 2 adult and 2 programs for all ages. The opening event will include four adult authors and a moderator. Blair Parsons is also planning concerts from visiting and local guitarists, and an exhibit of maps celebrating the geographic and cultural uniqueness of Texas. Please check our events calendar for fall program details.

Cesar Garza along with Meg Holle and Amy Mullin, planned and broadcast APL's first-ever Facebook Live: a series called Q&APL Live in which we pose a question and demo the answer on air. Cesar records the broadcast and asks the presenter questions from behind the camera. The first broadcast was August 8: *How does my library keep me healthy?* The second was August 25: *Why is hoopla telling me that my card is expired?* A third one is scheduled for September 7: *How do I borrow Kindle eBooks from the*

Library? Cesar and Rusty Heckaman are planning one at the History Center related to Archives Month in October.

Branch Services

At Ruiz, *Marketing Your Product, Service, and Company* was held on August 4 and *Business Assessment and Goal Setting* was held on August 18. The two seminars were part of a six part series held in conjunction with SCORE.

The *Plantas Medicinales/ Plants for Health* program was held on Saturday, August 6 at St Johns. The program had 10 participants and provided information about the healing powers of herbs. The samples of iced herbal teas were well-received as temperatures in the library were in the mid to upper 80s on this day.

Milwood's Weeknight Cinema conducted its final programs before going to Southeast Library. A new program called Reel Tuesdays will take its place. *Zen and the Art of Sandbox Maintenance* was a huge success with 19 people building zen gardens with plants, sand and rocks.

As a conclusion to their Summer Monthly Family Night Events, University Hills hosted a large after-hours program for teens and adults. Fanimecon occurred on August 12 and was attended by 149 customers. They screened four films on Saturday afternoons as part of their family film program and had 34 customers for all four films. They had two book displays; one display highlighted arcade games and the other display highlighted books from APL about Japanese Cosplay.

Youth Services

Youth Services delivered another quality Youth Summer Reading Program. All Youth Services staff plan and implement an amazing number of programs to our City's youth. This year, Youth Services presented 1,184 programs to over 23,000 attendees. On tap were outstanding programs like storytimes, crafting, scavenger hunts, CoA Music Division music programs, puppet shows like Literature Live!, educational/entertaining performances like Crowe's Nest Farm, Texas A&M Chemistry Roadshow, Terrance Taps and much, much more! To keep kids reading into the fall, Youth Services provided over 5,300 books to those young folks who completed their reading logs. There's just tons of excitement when they get to choose a book from many quality, carefully-selected choices. All locations participated to pull off the most successful Summer Reading Programs ever! Youth Services is already planning for next year's summer of fun. Three things to remember: Summer reading reduces that horrible summer slide that happens when kids don't read in the summer, the Summer Reading Program provides youth with fun things to do when summer becomes a little boring, and of course everyone can't wait until the next Austin Public Library Summer Reading Program comes around!

Recycled Reads

July revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$13,000. Over 4,200 people visited the store, including 238 attending the 18 scheduled events. Donations were received from over 300 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 38 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 50 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 30 pallets of materials representing approximately 72,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 24 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 75,000 items were processed.

Recycled Reads is continuing the price per pound program with Thrift Books in Dallas. They pay 12 cents per pound on the books sent to them. They picked up 12 pallets.

The Recycled Reads Back to School event on August 20 was well attended. In addition to our media corral sale, Josh from in.Griedents gave a demo on healthy snacks and how to use reusable containers. Bernadette Knowles from Austin Creative Reuse helped folks make reusable lunch bags from old blue jeans and t-shirts.

We participated in the Shop Zero Waste video production sponsored by Austin Resource Recover and filmed by Channel 6 ATXN

Yelp featured Recycled Reads on their website for August.

Volunteer Services

August 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	267
Total Volunteer hours	1982.60

Policy Violations

37	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
32	Disturbing others using the Library
26	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
18	Disorderly conduct
15	Using obscene language
16	Sleeping in the Library
11	Leaving personal belongings unattended
10	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs
10	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
9	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
9	Destruction of Library property
7	Unintended use of restrooms
6	No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
5	Violating Internet Policy
5	Fighting
5	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
3	Entering unauthorized areas
3	Strong odor
2	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
2	Making bomb threats against Library property, or from Library property
2	Bringing animals into the Library
2	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
1	Smoking in the Library
1	Soliciting and panhandling
1	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons
1	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers

239 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Faulk Central 37

Little Walnut	36
Terrazas	18
Ruiz	18
Twin Oaks	16
Windsor Park	14
Cepeda	11
Willie Mae Kirk	9
North Village	8
University Hills	7
Manchaca Rd	6
Southeast	6
Carver	5
Old Quarry	4
Pleasant Hill	4
St. John	4
History Center	3
Hampton	3
Howson	3
Spicewood	3
Yarborough	2
Milwood	2

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

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