

More Than Books

Highlights

- Ben Franklin Circles are a national conversation movement committed to encouraging participants to ask two big questions: How can we improve ourselves? How can we improve our world? Thursday, February 1, 6-8 PM, Central Library Reading Room.
- Watch and discuss *Whose Streets?* an unflinching look at how the killing of 18-year-old Mike Brown inspired a community to fight back and sparked a global movement. Controversy & Conversation. Thursday, February 1, 7 PM, Terrazas Branch.
- Shadowlands - Art Reception and Printing Demonstration features Carol Hayman and Theresa Bond as part of Print Austin 2018. Saturday, February 3, 1-3 PM, Cepeda Branch.
- In honor of African American History Month, the Austin History Center invites you to the opening of its newest exhibit *Clearing Stones and Sowing Seeds: Photographs from the Travis County Negro Extension Service*. Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 PM, Austin History Center.
- Money Matter\$. Come learn about financial topics like borrowing, credit, financial recovery and home ownership. Monday, February 12, 7-8:30 PM, Manchaca Road Branch.
- Spoken Word with Dynasty Holland. Spoken word includes any kind of poetry recited aloud, hip-hop, jazz poetry, poetry slams, traditional poetry readings and storytelling. Thursday, February 15, 6:30-7:30 PM, Carver Branch.

Austin History Center

Programming & Outreach

- On December 5 the AHC hosted a program celebrating the 40th birthday of Esther's Follies and the release of their new book. Author Jesse Sublett and a handful of members of the Esther's comedy troupe shared stories of the Follies over its history to a crowd of 50 people.
- On December 15, Latin/x Community Archivist Amanda Jasso gave a presentation to the city's Equity Action Team about Confederate monuments in Austin. Amanda has been active on the City team investigating the status of confederate memorials in the city.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing seven collections: the David Thomson Emo's Poster Collection; the Lewis Hancock Harvard College Scrapbook; the Austin State Official Ladies Club Records; the Manda Common School District Number 25 Record Books; the Austin Bible Society Meeting Minutes; the Wilhelmine Sheffield Papers; and the Mary Ella Wallis Scrapbooks. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC recently acquired 17 PechaKucha Austin Nights posters designed by Pentagram Design and an audio recording of Sam Quintanilla telling a ghost story. In addition, we received a donation of a video related to the UT Theater Stand-Ins produced by the People's History of Texas.

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in a new book from Texas A&M University Press, *The Cedar Choppers: Life on the Edge of Nothing*, about the cedar choppers who settled just west of Austin in the mid-19th century. Also, authors of upcoming books about Barton Creek and the Austin music scene made use of the AHC collections

Central Library Services

Parking net revenue for the month of December was ~\$42,000.*

Special Events revenue was ~\$29,000.*

Recycled Reads Gift Shop revenue was ~\$27,000.*

*These numbers are not from the official accounting record. All revenue comes back to the Library.

Branch Services

A group of students from the nearby Canyon Vista Middle School came in to Spicewood Springs Branch in order present their FIRST Lego League team robotics project. The team developed a gravity water filter, which they printed with a 3-D printer, and part of their preparation for the regional competition is to present their project to local community members. Last year they asked if Spicewood's Branch Manager would listen to their presentation, which went on to win the FIRST Lego League World Championship in their division, and they returned this year to present an equally impressive project.

Southeast Branch reports that the small locked book drop in the Computer Lab, obtained after customers requested greater options for returning library materials due to transportation difficulties and limited Bookmobile hours, has proven quite successful. It is well utilized and customers report an appreciation for an easy, efficient method of returning library material. Southeast staff are pleased with this positive outcome.

This month Windsor Park Branch presented the last two sessions of the Short Fiction Workshops for Writers. Seventeen participants came to each of the programs hosted on December 9 and December 16. During the last session, a light breakfast was provided to attendees to thank them for their participation in this eight week long program.

The Ruiz Branch Manager volunteered to participate in the Pathways to College Fair hosted by the Mexican Consulate this past month, and he also attended the Montopolis Community Business Leaders monthly meeting held at the ACC Riverside Campus.

St. John Branch's Holiday Celebration was a big success and went very smoothly, with 100 individuals at the 3:30 PM Literature Live puppet show, "The Elves and the Shoemaker," in the large conference room and followed by attendance of 196 at the Holiday Celebration in the library. The celebration

included display of Pickle Elementary student artwork, six craft activity centers, refreshments, a short performance by a few Pickle Elementary students and music teacher, and visits with bilingual Santa Claus.

Additionally, the St. John's Branch Manager promoted library resources and services to approximately 37 individuals at Flu-a-Palooza outreach event, Saturday, December 2, in the St. John Community Center Conference rooms. This was also a good opportunity to share information with other service providers in the community.

As part of outreach in the community the Milwood Branch has begun working with the Colonial Gardens Assisted Memory Care Center, a senior citizen care center across the street from the branch. They have created an Alzheimer's support group in the Milwood meeting room that meets once a month. It was decided that it would be better to actually go to the care center with library programming, and Milwood's Assistant Manager is leading the effort to bring books and board games and other programming into the center.

Manchaca Road Branch staff are working on a variety of STEAM (STEM) related programming. As part of this effort, the Branch Manager has been speaking with a group called CoderDojo which is a volunteer led organization that meets at the Milwood Library and teaches kids how to code. They are interested in partnering together, advertising within the library and teaching more kids how to code to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow.

The Carver Branch is also working on making connections with other community leaders and continues to gauge the needs of the community through observation; they recently met with Simone Wilson with the City's Music and Entertainment department and have set up a meeting with the Six Square Development Center for January 2018.

Youth Programs

Austin Public Library's performance troupe, Literature LIVE, will present a puppet show *Anansi and the Golden Box of Stories* at all Library locations. This African folktale tells the story of Anansi, the original spider man, and his quest to bring stories to all the world.

Early Literacy playgroups are being offered at the Howson, Pleasant Hill, Twin Oaks, Manchaca Road, Old Quarry, and Ruiz Branches.

Upcoming special programs include Express Yourself through Media and Technology, International Lego Day with Play-Well TEKnologies, and Art Smart Native American Celebration.

Recycled Reads

December revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$16,550. Approximately 3,800 people visited the store, including 310 attending the 14 scheduled events. Donations were received from 260 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 200 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 34 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 26 pallets of

materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 40 pallets of materials representing approximately 76,100 items at the bookstore. Approximately 26.7 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill. Between sales, donations and weeded material from APL, over 70,000 items were processed.

Recycled Reads provided books to APL branches for sales at the Central Library Gift Shop and the Little Walnut, Yarborough, Twin Oaks, Manchaca Road, Hampton, Old Quarry, and Howson Branches for onsite book sales and Holiday sales.

Volunteer Services

December 2017 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	141
Total Volunteer hours	1,088.75
Total Value*	\$26,161.73
*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.	

Policy Violations

21	Disrupting use of Library services or property
17	Sleeping
14	Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
14	Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
6	Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
6	Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
6	Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
5	Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
4	Consuming food or beverages in the Library
4	Improper use of restrooms
3	Incite a breach of the peace
3	Entering a non-public area
2	Offensive gesture or display
2	Leaving personal belongings unattended
2	Perform a criminal act
1	Threaten Library property
1	Carry or display a weapon
1	Access sexually explicit material
1	Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
1	Bringing animals into the Library
1	Appropriate clothing is required
1	Strong odor
1	Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
1	Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying baggage
1	Violating Internet Policy

119 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Central	21
Terrazas	20
Little Walnut	14
Ruiz	10
North Village	7
Pleasant Hill	5
Cepeda	4
Old Quarry	4
University Hills	4

Willie Mae Kirk	4
Manchaca Rd	3
Spicewood	3
Recycled Reads	2
Southeast	2
Windsor Park	2
Yarborough	2
History Center	1
Carver	1
Hampton	1
Faulk	1
Twin Oaks	1

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

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