

More Than Books

Highlights

- Alon Shaya, two-time James Beard award-winning chef, discusses life, food, and running award-winning restaurants. Monday, May 14, 7 PM, Central Library Demonstration area.
- Learn screenprinting with Mexic-Arte every Wednesday in May. Tailored for middle school to high school youth. 4:30-5:30 PM, Ruiz Branch.
- Let's make stuff together at Family Craft Night. Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 PM, Howson Branch.
- Track Your Family Tree. Wednesday, May 16, 6:45 PM, Milwood Branch.
- Geoff Dyer and Sasha Waters discuss the work of Garry Winogrand, one of the most important photographers of the 1960s and 1970s. Wednesday, May 16, 7 PM, Central Library Special Event Center.
- Travis Williams, owner and head stylist at Approachable Style, will share her tips for launching a business. Thursday, May 17, 6:30 PM, Carver Branch.
- Liability and How to Handle It is the first in a 4 part small business legal seminar series. Saturday, May 19, 1-3 PM, Manchaca Road Branch.

Austin History Center

Awards

- Austin History Center has received TripExpert's 2018 Experts' Choice Award, based on over 1 million reviews from 85 leading travel guides, magazines and newspapers.

Programs

- On March 3 the AHC hosted "The Austin Dam Disaster of 1900."
- The Austin History Center Association and the AHC held an open house and art sale in honor of the AHC building's 85th birthday on March 25.
- On March 30 the AHC held a program featuring the photography of "Texas" Bill Leissner. The AHC anticipates acquiring Leissner's photo archive in the near future and plans to hold an exhibit of his work in 2019.
- Curator of Archives Susan Rittereiser and Community Archivists Amanda Jasso and Ayshea Khan presented "Celebrating Women's Herstory" for Women's History Month at the Millwood Branch on March 27.
- Latin/x Community Archivist Amanda Jasso gave three presentations at three separate events that gave a general overview of African American, Asian American and Mexican American settlement and forced migration throughout history, with some emphasis on land use, code, and zoning policy. The groups she presented to were: 3/2 @ AARC – COA Mentor & Tutor Department Reps (25 attendees); 3/21 @ Austin Energy on Meinardus – Cohort #2 of department reps going through the Equity Assessment Tool (60 attendees); and 3/22 @ Austin Energy Barton Springs – COA Mentors and Tutors (cut off at 80 attendees).
- Records Analyst Jenna Cooper gave two presentations: one to the Rotary Club (3/14) on several "weird" historic Austinites, and a second to the Officers' Wives Club

(3/23) on Elisabet Ney.

- Manager Mike Miller presented the "Embattled Birth of Austin" for the annual UT-SAGE luncheon on March 1.

Collections

- AHC staff finished processing three collections, the Austin Alliance for Smooth Transition Records, the Cinematexas International Short Film Festival Records, and the von Rosenberg Family Papers (580 items). Staff also added materials to Sinclair Black Papers. The finding aids are available online at: http://www.lib.utexas.edu/taro/browse/browse_ahc1.html.
- The AHC recently acquired additions to the O. Henry collection. The AHCA acquired a rare inscribed 1st edition of O. Henry's first book, *Cabbages and Kings*. O. Henry signed very few copies of his books. The AHC also received a donation of a bas-relief sculpture of O. Henry from Judge Trueman O'Quinn's son. Judge O'Quinn's collection comprises the bulk of the O. Henry collection.

Exhibits

- The AHC exhibit "Play Ball: Austin and the Great American Pastime" was recently installed at Austin Public Library's Hampton Branch at Oak Hill.

Publications & Reference

- Research was conducted at the AHC and photos from the AHC were purchased for use in television news stories about the 1928 City Plan, for the ongoing documentary project Living Springs, for a *Washington Post* story, and for an upcoming exhibit at the Bullock State History Museum. Staff also worked closely with Council Member Flannigan's office and Austin Police Department's Public Information Office to determine the first woman to graduate from the Austin police academy.
- Processing Archivist Molly Hulst started creating quick topical subject guides within Bibliocommons for current topics of local interest to promote AHC as relevant in current debates - Affordable/Fair Housing done (<https://bit.ly/2GzWD0I>).
- Amanda Jasso continues to assist Nadia Kalinchuk, the SPOC for Resolution 1946 regarding Confederate monument removal. This research is meant to supply educational support and context to landmarks, parks, buildings, and monuments named in honor of individuals who owned slaves, served in the Confederacy, and/or who were segregationists.
- The AHC was heavily used for the recently released *Our Austin Story: Interpreting Austin's Historic Squares and Congress Avenue*, an interpretative plan for Austin's downtown squares and Congress commissioned by the Downtown Austin Alliance. Mike Miller served on the Steering Committee for the project.

Upcoming Programs

- April 24, 6:30 PM, AHC. Opening Reception for "We'll Just Rock for Ourselves" exhibit. Music by Gretchen Phillips.
- May 1, 3 PM, AHC. Indian American Coalition of Texas and the Austin Pune Sister City Initiative.
- May 6, 2 PM, AHC. Austin History Center Association Annual Meeting.
- May 8, 6:30 PM, AHC. Meet the Author: Ken Roberts,

- *Cedar Choppers: Life on the Edge of Nothing.*
- May 9, 7 PM, AHC. Managing Your Personal Archive. (Tech Connect/Digital Inclusion Week)
- May 10, 6 PM, North Village Branch. Exploring the AHC's Digital Photo Collections. (Tech Connect/Digital Inclusion Week)
- May 19, time TBD, Asian American Resource Center. Meet the Archivist Day @ AARC.
- June 9, 2 PM, AHC. "Courage, Charm, and Character" – program about First Ladies of Texas, in partnership with the Daughters of the American Revolution.

Central Library Services

Programs

Here is a sampling of April's programs for adults:

- Night Crafters. The craft was succulents in egg cups, with prominent Austin crafter Niku Arbabi leading the activity.
- Adulting 101 - Get Organized was designed to teach young adults things they need to know to function as an adult
- True Crime Book Club
- Practiquemos Espanol
- A small business workshop (Marketing Your Business) was presented in partnership with SCORE.
- The Mayor's Book Club finale with author Mohsin Hamid had 350 attendees.
- An Austin Classical Guitar concert drew an audience of 125.

Outreach

Central Library staff was present at Nerd Nite at the North Door and the Women's Resource Fair hosted by the Austin Bar Association. The resource fair benefited women experiencing homelessness and victims of domestic violence.

Stories

A couple came into the Central Library for the first time and asked about audiobooks. A librarian showed them the Virtual Library and how to download eaudiobooks and they were excited to sign up for Library cards. The gentleman had been a cardholder in the past, but had not used the library in several years so his account had been purged. They said they were going to "be like millennials now." - referring to recent reports that public library use in the U. S. is highest among millennials.

Awards

The Austin Public Library's employee Moving Squad was nominated for National Public Service Recognition Week 2018 and was chosen as an honoree. APL employees moved all the books from Faulk to the new Central Library, saving the City of Austin hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Youth Services

- Final preparations underway for the following teen programs: Revenge of the 5th: Star Wars Movie Screening + Making; Digital Inclusion Week Stop Motion Animation Workshop; Stress-Free Finals Week, including a teens-only petting zoo in the teen lounge, and other stress-reducing activities for finals week beginning May 19.
- The Children's Team has planned events for fall 2018, including Recycling art classes for homeschoolers and after schoolers, a Healthy Eating class partnership with HealthStart, a possible Ballet Austin Dance Stories series, a partnership with the adult services monthly Night

Crafters, and an adult services/youth services partnership for International Games Week – along with their current weekly storytimes and monthly dual language storytimes.

- The Youth Team will select, interview, supervise, and train these special summer staff and volunteers, for a total of around 1700 hours of amazing assistance to staff and customers: one Emerging Leader Teen (@20 hours/week; paid by Bank of America); two VISTA adult summer associates (@40 hours/week; paid by VISTA); nine adult weekend volunteers (@2-3 hours/person); 2 adult weekday volunteers (@4 hours/day M-TH); five summer teen volunteers (@4 hours/week); one Library School intern; one Public Library Association teen intern (paid by PLA).

By the Numbers

Parking net revenue for the month of March was ~\$39,512.*

Special Events revenue was ~\$21,283.*

Recycled Reads Gift Shop revenue was ~\$20,015.*

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

Visitors 84,214

Total New Cardholders 3,318

Branch Services

Ruiz Branch staff continue to visit the Riverside Nursing and Rehabilitation Center every Friday as part of an ongoing effort to introduce residents to APL resources and services. They also met with the head priest of the Nuestra Senora De los Dolores Catholic Church to discuss strategies in which to best market APL resources and services their congregation.

The University Hills youth librarian worked with a team of eight to present APL info and demo Ozobots for over 1160 children and parents at the AISD Regional Science Fair, especially stressing the availability of STEM-related programming and info at local libraries.

St. John Branch tabled and assisted in clean-up at the St. John Community Black History Month program as well as presenting information on APL programs and services to parents in the Head Start Program at Pecan Springs Elementary.

The Willie Mae Kirk youth librarian attended the Oak Springs Elementary STEM night, offering magnet and tegu block activities; the branch also hosted a booth of family activities at the City-wide science fair at Palmer Auditorium.

Hampton Branch at Oak Hill's youth programming statistics remain extremely robust, with over 1500 attendees at 32 programs for the month.

The Spicewood Springs Road youth librarian answered six "Dear Librarian" readers' advisory questions: four from children, and two from teens. She has a mailbox in the youth areas where customers can write her a question about what to read next based on what they've previously read, and the youth librarian handwrites (or emails) back with her recommendations.

Southeast Branch's Manager and Assistant Manager recently joined the Community Collaborative Committee (CCC), which works collaboratively with the Community Youth Development Program funded through a grant from the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services through the City of Austin. CCC looks to get leaders involved in the Dove Springs community to work as a team to improve and address the needs of this area, and ideas for programs and events that would benefit the Dove Springs Community are already being discussed.

Carver's Branch Manager attended the Power Up Networking event at the Redbud Center. During the event she networked with some of the local business community and shared information about the library and what services would be most helpful to address their needs. She received many valuable answers, with the one standing out the most being "Having a space to work on projects."

Recycled Reads

March revenue for Recycled Reads was approximately \$11,000. Approximately 3,850 people visited the store, including 457 attending the 15 scheduled events. Donations were received from 300 people. More than twenty volunteers donated over 220 hours of their time to the bookstore.

Goodwill Industries picked up 42 gaylords of discarded materials from Recycled Reads. Staff received 26 pallets of materials from the warehouse, branches and donations and sorted approximately 48 pallets of materials representing approximately 81,100 items at the bookstore. Approximately 22.2 tons of materials were kept out of the landfill.

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, Howson, and University Hills Branches for onsite book sales.

Recycled Reads provided tools and supplies for the March 24 Fix-it Clinic at the Habitat Re-store.

Music continued to fill the store with performances by Joe Blanda, Kevin Carroll, Janet Kuypers and others.

Volunteer Services

March 2018 - STATISTICS

Number of Volunteers	259
Total Volunteer hours	1,47.07
Total Value*	\$37,346.27

*Volunteer Value Rate \$24.14 per hour.

We added 20 new volunteers.

Policy Violations

- 20 Vandalize, steal or damage property (Library or another person)
- 21 Sleeping
- 18 Disrupting use of Library services or property

- 16 Leaving personal belongings unattended
- 14 Abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language
- 11 Harass, sexually harass, abuse, threaten or fight with a person
- 11 Block access to an entrance, passageway, or resource
- 7 Possession of illegal drug or alcohol
- 5 Offensive gesture or display
- 5 Entering a non-public area
- 4 Improper use of restrooms
- 4 Distributing Literature or soliciting customers on Library property
- 3 Access sexually explicit material
- 3 Abandoning children or failing to supervise children at the Library
- 3 Smoking & tobacco use; burning materials
- 3 Violating Internet Policy
- 2 Threaten Library property
- 2 Incite a breach of the peace
- 2 Intoxicated by drug or alcohol
- 2 Consuming food or beverages in the Library
- 2 Strong odor
- 2 Perform a criminal act
- 1 Bringing in a bedroll, blanket, or sleeping bag
- 1 Bringing cart/wheeled device for carrying luggage

163 Total

Locations # of Incidents

Central	55
Little Walnut	29
Terrazas	28
Cepeda	17
Twin Oaks	8
Willie Mae Kirk	8
Yarborough	8
Manchaca Rd	7
Milwood	7
Ruiz	6
St. John	5
Howson	4
North Village	4
Pleasant Hill	4
Carver	3
Hampton	3
History Center	2
Spicewood	2
University Hills	1
Southeast	1
Windsor Park	1

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

Roosevelt Weeks Director of Libraries

