

# More Than Books

## Highlights

- Come celebrate the holidays at the Howson Branch. Quintessential Woodwind Quartet will play from 6:30-8 PM. We will also have children's crafts and light refreshments. Thursday, December 15.
- Recycled Reads is hosting a Holiday Open House & Boutique Sneak Peek. The New Central Library Boutique manager will be selling items made by local artists as well as new, branded merchandise. All proceeds directly benefit the Austin Public Library. Live music and an open mic event will also be part of the festivities. Recycled Reads Bookstore, December 16-18.
- *Digital Marketing: Key Concepts and Metrics* will cover the fundamentals of digital marketing and the channels that come with it. Taught by General Assembly and sponsored by Google Fiber. Tuesday, December 20, 6:30-7:30 PM, Twin Oaks Branch.
- *Read-Watch-Talk: Persepolis*. Read the book. Watch the movie. Talk about them both. December 28, 6:30 PM, Yarborough Branch.
- *How Can the Library help me keep my New Year's Resolution in 2017?* Get to [www.facebook.com/austinlibrary](http://www.facebook.com/austinlibrary) on Friday, January 6, at 1:30 PM and watch APL librarians demo the answer for you.
- Screening of *The Last of the Moonlight Towers* documentary. Tuesday, January 10, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center
- *Volumes Radio Show & Podcast*. We Bring the Library to You! Listen live Wednesdays at 7 PM on KOOP 91.7 Radio Austin. Listen anytime - [soundcloud.com/austin-public-library/sets/aplradioshow](http://soundcloud.com/austin-public-library/sets/aplradioshow)

## Facilities Services

**New Central Library Project:** Exterior work in progress at the New Central Library this month includes but is not limited to setting light poles, setting steel for the photovoltaic arbor in the roof garden, installing pavers, limestone blocks and crushed granite, installing landscaping and outdoor seating (benches), setting milled stones and boulders, running underground irrigation and placing sidewalks. Ongoing interior work on all levels includes ceramic tile installation in restrooms, carpet and base molding installation, sanding and finishing mesquite flooring, installing, grouting and sealing stone flooring as well as installing and connecting kitchen equipment in the Cooking Demonstration Area. On December 8, Council authorized additional funding for the New Central Library Project Construction Manager at Risk contract with Hensel Phelps Construction Company in the amount of \$5,550,000, for a revised contractual Construction Cost Limitation not to exceed the amount of \$126,605,934, for construction of the New Central library and Related Improvements including the 2nd Street Bridge, Utilities, Roadway Improvements, Shoal Creek Greenbelt Improvements, and construction of the Seaholm Substation Art Wall. The need for additional authorization is due to such significant factors as inclusion of a photovoltaic (solar panel) array on the library roof and an increase in construction costs to address building and life safety code requirements.

On December 15, Council will be asked to authorize the negotiation and execution of a 120-month lease agreement for approximately 3,786 square feet of interior restaurant space, with an additional 2,065 square feet of covered patio space, and an approximately 789 square foot commercial catering kitchen, within the Austin Public Library's New Central Library, located at 710 West Cesar Chavez Street with the Elm Restaurant Group, LLC, with a minimum rental income of \$2,065,868.76. Minimum rental income includes reimbursement of Landlord's tenant improvement allowance not to exceed \$450,000.

### **Pleasant Hill Branch Library Roof Replacement and HVAC Upgrade Project:**

The Library Department has just received the responses of the consultant architects and engineers to 60% Complete Design comments of the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department. The comments provided by QMD proved to be both comprehensive and stringent, particularly for the specifications manual, and the consultants and the Library's project manager are now endeavoring to ensure that all necessary corrections are made to the documents.

### **University Hills Branch Library Parking Lot**

**Expansion Project:** The owner of the property adjacent to the University Hills Branch Library needed for the expansion of the parking lot has filed an objection to the award of the Special Commissioners and the City of Austin's right to take the subject property through the exercise of its powers of Eminent Domain. The owner is therefore demanding a trial by jury to settle the matter. The City of Austin is currently responding to a Request for Production of Documents from the owner's attorney.

### **Southeast Austin Community Branch Library**

**Foundation/Flatwork Repairs Project:** The Final Proposal from Kellogg Brown and Root (KBR LLC.), assigned to this project from the City's Job Order Contract Rotation List, is in the total amount of \$681,918.40. As a few contractual items were changed without the knowledge and consent of the Library Department and its consultants, further discussion will need to take place before the proposal can be accepted. The Library Department's main concerns at this time is that the estimated time of construction be reduced and that the total project be completed for the price proposed.

### **Zaragoza Warehouse Fire Sprinkler Upgrade**

**Project:** This retrofit of a key life and property safety system at the Library's storage facility has come to a standstill due to insufficient authority remaining in the Mechanical Engineers Rotation List to allow for the contract with the Library's consultant engineers to be extended to finish the project. Rotation List contracts are intended to enable the City to have groups of qualified consultants available to meet the project needs of the various City departments. Rotation List firms are selected through recurring Request for Qualifications (RFQ) processes, and the Library Department has been informed by the Capital Contracting Office that a new Rotation List for mechanical engineers will be available for its use by February

of 2017.

### **Renovation of the Will Hampton Branch Library at Oak Hill:**

The 90% complete design documents - drawings, specifications manual, LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Checklist and the consultant's responses to comments from the Quality Management Division/Public Works Department for the 60% complete design documents - remain under review by the Library's Facility Process Manager prior to submittal to the Quality Management Division for their continuing review and comments.

### **Austin History Center Interior and Exterior Improvement Project:**

A proposal to survey the Austin History Center site has been approved by the Library Department and the Quality Management Division/Public Works Department and Notice to Proceed (NTP) was issued on October 17. The resulting property survey was received on November 8 and will be used in the design and construction of the decorative fence now planned for the protection of this historical site. While mobilizing for the restoration of the loggia's fresco, the contracted art conservator informed the Library Department, based on the weather predicted over the next several weeks, that it would be inadvisable to start any painting while temperatures are less than ideal. Since any temperatures falling below 50 degrees will decrease the adhesive qualities of the paint and possibly lead to its failure, the start date for this restoration work will be shifted to January or February, in hopes of being provided a continuous three month period of above 50% weather. In the meantime, the loggia's original brass, ornate and very large chandelier has been removed so that it may be restored along with other Austin History Center light fixtures. Temporary lighting has been installed in place of the chandelier. Photographic documentation of the fresco's "before" condition is being carried out so that the Library may conduct a comparative analysis following the conservation work.

### **Willie Mae Kirk Branch Library Foundation**

**Repairs Project:** Following its review of the 30% complete design documents, the Quality Management Division (QMD)/Public Works Department requested that an Environmental Impact Report be conducted to identify the potential environmental effects of the project. Since the scope of work needing to be performed has been reduced, the Library Department has submitted the project's favorable Geotechnical Report, Asbestos Clearance Report along with the new construction cost estimate of \$30,000 to QMD and asked them to reconsider the need for further environmental site assessments. QMD has agreed to re-review the project. In the meantime, the Library has agreed to conduct lead-based paint surveys to identify the presence of any lead-based paint in departmental buildings for future projects.

### **Little Walnut Creek Branch Library ADA Ramp Improvements Project:**

With the appropriation of an additional \$313,962 in current Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the project's accounting documents have been updated so that the work may proceed through the Design Phase and into construction. Due to the extent of repairs needed at this facility, not only will the ramp be demolished and rebuilt, but the structural damage found at the foundation and exterior walls near the ramp will be redressed as well. The standing seam metal roof in this area of the building will likewise be repaired.

The Capital Contracting Office is presently processing the necessary documents to acquire the engaged engineering firm's professional services for the completion of the project.

### **Yarborough Branch Library Renovation Project:**

The 90% complete design documents for this remodel project were reviewed by the Library Department and then submitted to the Quality Management Division of the Public Works Department on October 5 for their review, and their comments were received on November 8. The Library Department has reached out to the Right of Way (ROW) Maintenance Division/Public Works Department for assistance with making some desired landscaping changes in the Right of Way (ROW) fronting the Yarborough Branch Library property during the upcoming renovation project. Comments have been received back from ROW as well as their recommendations for particular plantings. It is anticipated that a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) will be negotiated with the ROW Maintenance Division to allow the Library Department to maintain the right-of-way in front of the Yarborough Branch Library. The project's consultant team intends to submit their plans for review by the Development Services Department (DSD) by December 15th. Turnaround time to receive comments from DSD is typically 30 days.

### **Windsor Park Branch Library Renovation Project:**

Our consultant architects have submitted 90% complete design documents for the renovation of the Windsor Park Branch Library. Upon completion of review, the City of Austin's comments will be returned to the consultant architects so that the selection process to acquire a construction contractor for the project may be initiated.

### **Austin History Center Programming & Outreach**

- Assistant Manager Nancy Toombs gave a presentation to the St. Theresa's Ladies Club on November 4. She spoke about the AHC and the donation process. There were 26 people in attendance, many of whom said they planned to visit the AHC in person soon.
- The AHC hosted a program with author Ross Tomlin on November 8. Tomlin recently published a book about his grandfather Homer Thornberry, a US Congressman and federal judge from Austin.
- Asian American Community Archivist Phonshia Nie taught an AISD PD Teaching Asian American History focused on the Nguyen Family Papers (AR.2009.056) to the Social Studies and Vietnamese Dual-Language teachers at Summitt Elementary on November 16.
- AHC Manager Mike Miller gave a presentation about the AHC to the South Austin Business Alliance on November 29. Of the 31 people in attendance, only 1 person had even heard of the AHC, so this was a great opportunity to share the AHC's story.

### **Collections**

- AHC staff finished processing 2 collections, the W. H. Passon Historical Society Records and the University of Texas School of Architecture Measured Drawings. 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).
- The AHC received many interesting donations in the last month. Of interest this month was a donation from the

Franzetti family of the genealogy research they conducted to write their family history "Italy to Austin." Also received were 38 photos from the family of Ethel Brydson Berkley that document the Brydson family and friends, homes and other Austin, Texas scenes from the early 20th century, including a photograph of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas that shows a group meeting at the Capitol with Rebecca Jane Fisher.

## Publications & Reference

The Austin History Center completed its newest book, *Historic Austin Movie Houses*, published by Arcadia Press in November 2016. The book is an outgrowth of the 2012 exhibit at the History Center called "The First Picture Shows" and explores the story of early cinema in Austin and the iconic theaters where Austinites watched movies. AHC Manager Mike Miller and Curator of Archives Susan Ritterer authored the work.

Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in documentary films about Blaze Foley and the Scottish Rite Theater; upcoming books *Local History Archives and Manuscript Collections for Public Libraries* (ALA Editions), *Gone to Texas* (Oxford UP), and *Groundbreaking Riverfront Cities* (Texas A&M Press); and news stories on KTBC Fox 7 and in the *Austin American-Statesman*.

## Exhibits

The AHC opened a new exhibit in the David Earl Holt Gallery, "Store Bought: Post World War II Retail." The exhibit explores the unprecedented economic boom of the post-WWII era through the story of advertisers, consumers and retailers, and the expansion from downtown "Main Street" retail to the strip centers of the new suburbs. The images in the exhibit come from the Neal Douglass Photographic Archive.

## Upcoming Events

- January 10, 6:30 PM., AHC. Screening of *The Last of the Moonlight Towers* documentary.
- January 27. Driskill Hotel. Austin History Center Association's annual Angelina Eberly Luncheon.
- February 19, 2 PM, AHC. "Celebrating the Rag" – panel discussion on the 50th anniversary of *The Rag*.
- February 22, 6:30 PM, AHC. Opening Reception for "Finding Refuge in Austin" – new exhibit at the AHC.

## Central Library Services

Three new Reference Librarians have been hired for the New Central Library. Two additional Reference positions will be posted in the near future

## Programs and Exhibits

Faulk Central Library has a new exhibit on display on the second floor: *The Texas Landscape Project*. The exhibit includes eight maps:

- Ecoregions of Texas
- Original Grasslands of Texas
- Major Watersheds of Texas
- Major Aquifers of Texas
- Texas Lost Springs and Old Trails
- Texas Wind Power
- The Changing Texas Night Sky
- Sprawl in Texas

It is on loan from David Todd, co-author of the book *The Texas Landscape Project: Nature and People*. It will be up at least until the end of January. Mr. Todd is the founder and executive director of the Conservation History Association of Texas

*My Library Keeps Me Healthy* is winding up the first quarter of Year 2 of work in December. With Central closing in the near future, the social work students will focus their time at Terrazas and Little Walnut Branches. *My Library Keeps Me Healthy* offers free health screenings, digital literacy instruction and help finding social services information.

Tuesday, December 6 at 10 AM, APL Facebook Live will broadcast at the Facebook Corporate Office, 300 W. 6th Street. The APL Unbound Bookbike will be featured.

Wednesday, December 7 at 2:30 PM, APL Facebook Live will broadcast Q&APL Live: What's cooking for the holidays? Watch APL librarians demo the answer for you. We'll show you how APL's culinary collection in print and digital formats can inspire your next holiday meal.

Facebook Live (Q&APL Live ) aims to make our customers power users of Austin Public Library with live video questions and answers on Facebook.

Sunday, December 11 from 2-3 PM Faulk Central Library and the Austin Classical Guitar Society invite you to attend a special holiday Central Concert Series – Holiday Classical Guitar featuring Steve Kostelnik. Steve tours extensively throughout the U.S. and Europe and has won top honors at several important competitions.

Sunday, December 18 from 2-3 PM the Central Concert Series - Holiday Classical Guitar continues with the stylings of Kevin and Rachel McCormick.

Write Club will also be featured from 2-4 PM on Sunday, December 18. The Library Foundation's Badgerdog Creative Writing Program is now hosting Write Club. Teaching Artist Taya Kitaysky will lead the fall/winter sessions.

Night Crafters will meet from 6-7:30 PM Monday December 19.

Wednesday, December 21 from 7-8 PM the Graphic Novel Book Club will meet at Jo's Coffee on 242 W. 2nd St. *Rat Queens* by Kurtis Wiebe and *Bitch Planet* by Kelly Sue DeConnick will be discussed.

## Branch Services

Seventy-one children turned out for the *Made With Code* program presented by Google Fiber at the Hampton Branch at Oak Hill on October 22.

Milwood continued its partnership with the Milwood Neighborhood Association to post Teal Pumpkins made from construction paper in the Library. The pumpkins are a way of saying that either a home has treats that are non-allergenic to kids or if the kids wear them, that they need non-allergenic treats for Halloween.

Southeast launched a literacy program called *Reading Together/Leamos Juntos*. The program runs on Mondays

from 4-7 PM through December 12 and is aimed at students in grades 2-5 in need of improving their reading skills. Six students are receiving help in English and two in Spanish.

St Johns' weekly bilingual *Computadoras para Principiantes/ Introduction to Computers* averaged six students each class and was enthusiastically received.

### **Youth Services**

In November, Youth Services staff member Ambray Gonzales performed storytelling at Texas Farmers' Market at Mueller Airport. There were three set times for storytimes which were attended by 103 people. The storytimes consisted of a few traditional storytime songs and movement activities, and then focused on two Native American storytellings: Hopi Rainstick Frog Story and Pacific Northwest Inuit Legend of "How the Raven brought Light to the World."

Youth Services' *Play Read Grow* workshops continue to be a huge success and are playing a valuable role in the learning process for many. The workshop presents an overview of the basics of early literacy and some practices to ensure your child's success. In October and November, Youth Services had over 300 participants in the workshops.

### **Recycled Reads**

November revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$11,100. Over 3,000 people visited the store, including 170 attending the 12 scheduled events. Donations were received from over 220 people. More than fifteen volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 29 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 46 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 27 pallets of materials representing approximately 67,000 items at the bookstore. Approximately 20 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 6 pallets.

Recycled Reads was featured in the Shop Zero Waste video airing on City View.

Recycled Reads Manager Mindy Reed coordinated with Reverse Pitch participants and Inside Books to select VHS tapes for purchase for the Travis County Correctional Facility for their movie nights.

### **Volunteer Services**

November 2016 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	228
Total Volunteer hours	1453.80

### **Policy Violations**

35	Theft of Library, staff, or customer property
25	Harassment of Library staff or customers (Not Sexual)
24	Disturbing others using the Library
15	Intoxication resulting from alcohol or drugs

14	Using obscene language
12	Disorderly conduct
10	Mistreatment or vandalism of Library facilities, materials or equipment
10	Leaving personal belongings unattended
9	Physically attack or threaten to attack another person
9	Sleeping in the Library
6	Blocking access to Library entrances, passageways or resources
6	Strong odor
5	Bringing animals into the Library
4	Destruction of Library property
3	Bringing in bedrolls, blankets or sleeping bags
3	Fighting
3	No outside food or beverage allowed in the Library
2	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
2	Soliciting and panhandling
2	Appropriate clothing is required
2	Unintended use of restrooms
2	Sexual harassment of Library staff or customers
1	Child abuse
1	Entering unauthorized areas
1	Violating Internet Policy
1	Unlawfully carrying or displaying weapons

**207 Total**

### **Locations # of Incidents**

Faulk Central	51
Ruiz	18
Little Walnut	13
Pleasant Hill	11
Spicewood	8
Terrazas	8
University Hills	8
St. John	7
Carver	6
Cepeda	6
Twin Oaks	6
History Center	4
Hampton	4
Willie Mae Kirk	4
Yarborough	4
Old Quarry	3
Windsor Park	3
Howson	2
Manchaca Rd	2
Southeast	2
Milwood	1
North Village	1

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

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